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In this issue, we bring you the fourth edition of “Research Notes,” inaugurated to allow scholars to share their works in progress and solicit feedback from others in the NJ History community. All are welcome to contribute- simply send submissions for inclusion in future issues to the editor (mziobro@monmouth.edu).

In preparation for the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, the team of **Clarke Caton Hintz, Hunter Research and HTC Partners** has begun a year long, multi-phase project to assess the visitor readiness of New Jersey’s Revolutionary War sites. Working with the **Crossroads of the American Revolution** and the **New Jersey Historical Commission**, the team will identify issues and opportunities at the 140 sites in New Jersey associated with the Revolution. This assessment is the first step in preparing New Jersey for the large number of tourists who could visit as we celebrate our founding. The state is remarkably rich in historic sites and the goal is to position New Jersey as the center of activities related to the Revolution. The purpose of the visits is to identify opportunities for attracting visitors, for highlighting connections to the Revolution, for encouraging the development of programming and facilities that will attract visitors and tourists, and for identifying needs for funding. The team is visiting each site to assess three areas: visitor and tourist experience; site and building conditions; and site interpretation. To date, the team has made initial visits to 41 sites, and several additional sites mentioned during these visits and previously not identified. Most of the sites have been in the south western part of New Jersey. The next few weeks will be focused on finishing the rest of the sites in South Jersey while going up the eastern side of the state, and starting to expand into North Jersey. A typical site visit consists

of a tour of the property. This is followed by documenting through photography the conditions of the site and structures, and brief interviews with staff or site representatives about events and interpretative materials. This first phase of the project is expected to be completed later this fall, with a report issued early next year. For more information, contact John D. S. Hatch, FAIA, LEED AP, Principal, Clarke Caton Hintz, Barrack Street, Trenton, NJ 08608.



St. Michael's Church in Trenton was established in 1703 and is a founding parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey. The present church building was originally built in 1748, with later additions, and played an important part in the first Battle of Trenton. Hessian mercenaries were housed here, and much of the Battle took place around the church. Photograph courtesy Clarke Caton Hintz.