

**Seal of the Surveyor General  
Western Division of New Jersey**

**SURVEYOR GENERAL'S ANNUAL REPORT**

WEST JERSEY COUNCIL OF PROPRIETOR'S ANNUAL MEETING, MAY 1, 2018

There have been no transactions or inquiries regarding land rights or holdings to report during the preceding year.

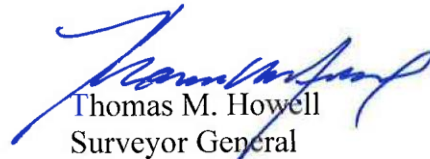
Representing the Council, President Taylor and I are members of the "*New Jersey Early Land Records Project – Advisory Board*", which is the group organized to oversee and advance this project, which I will not go into further depth regarding, as Joseph Klett, Executive Director of the NJ State Archives will hopefully be in attendance to fully advise the Council of the status of the Project. The Project involves over 80,00 colonial and proprietary records, over 32,000 of which are West Jersey documents.

At the request of President Taylor, I attended and participated in a Special Meeting of the Council on November 17 of last year, which resulted in the approval of an Addendum to the *Records Depository Agreement* between the Council and the State of NJ. This was done to allow a significant component of the Project to proceed and obtain funding from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC).

On May 25, 2017 I attended the dedication ceremony for the historic rehabilitation of the East Jersey Surveyor General's Office in Perth Amboy. Deputy Surveyor General Ambrose Gmeiner, PLS, also attended the event.

Proposed Deputy Surveyors General: Richard McGuire, PLS; Samuel Previtera, PLS, and Ambrose Gmeiner, PLS, who is also a member of the above-mentioned Advisory Board.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Thomas M. Howell  
Surveyor General