

## **19th Century New Jersey Photographers: Trenton Presentation by Gary Saretzky**

### **Abstract**

Of the approximately 3,000 different photographers who were active in New Jersey before 1900, more than 250 lived or worked in Mercer County, most of them in Trenton. This slide lecture discusses selected photographers within the larger context of New Jersey photography in the nineteenth century. These photographers documented the people and places of their times and their individual histories provide insight into social conditions of their era.

After the daguerreian era, roughly 1840–1860, when daguerreotypists vied for customers in New Jersey's capital city, photographers switched to making tintypes, cartes de visite, cabinet cards, and stereographic views. Among professional Trenton photographers of this era were James R. Applegate, Adolph G. Beer, John Bainbridge, brothers Jonathan and Luther Cheeseman, Edward S. Dunshee, Jonathan Good, Lauren Holdridge, Henry C. Lovejoy, Morris Moses and his sister Maggie Moses, brothers George and Robert Pine, William H. Sharp, William H. Stauffer, and Edward H. Stokes and his nephew Stockton Stokes. This lecture also includes amateur photographer William H. Lawrence. (2 hours)

Note: Separate lectures are available on Trenton photographers Edward H. Stokes, active 1850s, and Grant Castner, active 1880s-1920s.

### **Bio**

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