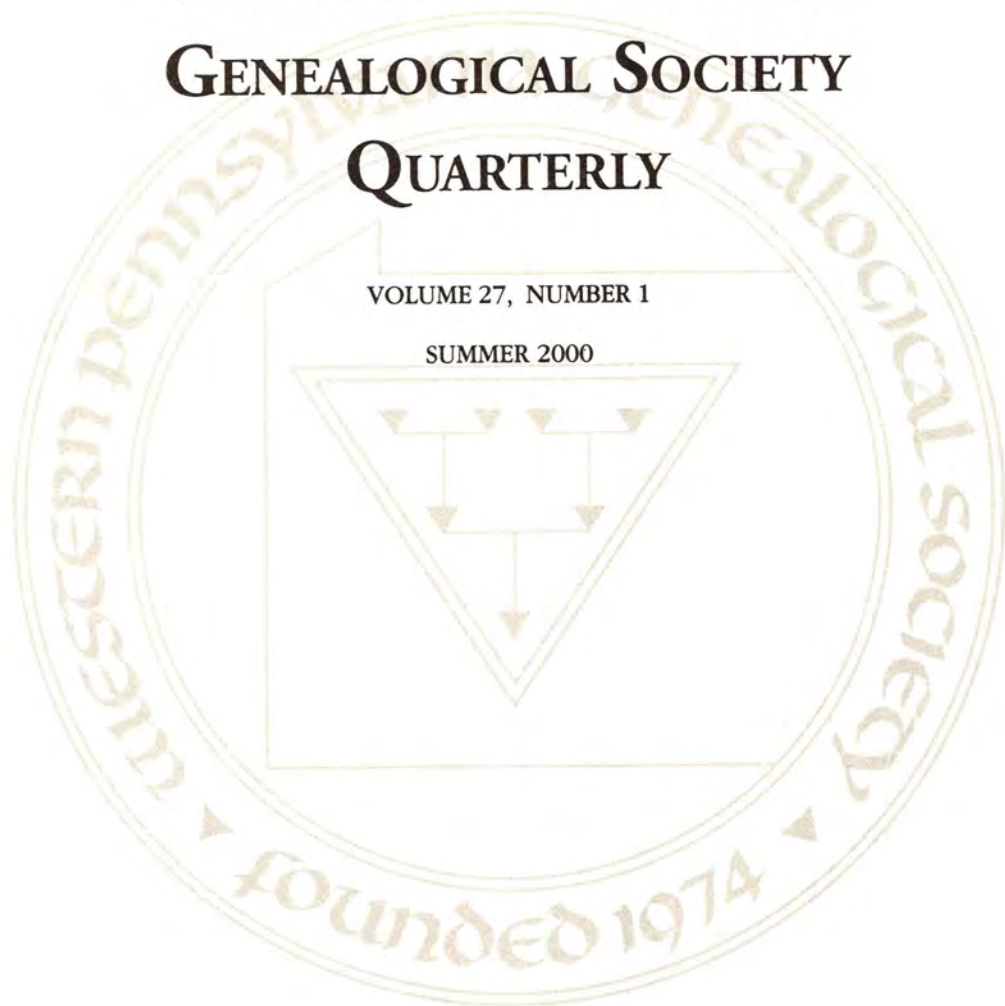


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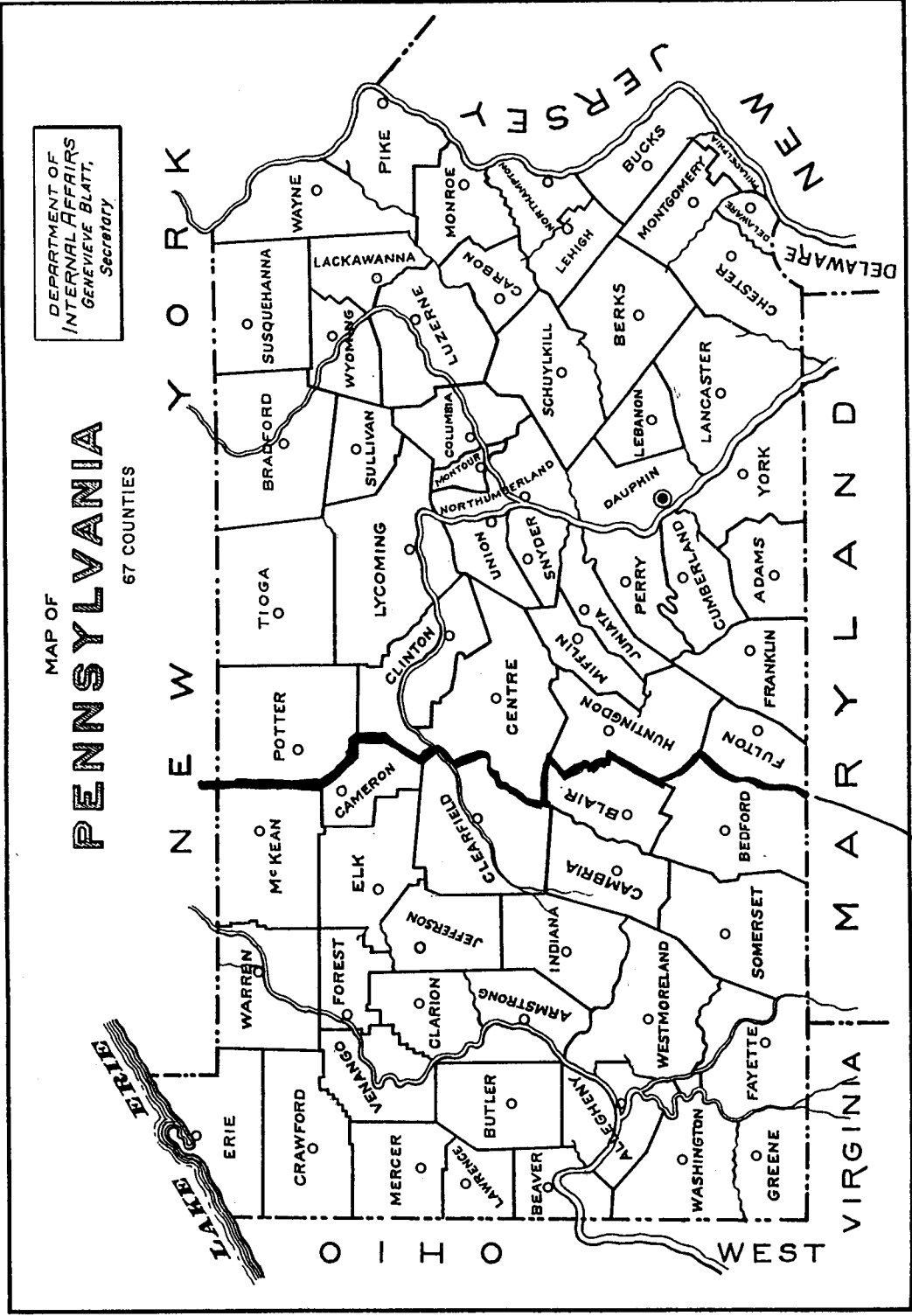
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## EDITORS' NOTES

From *Antique Week's Genealogy Pages* week of 14 May 2000. The Cemetery Junction website announces the launch of a new monthly feature "The Cemetery Trail." Joining the Cemetery Junction team with writing responsibilities for the initial series is Eric Miller, a writer focusing on urban issues whose work has appeared in *San Francisco Downtown*, *The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* and other publications. "Cemeteries are cities of the dead, but they contain living stories, filled with all the excitement and wonder of the past," Eric commented. "Some of the stories are easy to uncover while others take a bit of investigation. Some make well-known stories more vivid and others reveal unknown, but fascinating tales about ordinary, and forgotten individuals and events." Cemetery Junction is a site that includes information on active and retired cemeteries, a catalog of sites that host online obituaries, countless articles about genealogical research and some nostalgic stories about cemeteries and their permanent residents. Based in & out of New Providence NJ, the Cemetery Junction has been online since 1998 and contains information on over 15,000 cemeteries. For more info visit: <http://www.cemeteryjunction.com>, or email [efrain@dvc.com](mailto:efrain@dvc.com), or call 908/771-0829.

The latest Fraktur surname being researched by Russell and Corinne Earnest in the Mon. May 15, 2000 issue of *Antique Week* is Weyerbacher/Wirebach from Bucks County PA. See this surname in our Vertical files.

Citing Electronic Sources. From Everton's *Genealogical Helper* March-April 2000 p. 40.

No definitive guidelines exist for citing electronic sources. Many groups are discussing the issue and are producing guidelines for review. While there is still variation among organizations publishing style guides, the researcher can look to the guide favored by the academic discipline for suggested treatment of electronic sources. See the website, <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/ndlpedu/cite.html> for examples of citing sources using two style guidelines that are commonly used in history and language arts disciplines.

The Brigadoon Celtic Festival, a celebration of Celtic traditions and "A Gathering of the Clans" was celebrated May 13 at the Century Village Museum in Burton OH at the intersection of SR#87 and #168, 35 miles east of Cleveland. For info about next years event contact the Geauga County Historical Society at 440/834-1492 or visit their website at [www.geaugalink.com/geaugahistory](http://www.geaugalink.com/geaugahistory)

*The Iron County Chronicle* newsletter, published by the Clarion County Pa Historical Society, 18 Grant St., Clarion Pa 16214-1015 has been donated to WPGS for some time. It is published quarterly and contains c8 pages each issue. I perused 2 issues at the library - Vol. 19 No. 4 Winter 2000 and Vol. 20 No. 1 Spring 2000. It announces that the Clarion County Genealogy Club meets there the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month. The first issue contains an "Enrollment List of All Males Age 21 and under 45 subject to Military Duty residing in Beaver Township, Clarion County for the year 1889." It lists name, age, occupation, and marital status. A virtual census of the township for that year (just before the missing 1890 Pa. census). Dues are \$10.00 Individual. They publish queries for \$3.00 for 50 words. Vol. 18 No. 1 Spring 1998 contains an index to Clarion County Cemeteries by Township. They list a Code # but no explanation; and a short history of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Licking Township. The church was organized in 1842 incorporated in 1847. The church closed in 1944 and became part of the Knox Parish of the Pittsburgh Synod.

The Armstrong County Historical Museum and Genealogical Society Newsletter, 300 McKean St., Box 735, Kittanning Pa 16226 February 2000 issue is in the WPGS library. It announces that Armstrong County will be celebrating its 200<sup>th</sup> birthday. The Society has acquired new quarters on North Grant Street, and we will advise of their impending move. They have announced *The Kittaning Expedition 1756*. Come join Col. John Armstrong on a March to the Delaware (Indian) stronghold at Kittanning Sept. 1 to Sept.10, 2000. 1750's period dress required. Starting point is Fort Shirley/Shirleysburg Pa to Kittanning. Trek the entire route, a small section of the route, or just camp at selected sights. For detailed info write to Lane Savage, Box 609, Hastings PA 16646 or call 814/247-8692 email [savage@penn.com](mailto:savage@penn.com) or Bill Wood, HC88, Karthaus PA 16845, phone 814/387-0155 email [wldbilly@csrlink.net](mailto:wldbilly@csrlink.net) The route is from Shirleysburg in

Huntingdon County along the Kittanning trail to Hart's Sleeping Place (near Hastings Pa), to Forty Mile Lick (near Cookport Pa), to Shaver's Spring (in Indiana Pa) where historian Clarence Stephenson will speak; the next stop is at the Indiana/Armstrong Co. border where they will honor Lt. James Hogg who was killed during the Blanket Hill skirmish. Camp will be set at Blanket Hill. There will be a re-enactment battle for the public on Sunday Sept. 10. Marchers must be in period clothing, visitors optional. Genealogy Club dues are \$20.00 per year which brings you their Quarterly, the Historical Society's Newsletter, and a discount for any library research by mail.

*The Armstrong Genealogy Club Quarterly* Spring 2000 published by the same, Box 735, 300 North McKean Street, Kittanning PA 16201 is in our hands. This issue contains Will Book 1 Abstracts continuing; Baptisms at Heilman Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kittanning Twp. from 1851-54; Adoptions from 1887-1890; Abstracts from Kittanning newspapers 1834-1838; an article about Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church formerly St. Thomas, of Gastown, Plumcreek Twp. with a list of communicants for the year 1858; Oaths of Allegiance 1777-79 for Westmoreland County (of which Armstrong County was a part at that time); Obits from the Apollo Sentinel 1907; Court Cases from the Appearance Docket Dec. 1850-Mar. Term 1852; Baptisms at the Elders Ridge Presbyterian Church, Young Twp., Indiana County Pa. 1851-1853; Civil War Widows & Veterans Pensions 1890 for Wayne Township; Abstracts from *The Kittanning Free Press* Feb 26, 1904; Queries and an Index. Packed full of good things.

*Keystone Kuzzins* Volume 28 No. 1 February 2000 published by The Erie Society for Genealogical Research, Box 1403, Erie PA 16512-1403 is in the library. Dues are \$15.00 per year and meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month except August yearly at the Erie County Historical Society 419 N. State St. Erie Pa. 16501. This issue contains 32 pages and articles: "Deaths for the City of Erie & Surrounding Areas 1820-1906 from the Erie Newspaper Index;" "Marriages same dates from same source;" "Signatures of 5 Members of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Pa Regiment found on the wall of Willcoxon/Blenheim House in Fairfax VA;" "Yochim-Smith Bible Records;" "A chart of Erie Tax Records on Microfilm at the Historical Society;" and a list of Publications for sale.

The Presbyterian Church of Shaver's Creek Manor, at Manor Hill, Pennsylvania 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1823-1973 is a little booklet donated to WPGS. Published by the Huntingdon County Historical Society. This county adjoins Blair County and many of its families go back to Bedford County. Membership list for 1804 is presented in this issue of WPGSQ, but the booklet also contains additional members added and dropped for 1834-1863, 1863 & 1876, baptisms 1834-1878 (some presented in this issue) and readings of the Manor Hill and Ewing cemeteries.

York Town Auction Inc. York Co. 2 day sale April 28-29, 2000 offered the following Fraktur & Taufschein. A catalog will list the complete materials. Many were dated in the 1700s and early 1800s and were from local (York County Pa.) families. A taufschein from the DEIBLER family of Dauphin County featured an eagle on top with wings spread, angels alongside the script, birds and baskets of flowers, all in bright red, yellow, blue and green. It brought \$2500. An 1810 York Co. hand-colored printed Taufschein from the FLICKINGER family featured praying children, butterflies and birds. It sold for \$650. Another Taufschein from Berks Co. was dated 1815, Maxatawny Twp. \$1250. A birth-baptismal certificate printed in English rather than German for Catherine BUCHER, born in Codorus Twp. York Co. Oct. 10, 1826 sold for \$1400. A set of 6 plank-seat chairs in orange and umber w/feather decorations, salmon striping and were stenciled on the bottom "Geo. HAY, Chair, Cabinet & Coffin Maker, York Co. PA" sold for \$400 each. From *Antique Week* Mon. May 22, 2000.

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Our recent issue of *Ancestry: The Family History Source from Ancestry.com* May/June 2000 Vol. 18 No. 3 contains an excellent article "Destination Providence, Rhode Island" with an outline of research facilities and travel information just in time for the NGS Annual Meeting in May 2000; "An Introduction to

Canadian Research” census, churches, civil registration, land records, basic steps; and especially useful is Curt B. Witcher’s “Gems in Local Government Publications.” To join Ancestry.com call 1-800/262-3787 ext/AS500 to get started. Build an Online Family Tree, get a free genealogy newsletter with expert tips, browse and participate in over 100,000 genealogy message boards, and over 1800 databases with new data added each business day.

Washington State WPGS member Barbara Heutchy has been donating copies of *Heritage Quest Magazine* to the Society for a good many years, our collection is almost current, and she fills in back issues. We have her current donations (brought to Pittsburgh by her son who is in college here), and along with the above magazine, she has included issues of *Genealogy Bulletin: A Heritage Quest Publication* from 1996-1998. The latter publication is currently on-line, but back issues are valuable if not for articles by Wm. Dollarhide, then for “Genealogy, Etc.” a column edited by Donna Potter Phillips on newsy items, articles, books, things happening out there in the researching world that we might not know about it. Another feature in this magazine is the section on QUERIES which in addition to the surname, includes event/year, place or state of the event or locale, and spouse or type of record. The submitters address is presented so that you can contact that person. You might wish to look at these back issues at the library for your own surnames. The Jan/Feb 1998 issue contains 35 pages of Queries and submitters addresses. We thank Barbara for her continued interest in our collection.

PhotoAntiquities is a museum dedicated to 19<sup>th</sup> century Photography. We note that they have moved from their old location on the North Side of Pittsburgh to 531 East Ohio Street, Pittsburgh PA 15212, 412/231-7881. Hours Mon-Sat 10-5. Their brochure includes an interesting item:

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The Fort Pitt Museum is going to receive a \$2.1 million dollar upgrade. According to the Pittsburgh Gazette of Fri May 25, 2000, in about a year youngsters who visit the Fort Pitt Museum here in Pittsburgh will be able to wear 18<sup>th</sup> century costumes, sleep overnight in six new bunk beds in a barracks room and design their own historical exhibits about life in the fort in 1760-61 during the French & Indian War. A second floor addition will have exhibits, a library and an archives room and lunchroom w/outdoor patio. The museum was flooded in 1972 and again in 1996 & 1997, but the new plan will move the most significant exhibits upstairs and away from Mother Natures whims. John Giblin is the museum site administrator. He oversaw renovations of Bushy Run Battlefield’s Museum in Penn Twp. Westmoreland County a few years ago. The period rooms will become more interactive. A ‘traders’ room will be used to demonstrate how the Indian traders bartered with the Indians for furs and hides. If you plan to visit, come back in the Summer of 2001 for the full effect.

A reminder, do NOT buy book mailers from the Post Office, the kind with grey-like paper stuffing inside, use ONLY those which have plastic bubble liners. The first are no good, they injure the books, they break apart and spill filling all over everywhere. You can buy the bubble type at Kinko’s and most stationary stores, take care to protect your valuable family history before mailing it to us, or to anyone.

Those of you with Civil War ancestors will be happy to know that the National Park Service took the tower which has been a Gettysburg eyesore since it was erected, by eminent domain. It was demolished on July 3, and the National Park Service can go ahead with their project to bring the appearance of the Gettysburg battlefield back to its Civil War state. From *The Pittsburgh Tribune* Sunday June 18, 2000.

Don’t forget to order the Special Sheet of Postal Patriotism stamps from your local post office which are to be released about July 14, 2000. The 20 stamps honoring U.S. flags from 1775 have been issued in a commemorative sheet. The name of each flag describes its design or place in historical context. On the back of the stamp is a brief history of each flag.

At the William Bunch Auction, Concordville PA Wed. June 28, 2000 was offered the following: an 1824 Chester County sampler by Elizabeth Marshall, with the Marshall Family Tree, Mary Ann Cheyney, teacher, depicting birds, flowers and trees, 21"x18"; an Emily P. Ware Family Register Sampler dated 1833; and 3 others not listed. Plus a Burlington County, New Jersey Friendship Quilt dated 1847 with the following Quaker surnames Sharp, Brown, English, Woolman, Talbot, Hancock, Scattergood, Richardson and others not listed. Write or phone Bunch at 11 North Brandywine Street, West Chester PA 19380, 610/696-1530 or ask for a catalog which was available at <http://www.williamsbunchauctions.com>. From *Antique Week* Mon. June 19, 2000.

Correction to Spring Editor's Notes about The Delta Queen Steamboat Company of Cincinnati OH. The *Delta Queen* was saved and will be making a 7 day trip Pittsburgh to Cincinnati on Sept. 6, 2000. The company is also offering two trips on their *American Queen* July 28-31, 2000 Pgh to Cincinnati, and July 31-Aug 7, 2000. Their newest Queen is *The Mississippi Queen* and she sails Aug 21-26, 2000 Pgh to Cincinnati, a 3-day RT Pgh to Wellsburg WV Oct 27-30, 2000 and Pgh to Memphis July 31-Aug 7, 2000. Call them at 1-800/543-7637 or 543-1949 for brochure for 2001 schedules. Someone nicely sent me part of a Mississippi Queen brochure which tells about the trials and tribulations of the various owners of The Delta Queen since what was supposed to be her final voyage in 1970. She is still alive and well. Wouldn't it be fun to book a whole Queen for a WPGS Genealogy Cruise???

Our periodicals from *Hackers Creek Journal* published by the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants, Box 56, 23 Abbotts Run Road, Horner WV 26372 are up to date again. This very active WV group have moved to new quarters in Horner WV phone 304/269-7091, Fax: 304/269-4430, Email [hcpd@access.mountain.net](mailto:hcpd@access.mountain.net) They put out a quality publication, membership is \$35.00 per year. Make note of a WV Seminar Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2000 *Discovering Your West Virginia Roots and Branches, a Fenealogy Fair* to be held at the Lewis County High School right off I-79 in Lewis County, Weston, WV. Many vendors. Write for program. Your ed will be addressing the *Virginia-Pennsylvania Border Controversy* and will be a Vendor. Watch for a review of 3 of their publications in the Fall issue of WPGSQ.

Mark your calendars for July 16-Sept. 10, 2000 when Art of the State opens at the State Museum of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg. The 33<sup>rd</sup> annual exhibition showcases 157 works by artists from 29 counties in Pennsylvania. The juried exhibition, which received more than 1,200 entries, includes works on paper, paintings and photography, crafts and sculpture. Details 800/654-5984.

Hope you've all had a good and profitable summer of research.

/S/ Jean S. Morris, Editor



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#46 ALICE SUMMERHILL

- 323. John George Holtzer, Westmoreland County, 1792
- 324. Jacob Holtzer, Westmoreland County, 1792
- 325. Cristina Barbara Leix, Westmoreland County, 1792
- 326. John Leix, Westmoreland County, 1792
- 327. Anna Margaretha Mich, Westmoreland County, 1792

#60 MARGARET KRECOTA

- 330. Conrad Knappenburger, Westmoreland County, 1798
- 331. Jacob Shearer, Westmoreland County, 1798

#105 JAMES B. RICHARD

- 320. John Mates, Allegheny County, 1800
- 321. Mary Linhart, Allegheny County, 1784

#124 EDNA JEAN MEADE

- 345. John Patterson, Beaver County, 1806

- #125 DONNA N. HOEKSTRA
- #126 PATRICIA LYNN HOEKSTRA
- #127 JENNIFER DIANE HOEKSTRA
- #128 DIANE CLAIRE BATES
- #129 NANCY BOWLAN
- #130 JOHN R. BOWLAN
- 336. Johann Gottfried Reiger, Bedford (now Blair County), 1810
- 337. John Reighard, Bedford (now Blair County), 1810
- 338. Thomas C. Reighard, Bedford (now Blair County), 1810

Suzanne Johnston, First Families, Chair.

## TRUSTEES OF GREERSBURGH ACADEMY 1803-1876 DARLINGTON, DARLINGTON TWP, BEAVER COUNTY PA

In 1802, Rev. Thomas E. Hughes established Greersburgh Academy, sponsored by the Erie Presbytery (Mount Pleasant Church), work proceeded on the stone structure from 1802-1805 when the academy was chartered by the Pennsylvania Legislature. Other than the Beavertown School, (1799-1800), Greersburgh is the earliest educational institution in the county. The first trustees were Rev. Thomas E. Hughes 1806-1837, George Scott 1837-1843, Dr. Joseph Frazer 1840-42 and Arthur Bradford 1840-1854. The academy was open to students in 1806 and was in use until 1882. The academy is now owned by the Little Beaver Historical Society, P>O> Box 304 Darlington PA 16115. The following list of Trustees of the academy is taken from the *Beaver County Centennial Directory*, 1876 page 325.

The following are the names of the Trustees of the Academy since 1803, as they appear on the book of the Secretary of the Board: Since the year 1840 there have been two Trustees elected each year and we give them in that order.

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
Joseph Hemphill	James D. Ray	1845	1853	1861	1869
Samuel Johnston	Joshua Monroe	Oliver Cunningham.	T.J. Power	A.T. Shallenbergr.	D.P. Lowary
James Alexander	Wm. McCallister	John Barclay	Thos. Cunningham.	D.H.A. McLean	J.M. Smith
John Lawrence	David Minis	1846	1854	1862	1870
Guion Greet*	Daniel Agnew	B.B. Chamberlin	J.H. Dickson	James Allison	B.C. Critchlow
Jonathan Coulter	Joseph Dilworth	Hugh Sutherland	J.H. Whisle	Henry Hice	M. Darragh
Robert Moore	Smith Cunningham.	1847	1855	1863	1871
James Allison	Hugh Anderson	Daniel Agnew	R.G.McGregor	D.A. Cunningham	John Murray
Samuel Power	1840	B.C. Critchlow	Wm. Davidson	William Orr	Henry Hice
James Dennis	Stephen Todd	1848	1856	1864	1872
James Lyon	Wm. Allison	A.T. Shallenbergr.	C.B. McClay	A.R. Moore	D. McKinney jr.
Saml. Lawrence	1841	John Stokes	John Murray	J.C. Wilson	Saml. Moorhead
David Hays	Oliver Cunningham	1849	1857	1865	1873
William McLean	John Barclay	Charles Weaver	T.T. Kennedy	A.T. Shallenbergr.	R.S. Imbrie
Thomas Henry	1842	Benjamin Wilde	Samuel Moorhead	D.P. Lowary	P.L. Grim
Samuel McClure	James Allison	1850	1858	1866	1874
Abner Lacock	Hugh Anderson	Isaac Cook	D.S. Marquis	John Murray	H.R. Moore
John R. Shannon	1843	Joseph Irvin	John B. Young	David Stanton	J.R. Harrah
Robert Darragh	Daniel Agnew	1851	1859	1867	1875
James Logan	Smith Cunningham.	James Barnes	J.A. McGill	S.J. Cross	D. Singleton
Milo Adams	1844	John Mulvanon	D. A. Cunningham	John Barclay	John Caughey
James Potter	Atlas E. Lacock	1852	1860	1868	1876
John Pugh	Hiram Stowe	Thos. McCreery	David Ramsey	Samuel Agnew	D.J. Satterfield
Oliver Cunningham		John A. McGill	Thomas Allison	Richey Eakin	D.L. Dempsey

# 30 OCTOBER 1784 PETITION OF INHABITANTS NEAR THE OHIO RIVER AND IN THE FRONTIERS OF PENNSYLVANIA & VIRGINIA

Taken from *The Papers of the Continental Congress 1774-1789*, Volume 2.

To the Honorable Congress of the United States of America now sitting at Trenton.

The Humble Petition of the Inhabitants residing near the Ohio River and frontiers of the States of Pennsylvania and Virginia, having flattered ourselves with the pleasing hopes that when the Lands were disposed of on the other side of the Ohio River, that we should meet with every Indulgence in particular that of Locating of Lands and time allowed us for the payment of the monies for Sd. Lands, but, to our surprise we have seen a late ordinance of Congress published for consideration wherein no man can take out a warrant for less than 850 acres, which we apprehend is more than many of the people on our fontiers is able to purchase, who would be glad to become Adventurers, whose time has been taken up during the late war, Not in keeping up of Fear but in stoping the inrodes of the savages. we humbly beg leave to inform your Honors that we pray that each one may be ?indulged with taking out Warrants according to abilities and locating the same in what manner they shall see fit – and your petitioners as duty bound will ever Pray. 30 October 1784.

Page 1:

Benjn. Davis	Andrew Fowts	Hen/Hez. Dunn
W.M./Wm. Ott	John Huff	Israel Cox
Jas. Gillespie	Andrew Zane	Joseph Wood
Andrew Ramsey	Conrad Stroup	Jos. Ogle
J(blotch) McCoy	Chas/Chris? Beeler?	Derick Hay(son?) <sup>1</sup>
Hon. J_? Francis	Charles Wells	Morgan Vance
James Andrews	Wm. Biggs	James Mar/Mas?
Fredk. Lamb	Wm. Lamb	William factes?
Aaron Delong	Francis Shey	John? Ramsay?
	Peter Cox	Jacob Ryan/Ragan

Page 2:

John Green	Joseph Cox	William Mcintire
BennetSmiley	John Cox	Samuel fulton
Silas Hoge	John Sweeny	Hiram Walker
John VanMetre	Vincen Colvin	Joseph Garrd
Patrick M'Gahan	Joseph Forman	Daniel Cannon
Zacheries Sprigs	Thomas Forman	Harmon Greathouse
John Vanbuskirk	Johannes Seller	Harmon Greathouse Jr.
Lewis Vanbuskirk	William Wood	James Cunningham
Joseph Wells	Andrew Wood	William Cunningham
William Lease	Hezekiah Wood	Jonathan Gratehouse
Benj. Douthet	Luther Colvin	Isaac Greathouse
David Hannah	Charles Stinson	David Cox
Roger Cumming/Dunigan?	Patrick Williamson	John Williams
Thomas Stuart	Paul Cl_d Wood	Robert Cherry
William McMahan	John Wood	Mathias Kern
Fred.Solomon Haigs	John Lemon	John Ross
Jno. McCormick	John Smart	James Wells

<sup>1</sup> Could be Derick Hay but there was a Derralk Hog in Virginia. Also might be Hagson if you think it went off the page.

Jas. Miller  
Moses Chapline  
Richd. Postelthwait  
William West  
George Cox  
Abraham Cuppy jr.  
James McCoy  
John Tilton  
James Parks  
Absolem Walls/Wells  
Jonathan Cox  
James Parks Jr.  
Nathaniel West

Abraham Leforge  
Abraham Leforge jun.  
Abraham Wood  
Joseph Wood  
David Wood  
David Ritchey  
Joshua Har \_\_\_\_\_  
John Crow  
Edward Gibbs  
Ignatius Jones  
William West  
William Williams  
James Fleming  
Alxr. Robinson  
James Cunningham

John Wilkin  
Samuel Black  
Thomas Bone  
John V. Mcfee  
Abraham Park  
Thomas Faith  
Jas. Banford  
Andrew mcmeal  
John Lucky  
John Faith  
William And \_\_\_\_  
John Bonnet  
John Patterson  
John Wilson  
Samuel Biggert  
John Ramsey  
Walter Chris/Camp  
John Winand  
John Cochran

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Note that Vincent Colvin was an early large landowner in what became Washington County Pa in 1781 when it was formed of part of Westmoreland County. Colvin owned much land in Fallowfield Twp. The Greathouse family were also early in Fallowfield Twp. Moses Chaplin(e) is found in Donegal Twp. And many of these surnames are found in early Ohio County, Virginia records. This area along the Ohio River was in 1784 in northern Washington County, in the section formerly claimed by Virginia as Ohio County Va until the Pennsylvania/Virginia border controversy was settled in 1783.

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## **RETURN OF NON-RESIDENT LANDS IN AIR TWP. BEDFORD COUNTY 1780 & 1781**

This list found in the Bedford County Court House, Bedford PA in with the 1780 Tax Records of Air Township.

Edward Dorsey  
James Morierty  
Hendry Williams  
Lawrence Bibzer  
James Scott  
John Brown  
Casper Mairs

Francis Shives  
William Huston  
John Hammel  
Nicholas Barto  
Robert Bartley  
Thomas White  
Thomas Barrat

John Erwin  
Benjamin Cherry  
Joseph McKinley  
Patrick Murphy  
Samuel John  
Andrew Graham  
David Elder

"I do Certify that the above mentioned persons were not nor are not in Air Township.  
Witness my hand this 4<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1786. /S/ Jacob John, Collector"  
Witn. Felix Melloy

If a reader would like a copy of this 2 – 8 ½ x 11 list, send \$1.00 to Jean S. Morris, the editor.

## BOROUGH OF PITTSBURG ELECTORS 8 OCT 1805

From the 14 Nov 1820 *Pittsburgh Leader* page 10 headline reads "Local Man Possesses Full List of Electors Who Voted in City When It was Classed as a Borough." Containing the names of some of the oldest families in Pittsburgh, a list of the voters in the "Borough of Pittsburgh" was recently found by William Robinson, 306 Brushton avenue, among the effects of his father, the late William Robinson, for many years employed at the court house and one of the best known men in the city. The list contains many familiar names, among them Smith and Jones, and subscribed to the bottom of the document, torn and yellow with age, is this statement:

"We do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct list of those persons who voted at the general election held at Pittsburg, in and for the borough of Pittsburg on the eighth day of October, 1805." Signed/ L. Stewart and Alex Johnston, clerks.

The list of names follows:

John Wilkins	John Scull	George Cochran	Daniel Kellar
William Eichbaum	John Reed	George Stevenson	John Whelan
James Gibson	George Steward	Joseph McClung	John Osborn
Henry Haslet	Steel Semple	Alex Johnson	James Ritchey
Tarleton Bates	Hugh Kelly	Samuel McCord	Jacob Haffery
George Shinas	James Dodds	Joseph Gold	Michael Farner
Abraham Watkins	William Boggs	John Spear	Jeremiah Barker
William Lane	Joseph Davis	Thomas Maloney	Alexander McKeever
William Gazzam	Henry Weidner	Alexander Spear	Thomas Lewis
John Sweetman	Abner Updegraff	William Armstrong	James Hardy
James Harrison	Henry Baldwin	Henry Byers	Peter Declary
John Harrison	Thomas Enochs	Robert Campbell	Alex McNickle
David Harlin	Nathaniel Campbell	Thomas Morgan	John Gregory
James Riddle	Lewis Reed	Ralph Culbertson	Andrew Richardson
James Stevenson	Arthur Brown	Andrew Robertson	Samuel McGee
William Irwin	Edward Ensell	Jesse Cornelius	Robert McGee
William Barrett	Ebenezer Denny	Thomas Baird	Thomas Ferree
Joseph Harper	Robert Henderson	James Kerwin	William Earle
Abner Barker	Thomas Greenough	Thomas Bracken	Joseph Harris
John Wrenshall	John Johnston	John Wilkins Jr.	Samuel Roberts
Isaac Craig	Pressley Nevill	Walter Tannehill	John Neely
Alex Morrow	William Davis	David McGonigle	Aaron Goodwin
Robert Semple	David Evans	Nathaniel Bedford	Fergus Johnson
Robert D. Taylor	Vallentine Kinzer	James O'Hara	Jeffery Scaiff
William Scott	Isaac Gregg	George Robinson	Peter Mowry
George McGonigle	Robert Steele	William Herd	James Young
Neal Darrah	William Graham	Charles Campbell	William Martin
George Turner	William Morrow	James Arthurs	Samuel Mercer
John Simms	Lazarus Stewart	James Briseland	William Woods
Boyle Irwin	John Ferree	Robert Simpson	John Irwin, merch.
John Darrah	William Roberts	Michael Miller	James Tucker
Robert Smith	William Cunningham	John Johnson	Henry Bolinger
Morgan Neville	Thomas Roe	Lewis Warner	John McClintoch
David Pride	Nathaniel Irish	Joseph White	Joseph Simnall
Benjamin Herr	A. Kirkpatrick	John Simnall	William Nixon
Paul Anderson	Andrew Herty	James Falkner	James Lake
Benjamin Wilson	Moses Foster	William Ralston	Alexander Wills
William Anderson	David McKeenam	William Bleakley	David Pratt

Joseph McCullough	William Cecil Jr.	Oliver Ormsby	John Patterson
Alexander Fowler	Moses Price	Jonathan Swisher	Francis Logan
Charles Cecil	Thomas Morrow	Nathaniel McEwen	John Wills
Peter Wagner	Joseph McCullough	William McCune	John Riggs
Loughlin Campbell	William Bennett	Benjamin B. Hopkins	James Russell
James Cooper	John Cooper	Robert Huston	Anthony Drevon
Joshua McCroskey	Timothy Ward	Aaron Ward	James Wills Jr.
James Ross	Archibald Darragh	David McKee	William Hays
Charles Magee	John McLeod	James Ross	Robert Knox
James Grant	L.A. Tannehill	Abraham Reichard	David Davis
William Torrence	James Douglass	William Porter	Robert Knox
John Smith	Samuel Hubbey	John McDowell	Stephen Wiley
Joseph Barker	Lewis Peters	Andrew Robertson Jr.	Thomas Kelly
Robert Peebles	William Dunning	John Heineberger	Robert Spencer
John Ward	Philip Bradley	Charles Craig	Alexander McLaughlin
Levi Taylor	William Anderson	William Shinas	Peter Kintner
Adam Craig	John Herd	Philip O'Hara	John Hannon
Robert McKee	John Liggitt	Samuel Gordin	John Harmin
Lewis Ilger	Samuel Deal	Robert Auld	John Ridenhour
John Roseburgh	James B. Clow	Robert Giffin	James McGonigle
Thomas Wilson	John Feris	Daniel McHenry	Samuel Bennett
Enias McDonald	James Clingan	William Governor	Richard Hancock
James Willock	James Rattle	Noble Willock	John Irwin
Patrick Brannon	Henry Wolf	William B. Irish	Joseph Harbison
John Wise	James Miller	Isaac Boon	Samuel Miller
John McLwaine	Elections? Tudor	James Irwin	William Sample
George Sutton	Andrew Willoby	John Carson	Walter Lisgoe
Robert Patterson	John Hancock	David Stewart	George Cochran
Paul Vandavert	Thomas Liggitt	William Porter	William Fox
William Wusthoff	Samuel Jones	John Ryan	John Marshall
Robert Peebles	Alexander Willock	John Thaw	Isaiah Hutton
William Magee	Robert Watson	John Taylor	William Welsh
Jacob Miller	Zadock Cramer	John Fosbrook	Abraham Barclay
Alexander Miller	Woolman Mason	Robert Adams	Robert Whitaker
Mathew Barnwell	John Abright	Peter Vandavert	Simon Small
Henry Perry	John Alford	Robert I. Clow	Nathaniel Snowden
Mansfield Banton	Richard Robinson	Andrew Jamison	Walter Forward
James Calhoon	Joseph Oliver	David Dawson	Philip Gilland
James Robinson	John D. Littleford	Abraham Armstrong	James Morrison
John Barclay	James Mountain	Philip Charker	William Watson
Patrick Newman	Owen Newman	Thomas Magee	William Deal
Richard Cavit	John McCombs	John Little	Benjamin Richards
Edward Bradfield	William Cowan	Isaac Gilmore	James Whelan
John Roseburgh Jr.	John Robinson	John Hains	John Sanderson
John Miller	James Smith	Timothy Murphey	Alexander Shaw
Edward Gowdy	John Gormley	Moses Reed	David Matthews
Anthony Beelen	Daniel Craig	John Hastings	John Niniss?
William Watson			

Paul Amedick, 3310 Brownsville Road, Pittsburgh PA 15227

## TESTIMONY IN CIVIL WAR PENSION FILES: AN UNDISCOVERED SOURCE

I first became aware of the wonderful information contained in the testimony given to support claims for Civil War pensions while working in Florida Confederate records. Those giving evidence to support claims of their friends and neighbors also gave information about themselves: their name, age, place of residence, and some personal history showing their knowledge of the person seeking a pension. Since names within pension claims are unindexed, these bits of data remain undiscovered by those researching the families of these witnesses.

Testimony is a usual component of Union files as well. One of the best I've found is the claim of Sarah O. Black<sup>1</sup>, daughter of John R. Black and his wife Mary Jane Christy. Testimony in the pension file not only gives the reader personal information on John and Mary's wedding, but also some wonderful information on the family of Marilla McGuirk.

On February 4, 1896 Stephen V. Hutchison, guardian of Sarah O. Black, furnished the following facts to the U.S. Pension Office: John R. Black enlisted in Company C of the 11<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Pa. Reserve Volunteer Corps, at Butler, Pa, on June 10, 1861. He was honorably discharged on March 17, 1865 and died August 9, 1895. His wife Mary J. had died on March 25, 1889. The couple had been married on September 7, 1865. They had nine children<sup>2</sup>, but only Sarah, as the surviving child of the soldier under 16 years of age, was listed in the petition.

But it is in the testimony of neighbors that the best information can be found. Stephen V. and Eliza E. Hutchison<sup>3</sup>, who knew John before his marriage, testify that they loaned him the horse and buggy he used to take Mary Jane Christy, daughter of Ann Christy, to Grove City, Mercer County, to be married by Rev. William Dixon, a former chaplain of the 11<sup>th</sup> Regiment Pennsylvania Reserve Volunteer Corps on September 7, 1865.

Matthew McGregor<sup>4</sup> gave his testimony before the Clerk of Quarter Sessions in Butler County on June 11, 1896:

"The said John R. Black on account of the death of his parents had no particular home, but generally made his home where he got work. In the harvest of 1865 he worked for Mrs. Ann Christy and continued to work for her for sometime after harvest. This was about a mile from where I lived. I remember that the day before he got married he came to my place with a young horse which he wished me to help to train to work in a buggy - he hold me at that time that he was going to get married the next day to Miss Mary J. Christy and he wanted the horse trained so that he could take him in the buggy the next day.

Mrs. Ann Christy the mother of said Miss Mary J. Christy invited me to the wedding supper. I went there in the evening before dark. A number of the neighbors and friends had assembled there for the supper and festivities of a wedding occasion; when I went there I was informed that said John R. Black and Miss Mary J. Christy had driven to Grove City Pa for the purpose of being married by Rev. W.T. Dickson, late a chaplain of the 11<sup>th</sup> Regiment Pennsylvania Reserve Volunteer Corp and that they would return in the evening. About dark or a little before, the said John R. Black and his said wife Mary J. Black (former

<sup>1</sup> File #433337. John R. Black's original pension file was #159,973.

<sup>2</sup> Children of the couple are: William H. (1866-4 Jan 1867); Mary Ann (1 Sep 1869-31 May 1915, wife of Thomas Fowler Grossman); Effa (1871-?); Maggie (1874-?); Charles (1875-?); Lula (1877-?); Wilbur G. (May 1880-5 Mar 1887); Sarah O. (6 Jan 1884-?); and Minnie G. (Oct 1886-10 Apr 1887).

<sup>3</sup> On the day the testimony was given, 25 February 1896, Steven V. Hutchison was 60 years old and a resident of Cherry Twp., Butler County, Pa. Eliza J. was 51 years old and a resident of the same place.

<sup>4</sup> Matthew McGregor was 70 years old, a farmer by occupation, and a resident of Cherry Twp. Butler County since 1839.

Christy) returned to the home of said Mrs. Ann Christy, where the guests had assembled... He did not drive the horse to Grove City that he had brought to me the day before to train, but got a horse and buggy from S.V. Hutchison. I saw & recognized the horse that evening when they drove home as Hutchinsons..."

These details help the researcher know more than the bare facts of dates and places about John and Mary's wedding. But the testimony of Marilla McGuirk, discovered only when the file is read, gives details on the birth of her own child:

"I was present at the birth of the following named child of said John R. Black and his wife Mary J. Black at the date given below, to wit, Sarah O. Black born January 6<sup>th</sup> 1884. The reason I remember this as the date is that said John R. Black came after me, to go to his house, it was a bitter cold night, snow on the ground and freezing. I was at that time within a few months of my own confinement, and I will never forget the night. It was on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January – my own child was born on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April following to wit on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April 1884. I very well and distinctly remember that the difference between the ages of said two children was from January 6<sup>th</sup> to April 18<sup>th</sup> older than mine. My child was born the Spring before Grover Cleveland was nominated for President, I called my child "Grover Cleveland." I remember that when my husband came home, after Cleveland's nomination, he said to me, "I've got a name now for our baby – we'll call him Gover [sic] Cleveland." I did not like the name at first, but became reconciled to it. The child was 3 or 4 months old when it was called "Grover Cleveland." There was no physician in attendance at the time of the birth of Sarah O. Black, the only persons present were Mrs. Martha Wasson<sup>5</sup>, Mrs. Mary Bell, and myself – Mrs. Mary Bell left the county some time ago, and I do not know where she is now – I remember that it was the 6<sup>th</sup> of January, within a week after New Years, from the impression made upon me, the bitter cold night, and the way I had to bundle up to keep warm in going there..."

The testimony in this file<sup>6</sup> demonstrates the range of wonderful things that can be found. Since much of the information concerns the witnesses themselves, they do not appear in indexes and are only discovered by happy accident. I hope more researchers will share in-print their discoveries from their ancestor's files. I also hope that a project to publish testimonies from all pension files will someday occur.

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<sup>5</sup> Martha Wasson also gave testimony on October 7, 1896. She was 63 years old and a resident of Anandale in Butler County.

<sup>6</sup> Other documents in the file include the appointment of Henry H. Black as Sarah's guardian after the death of Stephen V. Hutchison prior to January 19, 1898; John R. Black's Declaration for Invalid Pension, and Discharge from Service Certificate; and the document attesting to the dropping of John R. Black from the pension rolls because of death.



## THE JAMES FRAZIER FAMILY BIBLE OF BUTLER COUNTY, PA.

### BIRTHS

John G(illiland) and  
Thomas A(lexander) Frazier  
were born April 8<sup>th</sup> a.d. 1852

Alice Jane Frazier was born  
17<sup>th</sup> April a.d. 1854

Mary Elizabeth Frazier was born  
July 28<sup>th</sup> a.d. 1856

Margaret Rebecca and  
Robert Andrew Frazier  
were born April 5<sup>th</sup> a.d. 1859

James Edward Frazier was born  
March 25<sup>th</sup> 1861

Maria Anne Frazier was born  
November 7<sup>th</sup> a.d. 1863

Rache! Isabelle Frazier was born  
May 19<sup>th</sup> a.d. 1869

### DEATHS

March 10<sup>th</sup> 1893 [1894]  
[July 28, 1916]

May 14<sup>th</sup> 1915

[1933]

October 6<sup>th</sup> 1897

January 7<sup>th</sup> 1894

10 July 1940

February 5<sup>th</sup> 1871

### MARRIAGES

James Frazier to Isabella Gilliland  
John G. Frazier to Lyde J. Hastings  
Thomas A. Frazier to Harriet Bicket  
Alice J. Frazier to William Stirling  
Margaret R. Frazier to Henry George  
Robert A. Frazier to Anne Fulton  
James E. Frazier to Sara Mahan  
Maria A. Frazier to Edward Pogue

April 10<sup>th</sup> 1851  
October 15<sup>th</sup> 1874  
December 22<sup>nd</sup> 1874  
September 27<sup>th</sup> 1877  
September 1<sup>st</sup> 1881  
September 1<sup>st</sup> 1885  
June 11<sup>th</sup> (?) 1884  
May 30<sup>th</sup> 1883

James Frazier was born on 6 October 1828 in the Townland of Cavanaghgrove, County Armagh, Ireland, the son of Thomas and Alice (Thompson) Fraser/Frazier. Alice Thompson was the daughter of George and Sarah (Wilson) Thompson. The family emigrated to North America in 1832, landing in Quebec and eventually settling in North Butler Twp. in Butler County in 1842. James married Isabella Gilliland (1826-1874), daughter of John and Mary (Frazier) Gilliland. Mary's parents were Edward and Mary (Grier) Frazier of Muddy Creek Twp. in Butler County. James finished his education at the Old Butler Academy; worked on his father's farm; and later assisted him in the saw and grist mills. He invested with some success in drilling for oil. James died at his home near West Sunbury on 23 October 1900 at age 72, and is interred in South Cemetery, Butler, Pa.

There is no date in the bible, but "Aids to the Study of..." and "...Dictionary..." are dated 1871 and 1870 respectively. Chicago: Gottwals & McDonough, 121 South Halsted Street.

## JOHN GILLILAND FAMILY OF BUTLER COUNTY, PA.

Dates are taken from a hand-written paper

### BIRTHS

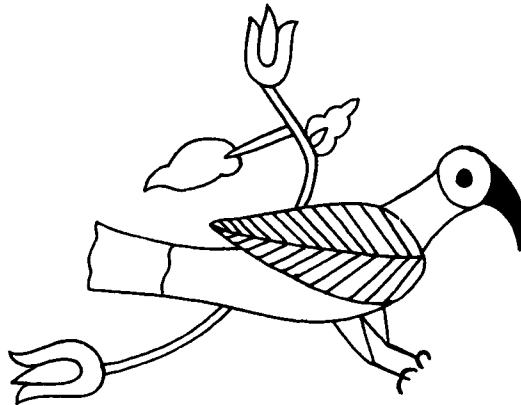
Mary Jane Gilliland	23 April 1822	[md Murdock]
Elizabeth Gilliland	26 March 1824	[md Allen]
Isabel Gilliland	6 May 1826	[md James Frazier]
Maria Ann Gilliland	5 April 1828	
Robert Gilliland	6 June 1830	
James Gilliland	5 February 1833	
Margaret Gilliland	22 May 1835	[Mrs. Boren]
George F. Gilliland	7 September 1837	
Rachel W. Gilliland	8 May 1840	[md William Allison]

### DEATHS

John Gilliland, Sr.	18 January 1845
Elizabeth F. Allen	1 May 1864
George F. Gilliland	15 May 1866
Margaret M. Boren	15 March 1869
John R. Boren	30 January 1873
Isabel [Gilliland] Frazier	5 April 1874
Mary Gilliland, Sr.	21 November 1874
James Gilliland	14 August 1884
Robert Gilliland	25 April 1894
Rebecca Armstrong Gilliland	27 September 1903
Rachel W. Allison	9 January 1904
Maria A. Gilliland	16 July 1905

John G. Gilliland was born in County Monaghan, Ireland. He emigrated to America in 1817 and in 1820 settled on a farm in Summit Twp., Butler County. He married in 1820 Mary Frazier, daughter of Edward and Mary (Grier) Frazier of Muddy Creek Twp., Butler County. He was a weaver and farmer.

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**MEMBERS OF THE FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SABBATH SCHOOL, NEW CASTLE, LAWRENCE COUNTY  
NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> 1883**

Robert Audley Browne, D.D., Pastor  
W.A. Stritmater, Superintendent  
Malcom McConnell, Assistant Superintendent  
John S. Taggart, Secretary & Treasurer  
Anna Laura Patterson, Organist

CLASS ONE - Mrs. Mary E. Brown, teacher

Edna Brandon	Jennie Bryant	Kate Campbell	Bessie Coyle
Jennie Davidson	Lillie Davidson	Myrtle Davidson	Lillie Edwards
Mollie Fleming	Maggie Hardy	Thuse Hartman	Ollie Hardy
Annie Hazen	Willie Bryant	John Campbell	Alice Woods
Thomas Rowen	Harry Rowen	Bell Jackson	James Love
Charles Duncan	Charles Durant	Herbert Emery	Willie Kelly
Roy Long	Walter Mitchell	John Moore	Samuel Moore
Harry McBride	Stewart McClelland	Francis McConnell	Minnie Henderson
Kaatie Long	Alice Love	Lizzie Moore	Eddie Robinson
Mary Henry	Ella Henry	Lizzie Clark	John Thomas
George Thomas			

CLASS TWO - Miss Maggie Balph, teacher

M.M. Hartman	Milton Henry	David Rhodes	Ira Rhodes
David Gardner	Walter Cline	Ralph Douds	Chas. Stevenson
Willie Watt	Robert Bell		

CLASS THREE - Miss Bell Braham, teacher

Blanche Balph	Lizzie Davidson	Jennie Davidson	Madge Hartman
Mabel Hill	Maggie McCune	Mattie Stritmater	Bessie Stritmater
Emma Woodworth	Mattie Woodworth	Mary Campbell	Iva Davidson
Fannie Fulkerson	Nina Henderson	Jennie McIlwee	Mary Moore
Annie Vance	Eva Vance	Bertie Woods	Lizzie Robinson

CLASS FOUR - Miss Annie Balph, teacher

John Jackson	Harry Jackson	Carnie Leibendorfer	Tommie McBride
Herbert Patterson	Charles Patterson	Cliff Wagner	Herbert Edwards

CLASS FIVE - Miss E.E. Russell, teacher

Warren Stritmater	Ralph Rose	Harry Lutton	Willie Flemming
Sidney Anderson	Percy Hill	Newton Jeffries	Harry Jeffries
Jennie McBride	Willie Henry	Jack Henry	James Moore
Bert Wagner	Henry Vandagriff	Hugh Newell	

CLASS SIX – D.F. Balph, teacher

Andrew McBride	John Watt	Sheridan Anderson	Willie Leddy
Herbert Patterson	Clarence Long	George Barclay	Albert Henry
Clare Rose			

CLASS SEVEN – Mrs. R.J. Blevins, teacher

Mary Lutton	Mattie McMichael	Lizzie Hanna	Mamie Jackson
Minnie Bryson	Fannie Bishop	Millie Simpson	Mollie Rose
Mary Anderson	Nettie McClain	Emma Liebendorfer	Mattie Aiken
Annie Baker	Maggie Jackson	Yella Patterson	Jennie Long
Mame Barclay	Jennie McCreary	Gertie Woods	Annie Wick

CLASS EIGHT – James A. Gardner, teacher

Agnes Douds	Anna L. Patterson	Ninnie Leibendorfer	Mary E. Burton
Lou Leslie	Mattie Stunkard	Nannie Stunkard	Rebecca Browne
L.S. Shields	Emma Smith	Annie Breckenridge	Anna McDonnell
Mrs.S.J.McMillan	Mrs. Eva M. Smith	Mrs. Mary Douglass	Mina McElwee
Mary McElwee	E. Paisley	Ella Carr	Belle Findley
Agnes Irons	C. Brown	Emma McMichael	Lizzie Gibson
Lizzie McCracken	Mrs.S.B.Donaldson	Mrs. Eliza M. DuShane	Mrs. Dora Gaily

CLASS NINE – James R. Stritmater, teacher

Flora Coyle	Mollie Leibendorfer	Ella McBride	Mary Patterson
Lula Hanna	Maggie McCracken	Mary A. Hamilton	Rebecca Power
Estella Brandon	Flora Gardner	Mary Carpenter	Ella Orr
Mattie McElwee	Mamie Cooper	Mary Cooper	

CLASS TEN – William N. Aiken, teacher

Mrs. Bryant	Mrs. Emeline McElwee	Mrs. Mary McCaslin	Miss Miller
Miss McChesney	J.M. Davidson	Mrs. J.M. Davidson	

CLASS ELEVEN – Miss Mary E. Burton, teacher

Minnie Bryson	Kate Cochran	Minnie Mitchell	Lulu Mitchell
Nettie Mayne	Nellie Mayne	Maggie Woods	

CLASS TWELVE – Prof. S.B. Donaldson, teacher

W.J. Mitchell	T. Geiger	A. Love	E. McMillen
Thomas Welsh	J.C. Stritmater	Jonathan Gailey	M. Miller
George Ward	Mr. McQueen	William Love	

CLASS THIRTEEN – Mrs. V. Durant, teacher

Alice Dickson	Neva Cochran	Lillie Watt	Nannie Gardner
Minnie Patterson	Nettie Edwards	Mattie Clinefelter	Bell Davidson
Dasie Kelley	Lizzie Kelley	Katie McMichael	Eva Hardy
Maggie Rhodes			

CLASS FOURTEEN – Mrs. Eva Love, teacher

Gustave Love	Harry McClelland	Calvin Jackson	Edwin Cooper
Edna Love	Elma Watt	Willie Black	Harry Flemming
Charles Henry	Charles Stevenson	Kate Campbell	Charles Hill
Walter Fleming	Willie Aiken	Grace Woodworth	Willie Patterson
Pearl Balph	Janie Dickson	Jennie Hildebrand	Harry Hanna
Willie McElwee	Lizzie Wood	Freddie VanDyke	Andrew Douds

CLASS FIFTEEN – J. Norman Martin, teacher

James Orr	William Carr	Harry McBride	Frank Geiger
John H. Mitchell	Calvin H. Young	Clarence Dodds	

CLASS SIXTEEN – John McMichael, teacher

James McConnell	Mrs. Jas. McConnell	Elizabeth Davidson	Mrs. Mary Leslie
John J. Leibendorfer	Joseph M. Burton	M.E. Miller	Samuel L. Rhodes
William McElwee	Miss Anna McConnell	Mrs. Nan Y. Leslie	Prof. D.F. Balph
John H. Miller	Mrs. Margaret Burton	J.W. Stritmater	John H. Orr

IN MEMORIAM

Clare Wagner  
 Member of Anna Eliza Balph's Class  
 Died August 4<sup>th</sup>, 1883 aged 14 years 1 month and 20 days

This material from a pamphlet of services held at the First United Presbyterian Church of New Castle, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania (now the Glen-Moore Boulevard Presbyterian Church of New Castle) on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 1883. The pamphlet was owned by my gg uncle Matthew Stunkard.

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**A RETURN OF THE CONSTABLE OF BUL[L]SKIN TOWNSHIP  
 FAYETTE COUNTY SEPTEMBER 22, 1789**

From the Quarter Sessions Court Records: Constable's Return.  
 Taken from Helen Vogt's *Westward of Ye Laurall Hills 1750-1850*, 1976

*A return of the Constable of Bulskin Townships  
 Still*

<i>Glenery white - 1</i>	}	<i>Negroes and melaters imported none</i>
<i>I Saack white - - 1</i>		
<i>2</i>		<i>Deer Cited out of Season none</i>
<i>total</i>		<i>Base born none as follows</i>
<i>September the 22 1789</i>		<i>tippling houses none</i>
		<i>Joseph Jervis Constabel</i>

*Returned*

# 1804 MEMBERS & 1834-1849 BAPTISMS AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SHAVER'S CREEK MANOR MANOR HILL, BARREE TWP., HUNTINGDON COUNTY PA

Huntingdon County was formed 20 Sept 1787 of Bedford County. This list is presented here because so many Huntingdon County people had Bedford County beginnings.

This membership list is contained in a small publication entitled *Presbyterian Church of Shaver's Creek Manor at Manor Hill [Huntingdon County] Pennsylvania on the occasion of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the stone church 1823-1973* and was published by a joint committee of Huntingdon Presbytery and the Huntingdon County Historical Society in 1974. The book contains an early history of the Manor, the Church, and Session Records which include 1804 & 1834 membership lists; members added and dropped 1834-1863; baptisms 1834-1878; and readings of the Manor Hill Cemetery and the Ewing Cemetery. The book is part of the WPGS Collection at Carnegie Library, Pennsylvania Department.

Shaver's Creek Manor was surveyed for the Pennsylvania proprietaries in 1762 and was divided into eleven parts about 1788, although the first deeds recorded for these plots date 1792 or later. There was a meeting house at Manor Hill as early as 1788. The Presbyterian Congregation of Shaver's Creek Manor had its beginnings within the Hartslog Congregation at Alexandria. On 10 Sept 1787 two groups of elders were selected, four for Hartslog and four for Shaver's Creek, described as being a part of this congregation. From that time until 1794 when Rev. Matthew Stephens became Shaver's Creek first full-time pastor, the pulpit was irregularly supplied. By 1804 the congregation at Manor Hill was large enough to seek incorporation and 69 names signed the petition. Several names of trustees in the document are missing from the following list: James Watson, Samuel Henry, Alexander McCormick, Jr., and William Stewart, and presumably there may be others missing who were absent when the signing took place. The original document is lost and the two existing documents are not identical. Variations are included in parenthesis.

## 1804 MEMBERS

Matthew Stephens	Alexander Drummond	David Riddle
Robert McCormick	Alexander McCormick Sr.	Thomas Warren
Samuel Johnston	Samuel Cowen	James Bradley
John Eved, Jr. (Eutice)	John Evec. Sr. (Cree)	Hugh Morrison
James Logan	William Maffet	John Christy, Jr.
Charles Cunningham	John Hennen	Hugh Tolan Sr.
Hugh Watt	Matthew Gilliland Sr.	Charles Rainey
George Riddle	James Fitzgeralds (John)	John Little
James Hennen	Joseph Jackson	Matthew Miller
John Wilson	John Renneson	Alexander Work
James Belford	John Steward Sr.	Gilbert Cheney
Robert Nelson Sr.	John Forrest	Moses Brown (John)
Andrew Dunn	William McAlevy Jr.	John Cunningham
William McAlevy Sr.	Thomas Forrest	James McIlroy
James Wilson	Patrick McDonald	Michael Murray
John Magill	William Hennen	James Thompson
John Murray	Robert McKee Sr.	Matthew Cresswell
Thomas McKee Jr.	William Myton	Moses Fareys (Forney)
Samuel Myton	Joseph Oburn (Osburn)	Thomas Ralston
Matthew Gilliland Jr.	James McClure	Hugh Tolan Jr.
John McClure	John Stewart Jr.	James Shannon
David Gilliland Sr.	Robert Wilson Jr.	David Gilliland Jr.
David McCormick	John Christy Sr.	

## BAPTISMS 1834-1849

1834 Feb 23	Margery Ann of Robert B. Wilson	
1834 Mar 3	John Henon of Cornelius David	
1834 Jun 8	Margaret Jane dau of Adam & H.E. Lightner	
	Adoniram Judson of James A. & L. Nelson	
1834 Jun 15	Adam of Nicholas & C.H. Nelson	
1835 Jan 8	Albert Lightner	
1835 May 16	William Steel of Andrew & E. Alison	
	Mary of John & M. Borst	
1835 May 23	Margaret of James & N. Graham	
	David Wilson of Thomas & M. Osburn	
	Martha Massey of Samuel J. Haun	
1835 Jun 1	David Sterrett Hays	Benjamin Lightner
	Amelia Bell	Isaac Work
	Tabitha Maffit	Jane Shannon Bell
	Thomas Clark	Martha Adams Scott
		Matthias Lightner
		James Ewing
		Jane Bell
1835 Jun 7	Susannah of Jacob Borst	
1835 Jun 14	Elias of John & H. Hewet	
1835 Jul 13	Mary Jane of John & M. Gilleland	
1835 Aug 1	Amanda of William & S. Mullen	
1835 Aug 17	Jane of Samuel & Hannah Raney	
1835 Aug 31	Nancy Elizabeth of Robert & A. Crewwell	
1835 Sep 13	Jane Alison, Mary Elizabeth, John Decalb, James Hampson – all of Robert & M. Wilson	
1835 Sep 14	John Andrew of John & N. Nelson	
1835 Sep 28	Martha Jane of William Stewart	
	Thomas of James & M. Michel	
	John of William & A. Black	
1835 Sep 29	William of John Lang	
1835 Oct 5	Sarah of Hugh & M. Parker	
1835 Oct 12	William Jackson of George & F. Jackson	
1836 Mar ?	Susan Jane, Martha Elizabeth of Thomas Humphrey	
	William Morrison of John & E. Lightner	
	Sophia Ann of James A. & L. Nelson	
1836 Apr 3	Jane Pracilla of John & N. Nelson	
	John Andrew of Jacob & S. Hallman	
1836 May 29	William of Cornelius David	
	Samuel Brice & John Alexander of Hetty Campfield	
	James of David & E. Ramsey	
	Rebecca of John Gilleland	
	Enoch Hope of John & P. Love	
1836 Aug 7	Israel of Abraham Henry	
	Isaac of James K. & E. Henry	
	David Sterrett of Benjamin & J. Lightner	
	Catherine of John Lang	
	James of Hugh & M. Parker	
	James Thompson of Henry & E. McCracken	
1837 Mar 5	David Sterrett of Nicholas & E. Nelson	
1837 Apr 30	David of Robert & M. Wilson	
1837 May 6	Jane Hannah of James & N. Graham	
1837 May 22	Alexander Brown of George Jackson	
	James Alexander of William Couch	
	Jacob James of Widow Lightner	

Minerva Jesse of Widow Scott  
 Susan Borst of Jesse & S. Henry  
 Albert of Mary Maffit  
 Mary of John Hays  
 1837 Jun 8 David Sterrett of Robert & M. Wilson  
 1837 Jul 23 Francis Henry of William Mullen  
 Martha of James & M. Mitchel  
 Anna Mary of Jacob & M. Borst  
 David of Robert B. & M. Wilson  
 Samuel, Jane, Thomas, Margaret Ann, Frances & Mary of John & Mary Robertson  
 1837 Sep 3 Charles of Samuel Raney  
 1837 Oct 9 William of John Mitchel  
 Alexander of Cornelius Davis  
 Marion Johnston of Robert Dinsmore  
 Anne, Jane, Susannah & John Reed of John & Mary Crum  
 James Thompson of Henry McCracken  
 Edwin John, William Alfred, Isaac Andrew & Frances Elizabeth of Isaac & Susan Neff  
 James Smith of George & H. Henderson  
 1838 Mar 11 Joseph Robertson of William & E. Finley  
 1838 May 22 George Washington of George Bell  
 Joseph Scott of Hetty Campfield  
 Mary Ann of Andrew Newel  
 Liberty of Hugh M. & M. Parker  
 1838 Jun ? Elizabeth of Jacob & S. Hallman  
 Margaret, Jane, John, Martha, William, Davidson, & George of Geo. & E. Murrey  
 1838 Jul 7 Elizabeth Black & Mary Ann of Isaac Clark  
 1838 Oct 8 Elizabeth of John Lang  
 James of Thomas & Catherine Stewart  
 Robert Dolphiz of Thomas & M. Osborne  
 Andrew Jackson of Robert B. & M. Wilson  
 Mary Catherine of Benj. Lightner  
 1839 May ? Isabella of John C. & M. Wilson  
 Thomas of Mary Maffit  
 Elizabeth Ealoner of David & E. Ramsey  
 Jane of John & A. Spiez  
 Samuel of John Mitchel  
 1839 Jul 28 Samuel Steel & Margaret Sarah of Andrew & E. Allison  
 1839 Sep 30 David Woods of D. & M.A. Sterrett  
 Matilda Ann of John Hays  
 William Wallace of Jacob Borst  
 Sarah Ann Brown, Joseph Osburn & Jackson of John & M. McIlroy  
 Calvin Higginson of Henry McCracken  
 Thomas of John Gilleland  
 1840 Feb ? Elizabeth of Cornelius Davis  
 1840 May 11 Elizabeth of James Mitchel  
 Martha Ann of Dr. William R. Finley  
 Harriet Amelia of William & L. Porter  
 John Striker of Adam Lightner  
 1841 May 31 Margaret Rachel of Hugh M. Parker  
 Anna of Benj. Lightner  
 Henry Robert & Martha Ervine of Robt. Wilson  
 William Carson of Mrs. Bell  
 Elizabeth Jane of William Black  
 Louisa of Robt. B. & M. Black  
 1840 Sep 27 Minerva M. of Jesse & S. Henry  
 Robert Wilson of Robert Dinsmore

Madison of John Borst  
 Mary Agness of Samuel Mitchel  
 1841 May 31 Elizabeth Jane of Wm. Black  
 Louisa of Robt. B. & Margery Wilson  
 Sarah Jane of Saml. Stewart  
 Sarah Eleanor of Mrs. Robinson  
 1841 Jun 2 George H. of John Spies  
 Elizabeth of John C. Wilson  
 Samuel P. of Cornelius Davis  
 1841 Oct ? Margaret of Thomas Osburn  
 Margaret Ann of John Gilleland  
 Martha of Jonathan Roberts  
 Margaret Stewart of James Mitchel  
 1842 May 29 Martha, Eliza Jane, Mary Livingston, Benj. Franklin of Gilbert Chaney  
 Alfred Harrison of Henry McCracken  
 James of Elizabeth Watson  
 1842 Sep. ? Anna Mary, Rebecca, Amanda, Sophia, Penina of Geo. & Eliza Hutchison  
 Reuben Neff of Thompson Striker  
 John A. & James of William Livingston  
 1842 Oct ? John Thomas of Henry Rheedy  
 David Sterrett of P. Kemp  
 1843 May 29 Geo. Washington of J. Hallman  
 Henry Sterrett of C. Davis  
 Thos. Jefferson of John Mitchel  
 James Anderson of Saml. Mitchel  
 1844 May 27 William of David & Mary Ann Sterrett  
 Miles of Geo. & Hariet Henderson  
 Elizabeth Moore of John Bell  
 Mary Elizabeth of Mrs. Bell  
 1845 May 26 William E. of Adam Lightner  
 Agness Susannah of Mrs. Stewart Bell  
 Margaret Jane of Saml. McManigle  
 James Moore of William Livingston  
 James T. of William Black  
 1845 Oct 6 Sterrett of John Gilleland  
 Anna Mary of Philip Kemp  
 James Mitchel of James Galloway  
 1846 Nothing is recorded  
 1847 May 29 Francis Marion of Hugh Parker  
 William D. of James A. Longwell  
 Elizabeth J. of John Barr  
 Alexander B. of John Long  
 Edward of Adam Lightner  
 1848 May 26 James Porter of Jess Henry  
 William Sterrett of William Livingston  
 Calvin B. of John Hewit  
 Mary E. Mattern  
 Anna Mary of Wm. & M.E. Stewart  
 Elen Elizabeth Tate  
 1849 Joseph Chalmers of Geo. & Fanny Jackson  
 Mordecai Massey Tate  
 Emily Jane of W.Y. & Sarah Porter  
 Mary Elizabeth of John & R. Grove  
 Hamilton Kyle of John Stewart, Junr.  
 Thomas Mitchell  
 John Henry Mitchell

Harriet Mitchell  
Mordecai Massey of Samuel Mitchell  
Joseph Addison Lightner

Note: for later baptisms up to 1878, see the above book.

Jean S. Morris, Editor

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**WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NEWS FROM *THE FRANKLIN*  
*REPOSITORY* NEWSPAPER 1830-31, 34 & 1852  
PUBLISHED IN CHAMBERSBURG, FRANKLIN COUNTY PA**

The following vital records were published in various issues of the Newsletter of The Kittochtinny Historical Society, 175 East King Street, PO Box 733, Chambersburg PA 17201 over the past several years. This newsletter is donated by them to the WPGS library and is held in its own box entitled KITTOCHTINNY Historical Society, Franklin County.

This group has published abstracts from *The Franklin Repository* for many years. In Sept. 1995 issue they began publishing abstracts from Franklin County Orphans Court Docket A beginning 7 Jan 1785. In Oct 1996 they began publishing Franklin County Marriage Records Vol. 1 - 1885-1886; in Feb. 1998 they presented Franklin County marriages 1851-1855; in April 2000 they began publishing abstracts from *The Franklin Telegraph* newspaper from 1839 forward. Look at our large collection of this newsletter at the library if you have families from Franklin County.

Married on 14<sup>th</sup> by Rev. D. Denny, Samuel GORMLEY Esq. of Pittsburgh to Miss Hannah dau of John MADERIA of this place. (Sept. 21, 1830 = issue of newspaper).

Died in Cincinnati Ohio on 28<sup>th</sup> in his 53<sup>rd</sup> year, Col. John RAMSEY, late of Pittsburgh. He was a native of this county and the son of John Ramsey, large family of children. (Sept. 13, 1831)

Died on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. at the house of her son-in-law John LITTLE in Pittsburgh, Mrs. Martha DRYDEN in her 78<sup>th</sup> year. (Dec. 16, 1834)

Married. McCONNELL, Hugh born Fayette Co. Pa. son of James & Rebecca McConnell, occupation potter to Miss Jane McCracken dau of John & Mary McCracken. Married 22 Dec 1852 at Mercersburg by Rev. Daniel Hartman. (No. 12 of Franklin Co. Marriages 1851-1855).

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## ROBERT T. GALLOWAY'S SCHOOL IN BELLVERNON WASHINGTON TWP., FAYETTE COUNTY 1838

The following Article of Agreement was found in Manuscript #9 GALLOWAY FAMILY PAPERS, Folder #5 held at the Senator John Heinz Regional History Center, Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania, 1212 Smallman Street, Pittsburgh PA 15222.

The catalog of this collection reads: GALLOWAY FAMILY PAPERS, 1809-1875. Robert and Anne T. Galloway lived in Washington Township, Fayette County. Their son, Robert T. Galloway was elected to the Pa State House of Representatives in 1845. Two other sons, Joseph and Samuel, were involved in local politics. The former served as an assessor in 1853; the latter as assessor in 1864, school director in 1871 and county auditor 1872-73. The provenance lists other interesting items:

- Account Books, 1833-1857
- Papers of the Cookstown Debating Society, 1837
- Teaching contract, 1838 (which is the article of agreement herewith)
- Cookstown Duplicate Tax Assessment 1852/53
- Galloway family account books 1831-1857
- + Many family letters

*Articles of Agreement made and agreed upon between R. T. Galloway of the one part, and we the subscribers of the other. Witnesseth that the said Galloway engageth to teach a school at Bellvernon for the span of five months – Saturdays at descretion – for the consideration of fifty-eight and a third cents per month for Reading, Writing, and Arithmattick. The eight branches of science in proportion.*

*In consideration whereof we the subscribers engageth to pay said Galloway as above cited and date agree to furnish the necessary Books and Stationary. Said item to commence on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. 1838. If a sufficient number of scholars are subscribed. As witness our hands.*

A.B. FRYE	2 students	T.C. JORDEN	3-4 students
Morgan GASKILL	2 students	John COWIN	1 student
Wm. WALKER	2 students	Francis CRAWL	1 student
Sol SPEERS	3 students	Robert BEAN	2 students
Samuel REED	2 students	John B. GOULD	2 students
Samuel WINTERS	1 student	Joseph SPRINGER	1 student
Joseph KREPPS	½ student	Richard EAVERSON	1 student
Hervey H. FEREE	1 ½ student	William EBERHART	3 students
Jacob SPEERS	1 student	Robert DEMAIN	½ student
James CORWIN	1 student	William ONG	1 student
David SCHROYER	2 students	Widow COOPER	½ student
“if moves away to pay for this time.”		Moses WARD	1 student
John HUTTEN	½ student		

Jean S. Morris, editor. If anyone wishes a copy of this original list, send #10 SASE + \$.66 postage.

## PART II: REMEMBRANCES OF THE MCCAULEY FAMILY OF CLARION COUNTY PA

By the time Paul Ramsey came to teach, about 1930-31, McCauleys had bought a 50 acre farm adjoining the original 138 acres. It had a smaller house and barn on it and made a place and pasture for 20 or so head of young stock replacement heifers. Grandpa and Grandma had moved to that place and began boarding the teachers of Jack School. Grandma was an outstanding cook and Paul Ramsey had a lot of good comments on his boarding place. He also stayed a couple of summers and worked on the farm.

The first car I recall on the farm was a 1920 Model-T Ford, an open car as many were. Then in 1926, they bought a new Model-T. It even had a self-starter, but didn't see much travel in the winter months. It was also open, known as a touring model. The side curtains went on with snaps and stayed under the seat, folded, till needed. Somehow, I can't ever remember them having to be put on in a rain storm, but it surely must have happened.

About a mile west of the farm, just over a ridge was Leatherwood Creek. In Weeter's pasturefield was the swimming hole. Summer evenings and sometimes Sunday afternoons it wasn't unusual to have a dozen or even 20 youngsters, all boys, at the swimming hole. Even teenagers, too. Bathing suits were unheard of and even though the hole was in an open field, there were no houses in sight of it. It was wonderful after a day in the hayfield to spend an hour or so in the creek.

Another source of good times for the younger set was the Live Wire Class. It was loosely organized through the Leatherwood Church. We met once a month, sometimes in the church basement, but more often in one of the members' homes. Small dues were paid, but it was mainly a social activity. A short program and some games along with a lot of good-natured conversation. Not surprisingly, several couples from the group were later married. Actually, the ages spread from perhaps 14 to the early 20's. I don't recall that any age limit existed. Before I forget it, I should state that Leatherwood had some of the prettiest girls ever.

During these years in the late 20's, after the purchase of the Fordson tractor, Dad and later Gene had a Blizzard ensilage cutter to fill the silos of the farm and neighbors. So for several weeks each fall they would move from farm to farm.

About 1935, when tractors were being improved rapidly, they bought a new John Deere Model-A. It was one of the first in the area on rubber tires. That eliminated several problems with the Fordson. One was the almost impossible job of getting the Fordson's engine started in wintertime. It was necessary to grind feed for the cattle each Saturday. Many times they would hitch the big team of horses to it and drag it, in gear, til it finally began to fire on at least a couple of cylinders.

My mention of feed grinding takes me back some more. Very early I recall Grandpa taking me with him, now and then, to the gristmill. It was located at Rockville about where Jack Run merged with Leatherwood Creek. Lefe Phillips had a mill there and Grandpa with his team and wagon took the grain there. That was a real treat for a kid.

Soon after that a burr mill was bought for the farm. It was powered by a Gray gas engine powered by natural gas, I believe. To start it, Dad and Grandpa would climb the twin fly-wheels on either side. Seems the wheels were five or six feet in diameter. When the engine began firing, they would jump clear. Maybe it wasn't as dangerous as we kids thought it was, but to us it was scary. This goes back previous to the Fordson, for it was soon put into belt work on the burr mill (a Letz).

Another of my horse and wagon trips was with Dad to New Bethlehem and it must have been in chilly weather. While he was in town, he stabled the team in Blake's Livery barn. He left me in the little office at the barn. I must have been pretty small and the facts are a bit sketchy. There was a big stove in the

room and it was nice and warm with benches on two sides of the room. Before he came back, a couple of men got into a fight. When he, Dad, came in, I was under one of the benches bawling my fool head off. He wasn't very happy about it, and I probably wasn't either. I must have been about five years old at the time when the fight occurred in the livery stable. The men were swearing and knocking each other against the walls, and I suppose the fact that I was scared so much is the reason I didn't forget about it long ago.

Grandpa (Will) and Grandma (Sadie) attended services at Leatherwood Church regularly. They also assumed responsibility for getting the McCauley kids there too, -- either by Model-T or Bob Sled, or on foot through the fields. Along with most of our neighbors, there was no question about going; and naturally attendance figures were very good. Grandma often was called on for the morning prayer in Sunday School. Her religion was exceptionally strong. Most of the songs used were the old stand-bys. Anyone who heard Mrs. Tillie Delp 'belt out' the "Old Rugged Cross" or "Nearer My God to Thee" could not soon forget it. She usually sat in the rear center section and had a beautiful strong voice and obviously enjoyed singing. The church undoubtedly had a lot of good influence in the community. Dad seldom went to church service, but he made certain that we kids were there. I don't know why he didn't attend. He must have gone regularly when younger, because he had a real knowledge of the Bible. Sometimes I heard him comment, after a meeting when someone had quoted from scripture, that the speaker should check on what he was quoting. He and Grandpa each had a very strict conception of ethics.

Frequently I heard Grandpa speak quietly on a shady or questionable deal that he knew of. As he grew older he assumed a lot of the repair jobs on the farm. Periodically he'd patrol the fences carrying a hatchet and a pocket full of 'steeples.' At his heels was the dog, Fritz, a half collie, half St. Bernard weighing over 100 pounds. In good weather he'd also have two or three grandchildren tagging along. A door or gate needing repair soon got his attention.

Uncle Tip and Aunt Grace lived at Pew Station about 8-10 miles north of the farm. It was part of the Peoples Gas Company, a pump station. They were often at the farm on Sundays, and had no children of their own. Somehow they had a lot to do with what we kids did or tried to get away with. Uncle Tip had a terrific sense of humor, even though for years he battled asthma and diabetes. Actually, most of the time, it was not easy to realize that he had a health problem. He was a good barber, so all of us, including Dad and Grandpa, had regular good hair cuts -- no bowl jobs. It was one of the things we appreciated but not as much as we should have, perhaps. At Christmas that year after we'd lost our mother, they had a lot of presents for us. They were always kind to us and had our respect and love as long as they lived.

When Gene was about 12 years old, Uncle Tip showed up at the farm leading a fine saddle mare behind his 1926 Dodge coupe. She was well-trained to five gaits and gentle. Along with her, Gene had a new McClellan saddle, U.S. Army. They were available, I think, from Sears, Roebuck for \$8. It lasted as long as Mabel, the mare. On summer Sunday afternoons, she was very popular. Often someone would lead her with 2 or 3 kids riding bareback. She'd mince along as if she were carrying eggs on her back, seeming to be aware of her riders. But when Gene stepped into the saddle she was off at a full gallop. It was uncanny, the sense she had of who was on her back. He rode her to high school at Rockville beginning in 1930. When I started to High School in 1932, he or I walked or sometimes rode double. It was about 2 miles down the dirt road south. Rockville General Store was located on the southeast corner at the crossroads. Diagonally across was the telephone central office called Leatherwood. We stabled the mare in a small barn belonging to the store owner, Mrs. John K. Henry. The barn was warm and comfortable, much better than the stables provided on the school property. Milt Reed took care of the store quite a lot of the time. He was a brother of Mrs. Henry.

The high school was a two-story, two-room building, a white frame structure. Below, on the school yard, were the outdoor toilets. It was a 3 year school and if the students wanted a 4 year diploma, they took their 4<sup>th</sup> year at the one school most convenient. Some went to Rimersburg or elsewhere but most of us went to New Bethlehem. We furnished our own transportation. Of the 38 students my first year as freshman, 19 stayed the full 3 years. About 10 finished the 4<sup>th</sup> year; the drop-out rate was pretty high. At Rockville, or Porter Township, as it was properly known, there were no sports or music program. Subjects were English, History, Civics, Geometry, a very basic Chemistry, Latin and Biology. Actually the

instructors accomplished a lot with, what would be known now, mediocre facilities. Looking back through our school days, we were most fortunate in having knowledgeable, dedicated teachers.

My memory prompts me to say that Dad's reason for not attending church, was, in his words, that he had walked to church – Leatherwood – and enroute home had broken his leg in a ditch. This actually did happen, one night. Actually he did go once in awhile afterward. He had a bad 'set' on the leg and had a knot on his upper shin about the size of a small walnut. It didn't harm his activity or produce a limp. I've always had a feeling that the loss of our mother at age 42 left a deep-seated 'bitterness' that had an effect on his outlook on life.

The school term of 1932-33 Gene and I were both students at Rockville High School. Since we seldom rode double on Mabel, the saddle mare, one of us had to walk. Actually there were about 8 boys from our vicinity walking or riding horses to school. We decided since there was a lot of snow that winter, to hitch Mabel to Grandpa's sleigh. It was a beautiful black job with a red pin stripe and red 'undercarriage.' Mabel had never been trained to harness and objected most strenuously. In fact, she would only go in reverse and had no forward horse gears. One of us, usually me, would lead her down the road towards school, a route she knew well. When she was going a good clip, I'd jump in the sleigh as it passed. We were in for a fast trip. As we passed the Stover farm a short way down the road, the 2 Stover boys would jump in, too. She, the mare, would stop at the usual barn (or school). In the evening, the same proceedings to get home.

One evening as we arrived home we turned in the driveway far too fast. The sleigh slid sidewise until the right runner hit something. The sleigh went upside down, throwing Mabel on her right side. Grandpa saw the whole episode, boys, books, lunch pails, cushions from the sleigh – what a mess. Grandpa came down and helped Mabel back on her feet. As soon as he determined that there were no injuries, he quietly informed us that our sleigh-riding days were over. That's the last sleigh ride I ever had.

As the winter was about over anyway, we had to think of some way to avoid walking. Stovers had a good saddle mare, too, called Babe. They also had a good buggy. Babe didn't like to be harnessed either. So it was necessary to lead her til she got started, then hop into the buggy. This ended abruptly, too. The dirt road to and from school passed through woods much of the way. On one of the bends, a big oak tree stood almost into the road. A miscalculation on the drivers' part, Elmer Stover, caused the right front wheel to collide with the tree. Actually the buggy just about disintegrated. Babe went home without us and I think we piled the remains of the buggy down in the woods. That was my last buggy ride. Those two mares, with their horse sense, were probably a lot smarter than we boys were. I wonder, did Babe hook that tree intentionally?

When a young couple were married in the Leatherwood community, it was customary to 'serenade' them. In some other areas it was known as a 'shivare.' On a given evening, never on Sunday, when the couple could be located at the home of one or the other, the word would go out – by phone or grapevine. After dark young and old friends would gather with noisemakers of all descriptions – cow bells, old pans, whistles and such other contraptions as they might devise. The McCauley boys had acquired a pair of very heavy old truck brake drums. We would hang each of them on a piece of pipe about 5 feet long. Caressing them with light hammers produced a frightful din. Once in awhile, if the family carelessly left the front door unlocked, we could get a brake drum into the front hallway. That always shortened up the festivities – no one could stand that noise inside the house. So the bride and groom would appear on the front porch, flanked by a young lady on one side with a good supply of candy bars, on the other side a fellow with some boxes of cigars. As the 'guests' offered their best wishes, etc., they were treated to cigars or candy. It was not unusual to have 50-75 folks show up. At the end of the proceedings it was customary, too, to 'hist' [heist] the groom. This was done by as many fellows who could get hands on him. The point was to bump his head, not too quietly, on the ceiling of the porch. On one such occasion brother Gene was kicked in the face by the groom. He suffered a broken nose. Actually his nose had been broken some time before in a sled-riding accident. So I suppose it was getting accustomed to it. Some of his friends suggested that if he got it 'busted' another time or two he might turn out to be a fairly good-looking chap.

It must have been about this time that Doc Robinson remarked to Dad that if he had a couple more families like the McCauleys, he wouldn't need anymore patients. A slight exaggeration – though when I recall the measles, mumps, chickenpox, whooping cough and a couple of cases of pneumonia, it begins to add up. Not to mention the broken arms, ribs, collar bones, noses, falls through the barn, and a lot of cuts and bruises – one or two serious encounters with sharp pieces of wire. Again, Gene was seriously burned in a gas explosion in the basement of the church. He was serving as janitor at the time. Maybe Doc was not so far wrong, after all.

Perhaps I should mention what I think was brother Chuck's last buggy ride. No horse was needed. He and his good friend Roscoe Wolfgang decided they didn't need a horse – gravity would do very well. So they removed the shafts from Wolfgang's buggy and attached a rope to the front axle for steering purposes. This when they were young men, each having a car by this time. They took the buggy up on a hill on the Wolfgang farm and got in. The intent was to steer it with the rope, of course. A slight turn to the right part way down the hill was all they needed. Something didn't work right. They went over a high bank to land upside down in Wolfgang's driveway. Next day, I believe, was Sunday and here were two of Leatherwood's finest, a real mass of lacerations and bruises – no broken bones and no explanations or excuses. Neither of their cars were damaged and it must have been many months later when they decided to confess as to what had happened. I've heard that the Lord looks after drunks and fools, and they were never drunk.

By 1930 the offspring and descendants of the \$50. heifer calf had increased to the point where some could be offered for sale. Of course, there were some culls and bull calves which usually went to Punxsutawney Beef and Provision Co. A family called Phillber owned it and had a reputation for fair dealing. Grandpa knew them quite well as there was a mutual respect. Also, some of the better cows could be spared and were sold. Some went as far as the Philadelphia area. One man, last name, Hunsberger, bought several of the better cows. I think he was from Bucks County in southeastern Pennsylvania. This type of sale supplemented the farm milk income and helped keep the farm financially solvent through the Great Depression.

About a mile and a half west of us was a sizeable tract of evergreen woods bracketing Leatherwood Creek. We called it 'The Pines.' Many Sunday afternoons, we McCauley and Stover boys would spend several hours there. Time after Sunday dinner (noon) and before chore time. There were, and still are, some huge rocks there, some as big as a small house. These were known to us as the fox dens. Some openings were big enough to crawl into, not to be called caves, but large enough for a kid to get into. there were also three beaver dams on the creek.

By the early 1930's Dad was trying to increase the almost non-existent net income on the farm in various ways. He had begun taking orders from other farmers combining them to make up carloads of fertilizer, feed and salt. Feed cars might arrive on schedule any time of the year. Salt cars, not often, but would include 50 pound blocks, 100 pound bags and wooden barrels. I'm not sure of the weight of the barrels, but it would be several hundred pounds. The fertilizer cars would come in early spring or fall. Some of the brands were Summers, Millers, or Virginia-Carolina. The brand probably was determined mainly by the best deal he could get price-wise and, of course, on commission. Some brands of feed I recall were Amco and Ubiko.

Then in 1933 he was approached by fieldmen of a large Co-op operated by farmers in the Northeast. They persuaded him to become a local representative and ship a variety of farm supplies for himself and other farmers. In his case, these were mainly farm seeds, fertilizer and feed. This activity soon required almost all of his time and continued until his retirement in 1966 at the age of 81. During those years much of the farm management and work was done by brother Gene, then by sister Nellie and husband Paul Kirkpatrick. Finally by brother Elmer who remains today, in 1994, owner-operator.

As I had mentioned, Uncle Tip and Aunt Grace were often with us on Sunday afternoons, much to our delight. As our mother died when we were quite young, our contacts with our aunts and uncles on that side of the family were sketchy. One exception was Uncle Fred and Aunt Irene. He was one of our mother's older brothers. They lived in Brookville, 20 miles northeast. He carried mail on the streets of

Brookville. They, along with their son Jack, and daughter Mildred (Midge) came to the farm now and then in the summer, while we were growing up. Jack was a year or so older than I was and Midge a bit younger. So we were in the same age group. It was always a good day for us when they came. Another good time was when we could visit them at 93 Pine Street in Brookville. Aunt Irene was a fine cook and it was a red-letter day to get there for one of her Sunday dinners. We kids were a bit envious – they had a tricycle, for instance; and Jack had an Erector set – and the street was brick and we had a dirt road.

I may add more as I think of it, but this was the farm as I grew up. In 1937 after a two-month course at Penn State, I was employed as a milk tester in Elk and Potter counties in Pennsylvania and so, at age 17, was in reality no longer an active member of the family as far as the farm was concerned.

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## INDIAN DEPREDATION IN BUTLER COUNTY 1 JULY 1843

We have a clipping taken from a scrapbook owned by WPGS member Virginia Patton's grandmother – and we quote some of the article here. If any reader would like a xerox of same contact the editor with #10 SASE and 55 cents in stamps. There is no date on the clipping.

**MURDEROUS ATTACK:** Yellow Old Newspaper Clipping Tells of Indian Massacre in Butler County Pa. The narrative is by James Wigton, now 76 years of age, who lives at Salina, 7 miles from Oil City, and is of the slaughter of his family on Slippery Rock Creek in Butler County July 1, 1843 by a Mohawk Indian.

The Indian, Sam Mohawk, left his tribe on the reservation in New York, while on a spree and wandered down through Meadville in Crawford County to Franklin in Venango County to Butler County. When he reached Butler he demanded whisky, which was refused....the people fearing he would do mischief made up a purse to pay his fare by stage to Meadville. When the stage reached the Stone House, 12 miles from Butler at midnight, where the horses were changed, the Indian disappeared. Half an hour later he asked John Sills, who owned the Stone House, for whisky and some money. Sills seized a club and drove him from the place. Nothing was seen of the Indian until daybreak when he was passing the house of John Wigton, brother of James, in the direction of James' place about 1 ¼ mile away.

At daybreak James [Wigton] had started to his father's, 2 miles away to borrow a horse. Soon after he left the Indian reached James' home and killed his wife and children. Mrs. Wigton age 30, her children Almira 8 years, Peninoah Nancy 5 years, Perry 4 years, Amanda 3 years, and John Wallace 1 year. Mrs. Wigton was the former Margaret McQuiston of Slippery Rock Twp.

The Indian then went to the house of Joseph Kennedy where he saw a little boy standing in the yard. He knocked him senseless and fled a short distance to the home of Philip Keister whose family had fled to their neighbors. As Mr. Keister was returning home, he saw the Indian entering his house. Keister and his three sons and some hastily called neighbors went into the house after the Indian. Thomas Blair was knocked senseless by the Indian. Charles McQuiston brother-in-law of Mr. Wigton and Joseph Doneghy finally caught the man. The Indian was taken to the scene of his crime where Charles Prosser, Justice of the Peace, as coroner, summoned a jury and held an inquest. Among the jurors were David McJunkin and William Stewart. The Indian made a full confession. He was executed March 22, 1844. Only 12 people witnessed the hanging, including the bereaved husband and father. Mr. Wigton married secondly Miss Ellen Tanyhill on Dec. 19, 1844, removed to Cranberry Twp. in 1857, and moved to Salina about 10 years ago. Seven sons and one daughter were born to him by his second marriage. His second wife died 26 Jan of the present year.

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# WASHINGTON COUNTY PA

## CHILDREN TO BE SCHOOLED BY THE COUNTY

### SMITH TOWNSHIP 1814-1824/25

The first list of children whose parents were unable to pay county personal taxes which supported the schools, for Smith Township are found in the 1814/15 duplicate tax books. Why are these lists so important to researchers? Because aside from census listings, these people did not own land, nor did they have personal estate for which they would pay taxes – the kind of family which left little record of a residence in a time or place. If you find a family here, check also the 1810 census and the 1820 census and possibly 1830 to see if you can trace them in this manner also.

#### 1814/1815

Thomas Murry's children: Rebecca age 11, Thomas age 7, Joseph age 5  
Nancy Goudy age 9 (no parents or guardian listed)

#### 1815/1816

Thomas Murry's children: Rebecca X'd off, Joseph age 8  
Nancy Goudy age 10  
Samuel Cooper's children: And., Joseph, Comfort, Ephriam (no ages listed)

#### 1816/1817

Thomas Murry's children: Thomas age 9, Joseph age 7  
Samuel Copper's children: Cumfort age 6/7, Andrew age 9/10, Joseph age 8/9, Ephriam age 5/6

#### 1818-1819

Samuel Cooper's children: Comfort age 11, Ephriam age 9  
Thomas Murry's children: Thomas age 11, Joseph age 9, McGregor age 7  
Joseph White's children: John age 10, Zadoc & Ruth (twins) age 8, Robert aged 6

#### 1819-1820

John Bortner's??? children: Elizabeth age 11, Jacob O. aged 9, John aged 6

#### 1820-1821

Murry, McGregor aged 9, and John age 7  
Adams, Margaret age 11, Elizabeth age 9, John & Mary (twins) aged 8  
Wilson, Nancy age 6  
Honeywell, Sarah & Albert aged 6, Armintha aged 2  
Miller, Ann Maria age 11, Samuel aged 11

#### 1821-1822

Murry, McGregor age 9, John age 7  
Adams, John age 8, Mary age 5  
Wilson, Nancy age 6  
Honeywell, Sarah age 8, Albert age 6, Armintha age 5  
Wilson, Jane age 6, Ann Maria age 11, Samuel age 7

#### 1822-1823

Adams, Elizabeth age 11, John age 9, Mary age 7  
Murry, Dunkin McGregor age 9, John age 7, William age 5  
Honeywell, Sarah age 11, Albert age 7, Aramintha age 5  
Varner, Samuel age 7, Sarah Jane age 5  
Huילay???, Henry age 8

Miller, Maria age 11, Samuel age 8  
Falls, James age 11, Margaret age 9, Maxwell age 8, Josiah age 5 this past July 7.

**1823-1824**

Honeywell, Israel's children: Sarah age 11, Albert age 9, Araminta aged 8, Sanford (no age)  
Varner, Adam's children: Samuel age 8, Sarah Jane age 6  
Shields, Ann widow's children: Henry age 11  
Miller, Samuel age 9 (not with other Millers below)  
Falls, Margaret widow's children: Margaret age 10, Rachel age 9, Josiah age 6  
Cunningham, William's children: Mary age 10, John Oswald age 8  
Newman, Andrew's children: Benjamin age 5  
Miller, Anne widow's children: Crawford age 10, Rachel age 9  
Ewing, William, Henry, John (no aged listed)

**1824/1825**

Grim, John O. age 7  
Brooks, Mary age 10, Harit age 6  
Honeywell, Albert, Armintha, Sanford (no ages listed)  
Coline, Jule age 11  
Cunningham, Mery age 7, John age 9, William age 10  
Varner, Samuel age 9, Sera age 7, Jene age 5  
Ewing, William age 10, Henry age 8  
Shilman, Joseph age 6

This is "the end" of the microfilm of Smith Twp., Washington County tax lists held at Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh.

Jean S. Morris, editor

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**UNITED STATE *VERSUS* JACOB WOLF  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, OCTOBER TERM, 1796**

Taken from *Addison's Reports* #312 page 277 at the Allegheny County Law Library.

By Act of March 3d 1791, §§ 21, 23, 24, Congress imposed on certain Stills, employed after June 30<sup>th</sup>, 1791, a yearly duty, to be measured by such stills' *capacity*, unless the actual amount distilled was shown by a *book* kept for that purpose by the still's owner, and to be paid upon demand of him *at his dwelling*; by Act 8<sup>th</sup> May 1792, §§ 2, 13, stills were required to be entered in *June* yearly at an inspection office in the county or district, by the Act of June 5<sup>th</sup> 1794, § 10, they were in, under a penalty; by Act June 5<sup>th</sup> 1794, § 16, a personal demand of duties had the effect of the demand required by the Act of 1791, and by § 17, means were provided for remitting fines, penalties and forfeitures.

There was an insurrection against this excise duty: the secretary of the treasury, in November 1794 authorized collectors to receive entries of stills for the year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1794, without exacting arrears of duty, except for the year ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 1794.

Jacob Wolf in *November* 1794, entered his still for the year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> 1794, and promised payment of duties for the preceding year; and past penalties and forfeitures incurred by him were waived.

In *indebitatus assumpsit* against Wolf for the duties of the year ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 1794, there was evidence that his stills were worked in the spring of 1794, and that a demand was made of him. A *paper* showing a number of gallons of whiskey distilled, was offered for the defendant. *Charged*. That, under the said acts the penalty and duty therein provided could both be exacted, and the existence of an inspection office in the county with the still was immaterial in this suit for duties. That the said duties had been sufficiently demanded, and, being due, the law raised a promise to pay them.

That no *book* being shown, the duties calculated according to the stills' capacity could be recovered. That the waiving by the United States of the penalty for not entering Wolf's stills in June 1794, and all past duties (other than those sued for here), express promise to pay the duties here sued for.

Verdict for the United States.

## PETER BRUBAKER'S BIBLE OF ROCKWOOD, SOMERSET COUNTY PA

### BIRTHS

Peter Brubaker was born on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D. 1820

Margaret Ann Aughinbaugh was born on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D. 1827

Lucretia Brubaker was born on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December A.D. 1847

Mary Elizabeth Brubaker was born on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D. 1850

Emeline Catherine Brubaker was born on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1853

Eliza Jane Brubaker was born May the 28<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1856

William Laran Brubaker was born on the 17<sup>th</sup> January A.D. 1859

India May Brubaker was born on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1864

Anna Rebecca Brubaker was born on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 1866 [may have been changed to 1868]

### DEATHS

Eliza Jane Brubaker died January 7 1864 aged 7 y 7 m 10 d

Emeline C. Brubaker died January 8<sup>th</sup> 1864 aged 10 y 6 m

India May Brubaker died December 11<sup>th</sup> 1864 aged 6 m 17 d

William Lavan Brubaker died January 13<sup>th</sup> 1882 age 22 years and 11 months and 27 days

Peter Brubaker died September 18<sup>th</sup> 1882 aged 61 yrs 9 months and 28 days

### MARRIAGES

Peter Brubaker and Margaret Ann Aughinbaugh were married the 16th day of November in A.D. 1845

Peter Brubaker was born in Rockwood, Somerset County PA, the son of Peter and Rosanna (Cable) Brubaker. Rosanna was the daughter of Benjamin and Mary Cable. He married Margaret Ann Aughinbaugh, daughter of William and Catherine (Boggs) Aughinbaugh. Catherine Boggs was the daughter of William and Margaret Boggs. The Brubakers lived in New Certreville where Peter was engaged in the carpentry and roofing business. He was the town's first Street Commissioner when it was incorporated in 1854. He served in the Civil War as a musician.

#### *FROM AN AUTOGRAPH ALBUM OF MARY ELIZABETH BRUBAKER SELLERS, DAU OF PETER & MARGARET (AUGHINBAUGH) BRUBAKER*

Chas. E. Beltz, Alliance, Ohio, Oct. 16, 1888  
Anna M. Heller, Ursina PA Feb. 27, 1894  
Anna R. Brubaker, Rockwood PA [sister]  
Cora Wagner, Ursina PA  
May Miller, Ursina PA Apr 2, 1890 [friend]  
Maud \_\_\_\_\_, Pittsburgh PA Aug. 23, 1889 [cousin]  
Lizzie Thompson, Ursina PA Apr. 21, 1890 [friend]  
Christian D. Shank, Scottsdale PA Aug 24, 1894  
Jennie F. Wagner, Ursina PA Oct. 15, 1897 [friend]

Ralph Rock, March 3, 1889 [nephew]  
Bertha Davis, Ursina PA Mar 11, 1889 [friend]  
Chas. A. Wagner, Ursina PA Oct 24, 1897 [friend]  
Maude Sanner, Confluence PA Mar 24, 1890  
Della \_\_\_\_\_, New Paris PA Dec 29, 1894 [cousin]  
Sarah Schaible, Ursina PA Apr. 21, 1890 [friend]  
Sophie Redlein, Ursina PA May 31, 1890 [friend]  
A.E. Harbaugh, Aug. 7, 1894  
Uncle Charlie, Ursina PA Aug. 10, 1890 [Charles Rufus Aughenbaugh, Major US Army]

Jane Beck Jamison WPGS #1858, 424 Greenwood Drive, Greensburg PA 15601-1208.

## THE REMOVAL OF THE WESTMORELAND COUNTY SEAT TO NEWTOWN (GREENSBURG), 1784-1786

Local historians have given much attention to the political battle in the late eighteenth century over the location of the county seat for Westmoreland County.<sup>1</sup> Due to careless research and little available information, however, an accurate reconstruction of the event has not yet been made. In overlooking the role of the Supreme Executive Council (SEC) in the decision making process, researchers have missed some rich opportunities. The SEC, like its predecessor, the Provincial Council, acted on matters relating to the formation of counties and the selection of county seats.<sup>2</sup> While the General Assembly held supreme power under the Pennsylvania Constitution of 1776, the executive responsibilities and duties vested in a president and council were such that citizens could prod that body to take the initiative on certain questions.<sup>3</sup> In short, historians have too long misunderstood the duality of power and underestimated the extent of cooperation that existed between the General Assembly and the plural executive in Pennsylvania during the Revolutionary period. The selection of a county seat for Westmoreland County is a fine example of the political role played by the SEC.

Westmoreland County was created in 1773 from Bedford County during the proprietary government of the Penns.<sup>4</sup> In it, three communities competed to be its county seat: Hannas Town, Pittsburgh, and Newtown (Greensburg). Each extolled some advantage over the others,<sup>5</sup> but under the erecting legislation elections and court business were held in the two-story log house of Robert Hanna, one of the original commissioners,<sup>6</sup> until a courthouse and jail could be built.<sup>7</sup> This alienated the other aspirants for the county seat and inconvenienced many traveling to Hannas Town, for it required a long and dangerous journey in what still remained hostile Indian territory.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> George Dallas Albert, ed., *History of the County of Westmoreland, Pennsylvania*. . . Philadelphia, 1882, 51-56, 61-63, 138-157, 171-175, 186-193; John N. Boucher *History of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania*, 3 vols. New York, 1906, 1: 49-51, 85, 106; James Gregg et al., eds., *History of Greensburg 1799-1949*, Greensburg 1949, 2-10; Russell J. Ferguson, *Early Western Pennsylvania Politics*, Pittsburgh 1938, 14-38-43, 268.

<sup>2</sup> To date there has not been a single study that has focused directly on the internal role as well as administrative activities of Pennsylvania's Revolutionary and early national government, the Supreme Executive Council (SEC), 1777-1790. The executive council, which was provided for in the Constitution of 1776, was the legal successor of the Revolutionary Committees of Safety and the Council of Safety. For a general overview, see Robert L. Brunhouse *The Counter-Revolution in Pennsylvania, 1776-1790*, Harrisburg, 1942, 14-15.

<sup>3</sup> In gleaning the minutes and executive correspondence in Record Group (RG) 27, Records of Pennsylvania's Revolutionary Governments, 1775-1790, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC), Harrisburg, one cannot help but be impressed with the wide range of business conducted by the Supreme Executive Council. The commission, under a grant by the National Endowment for the Humanities, has prepared a microfilm edition of these records with an accompanying guide.

<sup>4</sup> James T. Mitchell and Henry Flanders, eds., *The Statutes at Large of Pennsylvania from 1682-1801*, 17 vols. Harrisburg 1896-1915, 8:314-322 (hereafter cited as *Pa Statutes*, with volume number.)

<sup>5</sup> Boucher, *Westmoreland County*, 1:186-187; Gregg, *Greensburg*, 2-3' Albert, *Westmoreland County* 61ff

<sup>6</sup> Other trustees named included George Wilson, Samuel Sloan, Joseph Irwin and John Cavet. owing to the political strength of Aeneas Mackay and Arthur St. Clair, Pittsburgh was initially recommended as the "proper Place" for the seat of justice. Robert Hanna and others, to Governor Penn, in *Pennsylvania Archives* (Philadelphia and Harrisburg, 1852-1935), 1<sup>st</sup> Series Vol. 4:449 (hereafter cited as *Pa. Archives*, with series and volume). The item is dated 1771 but is conceivably misdated. In 1774, however, the trustees reported that they favored "Hanna's Town." *Ibid.*, 1<sup>st</sup> Ser. 4:579.

<sup>7</sup> Boucher, *Westmoreland County*, 1:45-47.

<sup>8</sup> William Todd, Joseph M'Garraugh, William Jack, commissioners, Westmoreland County, to President John Dickinson, *Pa. Archives* 1<sup>st</sup> Ser., 10:98-99.

Before 1775, the precedent for executive involvement in this question was established in the initial legislation and in the later decision of the assembly to provide loans to counties, such as Westmoreland, to build courthouses and prisons.<sup>9</sup> Although the procedures and responsibilities of each body of government were spelled out, local politics ensured that efforts to settle the matter were delayed.

Political observers knew that Hanna and his friends would try to keep Hannas Town the permanent county seat. In 1773, Arthur St. Clair noted that until the location of the county seat was fixed by law Hanna's supporters had it in their power to maintain the status quo.<sup>10</sup> No law had stipulated where the county buildings were to be completed, and this, combined with the controversy between Virginia and Pennsylvania over the possession of the region, and the Revolutionary War itself, meant that no solution was to be reached for over a decade.<sup>11</sup>

In 1782, the question was reopened, for on July 13, a band of British and Indian marauders tragically burned Hannas Town. The destruction left the village practically without accommodations.<sup>12</sup> Its fate further brought into the open the dissatisfaction among residents of the rapidly growing county. Other pressing irritations, such as frontier defense, increased taxes, lack of specie, slavery matters, and multiple land claims, added to the confusion.<sup>13</sup> These developments called attention to the necessity to build the required county offices, but also precipitated the move to change the seat of justice.

While courts continued to be held temporarily at Hanna's house, the state's patience gave out. On April 24, 1783, the Supreme Executive Council instructed the trustees to purchase a piece of property for the courthouse and jail.<sup>14</sup> The trustees, John Cavet, Joseph Irwin, and Robert Hanna, met and declared that "Hannas Town is the most Central & Convenient place for the holding the Courts of Judicature in the said County."<sup>15</sup> What followed is unclear, but what is known is that on March 22, 1784 (and not November 22, 1784, the date cited by most local historians), the trustees were dismissed and replaced by a new commission. Named to the body were John Irwin, Benjamin Davis, James Pollock, Charles Campbell, and James Wilkins.<sup>16</sup> Although the second commission served for just 18 months, it was both more significant and successful than had been realized.<sup>17</sup>

The commissioners faced a difficult job. The three claimants intensified their demands to be chosen as the county seat. The commission was divided, thus compounding the problem. Within six months, three members – Irwin, Davis, and Wilkins – had bought a tract from William Jack,<sup>18</sup> Christopher Truby, and Ludwig Otterman. The property was situated on the south side of the Pennsylvania state road about 4 miles from Hannas Town, and was called Newtown. In a report prepared for the SEC, the three

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<sup>9</sup> *Pa. Statutes*, 8: 391-92; *Pennsylvania Colonial Records*, 16 vols. (Harrisburg, 1838-1853), 10:198 (hereafter cited as Pa.Col.Recs.).

<sup>10</sup> St. Clair, Ligonier, to Joseph Shippen, Jr., Jan. 15, 1774, *Pa. Archives*, 1<sup>st</sup> Series 4:471-72.

<sup>11</sup> Ferguson, *Western Pennsylvania Politics*, 20-37; Brunhouse, *Counter-Revolution*, 56, 77, 112-15; Albert, *Westmoreland County*, 138-48.

<sup>12</sup> Albert, *Westmoreland County*, 138-48.

<sup>13</sup> Petitions of Inhabitants of Westmoreland County to the General Assembly, Aug. 12, 13, 1784, RG 7, Records of the General Assembly, PHMC; Brunhouse, *Counter-Revolution*, 112-15; Boucher, *Westmoreland County*, 1:43, 189.

<sup>14</sup> The letter of instructions has not been located. Neither is the item recorded in the minutes of the Supreme Executive Council. However, the trustees mention receipt of such an order. See John Cavet and others, Hannas Town, to Dickinson, Aug. 23, 1783 in *Pa. Archives* 1<sup>st</sup> Series vol. 10:91.

<sup>15</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>16</sup> *Pa. Statutes*, 40: 273-76.

<sup>17</sup> For instance, John N. Boucher not only incorrectly dates the passage of the supplemental act but also concludes that the second commission was unable to select among the three claimants. In short, their failure led to the creation of a third commission. Boucher, *Westmoreland County*, 1:187. Also, see Gregg, *Greensburg*, 6.

<sup>18</sup> At the time William Jack was one of the elected county commissioners for Westmoreland.

commissioners made a case for their selection of Newtown in which they emphasized the site's central location and the quality of its inhabitants (see Document 1).<sup>19</sup>

Inevitably, the selection was disputed, for it was contrary to the law. A few men, like Nehemiah Stokely, longing for some peace, thought the decision would at long last end the matter (see Document 2).<sup>20</sup> Other persons, like Robert Orr and James Pollock, complained (Documents 3,4).<sup>21</sup> Pollock, one of the commissioners, had received no notice of any meeting and bitterly opposed the whole project, even seeking the assistance of Bernard Dougherty, councilor of Bedford County, to kill the selection (see Document 5).<sup>22</sup> As both sides marshaled their arguments, they drew the SEC deeper into the affair.<sup>23</sup> When petitions (Documents 6,7) by the two sides were placed before that body in December 1784, the council declared that the report of the 3 commissioners be "unapproved" and "rejected."<sup>24</sup>

In an attempt to rid itself of the matter once and for all, the General Assembly dismissed all but one of the second group of trustees and appointed in Sept. 1785 a third commission.<sup>25</sup> Named as members were Benjamin Davis (a holdover), Michael Rugh, Hugh Martin, John Shields, and John Pomeroy. This act is generally regarded as the one under which the county seat was finally located. As will be shown, however, this act actually made possible the implementation of the decision already made in August 1784.

To prevent a tie and, consequently, further tumult, the assembly declared that any decision on a site which was reached by three members of the commission was lawful. To prevent a three-way tie, Pittsburgh was eliminated from the running by new geographical restrictions over where the county seat could be, and to prevent any faction from gaining an advantage from heavy spending, only £100 could be spent for both the land and the county buildings.<sup>26</sup> Even with these restrictions, agreement among the new commissioners was impossible.<sup>27</sup> After several months of fruitless argument among the claimants, three trustees – Davis, Rugh, and Martin – by their independence broke the deadlock. They, like their dismissed predecessors, favored Newtown over Hannas Town, and in December 1785, they too purchased the same two-acre tract of land for the courthouse and jail (see Document 8).<sup>28</sup> Because a new state road was planned to go through Newtown, and Hannas Town lay on the older Forbes Road, their decision seemed wise; but to no one's surprise, legal or not, it was at once attacked.<sup>29</sup> The regions north of Forbes Road and around Pittsburgh complained loudest.<sup>30</sup>

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<sup>19</sup> John Irwin, Benjamin Davis, James Wilkins (trustees, Westmoreland County), to the Supreme Executive Council, Aug. 4, 1784, RD 27, Records of Pennsylvania's Revolutionary Governments, 1775-1790, PHMC.

<sup>20</sup> Nehemiah Stokely, Westmoreland County, to Dickinson, Aug. 6, 1784, *ibid*.

<sup>21</sup> Robert Orr, Westmoreland County to Dickinson, Aug. 6, 1784; James Pollock, Westmoreland County to Dickinson and Council, Aug. 7, 1784; *ibid*.

<sup>22</sup> Pollock to Bernard Dougherty, Aug. 13, 1784, *ibid*.

<sup>23</sup> I have located four petitions, only two of which appear here. One petition that opposed the report contained 360 signatures. For greater accuracy and for a modern spelling, the names of the petitioners should be compared to the 1783 or 1786 tax list for Westmoreland County, see *Pa. Archives*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Series, Volume 22:369-540.

<sup>24</sup> *Pa. Col. Records*, Volume 14:287.

<sup>25</sup> *Pa. Statutes*, Volume 12: 52-53.

<sup>26</sup> *Ibid*. Also, see Boucher, *Westmoreland County*, 1:187.

<sup>27</sup> *Ibid*, 188.

<sup>28</sup> Benjamin Davis, Michael Rugh, and Hugh Martin, trustees, Westmoreland County, to President Benjamin Franklin, Jan. 14, 1786, RG 27, Records of Pennsylvania's Revolutionary Governments, 1775-1790, PHMC.

<sup>29</sup> *Pa. Statutes*, 12: 105-07; *Pa. Colonial Records*, 4: 13; Some inhabitants tried to change the course of the road. See petition dated Dec. 20, 1786, in Executive Correspondence, RG 27, Records of Pennsylvania's Revolutionary Governments, 1775-1790, PHMC.

<sup>30</sup> Boucher, *Westmoreland County*, 1: 188-91.

Such an important matter could never be easily resolved. The General Assembly continued to tinker and to meddle, suspending here, superseding there, excepting somewhere else, but by the 1790s the struggle was over.<sup>31</sup> Through it all, the 1784 decision of the second commission stood.

The following documents from the Records of Pennsylvania's Revolutionary Governments, 1775-1790, in the Division of Archives and Manuscripts, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, present in detail the work of the second commission and illustrate the effort of the SEC, in conjunction with the General Assembly, to resolve the issue. The documents are printed in their original form with spelling and punctuation unchanged. Stricken-out words appear in *italic*.

DOCUMENT I  
Report of the Second Commission

We the Subscribers Trustees for the County of Westmoreland, in Pursuance of the late Act of Assembly having met upon the business thereby Committed to Our Trust, have Pitched upon & purchased a piece of Land from William Jack for the purpose of Erecting a Court house & Prison thereon, which is situated on the South Side of the Pennsylvania Road about Four miles from Hannas Town.

The Reasons We assign for Pitching upon this Piece of Ground are the following.

- 1<sup>st</sup> That We Consider it as the Most Central & Convenient place for the Body of the present Inhabitants, being about an equal distance between the Eastern & Western bou[n]ds of the County.
- 2<sup>ndly</sup> That the present Inhabitants of the County being Generally & Unhappily involved in the Law, & under an absolute Necessity of attending the Court of Westmoreland for a great many Years to Come before all Actions on that Docket can Possibly be dismissed Or ended. It has been Judged highly expedient, Just & equitable, that the Seat of Justice Should be fixt as nearly as possible.
- 3<sup>dly</sup> That the Ground pitched upon appears to be a very Suitable Situation for a Court house & Town, being high, dry & pleasant, *Ground &* extreamly Well Accommodated with Several fine Springs Close adjoining, & other large Streams very Contiguous.
- 4<sup>thly</sup> That it is situate in the midst of a fine settlement of Industrious Dutch & English Farmers, from whence a Town can be most amply Supplyd with every kind of County produce upon the most reasonable terms, which will greatly Contribute to the advantage & good Accomodation of the people attending the Courts, & all travellers & others visonting to this Country.

Given under our hands in Westmoreland  
County, this 4<sup>th</sup> of August 1784

John Irwin  
Benjamin Davis  
James Wilkins

DOCUMENT 2  
Nehemiah Stokely Seeks a Peaceful Solution

Westmoreland County August 6<sup>th</sup>, 1784

Honored Sir

As I had the Honour of Being called upon By your Excellency Concerning the County Town of Westmoreland When A Representative of Said County in the City of Philadelph And as there has Been trustees Appointed Agreeable to My Wish I expect that our Disputes Amontst our Selves Will Soon be at an End by A Confirmation of what the Trustees has Done, by your Excellancy And the honour Executive Council untill the Seat of Justice is Established there can be no Buildings Erected or Accomodations for Any Gentlemen in

<sup>31</sup> For these details, see *ibid.*, 191-93; *Pa. Statutes*, 12: 344-47, 13: 84-89, 180-82.

DOCUMENT 3  
Robert Orr Opposes Commission Report

Sir

I take the Libency to trouble your Exclency With a few linds upon a subject which I think Materialy Concerns the Inhabitants of Westmoreland County the Trusties which have been lately appointed to Affiex aplace for Erecting a Courthouse and goal in the said Countey have not and agreed upon Returning a pleas about three miles South of Hannas Town belonging to william Jack And Others Contrary to the Expectatiion of every Person that I haved spoek of it the people Seem generally to think themselves agrieved by this proceeding of the trustees and a Number of them have requested me to write your Excellency Praying that this Return may not be confirmed untill they have an Opportunity of sending a remonstrance and praing redress.

I have the honor to be with grait Deference  
your Excelleny s most Obedient and  
being Humble Servant  
Robert Orr

His Excellency John Dickinson Esqir  
President of the Supreme Executive Council  
August the 6<sup>th</sup> 1784

DOCUMENT 4  
Complaint Made by a Minority Trustee

His Excellency John Dickenson Esqr: and Council  
Gentlemen

Whereas by a late Acct of asembly Trustees were apointed for fixing a place to build a Court House And geol for the County of Westmorland the other four Mett In Consequence of the Apointment and have fixed on Lans of Mr. Wm. Jacks and others ajacent which is about three Miles South of Hannas Town and Remot from public Entercurce but as I have had no notice of their Meeting nor do I aprove of the place therfor object against it and am gentelmen your most obedient Humbl. Sert.

August 7<sup>th</sup>, 1784

Jas. Pollock

Document 5  
Minority Trustee Seeks Political Assistance

Westmorland County August 13<sup>th</sup> 1784

Dr. Sir

Whereas by a late acct of Asembly I was apointed one of the Trustees for this County to fix on a Place for building a Geol and Court House In Consequence of our apointment the other four Met and have fixed on Land of Mr. Wm. Jacks and others About three Miles South of Hannas Town I have Wrote to Council letting them Know that I neither had Natur of there Meeting Nor do I aprove of the place You are Well Acquented with our County and Con Consider the Distence from the Lower end of our Vally where it Canot Posably be thought to far in to any other County that may be struck off be the Removal from where it was before from that Part was then the Most Disten from The Sate [Seat] of Justice and also in to apart of the Country where there is no public Intercourse It may be objected against J Hannas town that there was Sum

Judgmens of Court agains Mr. Hanna but had that been fixed on us the Place I should become Baile In that Case but as I am one of the Trustees Defer giving my opinion of any place but object agains that are as I hop you also will do

I hise from your Sincear  
frend & Humbl Sert  
Jas Pollock

#### DOCUMENT 6

#### Petitioners Reject Report of the Second Commission

His Excellency John Dickison Esquire and the supreme Executive Council of the Common Wealth of Pennsylvania

The Petition and Remonstrance of a number of Inhabitants of Westmoreland County Humby Sheweth

That some time ago John Irwin, Benjamin Davis, James Pollock[,] Charles Campbell and James Wilkens were appointed Trustees or Commissioners for the fixing a Place for County Town of Westmoreland County that in pursuance of that appointment they have met and made choice of a part of the Plantation of Mr. William Jack and other Land adjoining it which Place is about three miles southward of Hanna's Town That we conceive there is a great Impropriety in removing the Seat of Judicature from the Place where it has usually been to a place so contiguous and in our opinions by no means convenient or advantageous for the People. He is remote from all manner of Publick intercourse three miles from the Pennsylvania Road and as we apprehend not attended with any manner of Publick Utility.

We humbly apprehend that as the Inhabitants of Hanna's Town and the neighborhood adjacent have been Material Sufferers during the late War and have at the risque of their lives and fortunes kept their Ground notwithstanding the depredations of the Savages, and stood as a Barrier to the interior part of the County in expectation that when the War would cease the Courts of Justice would be Continued there as usual and that their lands would be the more valuable. They should not be deprived of that advantage from Party Spirit or any other motive than the Public good which we conceive has not been had in view on this occasion.

We therefore humbly pray your Honour would reject the return of the Commissioners for a County Town at that Place and your Petitioners as in duty bound will pray etc.

Cha. Foreman  
Manual Gallagher  
John Culbertson  
Henry Dugan  
William Keed(?)  
Thomas Walker  
John Perry  
William Barns  
John Proctor  
John Donachey  
Niclas Chapman  
Thomas Ritchard  
Peter Tittel  
Andrew Allison  
Saml. Coulter  
William Sloan  
James Hartley  
Jacob Busnels (?)  
Samuel Huston

James Brison  
John Hunter  
Samuel [illegible]  
Robt. Orr  
Robert Hunter  
William Mcglaughlin  
Alexr. Sim[illegible]  
David Rankin  
Jeremh. Lochry  
William Donochee  
James Eattone  
Thomas Jolly(?)  
James Hunter  
David Sloan  
James Simson  
Robert Hartley  
John Craig  
William Maxwell  
Adam Freeman

William Mery(?)  
Dorentine Price  
Andrew Alworth  
David Watson  
James Chambers  
William Brown  
James Scott  
Frances McGiness  
John Smith  
James Beard  
Matthw Cleghorn  
Saml. Sloan  
William Dickie/Dixey  
Samuel Sloan  
[illegible]  
Wm. Kirkpatrick  
George Patty  
Adam Maxwell  
Jno. Baird

Consider it as the Most Central and Convenant [to] the Body of the Present Inhabitants  
Secondly that the ground Pilched upon appears to be Verry Suitable for A Court House  
And Town Being High Dry Pleasant And Extreamly well Accomodated with Several  
fine Springs Close Adjoining And other Large Streams Thirdly that it is Situated in the  
Midst of a fine Settlement of Industriou Dutch and English farmers from Whence a Town  
Most Amply Supplied with Every Kind of Country Produce upon the most Reasonable  
Terms As Will Greatly Contribute to the Advantage And good Accomodations of the  
People Attending The Courts And All travellers And Oathers Resorting to This County  
Given under our Hands in Westmoreland County

This 14<sup>th</sup> Day of January 1786

Benja Davis  
Michael Rugh  
Hugh Martin

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### **OAKDALE, NORTH FAYETTE TWP., ALLEGHENY COUNTY PA**

From a School Card in the possession of Leona C. Scott, WPGS#3850, 1155 Oakdale Road, Oakdale PA 15071-1504.

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Alice Remaley  
Ethel Herriott  
Ivan Lefley  
Bertha Gibson  
Leona Douglas  
John Short  
Mary Pedicord  
Harry Stewart  
Mary Kahr  
Blanche Shrum  
Ray Wooten  
Charlie Wacker  
Agnes Crooks  
Mary Connors  
Jane McCandless  
Nelson Dodds  
Wesley Moore  
Amelia Keisling

Clara Campbell  
Ola Moore  
Effie Richards  
Edith Keenan  
Frank Hadden  
Beatrice Neilan  
Howard Stewart  
Alex Hadden  
Lulu Jamison  
Florence Lefley  
Mary Hogan  
Gertrude Neilan  
Allison Dodds  
Marie Guyaux  
Stell Swoager (Smith)  
William Cleland  
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## WESTSYLVANIA FESTIVALS 2000-2001

MAKE YOUR TRAVEL PLANS NOW. So often we do not get announcements of these fun affairs until a month before the event. I have pulled the following from the *Westsylvania Heritage Festival Guide 2000*. Call to be notified of dates for 2000 & 2001. *Westsylvania Heritage* is published quarterly by Allegheny Heritage Development Corp., Box 565, 105 Zee Plaza, Hollidaysburg PA 16648-0565 for an annual subscription of \$18.00 five issues.

Last week in April. *Civil War Encampment*. Baker Mansion in Altoona. Call 814/445-6077 for details.

1<sup>st</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> week in May. *Charleroi [Washington County] Belgian Dayz*. Call 724/483-3507 for details.

3<sup>rd</sup> week of May. *18<sup>th</sup> Century Court Days in Hanna's Town, Westmoreland County*. 724/836-1800.

Mid-May. *National Road Festival*. Brownsville, Fayette Co. Flatiron Building call 724/785-6882. For sites in Somerset & Washington counties call 724/329-1560. Send #10 SASE for schedule. Also for schedule of events at Mount Washington Tavern and Fort Necessity National Battlefield in Farmington [Fayette County] call 724/329-5512.

Last weekend in May. *Johnstown [Cambria County] Memorial Day Weekend*, call 814/539-1889 includes the Johnstown Flood Commemorative program National Memorial and at South Fork Fishing & Hunting Club at St. Michael, call 814/495-4643.

Mid-June *Celtic Heritage Day at Old Bedford Village in Bedford [Bedford County]* 1-800/238-4347.

1<sup>st</sup> week in June. *20<sup>th</sup> Annual Canal Days*, Saltsburg, Indiana County. Explore the Pennsylvania Main Line Canal town. Canal Days Committee, Box 226, Saltsburg PA 15681 or call 724/639-3011 or 9413. Free.

1<sup>st</sup> week in July. Fort Necessity National Battlefield Anniversary Memorial Program. 724/329-5512.

2<sup>nd</sup> week in July. Anniversary of the Burning of Hanna's Town held at Historic Hanna's Town, Greensburg. 724/836-1800.

2<sup>nd</sup> week in July. *Revolutionary War Days at Fort Roberdeau*, near Altoona in Blair County. Fort Roberdeau Assn., RR#3 Box 391, Altoona PA 16601, 814/946-0048. Admission.

Last weekend in July. *Pennsylvania Trolley Museum Fifties Celebration*, 877-PA-TROLLEY, or visit their Web site at [www.pa-trolley.org](http://www.pa-trolley.org)

1<sup>st</sup> weekend in July. *Pa. Frontier Reenactments and Demonstrations*. Pa Military Museum at Boalsburg. Call 814/466-6263.

1<sup>st</sup> week in August. *238<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Bushy Run [5-6 Aug 1763]*, Pennsylvania's only recognized Indian Battlefield, Harrison City, Westmoreland County. Period encampments, military trades demonstrations, 18<sup>th</sup> Century craftspeople. Witness the battle that opened the frontier to further expansion and development. Tour the newly renovated Museum. There will be 1 food booth or bring your own picnic lunch. Bushy Run Battlefield, Bushy Run Road, Box 468, Harrison City PA 15636, 724/527-5584. Fee.

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Oct. 7-8, 2000 *Altoona [Blair County] Railfest 2000*. Altoona Railroaders Museum, 1300 9<sup>th</sup> Ave., Altoona PA 16602, 814/946-0834. Email Railfest@railroad city.com. Celebrating 150 years of rail heritage. Admission. Tour the Juniata locomotive shops, the Altoona Railroaders Museum, and take a tour of the Hollidaysburg car shops and Amtrack excursions around the Horseshoe Curve.

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Oct. 13-15, 2000 *Fort Ligonier Days* at Fort Ligonier. Call 724/238-4200.

Oct. 19, 2000 Whiskey Rebellion Display at Fort Bedford Museum in Bedford Pa. 814/623-8891

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**WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA  
DEATHS AND MARRIAGES FROM VARIOUS SOURCES  
NEWSPAPER AND ALMANACS 1819, 1820**

From *Cramer's Almanac* 1822 page 70

MARRIAGES

Pittsburgh

1819

September 23<sup>rd</sup>, David Beeler to Margaret Hoover

November 25, James Robinson to S. Laughlin

December 23, N.W. Smith to R. Culbertson

1820

January 11<sup>th</sup>, George McMullen to Martha Blair

March 13<sup>th</sup>, R.G. Ormsby to Jane Ormsby

March 27, Charles Brewer to Maria Cecil

April 6<sup>th</sup>, Oliver Bond to A.Eleanor Moody

July 4<sup>th</sup>, John R. Stockman to Hannah Dryden

July 27<sup>th</sup>, William Alexander to Anne Osman

Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, Irwin Wallace to Julie Anna Duncan of Chambersburg [Franklin County Pa]

Allegheny County

1820

January 11<sup>th</sup>, James McConnell to Be Wilson

Greensburg [Westmoreland County Pa]

1819

Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, J. Niswander to M. Hugus

Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, C. Fetter to S. Lobingier

Oct. 19, G. Pfund to C. Armbrust

Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, J. Seiner to E. Watt

Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, J. Reed to Mrs. S. Read

1820

Jan. 6, J. Haymaker to A. Newlon

Mar 23<sup>rd</sup>, D. Kirkpatrick to E. Kirkpatrick

Apr 14<sup>th</sup>, J.M. Wise, Esq. to Margaret Williams

May 25, Patrick McGuire to Susan McGuire

Westmoreland County Pa

1819

October 28<sup>th</sup>, H. Truxal to E. Weaver

November 24<sup>th</sup>, W. Acklin to Miss E. Royer

December 30<sup>th</sup>, M. Culbertson to E. Craig

December 30<sup>th</sup>, J. Horner to M. Weaver

1820

January 7<sup>th</sup>, James Torrence to Jane Peebles

May 18<sup>th</sup>, Rev. S. Porter to Miss Hartley

May 18<sup>th</sup>, John Painter to Mary Brinker

Washington County

1820

Jan. 13, Samuel Fitzhugh, Esq. to Mary Addison  
July 27<sup>th</sup>, Francis Moorhead to Mary Patterson  
August 10<sup>th</sup>, Henry Hemp to Sarah Dickerson of Nottingham  
August 31<sup>st</sup>, Isaac Hand to Mary Miller, of Amwell Twp.  
Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, Samuel Cook to Hannah McFarland of Amwell Twp.  
Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, Joseph Wier to Jemima Squiers of Morris Twp.

Waynesburg [Greene County] Pa.

1820

August 28<sup>th</sup>, William G. Hawkins, Esq., to Elizabeth Hill

Uniontown, [Fayette County] Pa.

1819

October 4<sup>th</sup>, Isaac Beeson to Louise Caroline Pennoch  
Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, John Rogers of Morgantown [West Virginia] to Isabela Calames, of Virginia  
Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, Henry H. Beeson to Ann Downer

1820

January 4<sup>th</sup>, John Dawson to Miss Baily  
January 8<sup>th</sup>, James Ebert to Eliza Devecman of Cleveland Ohio  
April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Andrew Logan printer to P. Sherwin

DEATHS

Pittsburgh [Allegheny County]

1819

December 16<sup>th</sup>, Col. James O'Hara aged 66 years

1820

January 5<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Katherine Schaefer, aged 38  
February 10, William P. Robinson, aged 25  
February 13<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. James Addison aged 57  
April 15<sup>th</sup>, Miss Rebecca Blaine  
May 4, William Hamilton of Pitt Township  
May 10<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Anne Lackey  
May 20<sup>th</sup>, Philip Commer, printer, aged 23  
May 24<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Mary Johnson, aged 29  
June 12<sup>th</sup>, Mr. R. Wright, aged 53  
June 24<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Nancy Anderson  
July 1<sup>st</sup>, Nathaniel Steel, aged 11  
August 20<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Catherine Wilkins  
Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>, Samuel Jones (formerly Register of Wills & Recorder of Deeds), aged 78  
July 6<sup>th</sup> at the Bay of St. Louis, Lt. Isaac Eugene Craig of this city aged 23 years  
June 22 drowned in the Monongahela river, Thomas Dumars, aged 9  
July 3<sup>rd</sup>, in the Allegheny, Anthony Cochran  
July 7<sup>th</sup>, in the Allegheny, George Forester

Allegheny County Pa.

1820

March 15<sup>th</sup>, James Alexander of Pitt Township  
March 26<sup>th</sup>, Leonard Boyer of St. Clair Township  
July 23<sup>rd</sup>, Thomas Jones

1819

November 27<sup>th</sup> at Philadelphia, Mr. James C. Johnston, merchant to this city

Greensburg [Westmoreland County] Pa

1819

Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Gasper Markle, aged 89

On the same day, Samuel M. Reed Esq.

September 24<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Sarah Breaden

November 26<sup>th</sup>, Mr. George Armfriedt, age 74

December 4<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Mary Connelly

December 22<sup>nd</sup>, Mrs. Spencer

1820

January 22<sup>nd</sup>, Daniel Fleming

April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Mrs. Klingensmith

Westmoreland County

1819

December 29<sup>th</sup>, Henry A. Weaver of Freeport [Armstrong County]

August 31<sup>st</sup>, Maj. A. Ralston, of New Alexandria.

Lancaster [Lancaster County] Pa.

1820

April 10<sup>th</sup>, Col. William Hamilton, printer, aged 49

PITTSBURGH SUN TELEGRAPH

July 11, 1914

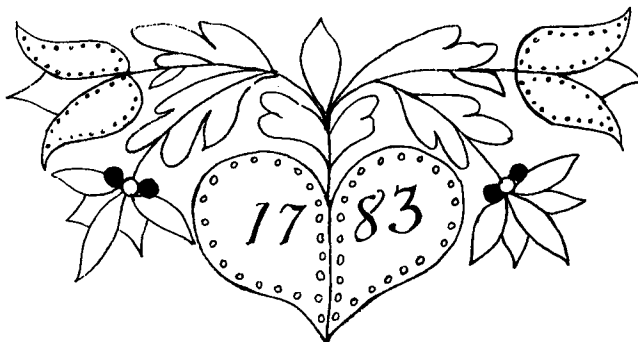
DEATHS

MILLER, Dwight Arthur – on Friday July 10, 1914 at 11:15 p.m., Dwight Arthur Miller son of J. Tompson Miller of 1139 Murrayhill avenue. Notice of interment later.

PETERSON, Corinne E. – on Friday July 10, 1914 at 3:30 a.m. Corinne E. Peterson beloved daughter of John E. and Louisa Peterson (nee Norura) aged 18(?) years. Notice of funeral later.

STODDART, John R. – At his residence, 6 Carver Street, East End on Thursday July 1914 11:30 a.m. John M. Stoddart in his 76<sup>th</sup> year. Services in the Chapel of Calvary Protestant Episcopal Church, Shady and Walnut street, East End on Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

Jeanne Will, 118 Neilson Drive, Jefferson Hills PA 15025-3324



## BOOK REVIEWS

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**THE NATIONAL ROAD: Commemorative Pictorial History** 1998, edited by Jim Willis, artist of Pittsburgh, published by Patrick Connors' Historic Towns Publishing, Box 622, Monongahela PA 15063, 40 pp. 8 ½ x 11 softcover, no index, \$7.95 + \$2.50 P&H.

A concise history of our first national highway, now U.S. Route 40, illustrated with over 100 photographs of old taverns, stagecoach stops, village scenes, houses, bridges, log and stone structures i.e. Aden Clary's Tavern; the LaVale Toll Gate House in Maryland; Tomlinson's Tavern at Little Meadows, Maryland; The Casselman Inn in Grantsville, Maryland; the Petersburg National Road Tollhouse in Addison Pa.; the Mitchell-Augustine carriage house and barn in Addison; Braddock's Grave; Mount Washington Tavern built by Judge Nathaniel Ewing; the Rush Tavern also built by Ewing; Mount Summit Inn; the Fayette Springs Hotel built by Andrew Stewart; the Morris-Hair Tavern in Hopwood; the Hopwood-Miller Hotel; the Benjamin Hayden 1839 Store; Friendship Hill home of Albert Gallatin; the Old West Schoolhouse built by Enos West c1810; Oak Hill/ Mt. St. Macrina home of Josiah VanKirk Thompson; Old Fort Gaddis 1774 built by Thomas Gaddis; Searight's Tollhouse; Randolph Dearth's 1816-17 Stone Tavern built for Robert Johnston; the Peter Colley Tavern in Brier Hill; the Johnson-Hatfield Tavern; Skeen-Wallace Tavern in Brier Hill; Nemaocolin Castle owned by Jacob Bowman, in Brownsville; and I've mentioned only a few. A valuable publication. It should be in your library, these are photos you will never see elsewhere.

Also published by this group are: *Historic Towns of Washington County*, the only series of pictorial history books featuring towns and villages from Historic Washington County Pa: Volume 1 features Beallsville, Burgettstown, California, Canonsburg, Charleroi, Finleyville, Monongahela, Washington, West Alexander, and West Middletown. Volume 2 features Avella, Bentleyville, Claysville, Donora, Eighty-Four, Hickory, Houston, Morris Township, New Eagle and West Brownsville. Volume 3 features Centerville, Cross Creek Township; East Washington, Meadow Lands, McDonald, North Charleroi, Peters Township, Roscoe, Elco, Stockdale, Allenport, Long Branch, Scenery Hill and West Finley Township. Volume 4 features Amwell, Blaine, Buffalo, Cecil, Hanover, Jefferson, and Union Townships., Coal Center, Cokeburg, Ellsworth, Marianna, Midway and Speers/Lower Speers Boroughs (townships include many villages). Volume 5 features Chartiers, East Bethlehem, East Finley, Fallowfield, Hopewell, Independence, North Franklin, Nottingham, Smith and Robinson townships, Dunlevy and Twilight Boroughs (the last available in early 2000). No price listed but phone 724/258-5702, Email [info@historictowns.com](mailto:info@historictowns.com) & [www.historictowns.com](http://www.historictowns.com)

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**GENEALOGICAL ABSTRACTS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN BANNER AND THE PRESBYTERIAN BANNER & ADVOCATE** Volumes 1-28, 18 Sept 1852 – 20 Sept 1856, 1999 by Paul K. Heckethorn, 204 pp. 8 ½ x 11 softbound, indexed. Available from Closson Press, 1935 Sampson Dr., Apollo PA 15613-9208, c\$20.00. Donated by Paul K. Heckethorn.

The *Presbyterian Advocate* was begun by Rev. Dr. William Annan in 1838 and continued to 1855, the *Presbyterian Banner* was published from 1852 to 1937 as a weekly. In 1846 Dr. Annan purchased another Presbyterian periodical named *Herald of the West* which he combined with his *Advocate* which then gave coverage in western Pennsylvania, all of Ohio, Virginia and the western frontier. The compiler has done a fine job with this work, and given us many more early marriages and deaths from which to search.

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**GENEALOGICAL AND OTHER NEWSWORTHY ITEMS ABSTRACTED FROM THE PITTSBURGH REPORTER** [Pennsylvania] Jan. 25, 1822 to Dec. 25, 1827 by Paul Keith Heckethorn, 1999 100pp. 8 ½ x 11 softbound, index. \$12.00 + \$4.00 P&H. Pa. res. add tax. from Closson Press, 1935 Sampson Drive, Apollo PA 15613-9208.

Another Presbyterian newspaper which was the result of the work of Rev. John Andrews who began a similar paper in Chillicothe OH in 1814. *The Weekly Reporter*, predecessor of *The Pittsburgh Reporter*, was begun as a work approved by the synod of the Presbyterian Church. *The Weekly Reporter* printed its last edition on 21 Oct 1821. Undaunted, Rev. Andrews was given a second chance with *The Pittsburgh Reporter* at a new location on Fourth avenue in Pittsburgh, at the price of \$2.00 per year. The material is not limited to Pittsburgh, nor to Presybyterians. I see items from Columbiana Co. Ohio; Fayette County; Pa.; York Co. Pa.; Arkansas; Seneca Village Ohio; Pittsburgh; Troy, New York; Beaver Co. Pa.; Washington Co. Pa.; Preble Co. Ohio; Westmoreland Co. Pa.; Kentucky; Butler Co. Pa. &c.

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**MARRIAGES 1834-1855 & DEATHS 1834-1855 GLEANED FROM THE PITTSBURGH CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE**, 2000 produced by the Archives & History Ministry Team of the Western Pennsylvania Conference of The United Methodist Church. Two volumes, Marriages \$27.50, Deaths \$17.00 + P&H available from Helen Clear, Conference Historian, 851 Route 68, New Brighton PA 15066, email = [hclear@timesnet.net](mailto:hclear@timesnet.net).

Throughout its history *The Pittsburgh Christian Advocate* was published in Pittsburgh, serving all of the territory of the original Pittsburgh Conference, thus serving Erie, Northeast Ohio, West Virginia and the Pittsburgh Conference. It is a valuable documentary record of Methodist life and work in the Pittsburgh area from 1834 to 1932. The original volumes are in the custody of the General Commission on Archives & History at Drew University, Madison NJ. Microfilms are held at the Pelletier Library, Allegheny College in Meadville PA. The material is presented alphabetically, with a brides index at the end.

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**LIFE AND TIMES OF REVEREND JOHN CORBLY AND FAMILY GENEALOGY, Fifth Edition 2000** compiled by Leola Wright Murphy, 415 West State Street, Pendleton IN 46064, McDowell Publications, Utica KY 410 pages, donated by the compiler, who has donated 3 other Corbly volumes to the WPGS library. Contact her for ordering information.

Each year the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in June, the Rev. John Corbly Memorial Baptist Church at Garards Fort, Pa echoes the tramp of 'ancestral feet' as its doors swing inward, inviting descendants into the atmosphere of a bygone day. This hard cover volume continues the Corbly family history and presents the Elkanah & Hannah (Morris) Gustin Family; the Benjamin & Margaret (Wysong) Wogoman Family; the Aaron & Sarah (Kreitzer) Wysong Family; the Morris Family Line; the Fordyce Family line; the Joseph S. Christy Family Line; the John Smith Family Line; John Church Family Line; the Corbly Vincent Smith, the Thomas Bell Smith, the Charles Homer Smith family; the Homer Corbly Fordyce family, Capt. John Fordyce family, Harry Murdock family, Joseph Fordyce family, Benson Fordyce family, George & Nancy Ann (Smith) Fordyce family; the Garard family; the Knight family; the Samuel Johnson family; extended Corbly families; the Wright family line. Related lines covered are Bowen, Daum, Green, Knight, Frazee, Gerrard, Buckles, Jamison, Lynn, Martin, Girard, Morris and South.

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**DESCENDANTS OF CHRISTIAN KAPPAHN AS OF APRIL 30, 2000** by Ernie Kappahn et al, 2000 donated by Bill Kappahn, 261 117<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE, Blaine MN 55434, 186 pp. 8 ½ x 11 spiralbound, index. No price given.

Christopher Christopher Kappahn was born April 2, 1793 in Saxony, he his wife and 10 children came to America in 1845, he was naturalized in Allegheny county Pa. and they settled in McKeesport. He died 22 June 1882 in Leaf Valley, Douglas County MN. Pedigree charts, and Family Group Sheets are presented for all descendants in this large family.

The following books can be purchased from **The University of Pittsburgh Press**, CUP Services, Box 6525, Ithaca NY 14851, phone 607/277-2211, Fax: 607/277-6292, email [orderbooks@cupserv.org](mailto:orderbooks@cupserv.org). VISA, MasterCard, Discover or AmExpress accepted. Shipping is via UPS - \$3.50 first book and .75 for each additional book. Please remember that UPS does not deliver to Post Office box addresses. For a complete listing of our books in print, news and notes on Pittsburgh authors, excerpts, and more, visit our Web site at: <http://www.pitt.edu/~press>.

**THE GREAT KANAWHA NAVIGATION** by Emory Kemp, 2000, 160 pp. illus, appendices, selected bibliography, index. 6x9 cloth w/dust jacket \$45.00 + ISBN 0-8229-4112-0.

The vision of a central waterway connecting tidewater Virginia with the Ohio River to rival the Erie Canal has persisted since George Washington first considered it in the 1780s, first fostered by the commonwealth of Virginia and then reincarnated as the Central Water Line, endorsed by the federal government. It was a grand vision, though never implemented, but the Great Kanawha Navigation became a highly successful regionally controlled waterway that developed the rich resources of the Kanawha Valley. The compiler, the founder and director of the Institute for History of Technology and Industrial Archaeology at West Virginia University, where he is also chair and professor of civil engineering, and professor of history in the Eberly College of Arts & Sciences, has compiled a comprehensive history of navigation on the Great Kanawha River, detailing the industrial archaeology of this waterway from the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, and offering a detailed case study of a major 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century civil engineering project that would significantly advance the nation's industrial development. Many excellent photographs, and maps enhance the work.

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**GREENHORN ON THE FRONTIER** by Ann Finlayson, A Golden Triangle Book, 224 pp. paperback, May 2000, fictional portrayal of frontier life in colonial Pennsylvania, written mainly for young adults. \$12.95 + ISBN 0-8229-5722-1

For those of you who had ancestors who were involved in the Virginia-Pennsylvania Border dispute here in SW Pa. just after the French & Indian War. This is the story about two young people from Lancaster County who obtained a deed from the Pennsylvania proprietors, about their trip to Pittsburgh, a cameo view of Pittsburgh of the 1780s, interwoven into the story are principal real characters of Simon Girty, John Connelly, Arthur St. Clair, friendly and not so friendly Indians. It doesn't take long to read the 224 page book, but you immediately get a full impression of what it was like to live here then, how women were treated, the struggle each day for food, protection of self and possessions and the Va-Pa conflict is foremost in the thoughts of everyone. Included is the beginning of the Revolutionary War in the east.

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**REBEL IN THE SHADOWS** by Robert T. Reilly, A Golden Triangle Book, 192 pp. paperback, May 2000, a fictional story about the secret society called The Molly Maguires in Pennsylvania. \$12.95 + ISBN 0-8229-5304-8.

Dramatizing the very real plight of coal miners in Pennsylvania anthracite fields in the 1870s, this book tells the story of the legendary secret society known as the Molly Maguires. The time is the explosive 1870s; the place, the hard-coal fields of Pennsylvania. The Flannery family, like all the others in Pottsville, barely eke out a living from the mines. Out of frustration and anger, a group of miners organize a secret society to fight the coal mine operators. The mine owners strike back, resulting in atrocities on both sides. Intended for young readers ages 11-14, it offers a historically accurate version of a tumultuous time in the Pennsylvania coal mines based on actual documents of the period. Unlike many of the accounts of the period, Reilly has tried to depict opposing sides fairly, and the book offers another look at the plight of the Irish immigrant in America.

**DAVID KENNEDY, BUTLER COUNTY PA PIONEER** by Suzanne Flick McGilvray, 1225 Noyes Drive, Silver Spring MD 20910, Mar. 2000, c350pp. 8 ½ x 11, 3 ring binder. Not for sale.

The compiler has used two previous renderings on this family, one called the Sketch and the other called the Chart. She compares the two and gives opinions as to validity. According to the Sketch, David Kennedy is the son of Alexander Kennedy. David was born c175/21 in County Monaghan, which is now a north border county of the Republic of Ireland touching on the SE border of Northern Ireland. He was a wheelwright. His wife was Jane Greacen dau of John and Pollie (Hall) Greacen, and was one of 5 children. Jane was born c1757 and died 11/17/1829. David died 12/17/1840. Their issue were: Robert (1780-1848) who md. Mary A. Patterson; Alexander (who died at sea); John (1785-1840) who md Sophia Pyle; David (1788-1858) who md Mary Armstrong; Edward (1789-1864) who md Prudence Burns; Elizabeth (1795-1841) who md George Frazier; and Daniel (1799-1872) who md Cassandra Lewis. A chapter is given to each child; the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter concerns the churches which the family attended both here and in Ireland, with background history on why the lowland Scots emigrated to Ireland, and then to America. This family emigrated in 1783 to Philadelphia where 5 children were born and where the family remained for 20 years before removing to Butler County. The chapter re churches is very interesting, including as much history of each of the churches, and with the Portersville U.P. Church, the author even examined the Session minutes and pulled items of interest mentioning her families, from 1854-1896. and then presents the church rolls of 1888, 1890. Maps are presented showing the county, the Donation & Depreciation Lands, a Muddy Creek Twp. landowner map of 1874, copies of deeds, and the patent. Fold out group sheets are presented for each of David Kennedy's children. Good photographs and copies of court documents dot the landscape. This is a lovingly and thoughtfully presented family history with well described sources.

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**DESCENDANTS OF JAMES PIPER OF THE BIG SPRING, WEST PENNSBORO TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA** by William C. Piper, 430 Smith Drive, Colby KS 67701. 110pp. 8 ½ x 11 softbound, illus., index. \$15.00 + \$4.00 P&H from the compiler.

Mr. Piper prefaces his genealogy with a short history of the Cumberland Valley and the Scots-Irish who first settled there; a short land purchase history; an overview of the First United Presbyterian Church of Newville, Pa. where the Pipers attended, and includes 2 maps from John Fralish's introduction to *The Atlas of Cumberland County Pennsylvania* showing the locations of the Piper family mills in 1767 & 1771. According to an entry in the Schintz family Bible, we find a listing of James Piper Sr. b. 1703 County Down who with his wife Margaret Cleeland, and family emigrated to America 1 Aug 1763 at New Castle, Delaware. Their early years are presented by using both church and court records. John and Margaret Piper's children were: John ( -1795-98) who md. Jane; Samuel (1739-1822) who md Jane Elder; and William; James; Sarah "who was afflicted;" Jane; Elizabeth (who had a son James); and Margaret. The family lines continue. The emigrant died c1772 the date his will was probated. Other surnames are Baker, Dunlap, Galloway, Irvine, Johnson, Mahoney, McCandlish, Officer, Peppel, Smith. Beautiful photographs of court documents, advertisements for the mills, and the family grace this well compiled family history.

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**ESTONIAN EXPERIENCE AND ROOTS: Ethnic Estonian Genealogy and Historic Perspective, Social Influence and Possible Family History Resources**, 1996 by Sigrid Renate Maldonado. 120pp. 8 ½ x 11 cloth, maps, biblio., chronology, indexed. \$24. + \$3.00 P&H from Mrs. Maldonado, Box 40075, Fort Wayne IN 46804-0075.

This well presented work was written by a native Estonian, a refugee emigrant, and will help researchers with their Estonian/Latvian ancestry. The volume covers a social history of these peoples, touches on the conditions under which they lived, with glimpses of the lives of their ancestors. It suggests where to look for genealogical records, advises how to evaluate and understand old family documents; and teaches the reader why ethnic Estonians are so proud of their independence. For those with German forebears, research differs somewhat, especially for those who lived in the Baltic section. The author hopes that this guide will encourage other Estonian immigrants to record their own family histories.

**CONNOQUENESSING VALLEY NEWS ABSTRACTS, Zelienople, Butler County PA 1879-1905**  
**Volume I** compiled and edited by Marilyn Harper Humes, 15038 E. Palomino Blvd., Fountain Hills AZ  
85268-4813, e-mail [clippress@hotmail.com](mailto:clippress@hotmail.com), phone 480/837-8632. 2000, 6x9 cloth, 380 pp. acid-free  
paper ISBN 0-9652346-2-2, \$40.00 ppd. An every-name index completes this nice book.

An excellent example of what out-of-town residents can do to publish valuable material in the county in PA in which their ancestors lived. Marilyn lives in Arizona, and has produced this 380 page volume of vital records of birth, marriage and death. Microfilmed copies of this newspaper begin with 9 January 1879 on reel 1 and this work ends with reel 3 to Aug 14, 1905. There are many entries for Pittsburgh residents, I see Sewickley, Allegheny City, East Brady, Brady's Bend, Punxsutawney, Cranberry Twp., and items from Armstrong Co., Beaver Co., McKean Co., Lawrence Co., Oil City, and Columbiana County Ohio, and I've only perused the first four pages. A typical entry reads:

26<sup>th</sup> year, 26 Nov 1903 No. 13 #2391. The death of Miss Mary Moorhead of  
Pittsburg occurred last Friday. She was the daughter of Gen. J.K. Moorhead of the  
Civil War. She was one of the founders of Bethany Home of Pittsburg. "Bien Venue"  
outside of Zelienople was part of Bethany's holdings - *A Famous Lady Dead* \*\*\*  
p. 1 col. 4 (\*\*\*) means more info available on the microfilm).

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The following two volumes can be ordered from William M. Garbarino, Jr., Midway Publishing, Box 313,  
Midway PA 15060. Prices are listed with the review.

**ALONG THE MONONGAHELA: A History of the Early Events Along the Monongahela and Its  
Tributaries** by William Garbarino Jr., March 2000, ISBN 0967101425, 104 pages, 6x9 paperback, illus,  
index and bibliography. \$8.95 ppd.

A refreshing new look at the history of southwestern Pennsylvania utilizing the many earlier works published by such authors as Sipe, Rupp, Hadden, Core, Wiley, Withers, Newton and Slaughter - presented in a very readable format. We begin with the early inhabitants - the Monongahela Indians, members of the Mound Builders who lived here 500 BC and 200 AD. The author accompanies each chapter with drawings and maps to assist the reader in better understanding what the area looked like, with Indian paths; he discusses the Treaty of 1736, the Walking Purchase of 1737, the Lancaster Treaty of 1744, the Ohio Company of Virginia of 1748 with a map of Indian settlements in western Pennsylvania about 1753. He discusses Washington's expedition of 1754 with a map, and Fort Necessity. Then presents the treaties of Albany 1754 and Easton 1758 again with maps illustrating same; and Braddock's expedition of 1755 with maps of Braddock's Road and the battle site. A drawing of Fort Burd in 1759 is shown; and then Colonel Bouquet appears in 1763, and a drawing of the Battle of Bushy Run is given. The Mason & Dixon and the Proclamation Line are discussed; Dunmore's War and how it affected the Mon Valley is presented. Then we progress to the Revolutionary War and how it affected the residents of the Monongahela Valley. There is a chapter on the Frontier Forts, with sketches, and a list of Forts/Blockhouses in today's West Virginia (by county), and for western Pennsylvania (by county) with date erected. A chapter on Migration, Migrants, and Navigation is given, with excellent maps of rivers and tributaries; and the last chapter concerns the Whiskey Rebellion. A well presented and documented new reference volume.

**ALONG THE ALLEGHENY: A History of the Early Events Along the Allegheny and Its  
Tributaries 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition** by William Garbarino Jr., February 2000, ISBN 0967101417, 6x9 paperback,  
illus, index and bibliography. \$8.95 ppd.

The author chose 'the development along the Allegheny River as a topic for a term paper while working on a Master of Arts Degree from California State University of Pennsylvania. The two books presented here are the product of years of reading everything he could find on the history of western Pennsylvania. The introduction again begins with the early inhabitants, the Woodland Indian cultures here 1600 A.D. with fine illustrations; the struggle for supremacy by the Iroquois and Delaware nations; Celeron's expedition down the Allegheny to LaBelle Riviere (the Ohio) in 1749 with maps; Washington's journey to Fort LeBoeuf with map; Fort Machault, Forts Venango and Fort Pitt; Pennsylvania at the time of the Treaty of Fort Stanwix at Rome, New York in 1763; Fort Le Boeuf about 1796 a drawing; Early settlements along the

Allegheny River and its tributaries are presented with dates; and a map of Forts and Indian Villages in the Allegheny river valley 1790-1800 A.D.. A chapter is devoted to Early Navigation on the river with illustrations of the types of crafts used; and a discussion of the Pennsylvania Main Line Canal as it came into Pittsburgh is given, again implemented with well drawn maps. A bibliography and every-name, place name index completes this excellent book.

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**BICENTENNIAL; THE PRESBYTERY OF HUNTINGDON A.D. 1795-1995** 2 Volumes. One entitled Parents & Siblings; the other Steeples and People, 75pp. and 60pp. Donated by Paul Heckethorn.

The Huntingdon Presbytery encompasses the Pennsylvania counties of Clearfield, Centre, Blair, Mifflin, Huntingdon and Bedford. Steeples and People contains photographs and a history of each church in the Presbytery in order of the age of their present building. An Index precedes this. The Parents and Siblings volume contains letters from members of the Presbytery printed chronologically according to the order in which their authors were admitted to membership in the Presbytery, of their remembrances of the time they served on the Presbytery.

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**THE GERMAN RESEARCH COMPANION** by Shirley J. Riemer, Strongly revised and Expanded Edition, 2000, ISBN 0-9656761-0-2, 662 pages 6x9 softbound, fully indexed. \$28. + \$4. P&H from Lorelei Press, Box 221356, Sacramento CA 95822-8356, Fax: 916/421-8032, E-mail: [loirelei@softcom.net](mailto:loirelei@softcom.net) California residents please add state tax.

The compiler was a long-time resident of PA, now of Sacramento. She holds a BA from the Univ. of Pittsburgh and an MA in English from Carnegie Mellon. For more than 20 years she has made annual trips to Germany, driven by her fascination with German history, language and culture. She also publishes *Der Blumenbaum*, the quarterly of the Sacramento German Genealogy Society. She spoke at the Pal-Am 1998 conference in New Holland PA. What's in this book? Thousands of facts, organized almanac-style, with dates; tables and charts; microfilm numbers; chronologies; German, Latin and French research vocabularies; glossaries; archive addresses; abbreviations; military resources; special library holdings; German correspondence aids; help with old German script; religious resources; locality aids; historical jurisdictions; resource lists; bibliographies; German-focused libraries and institutions; aids for solving calendar problems; special directories; cultural practices affecting record-keeping; and considerable info about U.S.A. genealogical resources to help you 'get across the water.' The compiler includes maps to help you and addresses where you can write for help. Attention German researchers, take a look at this book at the library and you will want to purchase a copy for your library.

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**TWIGS FROM THE HALL FAMILY TREE** by Janet King Robinson Bower, 14425 116<sup>th</sup> Avenue Court East, Puyallup WA 98374-3502, 2000 E-mail [buznjan@worldnet.att.net](mailto:buznjan@worldnet.att.net) c300pp. 8 ½ x 11 softbound, illustrated and indexed. Not for sale.

James Hall (1812-1897) was b. Blackburn, Lancashire, England. He is living in Rutherford Co. NC by the 1830 census where he 1<sup>st</sup> married Rachel Hill. He 2ndly md Lavina Head 5 Jan 1838. This family removed to Iowa c1840 where James died in 1897. This genealogy contains 107 pages with its own index. The next family presented is that of William A. Hill(s), (1744-1803) the son of Charles and Sarah (Bell) Hills of Craven Co. SC. William Hill(s) was born c1744 in Surry Co. VA & md Dorcas Moberly of Lunenburg VA. They were the parents of Rachel Hill who md. James Hall (above). Wm. died in Rutherford Co. NC. This genealogy contains 24 pages and its own index. The next family presented is that of Philip Head (1773-1833) and wife Mary Tanner of Rutherford Co. NC who were parents of James Hall (above) 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Lavina Head. This genealogy contains 15 pages with its own index. Next is the Michael Tanner family (1701-1777) of Frederick Co. MD who had son Michael Tanner (1732-1807) whose dau Mary married Philip Head (above). This genealogy contains 15 pages and its own index. Robert John Watkins (1753-1788) who d. Kent Co. DE md Rachel Holliday c1773, she 2ndly md Clayton Curwell in Kent Co. DE. A descendant of this couple, Clarissa Ludusca Watkins md 30 Nov 1871 James Lafayette Hall in Jefferson Co. IA. This genealogy contains 46 pages with its own index. Martin Griffin (c1740-c1790) begins in Ulster and Ontario

counties NY where son Martin Jr. was born in 1777. Martin Sr. md Rachel Soper. Martin's dau Hortencia A. Griffin md George Watkins in 1849 after they had removed to Fulton Co. Ohio, he was of the Watkins family (above). The Griffin genealogy contains 24 pages and its own index. The Sewell Gunn (1784-1868) family is next listed. He is the grandson of immigrant Nathaniel Gunn Sr. (1726 Mass.-1807) and wife Dorothy Marsh, through their son Elisha II. Gunn (1765-1841) and wife Mindwell Carver. Sewell's dau Hortencia A. Griffin md George W. Watkins of the above family. 14 pages and index. Christopher Burns (1826-1910) was b. in Ireland 1826 and immigrated 1836. He md Mary Costello in 1861 in Allegheny Co. PA. This family remained here from 1861-c1884 when they are found in Pueblo, CO. Their children born in Allegheny City were John C., Margaret, Mary, Christopher, Kathryn Estelle. 29 pages with index. Nice history, easy to review. The compiler furnished a Time Line for several of the families which made following them much easier. Maps and excellent family photos accompany this work.

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**THE UNITED STATES DIRECT TAX OF 1798: City of Philadelphia PA; Upper Delaware, Lower Delaware, High Street, Chestnut, Walnut and Dock Wards** by Wilbur J. McElwain, 1999, 285 pp. 8 1/2 x 11, map, bibl., appendix, every-name index. \$49.00ppd. from Heritage Books, Inc., 1540E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie MD 20716, [www.heritagebooks.com](http://www.heritagebooks.com) ISBN 0-7884-1194-2, #M122.

The Federal Direct Tax of 1798 was imposed on dwellings, lands and slaves. So that the individual books in this series would not be unwieldy, the City was divided into 4 areas. The New Market Ward, the ward south of the area in this volume, will appear in a volume now in progress, and the 5 wards in the western portion of the City in two subsequent volumes. Each ward appears in a separate chapter. A sketched map of the area covered will assist the reader in identifying location. Samples of the microfilmed records are given in the appendix. An every-name index completes this helpful volume.

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**THE DESCENDANTS OF NANCY KERLIN & JOHN LANNING OF NEW JERSEY & SOMERSET COUNTY, PA WHO MIGRATED WESTWARD to Perry & Hocking counties, Ohio; Jay County, IN, Brown County IL, Wapello County IA, Brown & Nemaha counties KS and Richardson Co. NE** compiled by Ethel Winifred Albin, revised and enlarged 1999. 91pp. illus., maps, no index. \$33.20 ppd from the compiler at 307 Harrison Street, Sabetha KS 66534-2203.

The writer presents good evidence that Joseph Lanning Sr. (1745-1814) of Hunterdon Co. NJ is the parent of her ancestor John Lanning (c1773 NJ-c1828 Lower Turkeyfoot Twp., Somerset Co. PA). John md Nancy Kerlin in NJ c1795. Nancy Kerlin was b. NJ and is possibly the dau of Peter Kerlin. John and Nancy Lanning has issue: Joseph; Peter; John; James; Cornelius; Elizabeth; Maritta; Catherine; Nancy; and Henry. Joseph (1797-1863) md Catherine Skinner (dau of Samuel & Mary Drake Skinner) in Somerset Co. PA; Peter (1799-1863) md Elizabeth dau of Moses King; son James md Mary Phillippi and removed to Perry Co. Ohio; Cornelius (1804-1877 IL md Agnes Rush; Elizabeth (1807-1870s) md David King in Somerset Co. before they removed to Perry Co. Ohio; Marrita (1809-1851) md John Rush; Catherine b1811/12, md Francis Phillippi in Perry Co. Ohio; Nancy (1813-1898 MO) md Admiral 'Nelson' Ruth. This couple first removed to Wapello Co. IA and in 1848 moved to Brown Co. IL; Henry (c1819/20 Somerset Co.-1892 Perry Co. Ohio) md Elizabeth dau of John S. Hoy Jr. and his wife Margaret Gordon. The compiler presents maps, copies of original documents, with a nice presentation of each of the families of the eleven children.

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**FIRST FAMILIES OF CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA Volume 1** by John Pitts Launey, 1999, xxix + 176 pp., index, maps, 5x8 softbound, \$16.00 + P&H (see above) #WB2055.

The volume opens with a short history of Chester County, a map of the county and one of Delaware County which was cut off from Chester County in 1789; Sources to support family documentation as listed which include Quaker Meetings; along with a list of churches and places of meetings of the Society of Friends in this area. The families presented are James Allen; John Allen, John Baldwin of Chester; John Baldwin of Concord; John Baldwin of Kennett; Thomas Baldwin; Richard Bonsall; Robert Green of Birmingham; Robert Green of Edgmont; Robert Green of Kennett; Thomas Green; Josiah Hibberd; Daniel Hibberd; Abraham Marshall; John Marshall; Moses Mendenhall; Nicholas Newlin; John Palmer; Nicholas Pyle; Isaac Pyle; Ralph Pyle; Robert Pyle; Samuel Pyle; Philip Roman; John Sharpless; John Townsend; Joseph Townsend; Richard Townsend; Joseph Trimble; William Trimble Jr. of Bradford; Randal Vernon; Robert Vernon; and Thomas Vernon. The families are chronicled from the Quaker Meeting records.

**TAX LIST OF YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA 1779: Reprinted from the Pennsylvania Archives**, 1989 (2000 reprint), 160 pp., index, 5x8 softbound, \$14.50 + P&H, #WB0326.

It is always good to have a separate publication of tax lists for the county you are interested in, and this list does just that for York County in 1779. Data is presented by township or town, and also includes singlemen who have sworn, taxables not sworn, and young men who have not sworn. There is a complete every name index. The material was taken from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Series, Volume 3 which includes tax lists from 1779 thru 1783, but just one year is presented here.

**MARRIAGES AND DEATHS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA 1685-1800** by Charlotte Meldrum, 1999, v + 234 pp. 5x8 softbound, index., \$19.50 + P&H, #WB0073.

A collection of vital records kept by the following churches: Abington Monthly Meeting marriages; Gwynedd Monthly Meeting deaths and marriages; Horsham MM marriages; Augustus Ev.Luth. Church in Trappe, marriages and burials; New Goshenhoppen Reformed Church marriages 1747-1761, 1767-1797 and burials; Old Goshenhoppen Congregation burials and marriages; Great Swamp Congregation burials and marriages; Indian Creek Refd. marriages and burials; and Faulkner Swamp Refd. marriages and burials. A supplementary volume is planned to include more early records for Montgomery County.

**BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA ORPHANS' COURT RECORDS 1685-1852**, 1999 by Thomas G. Myers, vi + 648 pp., 5x8 softbound, surname index. \$44.00 + P&H. #WB0082.

The Orphans Court in each county in Pennsylvania has the jurisdiction to approve the settlement of estates, the vendue and sale of personal estates of the deceased, to discharge executors and administrators from their duties once an estate is settled. This court was also responsible for the partition of real estate among the heirs, and for appointing guardians over the estates of minor children until they attain legal age. A minor over the age of 14 could choose his own guardian, those under 14 were appointed by the courts. All of the orphans court records are necessary in any estate for they contain so very much genealogical material. This book is a truly valuable asset to anyone researching Bucks County families. Material presented was taken from the actual File packet, and not from dockets, therefore if a case drags on, all pertinent material is presented together. My applause to this compiler, almost 200 years of cases are here presented.

**BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA WILL ABSTRACTS 1825-1870** BY Thomas G. Myers, 1999, iii + c600 pp. 5x8, softbound, surname index. \$38.00 + P&H. #WB1969.

This work serves to extend a series of will abstracts covering the period 1685-1825 prepared by the Pennsylvania Genealogical Society in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century (which the reviewer feels should be reprinted by the publisher for others to utilize). This book contains abstracts from 1825-1870, beginning with Will Books #10 through #17, each entry contains the File Number as well as the Will Book volume and page number. Microfilm copies of the original estate file packets through the mid-1800s are available in the collection of the Bucks County Historical Society's Spruance Library, 84 South Pine Street, Doylestown PA 18901, 215/345-0210. I *hope* the compiler plans to do another volume of the Administration Dockets and File Packets from 1685 for those of us whose ancestors did not leave wills. Once again, this is an admirable undertaking, and a real value to the researching public.

**ABSTRACTS OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND LAND RECORDS 1734-1753** by June D. Brown, vi + 258 pages, 5x8, softbound, everypname index. \$21.50 + P&H. #WB0074.

Cecil County was created in 1674 from portions of Baltimore and Kent counties. The material in this volume was taken from Deed Book 5 (1734-45) pp. 1-539; Deed Book 6 (1739-45) pp. 1-486; and Deed Book 7 (1745-53) pp. 1-547. There are 8,714 entry names given. For a listing of land patents for Cecil County 1649-1774 see *Inhabitants of Cecil County, Maryland 1649-1774*, compiled by Henry C. Peden Jr. which also contains naturalizations, petitioners, tax lists and sundry other lists.

**INHABITANTS OF HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND 1791-1800** by Henry C. Peden, Jr., 1999, ix + 364 pp., 5x8, softbound, alphabetical, maps. \$30.00 + P&H. #WB0084.

In 1993 Peden compiled and published a large volume containing over 30,000 entries about people living in Harford County between 1773 and 1790. In 1999 the original *Early Harford Countians* was reprinted in 2 volumes with a supplemental 3<sup>rd</sup> volume that contained data omitted from the first publication. This volume covers the ensuing decade, thereby bringing the 18<sup>th</sup> century to completion. The compiler advises the reader to consult a number of earlier published volumes which contain material for this time period 1791-1800 and states that is is not his intent to duplicate others' work in this book. Each entry in this volume has a 2-digit reference code assigned to it which is intended to direct the reader to the original records, or copies of same which are maintained either at the Historical Society of Harford County in Bel Air; the Maryland Historical Society in Baltimore, or the Maryland State Archives in Annapolis. He presents a map of the Hundreds 1776-1800, and Districts of 1800, and a map by Samuel Lewis of Harford County and environs c1795. I note a reference to Adam Burchfield who later removed to Allegheny County PA in these records, the entry reads "Burchfield, Adam, insolvent, Harford Lower and Spesutia Lower Hundreds (listed as single man), on tax list returned by George Lyttle on Sept. 21, 1791. (Ref: IL 31.20, 31.21) = Insolvent lists 1791-93 were kept by the county court to indicate who had not paid the county taxes and road taxes levied against them. The original lists (file folders that begin with accession number 31) are maintained in the Court Records Section of the Historical Society of Harford County MD. This man is Adam Burchfield Jr. son of Adam Burchfield Sr. and he is already in western Pennsylvania. Mr. Peden continues to publish exceptionally valuable research material for Maryland, he is very dedicated.

**INHABITANTS OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND Volume 2 1749-1800** by Stefanie R. Shaffer, 1999. vi + 336 pp. 5 ½ x 8 ½ softbound, indexed. \$26.00 + P&H. #WB2117.

Frederick County was formed in 1748 of Prince Georges County, and this work therefore covers the county from its inception. Sources used for this book include land patents; court papers i.e. appearance papers, notes and accounts submitted as evidence to the court, an extensive list of persons who contributed labor and/or building materials to the courthouse construction project c1785-1790; Clerk's account book i.e. lists of fees and fines received by the court, and amounts paid to citizens by the county clerk; Petitions 1783-88, some which pertained to slaves 1791-92. Petitioners included land owners, prisoners in goal, road petitions, complaints about neighbors, masters, and slave owners; some soldiers are mentioned; one petition contains a reference to what is described as the oldest graveyard in the county.

**THE MILL** by Rade B. Vukmir, M.D., J.D., 1999 publ. by University Press of America, Inc., 4720 Boston Way, Lanham MD 20706, 1-800/462-6420. 441 pp. 6x9 ¼ cloth w/dust jacket, illus., index. \$42.00 + P&H call them for ordering information.

I quote from an article in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette which caught my eye some months ago: Every month or so they come together, this aging band of brothers who toiled at the Aliquippa Works of Jones & Laughlin Steel. The retired mill hands swap stories about the unbearable heat and all-encompassing filth, about the time so-and-so was drowned in a tank of hot tar, and about the United Steelworkers union's struggle for worker rights. More than a decade after LTV Corp. closed most of the industrial Gothic complex, which stretched for miles along the Ohio River, it takes little to awaken their outrage over being sold down the river by the bankrupt steel producer. The compiler of this book Dr. Rade Vukmir is the son of a J&L rigger who was killed at the Aliquippa Works in 1973. The book is based upon memories of Fred Mancini, Ed Reed, James Byrd of the Byproducts Group; by Michael Teleha, Patrick A. Darroch, David Henderson of the Steelworks; Kazimierz Pudyh and Francis Yakich of the Blast Furnace; Eli Matish and Joe Biss of the Blooming Mill; Marion Prajsner of the Strip Mill in Aliquippa's North Mill. By James R. Coe and Dennis Frioni of the 14 Inch Mill; Elmer Cumberledge, John Turkovich, Anthony Rivetti, James Downing Jr. and Bob Jurasko of the Welded Tube Dept; Louis Salvoldi, Alex Dudak, John Kennedy of the Seamless Tube Dept; of George Ferezan and John Carr of the Tin Mill; Michael Rebich of Rod & Wire Dept. from the Aliquippa South Mill. From the General Maintenance Dept. interviews were made with Martin Zelenak of the Boiler Shop/Pipefitters Dept; Albert Awad, a brick layer; Carl Ross from the Carpenters Shop; Electricians Don Inman and Lelio Ianessa; from the Garage, Larry Mitko; Guido Colona of Labor; Joe Periello, Cris Trotta and Leni Vukmir of the Machine shop; Ronald D. Zuccaro, mechanical; Mitch Vignovich a Rigger; and Dan Kosanovich who operated the Electric Crane; from the Service Depts: Ann Baljak, clerk; Melvin Kosanovich and Richard Vallecorsa of the Union; John Cindrich & Bill Stephans of Management; John Sudar of Security; Janice A. Paul of the Health Center; and George Stokes and Steve Palambo of the Railroad Dept. Chapter 2 presents a history of J&L, Aliquippa 1909-1990; and the final chapter a History of Aliquippa. The book is filled with photographs of the plant, various departments, most all of those interviewed. For those of you who will never know, since the gargantuan, sprawling mills are gone, the testimonies of these men and women are recorded. This is their story. The mill itself no longer exists, but go stand on the site by the Ohio River and you will feel the memories and the presence of those who have come before you.. Dr. Vukmir grew up in a family that was intimately involved in the steel industry. His grandfather worked as a blast furnace watertender for 55 years and his father worked as a rigger at the mill. His mother was also employed as a machinist's helper and Vukmir himself worked as a summer employee at the Aliquippa plant. A moving book, you must read it.

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**PORTRAITS IN STEEL: An Illustrated History of Jones & Laughlin Steel Corporation** by David H. Wollman & Donald R. Inman, 1999, c344 pp., 8 ½ x 10 ½ ,cloth with dust jacket, 56 color plates, 231 halftones, index. \$70.00 + P&H.

The authors, David H. Wollman is professor of history at Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pa. and executive manager of the Beaver County Industrial Museum; Donald R. Inman was a master electrician with J & L prior to its demise, and is currently a master electrical technician with LTV Steel Co. in Aliquippa, Pa. and is chairman of the Board of Directors of the Beaver County Industrial Museum. This history of Jones & Laughlin Steel Corporation paints a gritty portrait of the successes and failures of the American steel industry. The 131-year life of this American business is presented from its origins as one of many struggling iron makers in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century through its leadership in technological innovation and progressive worker/management relations in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century to its demise in 1984. From the beginning, its workers were intensely loyal and creative. The work portrays the sometimes stormy relationship between iron and steel workers and management. The book comes out of the company history assembled by Inman at the Beaver Museum and includes a wealth of historical photographs.

**IMAGES OF THE RUST BELT** by James Jeffrey Higgins, 1999, 4 pp. 8 ½ x 11 oblong, 48 color plates, cloth with dust jacket. \$25.00 + P&H.

Over the last 150 years, steel production played a vital role in the shaping of our nation. This was especially true in Youngstown [Mahoning County] Ohio, a part of what is now often referred to as 'the rust belt.' In their prime, however, the Youngstown mills ran along 25 miles of the Mahoning River and employed tens of thousands of people. All of that changed in Sept. 1977 when the LTV Corporation announced it was closing its Youngstown Works. This part of the country has never fully recovered from that decision, and Youngstown today struggles for its survival. Higgins was born in Youngstown, Ohio, and still lives in the area. He is intimately familiar with the images and landscapes he captures in his photographs and is rapidly becoming one of the leading environmental photographers in the region. His photography places these decaying traces of the industrial landscape squarely amid the magnificence and magic of nature. Titles of the photographs presented in this volume are: 'Sunrise on the Lake' at Shenango Reservoir, Clark, Pa.; 'Storage Tanks at Weirton Steel,' 'The Ohio River at East Liverpool, Ohio,' 'Backyards in East Liverpool, Ohio,' 'The Cooling Towers at Midland, Pa.,' 'Weirton Steel at Sunrise, Weirton, WV,' 'Autumn in Southern Ohio, near Salineville, Ohio,' 'Construction, Weirton Steel,' 'The Quaker State Oil Company in Newell WV,' 'D.W.Dickey & Sons Concrete, East Liverpool, Ohio,' 'Sunrise at Sharon Steel, Sharon Pa.,' 'Wheeling Pittsburgh Steel, Mingo Junction Ohio,' 'Pouring Steel in Weirton,' 'Dunbar Slag, Wheaton Pa,' 'Steam Pipes at the Mill, Wheeling Pittsburgh Steel at Mingo Junction, Ohio,' 'The Jeanette Blast Furnace in Youngstown Ohio,' 'The Old Foundry at New Castle, Pa.,' and intermixed are magnificent photographs of sunrise on the river, an old barn, winter on Mackey St., Harding Park, East Liverpool at dawn, grasses in a pond, Leetonia Ohio. Real coffee table material here.

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**THE PETERS LINE FROM 1734 TO 2000** by Charles Jack Peters, 98 Dudley Road, Wayland MA 01778, 508/655-3075, Email: [cjpeters@ultranet.com](mailto:cjpeters@ultranet.com), 238 pp. 8 ½ x 11, illus., no index. No price listed.

The reviewer always enjoys a compiler who prefaces his family history with family stories, and this one is especially well written. Mr. Peters began with a family 'story' which seemed impossible, but he proved it was true, and embellished upon it with a fine genealogy. The history begins with William Peters and wife Elinor who settled in Aston Twp. Chester County Pa. in 1734 (it 1789 is became Delaware County). He was a Quaker, a miller, and member of the Pa Colonial Assembly during the French & Indian War. His great grandson, Samuel F. Peters (son of Charles Vanderen Peters and Anna H.) married Susanna Vanderen Johnson, whose grandfather, John Vanderen, bought many tracts of land in western Pa. prior to the American Revolution. John Vanderen died almost bankrupt, but the eventual appreciation of the land he purchased on speculation rescued his widow from poverty. Susanna Vanderen Johnston Peters inherited at least four of these tracts. Two of her sons moved west to settle on this family land: Charles V. Peters, to Brick Church [Armstrong County, Burrell Twp.], and James S. Peters to Cowanshannock Twp. [Armstrong County]. Excellent photographs of the first generation home (in color), advertisements from City Directories, and Philadelphia newspapers, charts for each generation, surveys of land, a map of 1776 showing the route followed by John Vanderen Jr. to record 26 deeds at Hannastown is shown, one of the Peters farm on Crooked Creek in Armstrong County is presented, as well as excellent family photographs. An appendix is included for each chapter in which court and family documents are shown. A fold-out family chart is contained in a pocket at the end of this fine book. Other surnames included are Jack.






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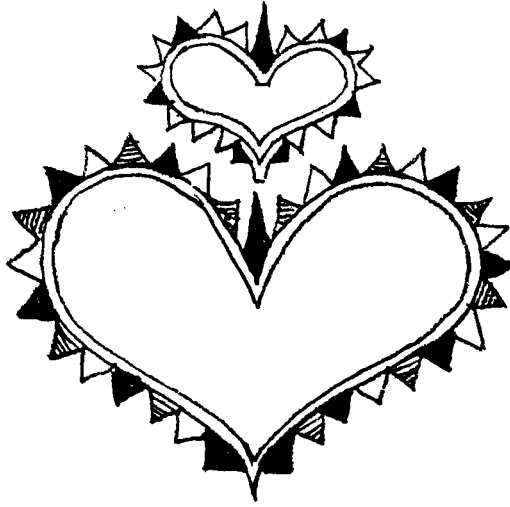
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