

Fashion, who won many races and a great deal of money for her owner. A man by the name of David Sanderson, who kept a hotel in Elizabethport, and a great horseman, was an intimate friend of Gibbons. Gibbons induced Sanderson to start a four-horse mail coach, which ran from Elizabethport to Schooley's Mountain, over the road now known as Morris Avenue.

Union Township, formerly the district of Elizabeth, Essex County, has always been known as a prosperous farming country, and it is said that General Washington, in passing through it, remarked that it was the garden spot of Northern New Jersey. More fruit, especially apples, was raised in this section fifty years ago, than in any any other part of the world of the same area.

Essex county being so large, it became necessary to have a division, as it made so much travel and caused other inconveniences for the county officials. In 18 Moses M. Crane, of Union, one of the chosen freeholders of Essex county, Thomas Reynolds, of Springfield, and Nathaniel Bonnel, of Summit, laid before the Board of Freeholders a plan for the division of Essex and a county formed to be known as Union, which was accepted by the Board and passed by the Legislature. Moses M. Crane was elected afterward a county collector, and Thomas Reynolds sheriff of the new county. After Reynolds' term had expired Nathaniel Bonnell was elected sheriff. This was done as part recompense for their services in getting the division made.

Since the settlement of our family in New Haven, Conn., in 1639, not one of its descendants, so far as