

## CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY

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- 1686—Stouts came to Hunterdon county.  
1706—Jonathan Stout purchased land in Hopewell township.  
1708—John Hart was born.  
1715—Old School Baptist church organized.  
1747—Old School Baptist meeting house erected.  
1748—Isaac Eaton, first pastor of First Hopewell Baptist church, ordained.  
1755-1767—Isaac Eaton's school opened, (now Brown University).  
1772—Isaac Eaton died.  
1775—Joab Houghton's call to arms.  
1776—John Hart signed Declaration of Independence.  
1778—Council of War at Hunt's House, "Hilltop."  
1780—John Hart died.  
1816—Lambertville-New Brunswick turnpike incorporated.  
1820—Wilson Hunt commanded the Astor Expedition, the first to cross over the Rocky Mountains, to the the Pacific ocean.  
1825—Hopewell Post Office established and name of village changed from Columbia to Hopewell.  
1848—James W. Marshall discovered gold in California January 24.  
1861—James M. Weart enlisted, the first New Jersey volunteer enrolled for the Civil War.  
1865—John Hart monument dedicated, July 4th.  
1867—Miss E. H. Boggs opened Seminary for young ladies.  
1871—Mercer and Somerset Railroad built ("old railroad").  
1871—Calvary Baptist church organized.  
1874-1877—Roman Catholic church organized and built.  
1877—Organization of Presbyterian church and dedication of chapel.  
1877—Organization of Hook and Ladder Co., (first fire company, May 18th.  
1889—Roundabout Club organized.  
1890—Hopewell National Bank chartered.  
1891—Borough of Hopewell incorporated.  
1894—Methodist Episcopal church built.  
1896-1898—Cornerstone and dedication of St. Michael's Orphanage.  
1897—Second Calvary Baptist church (colored) organized.  
1902—Hopewell Athletic Club chartered.  
1904—Trenton Street Railway extended to Hopewell.  
1908—Publication of "Pioneers of Old Hopewell," by Ralph Ege.  
1910—High school built.  
1914—Hopewell Business League organized.  
1914—Hopewell Free Public Library established.  
1917—Community Welfare League organized.  
1921—American Legion organized.