

Spanning the Gap

A Map of Millbrook's Past



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For many years, visitors to Millbrook Village's store have enjoyed looking at an 1852 Map of Warren County, New Jersey. The map indicates each household and business in the county, and the very top part of the map depicts the settlement that would eventually become Millbrook Village. The large, hand-watercolored map was drawn in 1852 by Daniel McCarty and printed on "Wagner & McGuigan's Steam Litho Press" in Philadelphia.

Though the 1852 Map of Warren County was beautiful to look at, it had begun to show its age. Hot, humid summers made its varnish coating cloudy; some colors began to fade in the sun, and stains deepened, which made areas of the map difficult to read. Fortunately, the Millbrook Village Society, a volunteer organization which works in cooperation with the National Park Service, was able to obtain a grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission. This grant has provided the funding for conservation treatment.

(Left, above) The title area of the map, showing the Delaware Water Gap, which is in Warren County NJ as well as Pennsylvania.



The area of Pahaquarry Township NJ which became Millbrook Village. Shown are the Garis and Hill houses (both still standing) and Abram Garis' Grist Mill (reconstructed on the same site). "Van Campens Mill Brook" (now called Van Campens Brook) runs through the village.



Visitors to Millbrook Village may now admire a full-size color reproduction of the map. A colorful example of nineteenth-century cartography, the map is also a primary resource

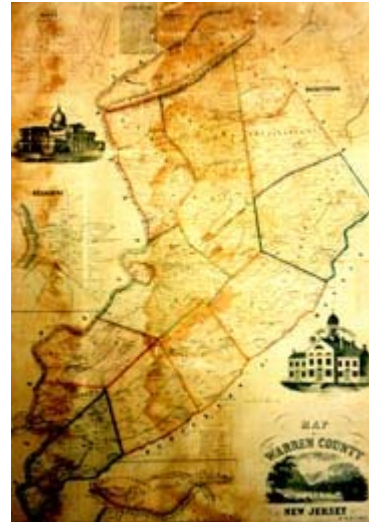
for historians. Few documents survive which give such a comprehensive view of 19th-century Millbrook life. Some of the questions that historians and visitors can answer by studying the map include:

- *How did people cross Delaware River?*
- *How close were homes to stores? To churches? To the post office?*
- *How far did children have to travel to go to school?*
- *Besides farming, what were some of the occupations of early residents?*

Interested visitors are invited to view the map on display in the Millbrook General Store.

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(Left, below) Detail of the map's border.



The entire map, exclusive of border decoration. The Delaware River forms the county's boundary at the northwest corner.