

DUELS AT WEEHAWKEN,

FROM THE
HISTORY OF HUDSON COUNTY,
NEW JERSEY,
BY
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Monday, September 2, 1799.

AARON BURR and **JOHN B. CHURCH**, Hamilton's brother-in-law.
Shots were exchanged without any effect. Church apologized.

12 M. Sunday, Nov. 22, 1801.

GEORGE I. EACKER and **PRICE**.

After the fourth shot a reconciliation ensued.

3 P. M. Monday, Nov. 23, 1801.

GEORGE I. EACKER and **PHILIP HAMILTON**, eldest son of
Alexander Hamilton.

Hamilton was hit at the first fire and died next morning at five o'clock.

December 25, 1801.

JOHN LANGSTAFF and **OLIVER WALDRON, JR.**

After exchanging two shots the matter was amicably settled; but the
seconds

AUGUST SMITH and **ARCHIBALD M. COCK**

having some dispute on account of the ground, they exchanged shots, when
the latter received a slight wound in the face. None of the parties were
over twenty years.

DeWITT CLINTON and **JOHN SWARTWOUT**.

Swartwout received the fifth shot in the left leg about five inches above
the ankle.

Monday, Nov. 21, 1803.

RICHARD RIKER, Dep't. Atty General of the State of New York,
and **ROBERT SWARTWOUT**.

Riker was severely wounded in the right leg at the first fire.

6.30 A. M. July 11, 1804.

ALEXANDER HAMILTON and **AARON BURR**.

Hamilton, shot through the body at the first fire, died next day at two
o'clock in the afternoon.

7 P. M. Saturday, July 8, 1815.

ISAAC GOUVERNEUR and **WM. H. MAXWELL**.

Gouverneur wounded in the first fire, died the following Monday, July
10th.

Sunday, May 12, 1816.

BENJAMIN PRICE and Major **GREEN** of the British Army.

Price was killed at the first fire.

12 M. Monday, Oct. 19, 1818.

Commodore **OLIVER H. PERRY**, the hero of Lake Erie,
and Capt. **JOHN HEATH**.

Commodore Decatur acted as Perry's second.

Perry received the first fire of Heath without returning it, "as an atone-
ment for the violated rules of the service." The matter was adjusted.

5.40 A. M. Wednesday, Nov. 28, 1827.

GRAHAM and **BARTON**.

Graham was killed at the second fire.

Monday, Oct. 19, 1835.

HENRY ATKIN and **THOMAS SHERMAN**.

Before the preliminaries were settled, a constable arrived who brought
them before a Justice in Jersey City, who committed them to the Hacken-
sack jail, to await the action of the Grand Jury.

So far as can be learned, the last duel fought on this ground was on
Sept. 25, 1845. Without the knowledge of the principals, the seconds
loaded the pistols with cork. The performance was solemnly gone through
with as if in mockery of the many tragedies which had there been enacted.

No doubt the general reader will regret that the challenged party had
not the courage to say of the challenger, what Caesar said of Anthony.

"Let the old ruffian know I have many other ways to die."

SCHOOL No. 1, WEEHAWKEN, NEW JERSEY.

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