

A Place Called Whippany

The history and contemporary times of Hanover Township, by: **Leonardo A. Fariello**

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Township of Hanover



Whippany is the predecessor of the Township of Hanover

Ultimately the American name of “Whippenny” was replaced by the German name of “Hannover” in honor of the royal King of England (1720). Through the years, the landmass of Hanover Township has dwindled as municipalities formed and ceded from the township.

Whippenny Township—or Hanover Township, as it came to be called—is the predecessor of all 39 municipalities of Morris County. Originally approximately 500 square miles during colonial times, Hanover has been whittled down to its present size of 10.8 square miles. Whippany, as it is now called, is a district within the Township of Hanover with a land area of 6.9 square miles. The district of Cedar Knolls has a land area of 3.9 square miles.

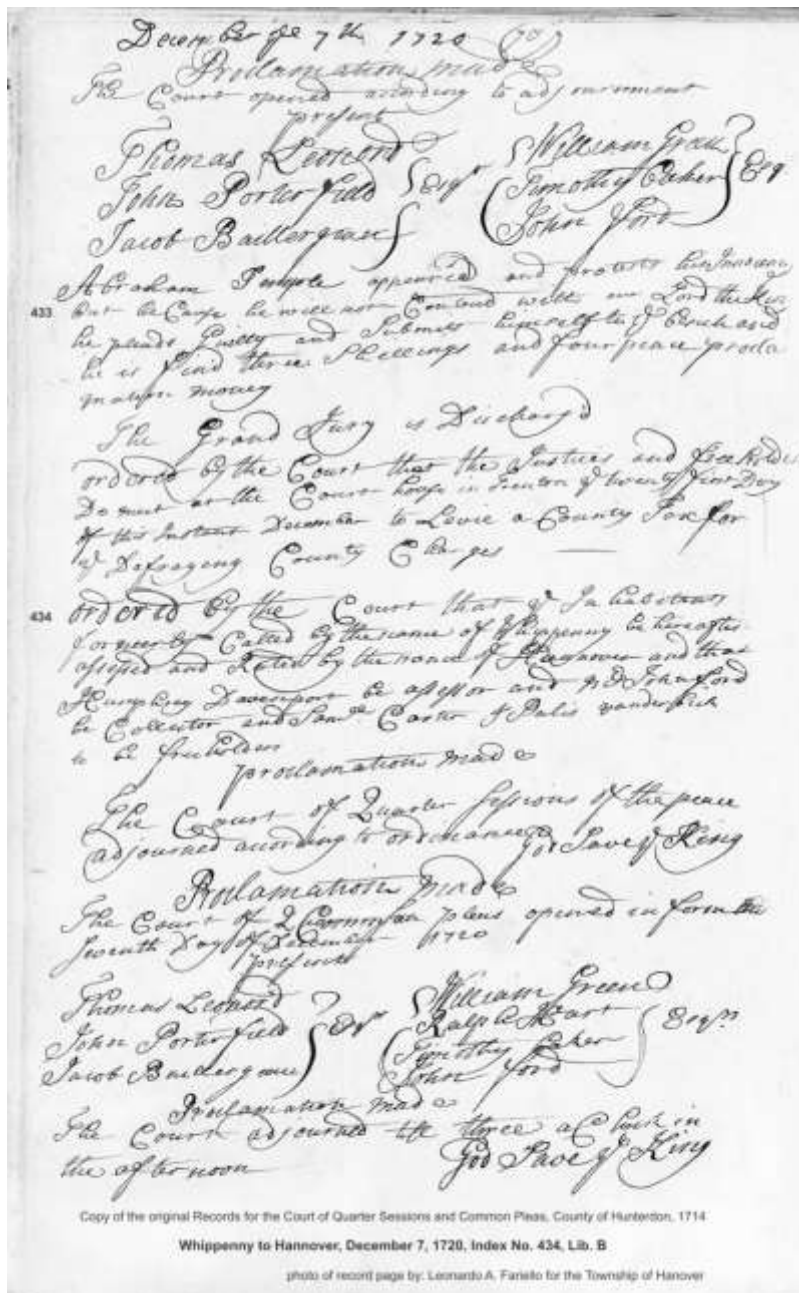
When the Township of Hanover was established and Whippenny Township ceased to exist, the name Whippenny, or “Whippany” as it came to be called, was retained as a district within the Township of Hanover at its original settlement and place of origin, the “place where the arrow wood grows.”

The Township of Hanover once contained scores of villages, hamlets, and districts within its boundaries. As time passed, the township diminished in size as villages seceded to form their own townships, municipalities, or districts of municipalities. Most of the historic villages that were once within Hanover are now identified within new municipalities. Hanover Township can now claim only three historic villages within its boundaries—Whippany, Malapardis, and Monroe.

Malapardis and Monroe have long since lost their identities. Malapardis, along with the western quarter of Monroe, is now generally known as Cedar Knolls. The eastern portion of Monroe is now generally referred to as the Birch Hill section of Whippany. Also a section of Malapardis became the subdivision of Countrywood, and part of the Horse Hill section of Monroe is now known as Trailwood.

Hanover Township now comprises four villages within its borders— Cedar Knolls, Malapardis, Monroe, and Whippany.

**Copy of original minutes of the Court of Quarters Session and Common Pleas—
1720—**



Copy of the original Records for the Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas, County of Hanover, 1714.
 Whippany to Hanover, December 7, 1720, Index No. 434, Lib. B
 photo of record page by Leonardo A. Fariello for the Township of Hanover

Transcript of original minutes—Court of Quarters Session and Common Pleas

December 7, 1720

Ordered by the Court that ye inhabitants formally called by the namce of Whippenny

hereafter attest and ruled by the namce of Hannover.

And that Humphrey Davenport be Assessor and John Ford be Collector and Samuel Carter and Palis Vanderpick to be freeholder.

Proclamation made

The Court of Quarter Session of the peace adjourned according to ordinance of lovely king.

Proclamation made

The Court of Common Forth Pleas opened in formally Seventh day of December 1720.

Prefect

Thomas Leonard

John Porterfield

Jacob Baillery, Esq.

William Green

Ralf A Hart

Timothy Parker

John Ford, Esq.

Proclamation made

*The court adjourned till three o'clock in the afternoon
God love of king.*

Original Minutes—

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Hanover Township Landmark Commission, 2020

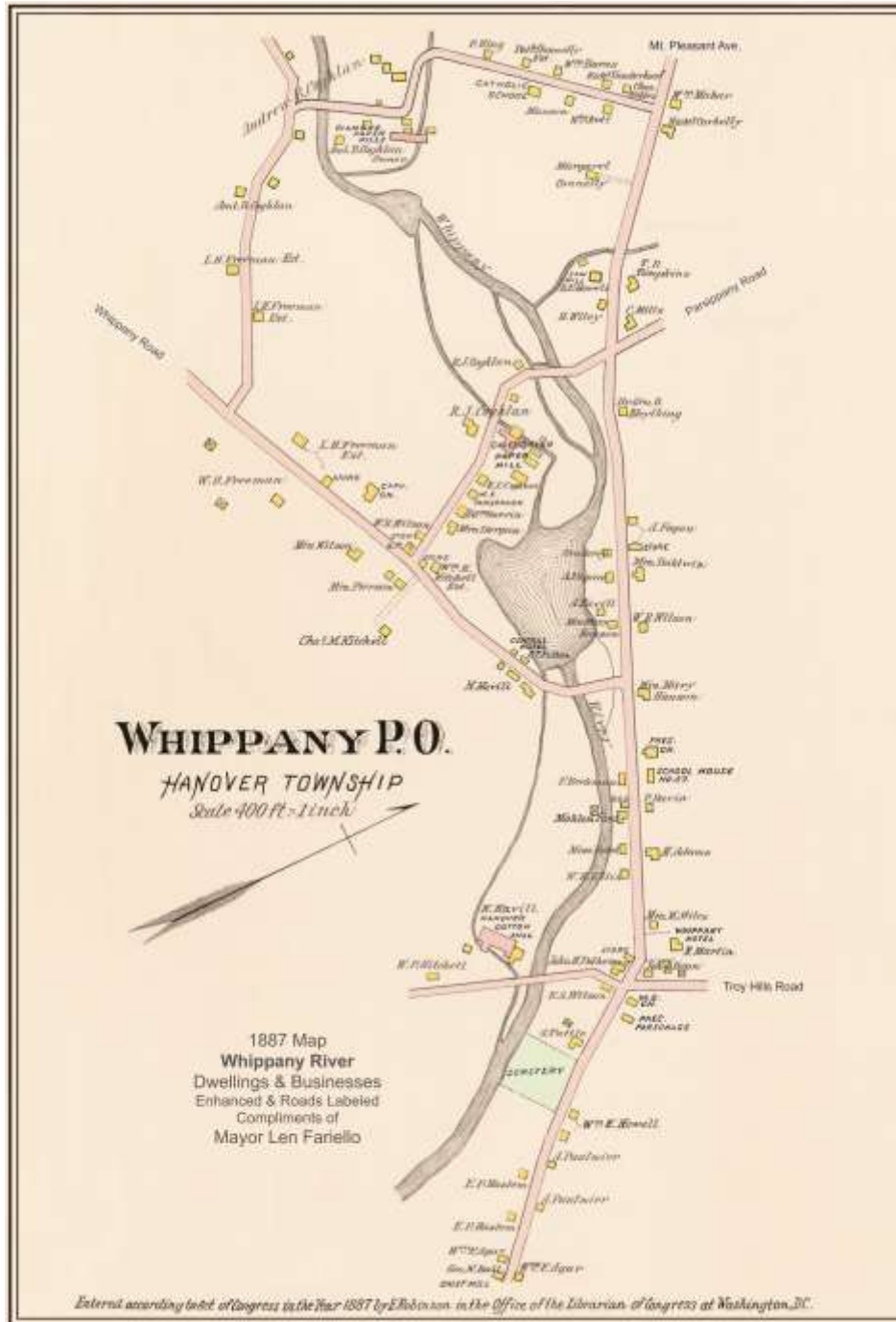
Map of Hanover Township— 1887



Robinson's Atlas of Morris County, Plate 14— 1887

Old Maps of Whippany and Hanover, NJ

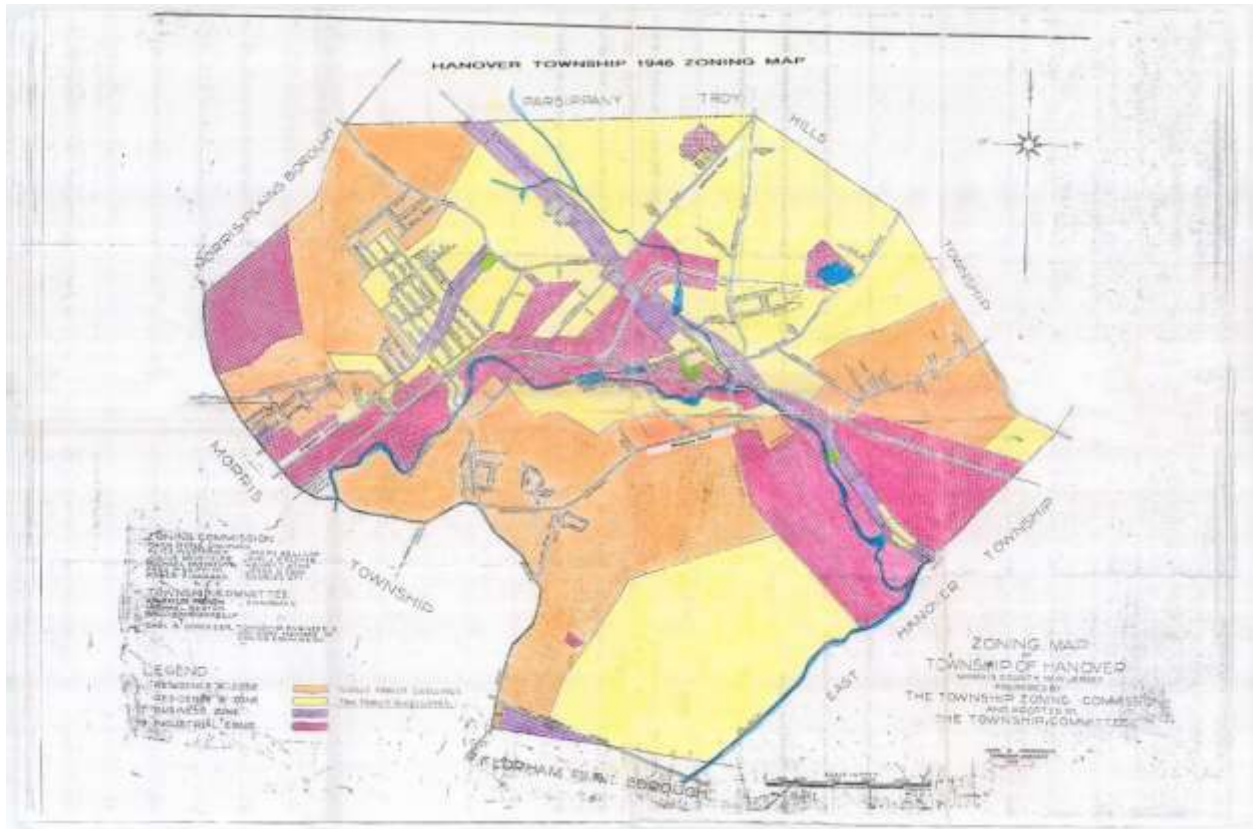
Old Map of Whippany center, Mt. Pleasant Avenue (Route 10) & Whippany River



Robinson's Atlas of Morris County, part of Plate 14— 1887

Area of Eden Lane, Legion Place, Parsippany Rd., Whippany Rd., and Route 10

First Zoning Map of current Hanover Township, 1946



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Adopted April 29, 1946, Arthur Peach—Committee Chairman, William Polhemus— Township Clerk

- Residential— single family dwellings
- Residential— Two family dwellings
- Business Zone
- Industrial Zone

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