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To: Kingwood Township Committee

Re: Kingwood Historian Report

On January 7th I attended a Hunterdon 300th meeting at the Hunterdon County Library representing Kingwood Township. The topic was the upcoming 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Events will cover 18 months from mid-2025 through the end of 2026. I will be giving some history and/or genealogy lectures. If the William Lindsay White house is not open by then, the committee will find a venue for me to give my lectures.

The Kingwood Township Historical Society met January 23rd at the municipal building at 7:30 pm. The topic was "Loyalists in Kingwood, Part 1." The presentation covered a brief history of the Loyalists in New Jersey and gave details of Benjamin Thatcher who lived in Kingwood. Benjamin fought on the British side and, after a few years in Canada, he returned to Kingwood where he died in 1817. Benjamin received half-pay for life from Great Britain due to his military service.

The next meeting of the Kingwood Township Historical Society will be February 27, 2023 at 7:30 pm at the municipal building. The topic will be "Loyalists in Kingwood, Part 2" which will cover some additional Kingwood Loyalists.

I have some pending requests for information on various township properties and a request for cemetery information.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kingwood Township Historian