



Resolution
of the
**New Jersey Society of the Sons of the
American Revolution**
Concerning the John Fell House in Allendale

Inasmuch as the Sons of the American Revolution, chartered by an Act of Congress even before the incorporation of the Borough of Allendale (1894) and having its first local chapter in New Jersey, has among its objectives the fostering of patriotism through an awareness of history,

And considering that one of our founding fathers, John Fell, who was a Tory hunter and imprisoned by the British during the War of Independence, later released and who became one of the patriots who ratified the Constitution of the United States of America, made his home in Allendale, which house, later enlarged, is still in residential use remaining as the only reminder of his patriotism,

And considering that this historic and architecturally significant structure is now threatened with demolition through proposals for the redevelopment of its site which action would require various approvals by the Borough of Allendale, its Planning Board, Mayor and Council and possibly its Zoning Board of Adjustment,

Therefore, the New Jersey Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, comprised of approximately five hundred members who are genealogically proven descendants of the patriots who aided in establishing our independence as a nation, does now, by action of its Board of Managers, comprised of elected chapter presidents and elected State officers, voting unanimously on this 25th day of October 2008 at its regularly scheduled meeting at the Nassau Club in Princeton, resolve to recommend that the Borough of Allendale officials take no action to approve any proposal which might result in the demolition of the John Fell House on Franklin Turnpike, or the diminution of its value through other construction restricting its sight lines to and from that road.

Be it known and remembered that the above resolution was duly adopted by the New Jersey Society of the Sons of the American Revolution at its regularly convened meeting on October 25, 2008 at the Nassau Club in Princeton, New Jersey, and to this I do attest:

William J. Volonte, Secretary
New Jersey Society of the
Sons of the American Revolution