HUNTERDON HISTORY QUIZ

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News about the health crisis is everywhere and is, correctly, the main topic of conversation. We hope you are staying safe and healthy at home with your loved ones. Perhaps you are a little bored with all of this physical distancing and nowhere to go.

Musicians all over the world are posting YouTube videos; authors are reading books, and aquariums and zoos are posting live. But,

YOU CAN ONLY WATCH SO MUCH YouTube;
YOU CAN ONLY DO SO MANY PUZZLES;
YOU CAN ONLY BINGE WATCH SO MUCH TV;
YOU CAN ONLY READ SO MANY BOOKS.....

SO..... the Hunterdon 300th, the State of New Jersey's largest producer of historical lectures and events (all about Hunterdon all of the time!), gives you.... Hunterdon History at Home! TaDa!

We thought we'd provide you with a quiz to test your Hunterdon historical knowledge and give you a bit of a diversion. Even if you think it's a little hard, we promise you will find it educational (after all, we are a 501c3 Educational Not-for-Profit!)....

This quiz is fun! The multiple-choice answers have a touch of humor and whimsy -- fun and educational for all ages and all levels of Hunterdon knowledge. We hope you'll take it, read it to your children, Skype your friends with your impressive Hunterdon trivia, and self-amuse (as we did when we wrote the multiple-choice answers!). Hugs to John Kuhl, who provided these questions for our calendars and publications "300 Fun Facts About Hunterdon County" and "305 Fun Facts About Hunterdon County's Municipalities."

WE MISS YOU ALL! STAY SAFE!

Write down your answers and add up your score at the end of this 25 question quiz:

1. What was Richard Ernst Weber arrested for in 1942 by the FBI on a poultry farm in Three Bridges?

a. Blackmailing
b. Spying
c. Counterfeiting
d. Tampering with the US mail

2. At age 21, Three Bridges Farm girl Mildred Saums won a cash prize of $25 and a silver trophy at the 1939 World's Fair. For what competition did she win?

a. International milking contest
b. International tractor pull
c. International Pie Eating Contest
d. Miss 1939 World's Fair

3. What famous event occurred at the farm of Richard Schomp in 1939?

a. The State Police raided it over alleged animal cruelty.
b. A two-headed albino calf was born that went to the 1939 World's Fair.
c. The first artificially inseminated calf was born.
d. The first Woodstock style concert event was held.

4. Who was the youngest woman from Hunterdon County ever elected to the NJ General Assembly?

a. Marcia Karrow
b. Connie Myers
c. Mildred Preen Mortimer
d. Barbara McConnell

5. Which war spurred the name change of New Germantown to Oldwick?

a. The American Revolutionary War when the Hessians invaded Hunterdon County.
b. World War I
c. World War II
d. The War Against the Worlds

6. What happened during the Jutland Massacre?

a. Indians were slaughtered by the Dutch.
b. It's another name for the Peach Blight.
c. Teenagers ransacked a sheep farm.
d. State Police illegally raided a farm.

7. What unsanitary drink did William Griffith accidentally create because he was too cheap to start over?

a. Sweet Tea
b. Grey Water
c. Pink Lemonade
d. Pink Champagne

8. What municipality took its name from a prominent iron work in the northeastern part of its Township?

a. Readington Township
b. Raritan Township
c. Alexandria Township
d. Union Township

9. After a murder occurred in this municipality, the area of the crime was nicknamed Little Easton because Easton PA had an unsavory reputation.

a. Raritan Township
b. Readington Township
c. Bloomsbury
d. Union Township

10. What was the nickname of the New Jersey and Pennsylvania rail road in Whitehouse Station?

a. The BR&W
b. The Del-Bel
c. The Rockabye Baby
d. The Holy Cow

11. Which of the following is not a former name of the hamlet of Barley Sheaf?

a. Camelsville
b. Dromedary
c. Cambellsville
d. Farmersville

12. The hamlet of Cherryville was once called what?

a. Dogtown
b. Cattown
c. Bonetown
d. Goattown

13. Which village is in Alexandria Township?

a. Point Pleasant
b. Sunnyside
c. Landsdown
d. Everittstown

14. What is the westernmost unincorporated town in Hunterdon County?
a. Mount Joy
b. Mount Salem
c. Mount Lebanon
d. Mount Pleasant

15. Which name was NOT an original name of Stockton?

a. Reading's Ferry
b. Howell's Ferry
c. Mitchell's Ferry

d. Robinson's Ferry

e. Harpers Ferry

16. For what reason did Union Township split from Bethlehem Township?

a. Liquor licensing

b. Two families feuding

c. School policy dispute

d. Taxes

17. What was the name of the bathtub gin moonshine made in Raritan Township?

a. White goat

b. Black Horse

c. White mule

d. Pink elephant

18. What two construction projects did Asbel Welch of Lambertville engineer?

a. Sherrards Ferry and Coryells Ferry

b. Rockefellers Mill and Darts Mill

c. D&R Canal and Bel-Del Railroad

d. National Hotel in Frenchtown and the Union Hotel in Flemington

19. Prior to 1827, Sergeantsville was known as:

a. Hogtown

b. Hensfoot

c. Skunktown

d. Hogswart

20. What tavern was the first in the county to be raided during prohibition?

a. Three Bridges Tavern

b. Millers Tavern

c. Jones' Tavern

d. Lebanon Hotel

21. Hunterdon has one of the last of these off Black Brook Road in Bethlehem Township. What is it?

a. Pink sheep

b. Bog Turtle

c. Quaking Bog

d. Whistling Meadow

22. How were logs transported south from 1750 thru 1900?

a. The D&R Canal

b. Horse and Wagon
c. Train
d. Log Rafting

23. Which television personality did or does not live in Hunterdon County?
a. Merv Griffin
b. John Amos
c. Chet Huntley
d. Joe Piscopo
e. David Brinkley

24. What was the former gruesome name of Spring Mills in Holland Township?

a. Satan's Corner
b. Sodom
c. Bonetown
d. Helltown

25. Which of the following names were not a previous name for Frenchtown?

a. Swisstown
b. Sun Beam
c. Sherrerds Ferry Colvins Ferry
d. Lowreys Ferry

1. Answer B

The small town of Three Bridges in Readington Township was shocked in 1942 when the FBI moved in and arrested Richard Ernst Weber, a German spy and radio agent operating on a local poultry farm.

2. Answer: A

At age 21, Three Bridges farm girl Mildred Saums won the international milking contest at the 1939 World's Fair. She brought home a cash prize of $25 plus a handsome silver trophy, and went on to a lifetime of farming.

3. Answer: C

Hunterdon has long been a leader in the state's agriculture. In 1939, the nation's first artificially inseminated calf was born on the Stanton farm of Richard Schomp located just north of the Reformed Church in that town.

4. Answer: C

Mildred Preen Mortimer's father owned the stone quarry at Oldwick. She grew up as a hands-on person. In 1941, at age 22, she was elected to the NJ State Assembly, the youngest ever. Born in 1918, she died in 1979.

5. Answer: B Starting in the 1720s, much of northern Hunterdon was settled by Germans. But the WW I anti-German hysteria saw the town of New Germantown renamed Oldwick. To the north, German Valley became Long Valley.

6. Answer: D

Jutland Massacre saw the Meany family of Jutland chasing off SPCA officials in 1926. Police shot two Meany's, killing Beatrice. Two police officers were convicted of theft. It nearly short-circuited the new State Police force.

7. Answer: C

William Griffith of Three Bridges was featured on 1937 ABC radio as the inventor of pink lemonade. Wind had blown the fat lady's pink tights into his vat of circus lemonade. He sold it anyway and a new popular craze was born.

8. Answer: D

When Union Township was divided from Bethlehem in 1853, some said it should be called Rockhill Township for its prominent colonial family. But it took its name from the Union Forge Iron works in the northeastern part of the township.

9. Answer: A

Little Easton was the nickname of an area in Raritan Township "on the first crossroad to the left off Route 12" from Flemington. A woman living there was found dead in her home in 1853, hinting at skullduggery. Easton's (PA) reputation was less than savory.

10. Answer: C
Whitehouse Station was once a railroad hub. Across the Jersey Central RR of NJ tracks, it had a station for the New Jersey and Pennsylvania RR that was locally known as the Rockaway Valley RR running up into Morristown. It was also termed "the Rockabye Baby" for the swaying occasioned by its flimsy engineering. It opened in 1888, failed and closed in 1913.

11. Answer: B
Barley Sheaf is a small hamlet in Readington Township along C.R. 523 between Whitehouse Station and Flemington. The name was granted in 1868, coming probably from its local tavern. Its previous names had been Cambellsville, Camelsville, or Farmersville.

12. Answer: A
Cherryville is an old Franklin Township town named for the Cherry family in 1834, which owned much of the land around it. For some time around 1830 it had been called Dogtown for the old tavern kept there from 1761. It had its own post office from 1850 to 1919.

13. Answer: D
Everittstown is a village on the Nishasakawick Creek in Alexandria Township. It was named for brothers who had a mill in the area by 1759 when it was known as Everitts Mills. A church, a tavern, a store, some artisan's shops, and homes came later. The name changed to Everitts by 1816. A post office was established in 1848 and served until closing in 1912.

14. Answer: A
Mount Joy is an unincorporated town in Holland Township and has the distinction of being the westernmost town in Hunterdon County. It seems never to have had a post office but did have the advantage that it was a local stop on the Bel- Del RR, later part of the Pennsylvania RR system.

Mount Pleasant sits mostly in Alexandria Township at the intersection of C.R. 518 and Jake Rick Rd. It has old origins to match its large cemetery. A tavern opened there by 1767. Besides the usual artisan shops, a post office opened in 1825 but was phased out in 1912 as rural free delivery took over service.

Mount Salem is an unincorporated area northwest of Pittstown along C.R. 579, which forms the border between Alexandria and Union Townships. It also edges what used to be known as "The Barrens". Its most conspicuous feature is its 1864 Methodist Episcopal Church, now inactive.

Mount Lebanon is fictional.

15. Answer: E
Stockton dates back to the early 1700s and has had a succession of names: Reading's Ferry, Howell's Ferry, Robinson's Ferry, Mitchell's Ferry, Centre Bridge, Centre Bridge Station, and finally Stockton presumably after that prominent New Jersey family when the post office was established in 1851.

16. Answer: C
Union Township split off from Bethlehem Township in 1853 over school policy disagreements. There was a battle over the new name with several suggested. One was Rockhill from a family near Pittstown. In the end

Union prevailed after the old iron forge.

17. Answer: C
White Mule Corner is not a name you will find on maps or old records but was the name of a corner on the Voorhees Corner road where it is crossed by Barley Sheaf Road (C.R. 650) in Raritan Township. The name came in the bathtub gin era of Prohibition days for its powerful and illegal liquid product.

18. Answer: C
Asbel Welch of Lambertville was a leading construction engineer of his time. He built the Delaware & Raritan Feeder Canal along the Delaware in the 1830s, and its paralleling route, the Belvidere & Delaware Railroad by 1853.

19. Answer: C
Sergeantsville was named for the Sergeant family of the area but its residents today would probably overwhelmingly choose that new name over Skunktown, as it was known prior to 1827.

Hensfoot is an area in the vicinity of the two schools of the Union Township school system just south of Perryville off I-78. This name was already in use before 1814 when a new road was laid out to it at and a new tavern was built and named at Perryville.

Pigs were important to early agriculture. The village of Swinesburg lay along C.R. 579 on the hill above Bloomsbury on the border of Alexandria and Union Township where Turkey Hill Road branches off to the north. As early as 1791 in a mortgage description its earlier name of Hogtown is listed.

20. Answer: A
Its liquor license was shifted to White House some years ago, but the Three Bridges Tavern was the first in the county to be raided during the earliest Prohibition days in the 1920s. Prohibition lasted until 1933 when repealed.

21. Answer: C
A quaking bog is a long-time wet area that features specialized plant species and layers of sphagnum moss and peat that undulate underfoot. Hunterdon has one of the last off Black Brook Road in Bethlehem Township.

22. Answer: D
It was a perilous occupation, but log rafting of a thousand or more logs was the most expedient method of sending timber down the Delaware. Begun before 1750, it continued until the timber supply had petered out by 1900.

23. Answer: E
Merv Griffin bought the Teetertown mill for a country retreat in 1961. His talk show moved to Los Angeles in 1972 and, spending less time there, he sold it in 1980. He called his show business company Califon Productions, after that nearby town.

John Amos is an actor and New Jersey native, best known for his roles in Good Times and ground-breaking

mini-series Roots. He lived in Tewksbury Township.

Chet Huntley was a popular and well-remembered co-anchor of the long-running Huntley Brinkley Report on NBC Television. He owned a cattle farm in Delaware Township just above the covered bridge where he lived part-time.

Joe Piscopo, Lebanon Township resident, is best-known for his work on Saturday Night Live. He is also an actor, musician, and radio talk show host.

24. Answer: D
Hunterdon County Place Names says the small country town of Spring Mills in Holland Township had the former name of Helltown in the 1760s from a local tavern which apparently often got a bit boisterous in the evenings.

Of many Hunterdon town names, Sodom was one that is perhaps most suggestive and unusual. It had formerly been known as Eveland's Tavern and forms the northern section of today's Glen Gardner.

It is nowhere near Sodom in north county but where County Route 579 branches off State Route 31 just north of Linvale, is the area once known as Satan's Corner, named for a theological squabble amongst members of the Linvale Methodist Episcopal Church.

25. Answer: A
Colvins Ferry, Sun Beam, Sherrerds Ferry in 1778, Lowreys Ferry; all were preceding names for Frenchtown named after French officer Paul Henry Mallet-Prevost as of 1794. He actually was Swiss. Should it have been called Swisstown?

HOW DID YOU DO?

92-100: YOU OBVIOUSLY ATTEND ALL OF OUR TALKS, TOURS AND EVENTS! You are a veritable Stephanie Stevens or John Kuhl and we don't have to explain to you who these two people are!

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STAY HEALTHY AND SAFE!