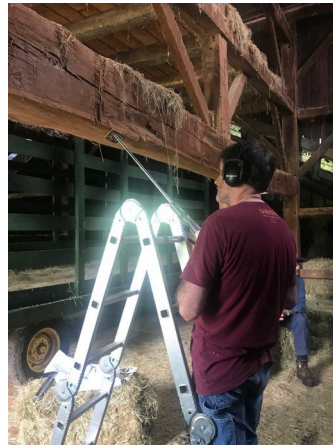


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Thus far, 14 barns have been dated using dendrochronology (tree-ring dating) – 8 ground barns ranging in date from 1794 to 1832 and 6 bank barns (two very recently) dating from 1806 to 1841. Note the photo below of our dendrochronologist, Michael Worthington, drilling a core sample from a timber to be dated in the laboratory. Determining precise construction dates of historic barns helps to understand the settlement history of Holland Township, whether any remaining barns were built during the British tenant period and when the Pennsylvania Forebay bank barn form migrated from PA. It is important to decipher as much information as possible from the remaining barns before these ‘castles in the fields’ are lost forever. This study was funded in part by the NJ Historical Commission. The reports are available on the HPC website: <http://www.hollandtownshipnj.gov/early-settlers-2>



As part of the County’s 305th celebration, the HPC conducted a tour of the Amsterdam Historic District in March of this year. Since this tour was ‘sold out’, a second tour is being planned for the fall. You can check for this and all of the exciting 2019 events celebrating Hunterdon’s Historic Hometowns and Hamlets here: <http://www.hunterdon300th.org/2019/events.html>

Our survey and documentation of endangered and/or historic houses, outbuildings and other structures is ongoing.