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### SADDLE BROOK HISTORICAL SOCIETY – FEBRUARY 2014

Evidently the publication of *Saddle Brook: A Portrait of Our Past* and the publication of history-related articles on our township website are yielding some interesting contributions from our readers.

In December 2013, I received a packet of material about the origins of our township seal from George Wheeler who now lives in Scranton. Back in the 1960's, George and his family resided at 316 Sixth Street, Saddle Brook. George had designed and submitted a seal in response to the Township Seal Contest sponsored by our local Jaycees in 1968. Prior to this time there was no seal. At a meeting held on November 22 of that year it was revealed that George's entry was the winner. He received a \$100 savings bond. It's easy to see why his design was a winner. The seal is not only attractive, it also successfully embodies the essential symbols related to our township and its past. 1716 is the accepted date for our township's (Saddle River at that time) founding. The seal follows a circle and shield pattern which represents community strengths and unity. The scale represents fair and honest government while the ear of corn refers to our agrarian past. The torch reflects leadership for a bright future, the scroll and feather, – quality education, the home-community, a tree – our parks and recreation, and buildings – commerce and industry. The award was reported in *The Shopper*, our local newspaper at that time. Thank you George for continued contributions.

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