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SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, a Bank was incorporated in New Brunswick by the name of "The Bank of New Jersey." It had 251 stockholders, and the capital stock subscribed was \$300,000. These stockholders ranged over considerable territory, in some directions as far distant as thirty miles, with exceptional instances of persons at a greater distance. Most of these subscriptions were obtained by John Van Dyke, Esq., of New Brunswick, who became the Bank President and later a justice of the Supreme Court; and the incorporation papers were filed in the Secretary of State's office at Trenton on May 18, 1854. This Bank succeeded the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank (1834), which itself succeeded the Bank of New Brunswick (1834). Other particulars of these banks may be found in Benedict's "New Brunswick in History" (pp. 162-176). So The Bank of New Jersey, although under changes of name, is about the third oldest in New Jersey.

For the purpose of showing who, in 1854, were sufficiently interested and well-to-do to constitute stockholders of a \$300,000 capitalized bank in (chiefly) Middlesex and Somerset counties, and also as identifying their residences, we give the complete list of the subscribers to the stock as follows, as sent to us by the late Mr. Benedict:

Baltimore.-Lois Cogswell.

Bedminster.-Henry Vanderveer.

Beekman's Mills.-Tunis Huff.

Blawenburgh.-Henry Duryea, Henry S. Terhune, Peter V. D. Vanderveer, John A. Voorhees.

Bonhamtown.-William H. Manning, Benjamin G. Tappen.

Bound Brook.-John Bennet, John D. Field, Michael B. Field, Isaac E. Giles, C. P. Holcomb, Jacob Shurts, E. S. Webster, Phebe Ann Webster.

Brooklyn, N.Y.-James T. Dunn, V. Webster.

Cranberry.-Benjamin M. Clarke, Jirah I. Bulkeley, John R. Holmes, Aaron Lane, Richard Perrine, Garret A. Snedeker, A. V. N. Voorhees, John V. N. Wyckoff.

Flagtown.-Peter Q. Hoagland.

Griggstown.-Abram C. Beekman, Ryneer A. Staats, Ryneer J. Staats.

Green Brook.-Isaac Van Deventer, Peter V. Conover.

Harlingen.-Garret Q. Brokaw, James G. Cortelyou, Wilson Mettler.

Kingston.-Aaron Colby.

Lamington.-W. W. Blauvelt, Gabriel Field, Richard H. Field, John F. Hagaman, John S. Hegeman, Derrick Lane, John B. Van Derbeek, Garetta Van Dike.

Middlebush.-Albert V. Garretson, Elizabeth Garritson, Bernard G. Hageman, William Polhemus, John Stothoff, John V. M. Wyckoff.

Millstone.-Ernestus Schenck, John R. Staats, John Van Doren, John J. Van Nostrand.

New Brunswick.-John Acken, William Acken, T. G. Ackerman, Andrew Agnew,

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Samuel Baker & Son, Rachel Baudouine, Jacob Blakeney, N. Booraem, Theo. Burgess Booraem, Jesse E. Cogswell, Jn. Cogswell, Peter Conover, Peter Cornell, N. R. Cowenhoven, Wm. L. Crawford, Joseph Danberry, C. P. & J. Dayton, Ch. Dunham, Nelson Dunham, A. A. Eastburn, T. H. Eastburn, Edward Elkin, George Eldridge, Cornelius L. Emans, David C. English, Isaac Fisher, Joseph Fisher, Lawrence Fisher, D. Fitz Randolph, George Follett, Adam Gordon, V. Gulick, Jesse F. Hagaman, John S. Hoagland, Thos. M. Holcombe, Henry K. How, Martin A. Howell, Lewis S. Howell, John B. Inslee, William H. Johnson, William Kent, Jno. Bayard Kirkpatrick, Johnson Letson, Jane Mackey, Eliza S. Manning, Isaac L. Martin, Sarah Mercereau, Robert Miller, Geo. C. Neefus, George G. Nevius (Trustee), Isaac M. Nevius, James Nielson, P. C. Onderdonk, Thos. O'Neil, Cornelia Polhemus, Ambrose F. Randolph, John F. Randolph, R. C. Rappelyea, Anna M. Rouse, William T. Runk, Mahlon Runyon, Rich. E. Runyon, Abram V. Schenck (for self and estate), J. T. B. Skillman, Samuel Solomon, William H. Solomon, P. Spader, P. T. B. Spader, B. D. Stelle, Daniel D. Stelle, Gifford F. Stelle, Lewis Stout, Thomas Stout, T. Strong, Woodbridge Strong, Elias I. Thompson, Elias J. Thompson (Treas. N. B. Saving's Institution), Elijah Tonge, John V. B. Van Cleef, P. A. Van Deventer, John Van Dyke, F. L. Van Nuise, James Van Nuise, Jr., Stout Van Wickle & Co., Ralph Voorhees, Henry Vroom, C. P. Waker, G. S. Webb, I. M. Woodbridge, Peter Wyckoff, Jr., Mary C. Yates.

New Germantown.-Robert Craig, John Honeyman, R. M. Honeyman, Frederick H. Lane, Matthew P. Lane, Edwin Melick, Nicholas E. Melick, Peter S. Nevius, Elisha Waldron.

New Market.-Ephraim Blackford, Elias Runyon, Ephraim J. Runyon.

New Shannock.-John C. Van Lieu.

New York City.-Thomas Dusenbury.

North Branch.-Thos. Blackwell, Dorcas P. Van Doren, Wm. Van Doren.

Old Bridge.-Obh. Herbert, Robert S. Herbert, Richard Mount.

Perth Amboy.-Joseph D. Forbes, William Paterson, C. McKnight Smith, John R. Watson.

Piscataway.-Insley Boice, William M. Drake, Joseph Holton, James Leakman, Benajah Mundy, Isaac F. Randolph, Reune F. Randolph, William F. Randolph, Abel S. Runyon, Peter A. Runyon, Augustus Stelle, Daniel Stelle, Jeremiah D. Stelle, Peter T. Stelle.

Plainfield.-D. F. Randolph, Isaac M. Stelle, Samuel Stelle.

Princeton Basin.-Joseph Holmes.

Prospect Plains.-William D. Davison.

Raritan.-David Kinyon, Jeremiah P. Whitenack.

Raritan Landing.-Abraham N. Conover, John Janes, William Phillips.

Rhode Hall.-Andrew McDowell.

Rocky Hill.-Brearley & Mount, D. A. Mount, Abm. Van Derveer, Laurence Vander-veer, A. O. Voorhees, Robert Voorhees.

Six-Mile Run.-John M. Baker, William M. Baker, Elizabeth Brown, Peter A. Hageman, Garret Nevius, Ferdinand S. Schenck, Peter Stoothoff, John Stryker, John L. Suydam, Joanna T. Van Dervere, John Veghte, John S. Voorhees, Peter A. Voorhees.

Somerville.-Henry D. Johnson, Caleb Morton.

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South Brunswick.-Jacob V. Rightmire.

Spotswood.-John H. Manning, Sarah Wilment.

Ten-Mile Run.-Benjamin Baird, Peter Cortelyou, Martin S. Garretson, Peter W. Hoagland.

Three-Mile Run.-John Beekman, Peter A. Hageman, John Skillman, James Stothoff, Abm. J. Suydam.

Vliet's Mills.-Richard S. Vliet.

Washington.-Nicholas Booraem, Thomas Booraem, John S. Connet, James Devoe, Ezekiel Letts, James Manahan, John S. Obart, John R. Reid, Garret F. Snedeker, Zenas Van Deventer, Samuel Whitehead.

Weston.-Garetta V. C. Quick.

Woodbridge.-Samuel Dally, Isaac Flood, William Inslee, Peter Melick, Simeon W. Phillips.

Those who subscribed \$5,000 or more were: B. D. Stelle, New Brunswick, \$15,500, and John Van Dyke, \$5,000; William Phillips, Raritan Landing, \$12,000; Martin A. Howell, \$5,000; J. N. Cogswell, \$5,000; Obadiah Herbert, Old Bridge, \$5,000.

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