

Chapter 3

Isaac's Account Book



On display at the Neptune Historical Museum Library is the account book of Isaac Revey Richardson dating from 1855 to 1871. For sixteen years Isaac records the events of his life, his daily activities, his employers and whom he employed, how much he was paid for his work and how much he paid others, what he bartered, exchanged, bought, sold and the prices for goods and services for his business from the time he was 37 until he was 53.

Ike was born in 1818 in Eatontown, New Jersey, and lived one half mile south of the village for almost sixty years. He and his brothers and sisters were baptized at the Church of Christ in Shrewsbury. As he grew, he learned the family trade of building, carpentry and masonry. Along with his brothers, cousins and nephews, the Richardson-Revey men built houses, wooden fences, barns, schools, churches, roofs and pine coffins for local people throughout Eatontown, Tinton Falls, Shrewsbury, Red Bank and Rumson.

A distant cousin, Elizabeth Susan Revey, born May 24, 1825 and died February 7, 1898, in New York City. She married Ike in 1844 at Trinity Church, on Broad Street and Wall Street in lower Manhattan. Elizabeth and her sister, Mary, were born to Richard P. Revey of Shrewsbury and



Susan Revey of New York in the 6th ward of New York City, which was located in the middle of lower Manhattan, north of Canal Street and near City Hall.

Elizabeth and Ike raised eight children in Eatontown during the years 1846 to 1877. The children were Emma, Isaac, Elizabeth (called Libby), Theodore, Richard, Susan, Joseph and Restelle.

Elizabeth Revey Richardson's grandfather was Thomas Revey (Reavy) of Shrewsbury, who was listed on the 1790 militia list of Monmouth County. According to the 1788 tax records, Thomas owned one hundred and five acres of land on Shafto Road in the southern end of Tinton Falls. Thomas's sons, Benjamin, James and Richard are also listed on the 1825 New York census as being head of household and of the white race. (New York Public Library, Genealogy Archives, Microfilm, Z-I-106, reel 13).