

Boonton Town Leaders



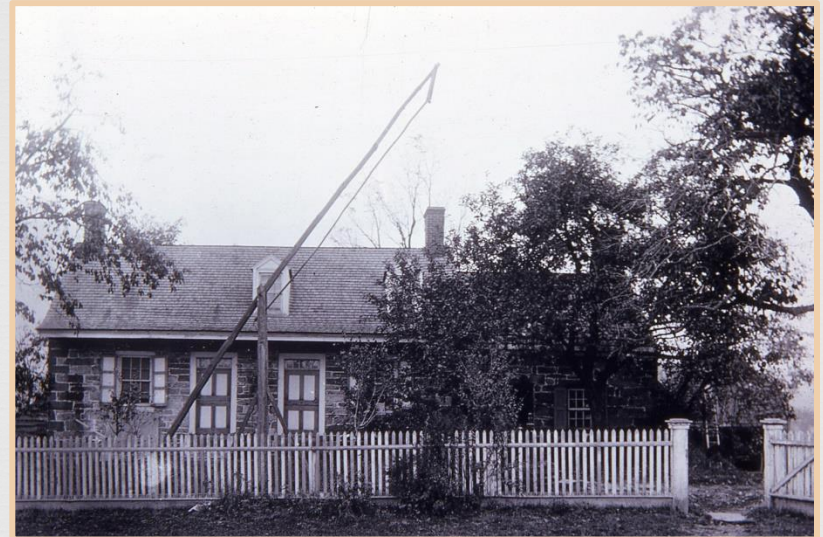
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Leaders of Our Community



- ❧ The Hon. John L. Kanouse; 1811 – 1905 (age 94)
 - ❧ Born in Boonton, USA
- ❧ The Hon. John Hill; 1821 – 1884 (age 63)
 - ❧ Born in the Catskills, NY; came to Boonton 1845
- ❧ William Lathrop; 1812 – 1882 (age 70)
 - ❧ Born Norwich, CT; came to Boonton 1845
- ❧ Dr. John Grimes; 1802 – 1875 (age 73)
 - ❧ Born Parsippany, NJ; came to Boonton 1833
- ❧ Charles Hopkins; 1842 – 1934 (age 92)
 - ❧ Born Hope, NJ; came to Boonton 1856

John L. Kanouse



1st Superintendent of Schools (Pequannock Twp.)

Boonton Free Academy
1852



School Street School
1897



Judge Kanouse Served the Community

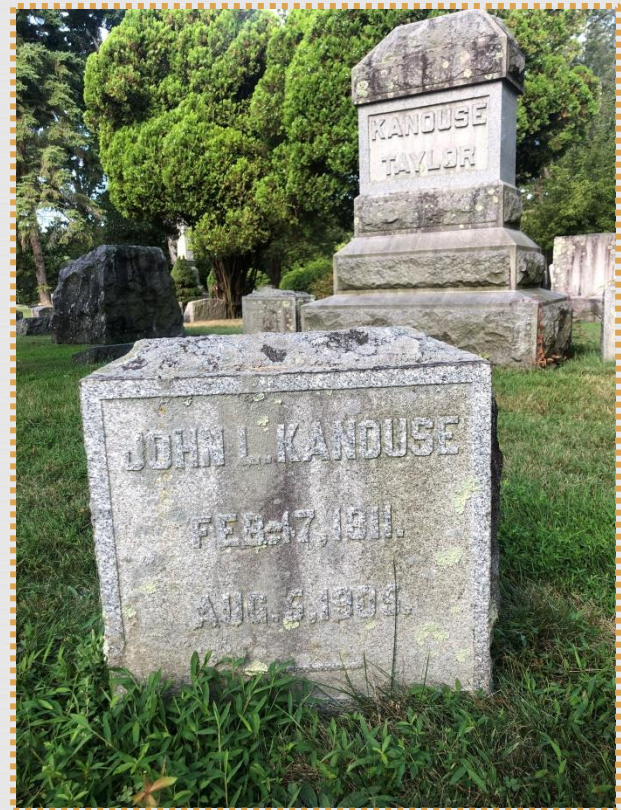
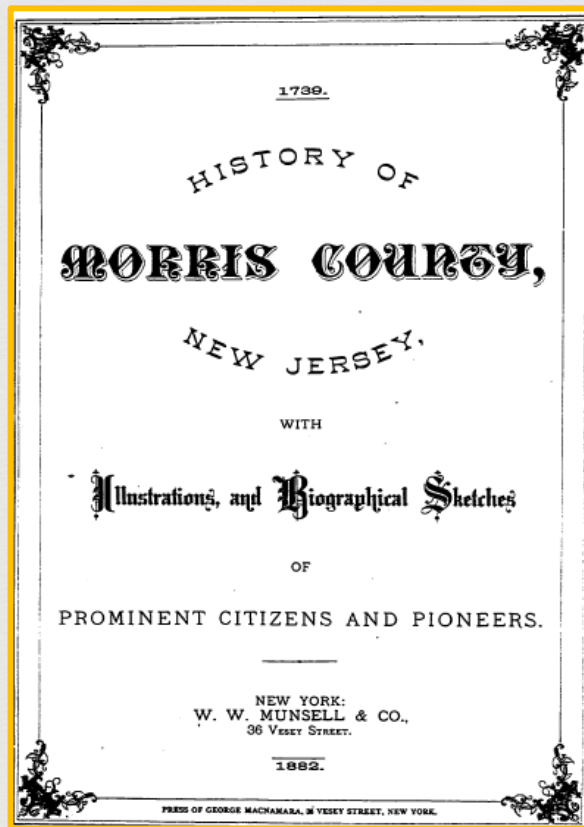
- ❧ Elected to the State Legislature in 1849 and 1852
- ❧ 1853: Formed an association of teachers of Pequannock Township.
- ❧ 1863: Union League Executive Committee
- ❧ 1867: Boonton became a town; Kanouse became a member of the Board of Trustees of Schools.
- ❧ Director of the Board of Freeholders; Morris County
- ❧ 1872: Elected Associate Judge of Morris County
- ❧ Held position of Tax Collector until his 90th year
- ❧ 1881: Contributed to *History of Morris County*

210 Main Street, Boonton

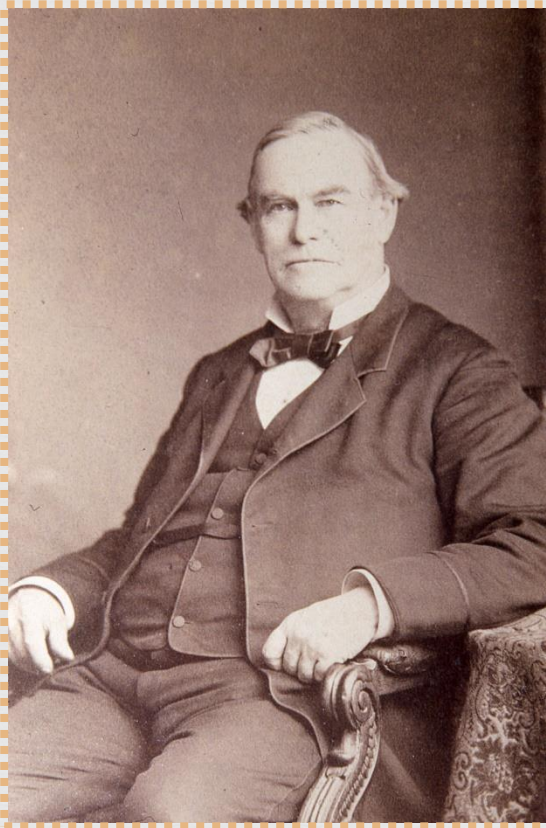


- ❧ Property gifted;
1887
- ❧ John Taylor House;
1889
- ❧ American Legion
Post #124; 1918
- ❧ Town Offices; 1922
- ❧ Boonton Historical
Society; 1980

Remembering John L. Kanouse



Hon. John Hill

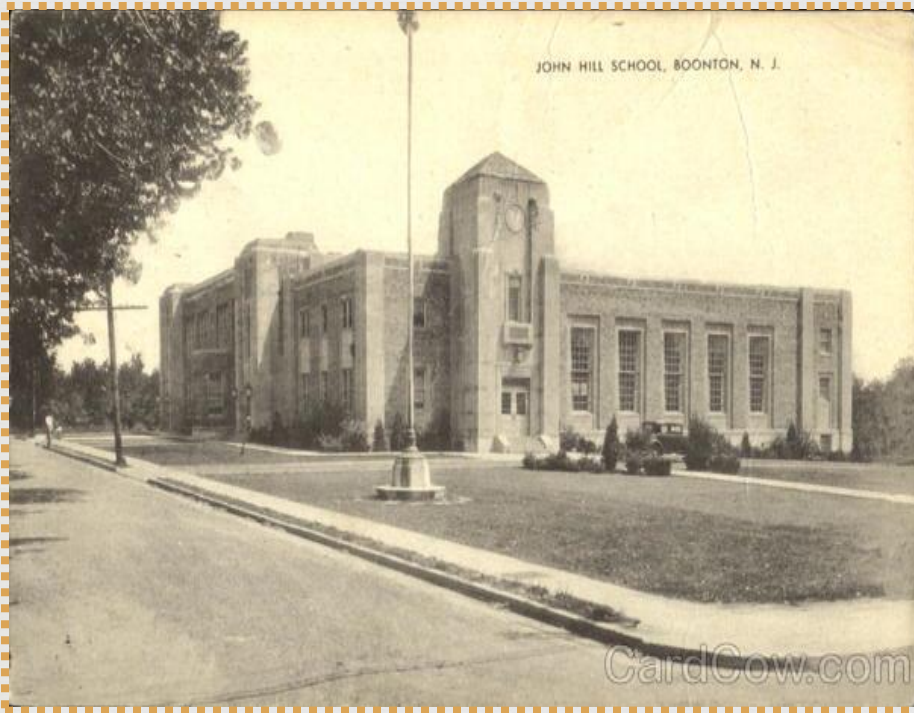


The Statesman

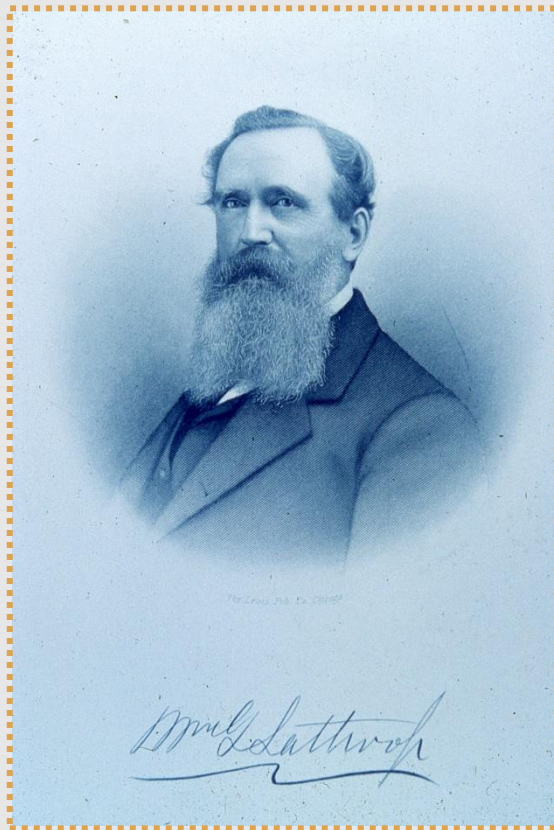


- ❧ Member of the House of Assembly (NJ) 1861, '62, '66
- ❧ Member of the Committee on Reception for Abraham Lincoln
- ❧ Speaker of the House; NJ Assembly ('66)
- ❧ 1867-73: US House of Representatives
- ❧ 1874: NJ State Senate
- ❧ 1880: Back to Congress

Remembering John Hill



William Gerard Lathrop



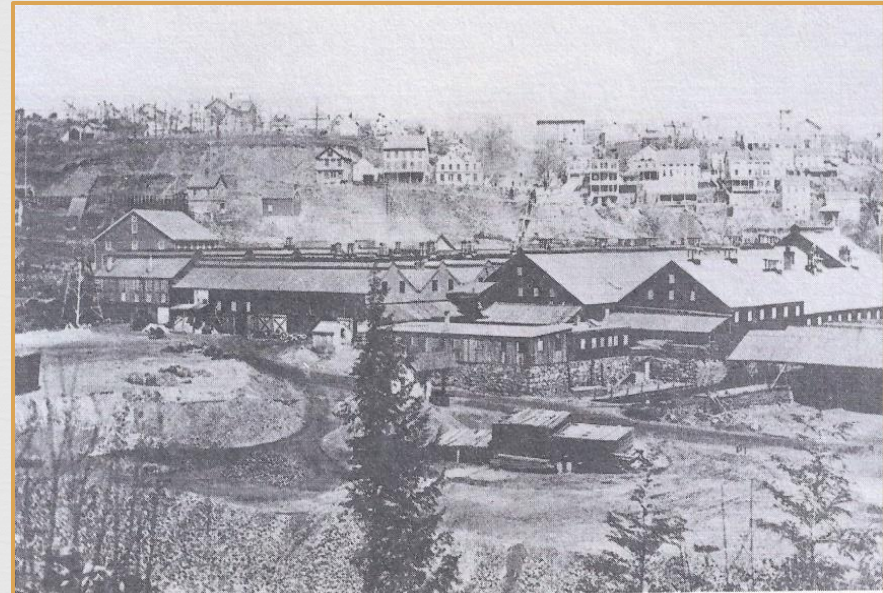
Boonton Iron Works



1854



1864

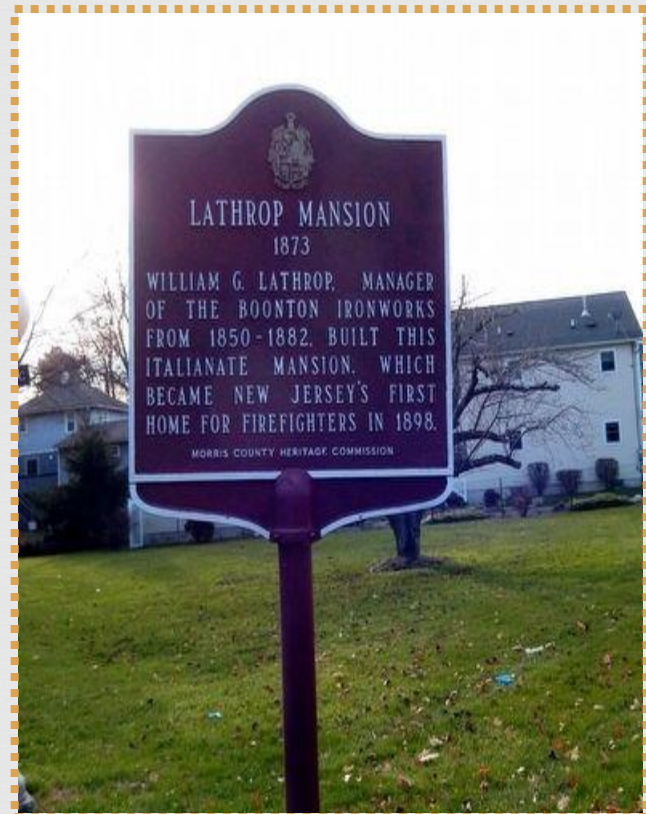


Town Leader in Service



- ❧ 1851: Elected to the Board of Trustees for the Free School.
- ❧ 1860: Delegate in Chicago; Republican National Convention to nominate Abraham Lincoln
- ❧ 1863: Union League Executive Committee
- ❧ 1869: Chairman, Board of Trustees for the Town of Boonton
- ❧ 1872: First Mayor of Boonton, USA

Remembering William Lathrop



Dr. John Grimes



The Abolitionist



- ❧ Leader of the Anti-Slavery Society of New Jersey
- ❧ 1840: Published 48-page book: *Right and Wrong in Boonton, No. 1.*
- ❧ 1843: Published and edited 1st Newspaper in Boonton: *The Monthly Advertiser*
- ❧ 1844-1850: Published *New Jersey Freeman*, 1st Abolitionist newspaper in NJ
- ❧ Grimes worked tirelessly on the cause for 30 years!

Remembering Dr. John Grimes



Charles F. Hopkins



An American Hero



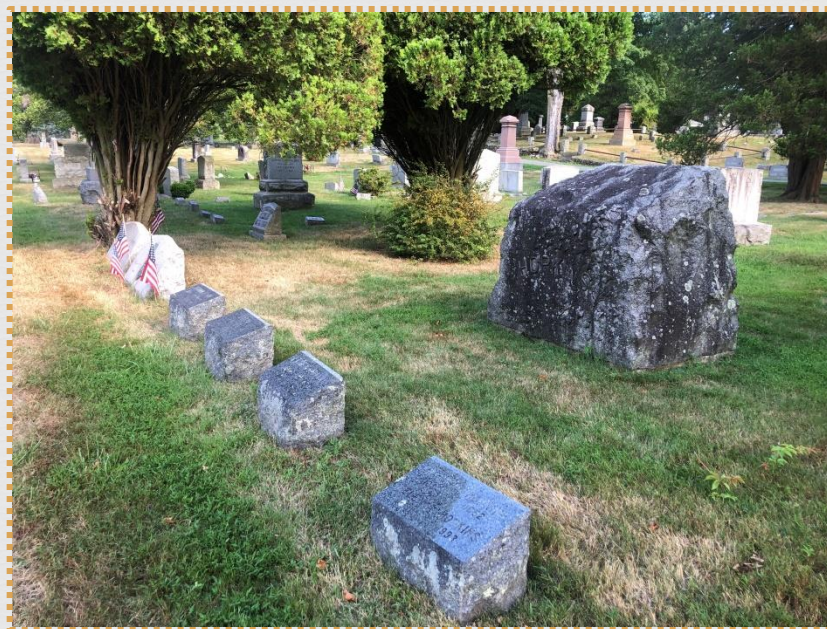
- ❧ May 3, 1861: First man in Morris County 3 yr. enlistment
- ❧ June 4, 1861: Trenton: Company I of the 1st NJ Volunteer Infantry
- ❧ June 27, 1862; Battle of Gaine's Mill. Two flesh wounds; ordered to fall back. Finds his injured Sergeant; carried on his back to safety. Returned to the fight. Shot left side of head; believed dead and reported as such.
- ❧ Each time Hopkins was injured, he requested returning to his regiment and the fight.
- ❧ May 5, 1864; Battle of the Wilderness, badly wounded next day, taken prisoner. Began to write about wartime experiences.
- ❧ February 27, 1865; Confederates agree to release prisoners
- ❧ April 21, 1865: Honorably Discharged

Post War Community Service



- ❧ Mayor of Boonton, 1880
- ❧ Boonton Fire Department Chief
- ❧ New Jersey State Assemblyman
- ❧ Morris County Freeholder
- ❧ Assistant Sergeant of Arms of the State Senate
- ❧ Postmaster of Boonton for 20 yrs.
- ❧ 1st State Monument at Andersonville National Cemetery

Remembering Charles F. Hopkins



Thank You



- ❧ This fall the Boonton Historical Society Museum will be open the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the Month
- ❧ Hours: 1 – 4 pm
- ❧ May call for an appointment: 973-402-8840
- ❧ Not a member? Consider joining!
- ❧ Annual Membership Meeting: November 13 at 2 pm at the Senior Center