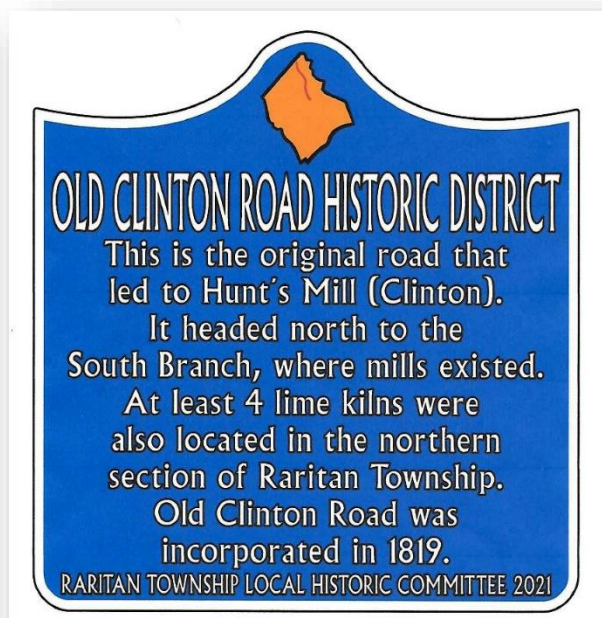
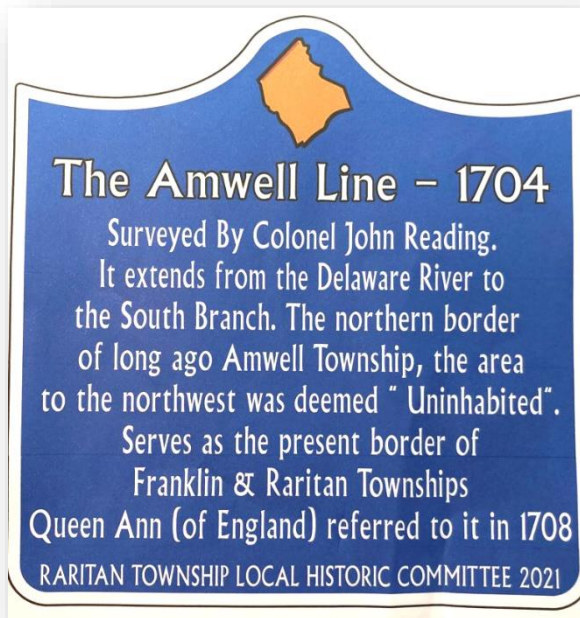


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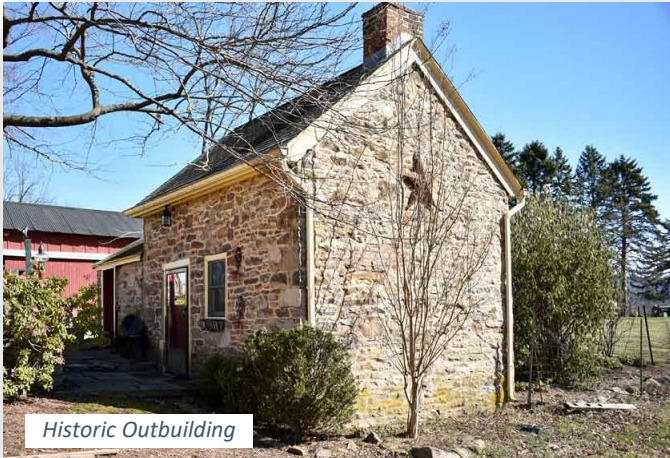
Celebrating Old Clinton Road and The Amwell Line



On November 21st, 2021, members of the Raritan Township Historic Committee, with local historians and residents, celebrated the placement of historic markers commemorating the Old Clinton Road historic district and The Amwell Line 1704, bordering Raritan and Franklin Townships. The group was hosted by longtime residents of Old Clinton Road featuring their preserved historic outbuildings, dating back to the early 19th century.



The tour of the former Hummer-Smith Homestead, now the Becker Farm, included the one and a half story, two bay, outkitchen and smokehouse with a date stone marked 1835.



Historic Outbuilding

It is suspected to be the original dwelling, from the Hunterdon County Master Plan Sites of Historic Interest, November 1979. Nearby, on an adjoining property, a preserved stone springhouse could also be seen.

Included in the group of attendees was author Philip Somers Fleming and Lora Jones, noted for the recent release of the book entitled **1729 Pre-Revolutionary War King's Mill**.

The book is available through the Hunterdon County Historical Society, Main Street in Flemington, NJ. Both Lora and Phil are residents of Franklin Township.



Attendees at Old Clinton Road celebration

The township historic committee is actively researching the placement of historic markers throughout the township to highlight Raritan Township history as a colonial agricultural community over the past four centuries.



Historic Committee Members Peter Kinsella, Jeff Kuhl and Historian Richard Stothoff.