

HISTORY
OF
BEDFORD, SOMERSET
AND
FULTON COUNTIES,
PENNSYLVANIA.

WITH ILLUSTRATIONS AND BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

OF SOME OF ITS

PIONEERS AND PROMINENT MEN.

CHICAGO:
WATERMAN, WATKINS & CO.
1884.

William Collins, elected October, 1872.

Frank Wolf, elected November, 1880.

COUNTY AUDITORS.

John Mong, elected October, 1843.
 Conrad M. Hicks, elected October, 1844.
 Isaac Kauffman, elected October, 1845.
 Samuel J. Leichty, elected October, 1846.
 John Witt, elected October, 1847.
 George Weller, elected October, 1848.
 William Reel, elected October, 1849.
 John J. Will, elected October, 1851.
 John Howard, elected October, 1852.
 John Cramer, of S., elected October, 1853.
 David Smith, elected October, 1854.
 Gabriel Miller, elected October, 1855.
 John Baker, elected October, 1856.
 John Maurer, elected October, 1857.
 Adam Holtzopple, elected October, 1858.
 Isaac Yoder, elected October, 1859.
 Samuel J. Levengood, elected October, 1860.
 Peter A. Miller, elected October, 1861.
 Simon Chorpenning, elected October, 1861.
 George C. Leichty, elected October, 1862.
 Edward Keller, elected October, 1863.
 William Meyers, elected October, 1864.
 Reuben Woy, elected October, 1865.
 George C. Leichty, elected October, 1866.
 Daniel Stuft, elected October, 1866.
 Philip F. Cupp, elected October, 1867.
 Jeremiah P. Hartman, elected October, 1868.
 Henry J. Fox, elected October, 1869.
 William Maurer, elected October, 1870.
 George A. Kimmel, elected October, 1871.
 Jacob Speicher, elected October, 1872.
 John Ober, elected October, 1873.
 Daniel S. Miller, elected October, 1874.
 Samuel Smith, elected November, 1875.
 Samuel S. Miller, elected November, 1875.
 George A. Thompson, elected November, 1875.
 Jacob M. Baker, elected November, 1878.
 Hiram D. McCoy, elected November, 1878.
 Henry Lucas, elected November, 1878.
 John P. Rhoades, elected November, 1881.
 Israel Emerich, elected November, 1881.
 James M. Meyers, elected November, 1881.

DIRECTORS OF THE POOR.

A majority vote in favor of a county poor house and farm was first polled at the October election in 1845.

Benjamin Kimmel, elected October, 1846.
 Absolam Casebeer, elected October, 1846.
 Joseph Imhoff, elected October, 1846.
 Samuel Will, elected October, 1847.
 Henry Frank, elected October, 1847.
 Henry Frank, elected October, 1848.
 John Lichty, elected October, 1849.
 Jacob Koontz, elected October, 1851.
 Henry J. Heiple, elected October, 1852.
 Joseph Ferner, elected October, 1853.

Jacob Walter, elected October, 1854.
 William Will, elected October, 1855.
 John Sutter, elected October, 1856.
 George Zimmerman, elected October, 1857.
 David Ankeny, elected October, 1858.
 John Cupp, elected October, 1859.
 Joseph R. Chorpenning, elected October, 1860.
 George Cobaugh, elected October, 1861.
 John Schrock, elected October, 1862.
 William Will, elected October, 1863.
 Samuel A. Rhoads, elected October, 1864.
 Jeremiah Snyder, elected October, 1865.
 David Casebeer, elected October, 1866.
 Tobias Meyers, elected October, 1867.
 Jeremiah Snyder, elected October, 1868.
 Andrew Woy, elected October, 1869.
 Jacob M. Walter, elected October, 1870.
 Peter Suder, elected October, 1871.
 John H. Snyder, elected October, 1872.
 Jacob C. Crichfield, elected October, 1873.
 Samuel Trent, elected October, 1874.
 Isaac Yoder, elected November, 1875.
 Samuel Snyder, elected November, 1876.
 Joseph G. Coleman, elected November, 1877.
 Gillian Koontz, elected November, 1878.
 Rudolph Ferner, elected November, 1879.
 Alexander Korns, elected November, 1880.
 Daniel Kimmel, elected November, 1881.
 Jesse Hoover, elected November, 1882.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

The following is a list of justices of peace of Somerset county from 1795 to 1882 with the date of commissions. Until 1875 when the office was made elective, appointees held the office solely by virtue of a commission from the governor:

Elk Lick township, John Hendricks, 1795; *Shepherd*, Dwire, 1797. *Milford township*, John Leech, 1797; Jacob Knable, 1800. *Town of Somerset*, John Witt, 1796. *Brother's Valley township*, Jonathan Kurtz, 1796; Johnston, 1799. *Quemahoning township*, Eben Hickling, 1799; John Read, 1800. *Turkey-Foot township*, John Mitchell, 1800. *Southampton township*, E. Crichfield, 1802. *Conemaugh township*, Abraham H. brand, 1802. *Stony Creek township*, James Black, 1802. *Cambria township*, Robt. Jones, 1802; Luke McGee, 1806.

DISTRICTS.

District No. 1, composed of Somerset and Milford townships: Jacob Saylor, Jacob Schneider, Ph. King, 1804; Jacob Baker, 1806; Abraham Morris, 1808; Jonathan Rhoads, 1809; Thomas Wilson, 1810. Same district, including Somerset and Milford townships and Somerset borough: John Tantlinger, 1810; John Phillippi, 1813; James Carson, John Gebel, 1818. *District No. 1*, including Somerset borough, Somerset and Milford townships and a part of Jersey township: Geo. Pile, John Kurtz, Jacob Loud, 1820; Geo. Pile, 1821; John Witt, 1823; Jacob Knable, Geo. Gebel,

Benj. Lowry, 1865; Andrew J. Stoner, 1867; Benj. Lowry, 1870; A. J. Stoner, 1872; John C. Kennel, 1873; Solomon M. Housel, 1877; A. J. Stoner, 1878; J. C. Kennel, 1882; A. J. Stoner, 1883.

Southampton.—Daniel Lepley, William Critchfield, 1840; Geo. Cook, Daniel Lepley, 1845; Geo. G. Walker, Wm. Critchfield, 1850; Solomon Korns, 1852; Geo. G. Walker, 1855; Henry Martz, 1856; Jacob L. Kennel, 1857; Dennis Cook, 1861; Henry Martz, 1862; Dennis Cook, 1866; Chas. Sturtz, 1867; Israel Emerick, 1869; Israel Emerick, 1874; Jacob L. Kennel, 1875; Israel Emerick, 1879; M. L. Tauber, 1882.

Allegheny.—Samuel Boyer, Jacob Hoon, 1840; Jacob Hoon, Daniel Martz, 1845; Jacob Hoon, Daniel Martz, 1850; Jere. Glessner, 1852; Isaac S. Coughenour, 1855; Jere. Glessner, 1857; Francis A. Werner, 1860; I. S. Coughenour, 1862; F. A. Werner, 1865; Henry Landis, 1867; Emery George, 1870; John Mowry, 1871; John Topper, 1873; Samuel Custer, 1874; Geo. G. Walker, 1876; Samuel Custer, 1879; John Mowry, 1881.

Brother's Valley.—Geo. Walker, John N. Coleman, 1840; Samuel Kuhns, David Dickey, 1845; Jonathan Knepper, 1848; David Dickey, 1850; Henry Landis, 1852; Geo. P. Hay, 1855; John Rauch, 1857; Lewis Glessner, 1860; David Dickey, 1862; Lewis Glessner, 1865; David Dickey, 1867; Jacob J. Coleman, 1870; Joseph H. Pritts, 1871; Daniel J. Brubaker, 1874; John R. Boose, 1875; D. J. Brubaker, 1875; D. J. Brubaker, Francis J. Countryman, 1880.

Stony Creek.—John B. Miller, Peter Rhoads, 1840; Jacob Lambert, John Grove, 1845; David Smith, Jacob Lambert, 1850; David Smith, Henry G. Landis, 1855; Chauncey A. Brant, David Smith, 1860; Benj. Baldwin, 1864; C. A. Brant, 1865; John Glessner, 1869; C. A. Brant, 1870; Abraham Musser, 1874; C. A. Brant, William M. Schrock, 1875; William M. Schrock, L. C. Ackerman, 1880.

Quemahoning.—Michael Zimmerman, John Lohr, 1840; Jacob Bowman, 1841; Henry Lohr, 1845; John Penrod, 1846; Samuel Miller, 1849; Michael Zimmerman, Henry Lohr, 1850; Jonas Hoover, 1852; Michael Zimmerman, 1855; George Ackerman, 1857; Jonas Hoover, 1857; William Bowman, William Maurer, 1862; William Bowman, William Maurer, 1867; John Stuft, Samuel Barnett, 1872; John Hamer, John Stuft, 1877; John Hamer, William H. Miller, 1882.

Shade.—John Reel, John Hamer, 1840; William Reel, 1841; William Reel, John Hamer, 1845; William Reel, 1846; Jesse Slick, Ezra Dunham, 1850; Jesse Slick, John B. Richardson, 1855; J. B. Richardson, William Reel, 1860; J. B. Richardson, Jesse Slick, 1865; Jesse Slick, F. R. Rankin, 1870; F. R. Rankin, D. W. Buchanan, 1875; C. W. Williamson, M. A. Brubaker, 1879.

Jenner.—Reading B. Conover, Samuel Murphy, 1840; Henry Landis, Samuel Murphy, 1845; Henry Landis, Samuel Murphy, 1850; Jacob Fleck, 1852; Samuel Murphy, 1855; Jacob Fleck, 1857; Samuel Murphy, 1860; Jacob Fleck, 1862; Samuel Murphy, 1865; Levi Griffith, Jacob Fleck, 1867; Benj. S. Fleck, 1870; Levi Griffith, 1872; B. S. Fleck, 1874; Wm. S.

Morgan, 1877; B. S. Fleck, 1880; Wm. S. Morgan, James M. Cover, 1882; Wm. Winter, 1883.

Paint.—Adam Holsappel, Peter Berkey, 1840, 1845, 1850; Adam Holsappel, Samuel Custer, 1855; Adam Holsappel, Samuel Fyock, 1860; Adam Holsappel, John E. Seese, 1865, 1870, 1875, 1880.

Conemaugh.—Garrett Ream, Geo. Masters, 1840; Geo. Masters, Henry Howard, 1845; Josiah Swank, James Howard, 1850; Peter Levy, 1853; James H. Howard, 1855; Peter Levy, John Howard, 1858, 1863; S. J. Cover, 1864; Joseph J. Mishler, 1868; S. J. Cover, 1869; Hiram J. Boyts, 1873; Stephen Griffith, 1874; Jacob D. Swank, 1878; Stephen H. Griffith, 1879; J. D. Swank, 1883.

Summit.—Gillian C. Lint, Abraham H. Miller, 1842; G. C. Lint, Levi Heckert, 1847; Levi Heckert, Josiah Miller, 1852; G. C. Lint, 1854; Elijah Walker, 1857; Gillian H. Walker, 1859; M. D. Miller, 1861; Isaac Miller, 1863; John Yorty, 1864; Josiah Miller, 1868; Nelson H. Walker, 1869; Wm. B. Shaffer, 1873; N. H. Walker, 1874; Peter N. Davis, 1878; S. J. McKenzie, 1879; Michael Shannon, 1883.

Jefferson.—Daniel Lohr, Moses Will, 1847; Henry J. Stevens, 1848; Henry Baker, 1850; Geo. W. Baker, Ludwick Baker, 1851; Geo. N. Barkley, 1854; Geo. Weller, 1855; Jonas Shultz, 1856; Franklin King, 1858; Cyrus Bowman, 1859; Henry Hay, 1860; Hiram Morrison, 1861; Chauncey Berkey, 1863; Hiram Morrison, 1866; Solomon Baker, 1868; Chauncey H. Baker, 1869; Solomon Baker, 1873; C. H. Baker, 1874; Geo. Barclay, 1878; Solomon Baker, 1879; Geo. Barclay, 1883.

Middle Creek.—Thomas Van Horn, Cassimer Cramer, 1853; Gabriel Christner, 1856; Jacob B. McMillen, 1858; James G. Elder, 1860; Cassimer Cramer, J. R. McMillen, 1863; Aaron Schrock, 1867; Josiah Gerhard, 1868; Aaron Schrock, 1872; Josiah Gerhard, 1873; Aaron Schrock, 1877; Jesse C. Sweitzer, 1878; Elijah P. King, 1882; Jesse C. Sweitzer, 1883.

Larimer.—Augustus Madary, John S. Weimer, 1854; Edwin Deal, 1856; John S. Weimer, 1859; Samuel Bowman, 1861; John S. Weimer, 1864; Michael Baker, 1866; Josiah Lepley, 1867; Samuel P. Geiger, 1868; John S. Weimer, 1869; Michael Shannon, 1873; J. S. Weimer, 1874; Herman Johnson, 1876; Simon P. Sweitzer, 1879; Herman Johnson, 1881.

Northampton.—William Critchfield, Michael Flickinger, 1855; Elias Caton, 1858; Andrew Wagaman, 1860; Jacob Poorbaugh, 1862; Andrew Wagaman, 1865; Jacob Poorbaugh, 1867; John B. Deffler, 1871; John M. Stief, 1872; D. G. Bowman, 1875; John M. Stief, 1877; Philip J. Poorbaugh, 1880; John H. Miller, 1882.

BOROUGHES.

Somerset.—Joseph Cummins, John Neff, 1840; Chauncey F. Mitchell, Gillian Lint, 1845; Gillian Lint, 1850; Enos O'Neal, 1851; E. P. Cummins, 1855; Gillian Lint, 1856; John C. Kurtz, 1860; Robert Laughton, 1861; J. C. Kurtz, 1865; Joseph Cummins,

and Emma. Samuel, H. D. and Zachariah were in the late war. Samuel was wounded. H. D., who was in Co. G, 19th regt. Penn. Vols., for three years, was taken prisoner at Chickamauga, September 20, 1863, and held in rebel prisons until November 19, 1864.

Michael Korns was an early settler of Southampton township, where he died. His son, Michael, was born in that township, moved to Jenner, and died here in 1874. He was married to Hannah Espley, and was the father of Alexander, Simon L., Edmund, Matilda, Nancy, Elizabeth and Mary A. All the sons are living on the home farm, which contained three hundred and twenty acres. Edmund served nine months in the late war.

Capt. Noah S. Miller moved to Jenner township in 1879, and is engaged in farming. He was engaged in teaching for twelve years. Capt. Miller served in the late war two years; first as second lieutenant, and afterward as captain of Co. D, 142d regt. Penn. Vols. He was wounded at the battle of Gettysburg, and also at the battle of the Wilderness. At the Wilderness he received a shot near the eye, which has since caused the loss of sight in one eye. Capt. Miller is a son of Samuel J. Miller, who died in Quemahoning in 1863, at the age of seventy-three, and a grandson of Joseph Miller, mentioned in the history of Quemahoning township.

Yost and Jeremiah Miller were the first representatives of the Miller family who settled in the northern part of Somerset county. They came from Germany, served in the revolutionary war, and after the war, settled in this county. Samuel J. Miller, son of Joseph Miller, and a descendant of the above-named pioneers, was married to Elizabeth Mowry, and was the father of Josiah and Noah S., of this township; Gillian (deceased), Peter, Samuel, Adam, Jacob S., Jeremiah, David, Franklin, Lemon, Benjamin and Nancy. Josiah, Noah S., Samuel and Gillian served in the late war. Gillian was wounded in the service and died in consequence. Josiah served in Co. E, 93d regt. Penn. Vols.; enlisted in September, 1864, and was discharged in June, 1865.

Among the representative citizens of Jenner township are Hon. William S. Morgan, at present representative to the state legislature, and Adam S. Shaffer, now holding the office of county commissioner.

JENNERSTOWN.

The land where Jennerstown now stands was formerly owned by John Dennison, who laid out the town about 1822 and sold the first lots. The place has been a borough since 1874. Jennerstown was a very energetic and prosperous village before the days of railroads, when travel by stage and all kinds of traffic passed over the turnpike. A man by the name of Butt probably kept the first hotel.

Jennerstown is on the Pittsburgh turnpike, eleven miles north of Bedford, and contains two churches, one store, one carriageshop, two blacksmithshops, two cabinetshops and one shoeshop.

Daniel Kautz came from Cumberland county to the town of Somerset about 1818. He married Sarah, daughter of Abraham Miller, who was county sheriff at the time of the first hanging in Somerset. Mr. Kautz subsequently removed to Indiana, where he died in 1866, at the age of seventy-nine. He was a cooper by trade. His children were Perry, Chauncy, Chambers, Charles, Abraham B., Margaret, Mary and Ellen, of whom only Chambers and Abraham are living. Both served in the army—Chambers four years and Abraham about one. The latter was a sergeant in Co. H, 211th regt. Penn. Vols. A. B. Kautz has been engaged in the manufacture of carriages at Jenner Crossroads since 1859. His son J. F. is now in partnership with him, the style of the firm being A. B. Kautz & Son.

JENNER CROSSROADS.

Prior to the laying out of this village the land on which it is built was owned by Jonas Ankeny, Jesse Griffith and Frederick Althouse. Felix Laantz erected the first building in 1845. As far back as 1825, however, John Shopwood had kept hotel at this point. In 1836 Samuel Elder started the first store at the crossroads. The first church was built by the United Brethren in 1849. The first settled physician in the place was Dr. William Craig, succeeded by Dr. Joseph Covode, who still practices here.

Jenner Crossroads is an enterprising village. It is situated on the Pittsburgh turnpike, ten miles north of Somerset. The summary of its business interests is as follows: One hotel, one store, one planing-mill, one cabinetshop, one wagonshop, one shoeshop, three blacksmithshops, one saddler's shop. There are two physicians, one church and one school in the place.

there is only one survivor — Andrew, who is a shoemaker in Ursina.

John Morrow, a saddler by trade, settled in the town of Somerset in 1819. In 1869 he moved to Harnedsville, and purchased a house and two lots of land of Joseph Mountain. He died in 1878, having followed his trade for sixty-five years. Mr. Morrow was a soldier in the war of 1812, and fought under Gen. Jackson. He married Elizabeth Blocher, and was the father of six children, of whom two are living—Albert G. and Margaret M. Albert G. Morrow is a native of Addison township. In 1871 he settled in Ursina, and built the saddler's shop in which he now carries on business.

Joseph A. T. Hunter is a native of Bucks county. He came to Ursina in 1872, and at first worked at shoemaking. In 1878 he engaged in the mercantile business, which he still follows. One of Mr. Hunter's sons, Napoleon B., served in the late war, in the 18th Penn. Cav. He contracted disease, died, and was buried at Harper's Ferry.

John Davis,* who was born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, in 1810, settled in Lower Turkey-Foot in 1868, on the old Harned farm, near Harnedsville. He died in 1878. His son, Joseph B. Davis, who was born in Middle Creek township, came to Ursina in 1871, and engaged in the mercantile business as a member of the firm of Davis, Kuhlman & Co. Mr. Davis has since followed the same business. The present style of the firm is Davis & Coder. Mr. Davis has been school director and councilman of the borough for several years.

J. B. Jennings, grandson of Capt. Benjamin Jennings, elsewhere mentioned, moved to Ursina in 1873, and has since worked at shoemaking. He at first worked for Davis & Coder, and in 1875 bought out the firm. Mr. Jennings enlisted in the late war, and served from October, 1861, until July, 1863. He was wounded at the battle of Fair Oaks, Virginia. He has held various borough offices, including those of councilman, school director and burgess.

William Shaw is a native of Indiana county, Pennsylvania. In 1866 he came to Somerfield, Somerset county, and in 1872 to Ursina, where he has followed gunsmithing and blacksmithing. Mr. Shaw has held nearly all of the

borough offices. He is at present justice of the peace, having been elected to that office in 1882. He served through the Mexican war under Gens. Scott and Taylor. He enlisted in the war of the rebellion in Ohio, and served nearly two years. He was wounded at the battle of Malvern.

Peter H. Sellers is a native of Bedford county. His grandfather, Jacob Sellers, and his father, John Sellers, were both residents of the same county. P. H. Sellers came to Somerset county in 1866, and settled at Shanksville. In 1869 he came to Ursina, built the store which he now occupies, and engaged in the mercantile business which he still follows. Mr. Sellers has held various borough offices.

A. A. Miller is a grandson of Abraham Miller, elsewhere mentioned, who was the first sheriff of Somerset county. He was the first owner of the tannery now owned by J. Cunningham and sons, at Somerset. Of his ten children but two are living: Peter and Betsey. Abraham, son of Abraham, Sr., was born in Somerset in 1800, and died in 1867. His son, Abraham A. Miller, settled in Ursina in 1873, and followed railroading until 1880, when he engaged in his present business — hotel-keeping.

SOCIETIES.

Odd-Fellows.—Ursina Lodge, No. 806, I.O. O.F., was instituted July 12, 1873, with the following charter members: John Leslie, R. M. Freshwater, Samuel Thompson, W. S. Harah, J. R. Weimer, William Caldwell, Samuel Minder, Alex. Leslie, Ed. Kornis, B. F. Snyder, R. H. Dull, W. W. Wolff, I. J. Miller, N. B. Lichliter, W. H. Sanner, S. R. Johnston, J. B. Davis, W. J. Jones, J. P. Miller, William Shaw and J. S. Peterman. The first officers were: W. S. Harah, N.G.; W. J. Jones, V.G.; N. B. Lichliter, Sec'y; I. J. Miller, Ass't Sec'y; S. Minder, Treas. Since the organization one hundred and sixteen members have been admitted. Present membership, fifty-six; value of lodge property, two thousand dollars.

Grand Army.—Ro. Rush Post, No. 361, G.A.R., was organized July 23, 1883. The officers and charter members were as follows: Col. E. D. Yutzy, C.; B. F. Snyder, S.V.C.; G. W. Anderson, J.V.C.; T. W. Anderson, Chap.; Noah Scott, Q.M.; William H. Kepler, O.D.; Jackson Lenhart, O.G.; LeRoy Forquer, Adj.; J. B. Jennings, Jacob J. Rush, Andrew Holliday,

* Benjamin Davis, the father of John, was born in Bucks county in 1770, settled in Somerset county in 1824, died in 1850. John, the father of Benjamin, was a revolutionary soldier. He died in Elk Lick township in the eightieth year of his age.

Glencoe. Gideon enlisted in Illinois, and served three years in the late war.

Daniel Bauman made the first clearing in the southern part of the township. Mr. Bauman moved from Brother's Valley to this township in 1824, and bought three hundred acres of unimproved land from Simon Hay. He built a sawmill in 1824, which he operated until 1855, when he died at the age of seventy-four years. Mr. Bauman was a soldier in the war of 1812, for nearly a year. He married Catharine Poorbaugh, and was the father of twelve children: Jacob (deceased), Gideon, Henry, John (deceased), William, Jehu, Matthias, Joel, Simon, Elizabeth (deceased), Dinah and Catharine. Joel and Simon served in the late war three years, and both were wounded in the service. Jehu and Matthias served for six months. William Poorbaugh is living on a part of the farm formerly owned by his father. He is a carpenter by trade, but is at present engaged in the manufacture of lumber. Excepting Dinah (Depew) and Catharine (Fritz), who are in the west, all the surviving members of the family are residents of Somerset county.

Joseph Coughenour, one of the early pioneers of Somerset county, was of Swiss descent. He came to the county about 1789, and settled in Allegheny township, where he died in 1835. He was the father of six children: Mary, Joseph, Samuel, John and Isaac, deceased, and David, living. John Coughenour settled in Northampton township in 1852 and died in 1862. His son Herman, a cabinetmaker by trade, but at present engaged in farming, settled in this township in 1849.

The first gristmill within the limits of Northampton township was the Southampton mill, built by Henry T. Wilt in 1845. He also erected a sawmill about the same time. Mr. Wilt is a native of England, who came to this country about 1830. He is the owner of more than twelve thousand acres of land. The first store in the township was kept by David Hay, in 1848. The first election was held at the house of John Poorbaugh. The oldest citizen of the township is John Kessler, aged eighty years.

The following is the assessor's list of owners of real property in Northampton township, in the year 1852: Henry Albright, Sam. Burkhard, Jona. Bitner, Sam. Boyer, Geo. Brideham, Val. Brideham, John Brideham, Jona. Burcket, Jos.

P. Boyer, Benj. Boyer; Josiah Boyd, blacksmith; Jesse Boyer, blacksmith; Wm. F. Bittner, Sam. M. Bowman, Jesse Baughman, Geo. Beck, Catharine Bidinger, Dan. Bowman, John Bowman, Gid. Bowman, Eph. Broadwater; William R. Benard, miller; Fred. Bidner, Rudolph Boos, Levi Coebenour, Dan. Caton, Josiah Coch-enour, Benjamin Coneby, Adam Cook, Henry Craft, Herman Cochenour, Solomon Cook, Jac. Caler, Roland Caton, Martin Caton, Geo. Com-mara, John D. Caton, Jonas Caton, John Coch-enour, John Crosby, Jac. Clitz, Wm. H. Crosby, Elias Caton, Isaac Crosby, Wm. Crichfield, John J. Crichfield, Wm. Dively, John Deoffer; John Deets, blacksmith; Pat. Dorsey, John Di-denbark, Jos. Emrick, Emanuel Extine, Sam. Elrick, Jos. Ebert, Jac. Ernst, John Ellet, Dr. Geo. Flichtinger, Hezekiah Fair, Mich. Flickin-ger, Dr. Daniel Fichtner, Adam Fichtner, Ficht-ner & Dively; John Fichtner, tavernkeeper; Henry Fink, Conrad Felger, Jos. Farver, Geo. A. Flickinger, Mich. Fink; Sam. P. Geiger, tavern-keeper; John Geiger, Sr., Josiah Geiger, Rich. Geiger, Henry Geiger, John Geiger, Jr., S. Gis-ler, Geo. Geiger, Sr., Geo. Geiger, Jr., Dan. G. Geiger, Jac. M. Hutzel, John P. Hutzel; Adam Hammer, blacksmith; Jona. Hensel, David Hay, Eli Kendle, — Knepp, John Korns, John Kesler, Philip Hay, Edward Hardy, Annanias Hefley, John Leonard, Jona. Long, Levi Long, Joseph Lybarger, Jona. Lazer, Dan. Lepley, Henry Miller, Dan. Martz, John Mull, Andrew Mull, Reu. Moyer, Wm. Martz, Wm. May; Dan. Morris, millwright; Conrad Miller, Israel Miller, Lorans Morris, Reuben Moser, John McCusker; John McCleary, fuller; Aug. Mees; Wm. Null, blacksmith; Adam Poorbaugh, Geo. Poorbaugh, Uriah Poorbaugh, Ph. Poorbaugh, Jac. Poor-baugh, Sam. Poorbaugh, John Poorbaugh, Sr., John P. Poorbaugh, Sam. Philson, Wm. Reas-man, John Rupel, Jos. Ranker, Abr. Rhoads, Andrew Poorbaugh, Jac. Sweitzer, Adam Spuky, Hugh Schrock, Geo. P. Sweitzer, Geo. Sweitzer, Dan. Sweitzer, Cornelius Sweitzer, Geo. Shu-maker, Sam. Shaffer, Jos. Smith, Eli. Shockey, Jere. Shockey, Jona. Shafer; Dan. Shafer, black-smith; George Fressler, Levi Fressler, John Fresler, Wm. Tumbleston, Dav. Weisel, And. Wagaman, Peter Walker, Hiram Will, John Weimer, Josiah Witt, Paul Wertz.

GLENCOE.

Glencoe, a small village, is a railroad station on the Baltimore & Ohio road. The first settler

on the tract of which Glencoe now occupies the center was Benjamin Critchfield, who came from Maryland prior to 1793. At the latter date he obtained a warrant for one hundred and nineteen and one-half acres of land. Critchfield's son, Absalom, became owner of the place in 1820, and, some years later, sold it to Alexander Philson. Thomas Liese was the next owner, succeeded in 1834 by Daniel Boyer.

As a village, Glencoe dates from the building of the railroad. The first store was kept by Augustus Dom, in 1869. Chauncy F. Stoner started the first blacksmith-shop, and is still in business. David Hay built the first hotel, in 1874. Samuel Wilt was the first landlord. The present proprietor of the hotel is Joseph Sheets. Glencoe postoffice was established in 1881.

J. L. Snyder, a native of Huntingdon county, came to Glencoe in 1872. For one year he acted as night operator, and since that time he has been station agent at Glencoe.

S. P. Poorbaugh has been in the mercantile business at Glencoe since 1879. He has a good store, and is conducting a successful business. Mr. Poorbaugh served as township constable in 1878, and was appointed postmaster in 1881.

JOHNSBURG.

The first house in Johnsbury was the church, erected in 1806. The land on which the village is built was owned by Henry Miller. J. M. Stief erected the first house, and began keeping the first store in 1868. He continued in the mercantile business until 1876, when he was succeeded by the present merchant, J. H. Miller. Johnsbury postoffice was established in 1871.

CHAPTER LXXIII.

SOUTHAMPTON.

Organization of the Township—Its Coal and Mineral Deposits—Valuable Resources—Early Industries—Borough of Wellersburg—An Account of its Origin and Growth—The Iron Industry—Its Decline and the Consequences—Churches of the Township and Borough.

SOUTHAMPTON township was formed in 1801. It then included the present townships of Allegheny, Greenville, Northampton and Larimer.

The township contains considerable good farming land, and is rich in mineral deposits.

Mr. Henry R. Strong, of Philadelphia, made a geological examination of the coal lands of this township, in 1855, his observations being confined to an area of seven hundred and thirty-five acres, situated southwest from Wellersburg. The coal veins are general, extending throughout the township.

"In the proved state," says Mr. Strong, "it will be seen that there is, in this locality, a thickness of coal measure of more than six hundred feet, including more than twenty-four feet of coal. Besides, there are several seams known to exist which have not been fully proved, and the thickness of which could not be ascertained." Jacob Witt, William Troutman, George Weller and Isaac Harden worked the first coal mines in this township.

In addition to coal, there are valuable deposits of iron and limestone. The limestone is found in two strata, of six and three feet depth respectively. One of the limestone beds contains stone of a superior quality for smelting purposes. Thus all the materials for the manufacture of iron, are found together. The coal of this locality is of excellent quality, and has been pronounced by experts the equal of any in the state.

William Troutman, Sr., Frederick Reichard, Henry Close, Jacob Uhl, Adam Lopley, John Baker and Jacob Reiber were among the earliest settlers in Southampton township.

The following is a list of the taxable inhabitants of Southampton township in 1805, copied from the tax duplicate for that year in the county commissioners' office at Somerset: Samuel Arnold (still), Christian Albright, Jac. Anderson, Luke Asher, Nielous (?) Bill, David Baughman, Widow Blewbaugh, Conrad Bell, Jos. Bayer, Benj. Bayer, Christian Baughman, Stofel Brechner, Jonathan Bayer, Lopleys Bayer, Henry Baker, Ludwick Bare, John Bartley (mills), Jac. Barkhard, Sr. (weaver), Jac. Barkhard, Jr., Jas. Barey, John Barkhard, Philip Bell, Nathan Crichfield, Wm. Crichfield, Jos. Crichfield, Carter H. Horn, Isaac Crichfield, Ph. Candle, John Crist (miller), Benj. Crichfield, Wm. Dorey, Wm. Dibton, John Ditner, Dorey, Blake & Pew, Cornelius Deware, Andrew Enrich, Jac. Flickinger, Jac. Geiger, Henry Glose, John Geiger, Dan. Gaumer, Jac. Gaumer, Peter Gestner, — Graford, Ludwick Grisinger, Jac. Givler, Christian Gensler, Christian Heiman, Ph. Heiman, Geo. Harden, Thos. Harden, Seth Harden, John Hahn,

John Hentz, Wm. Hardy, Isaac Harden (still), Hay & Countryman, Henry Imhoff (sawmill), Nich. Kolman, Jac. Korn (mill and sawmill), Michael Korn, Fred. Kles, John Kentle, — Kline, John Komp (still), Jos. Kochanour, Geo. Kook (sawmill), Peter Kendle, Jos. Lidig, Wm. & Geo. Lidig (still), Jac. Lidig, Geo. Long (still), Adam Lepley (still), Jac. Lepley, Geo. Lidig, Jac. Mertz, Widow Mertz, Mo-Norris Morris (blacksmith), John Myer, Moses Maginey, John Makern, Augustine Miller, Henry Moll, John Moll, John Moser, Nathan Major, Jac. Neihard, Sr., Ph. Purbaugh, Sam. Riddle, Adam Sterner, Christian Shokey, Val. Shokey, Widow Shortz, John Stoner, Christian Startz, Jr., Mich. Shever, Adam Shyry, Jac. Shwartz (still), Geo. Shultz, Conrad Shalus, Ph. Shreiver, Peter Sweitzer, Jac. Springer, Springer & Moll, John Shever, Val. Shyry (weaver), Christian Starts, Sr., Adam Starts (sawmill), Barnard Stoner, Jac. Shultz, Peter Shumaker, Wm. Troutman, Peter Troutman, Jac. Uhl, Martin Winebrugh, Jac. Witt, Paul Welker, John Welker, James Watson, Benj. Williams, Jac. Weiland, Fred. Zufall, Peter Wingard, Peter Wilhelm. Single freemen: Danl. Korn, Dav. Moll, Henry Hayman, Jos. Hardy, Sam. Arnold, Jos. Arnold, Geo. Schurtz, Henry Schurtz, Benj. Troutman, Ph. Shryer, John Sutter, Vost Breehner, J. Rich'd Gaumer, Wm. Lidig, Geo. Fleckinger, Henry Shultz.

Jost Leidig came from Berks county soon after the revolution, and settled on the farm now owned by William Emrick. William Martz, also from Berks county, a millwright by trade, was among the first settlers. He built a mill on Gladden's run, at an early date. Valentine Shier, a blacksmith, was another pioneer.

David Baughman improved the farm now owned by John D. Roddy & Co. A man named Sheckley improved the farm now owned by Jonathan Boyer. Joseph Boyer settled on the "Red Barn" property. He was from Berks county. Jacob Blam, a blacksmith; Christian Sturtz, a German; Andrew Emrick, a German, and Caspar Albright were early settlers.

Jacob Rhoads improved part of the Jonathan Emrick farm, and Jacob Hahn, from Berks county, a part of the Dennis Comp farm. John Comp, from Berks county, Asher Davis, Linn, Martin Kartner; Yargle Keller, a stonemason; Peter Troutman, George Geller and Frederick Seiver were all among the first settlers.

William Troutman was born in 1792, on the farm of his father, William Troutman, who was one of the early settlers of Southampton township. William, Jr., was a soldier of 1812. He followed farming, and died in 1881. His wife was Christina Korns, and their children were: Michael, William, Enoch and Mary (Reiber), living; Charles, John, Hiram, Susannah (Cook), Catharine (Hoyman), Delilah (Reiber) and Elizabeth (Wilhelm), dead.

On the farm owned by William Troutman, Jr., four hundred or five hundred yards from the house, there are a number of Indian graves. The surrounding land, a space of ten acres, was an old clearing, as far back as the memory of the oldest resident extends, and is supposed to mark the site of an Indian village or camping-ground.

John Baker was born in Reading, Pennsylvania, in 1784. Very early in life, he came to this county and settled where Wellersburg now is, before a single hut marked the site of the town. He afterward bought and cleared the farm on which his son Benjamin now lives. He followed farming and blacksmithing. Mr. Baker married Polly Albright, and was the father of seventeen children. He died in 1853. The surviving members of his family are: Benjamin, Jonathan, Solomon, Jesse, David, Michael, Joseph, Maria (Lepley), Kate (Getty) and Susan (Knepp). Benjamin Baker, now an old resident, is living on the old homestead where he was born. He purchased the farm from his father in 1851.

The Lepleys were among the earliest settlers. Valentine Lepley, born in 1803, is still living, and is among the oldest residents in the township.

The first gristmill in Southampton township was built by Jacob Korns, where Wellersburg now is, about the year 1809. In the same building the first carding-mill in the township was placed, and put in operation, by William S. and Daniel De Haven, in 1880. The entire structure, then owned by George Weller, was destroyed by fire, in 1887, and has never been rebuilt.

Jacob Uhl erected the second gristmill in the township, about 1810, on land now owned by Eli Shaffer. This mill is now run by Hertman Reitz.

Kennell's gristmill, four miles northeast of Wellersburg, was built by George Leydig, about

1818. It was rebuilt in 1853, by Jonathan Kennell, who still owns it.

The old gristmill on the Dennis Comp farm, was converted into a woolenmill in 1873, and is the only one in the township.

William Troutman erected the first distillery in the township. It is the only one now in operation. Distilleries were very common in the days of the early settlers, almost every farmer having one.

WELLERSBURG.

Wellersburg was laid out in 1830, and incorporated as a borough in 1857. The town is now in a dilapidated state, having been steadily declining since the abandonment of the iron industry in 1866. It contains a population of about two hundred and fifty, and has one hotel, three stores, one blacksmith-shop, one wagonmaker's shop, one tannery, one slaughter-house. There are two churches in the borough, and a school-house (formerly a church building) with a seating capacity of two hundred. George Weller was the founder of the town. He purchased the land on which it is built, from Jacob Korn. The first house in the place was erected by Jeremiah Wingert, in 1833. He also started a tannery in 1834. A Mr. Barnes built the first store. His successor in the mercantile business was John R. Brinham. Brinham erected the first brick house in the place, and still occupies it. It is the only brick structure in the township. Jacob Cook built the first tavern, and Gideon Shaffer the first blacksmith-shop.

The town grew slowly, like most country villages, until the building of the furnace brought a sudden influx of population.

The Wellersburg furnace was built in 1855. The Union Coal and Iron Company, its projector and first owner, was organized in 1854. The furnace, when in active operation, produced about three hundred tons of iron per month, and the industry, in all its departments, afforded employment to about two hundred men. The furnace continued in operation at different times, until 1866, when it was abandoned. The collapse of this industry was the death-blow of the growth and prosperity of Wellersburg.

Gideon Shaffer was born in 1799, in Southampton township, where his parents were early settlers. He followed blacksmithing until his death, in 1862. Barbara Kennell was the maiden name of his wife. Their children were: Levi (deceased), John (deceased), Eli, William, Solo-

mon (deceased), Rebecca (Witt), Elizabeth (Kennell), Anna (Clossew), Susan (Beale), deceased, Lucinda (deceased) and Harriet (Johnson). Mrs. Gideon Shaffer is still living in Wellersburg, at the age of eighty. She has been a member of the Reformed church over sixty years. Eli Shaffer, the oldest living son, follows blacksmithing in Wellersburg, in the shop built by his father. He has held the offices of constable and school director.

Jeremiah Wingert was born in Brother's Valley township, in 1790. He moved to Alleghany county, Maryland, when young, and there died in 1828. He was a farmer and distiller. He married Catharine Frank, and was the father of six children. His oldest son, Jeremiah, born in Alleghany county, Maryland, and now seventy-one years of age, moved to Wellersburg in 1833, and purchased a lot from George Weller. In 1834 he erected a tannery, which he still operates—the first and only one in Southampton township. Mr. Wingert manufactures about five hundred hides into leather each year, besides about three hundred sheep and calf skins.

John Moser, a native of Germany, came to America in 1833, and settled in Franklin county. In 1856 he removed to Southampton township, where he died in 1861. Henry Moser, his son, came to America in 1833, and to Somerset county in 1855. He is now engaged in the mercantile business. Mr. Moser purchased his store from Isaac Augustine. The latter bought from Jacob Cook, who erected it.

Michael Long, Esq., of Wellersburg, is a native of Milford township. A sketch of his parentage will be found in the history of that township. Mr. Long resides in the borough, and is engaged in farming. He was first elected justice of the peace in 1862, and has since held the office continuously.

CHURCHES.

Wellersburg Reformed and Lutheran church was organized by Rev. Henry Giesy, about the year 1803. There is no account of the building of the first church. The principal early members were from the Uhl, Hoyman, Witt, Korn, Wilhelm and Reichert families; later, the Wingert and Gaumer families were added. The present church edifice cost about twenty-one hundred dollars. It was dedicated June 5, 1857.

The church, once large, now has a membership of thirty-five. Most of the members left on account of the lack of employment when the furnace business suspended.

The first regular pastor was Rev. Henry Giesy, Reformed, who began his labors in 1798. Then followed Revs. H. Hoyer, C. Lepley, C. Wittmer, S. P. Nellis, A. Cupp, H. J. Ketzmler, Strausz, Crebs and Pfähler, Lutheran. The Reformed pastors have been Revs. Giesy, J. H. Keefer, H. E. F. Voigt, H. G. Ebbekan and B. Knepper. Rev. Knepper has served as pastor from 1846 to the present, a long period of faithful stewardship, during which his efforts have been greatly blessed. Preaching, formerly all German, is now in English only.

Rev. Benjamin Knepper, son of John Knepper, was born in Somerset county in 1816. His education was gained by his own researches, aided by the limited school privileges of early years. On June 7, 1846, he was licensed as a minister of the Reformed church; on June 18, he preached his first sermon as a licensed minister in the old church at Wellersburg, and in November, 1846, he was settled as pastor over Wellersburg congregation. During the long term of his pastorate, Mr. Knepper has baptized nineteen hundred and fifty-seven persons, confirmed eight hundred and fourteen, married four hundred and ten couples, and preached five hundred and ninety-one funeral sermons. Though now sixty-seven years of age, he is pursuing his labors with all the vigor of early manhood. He has four regular appointments, which he reaches on foot, and on an average delivers one hundred and forty sermons per year.

Comp's Reformed and Lutheran church is an old organization. In the first church-book nothing but baptisms are recorded. The date of the first baptism is 1810. The Comp, Troutman and Leidig families were the principal early members of this congregation.

Revs. Hunger, Hoyer, Finkel, Meyer, Schlögel, Stuft, and John Nunner were Lutheran pastors; Revs. H. J. E. Voigt and H. Ebbekan, Reformed. The present pastor, Rev. B. Knepper, has been in charge since 1880.

The first church was probably erected about 1809. The present was dedicated in November, 1880. The membership is between forty and fifty. The services are conducted in German and English, alternately.

Gladden's Run Reformed and Lutheran church commenced with six members in Hoyer's schoolhouse in 1846. In November, 1872, the congregation was regularly organized by Rev. B. Knepper, the pastor, who is still in charge. The first church officers were Israel Emrich and Andrew Everlain, elders; Bailey Shumaker and Samuel Shumaker, deacons. The oldest members were Jonathan Emrich, Benjamin Baker, A. Getz, Frederick Hasselroth, Solomon Shumaker, Nathan Emrich and D. Liebau. The church edifice, erected at a cost of about two thousand dollars, was dedicated November 24, 1872. Present membership of the church, eighty-four; sabbath school, forty-five. The preaching is alternately English and German. It was formerly wholly in German.

Savage Run Reformed and Lutheran church, commonly called Fink's church, was organized by Rev. B. Knepper in 1849. The house of worship was erected in the fall of the same year at a cost of about nine hundred dollars. The first church officers were: Michael Fink, elder; Israel Shumaker, deacon, for the Reformed; Michael Moser, elder; George Tressler, deacon, for the Lutherans. Other original members were: Jacob Fink, Jonathan Bittinger, M. Bittinger and A. Wessner. The present membership is thirty-one. Services are held both in English and German. Rev. B. Knepper has ministered to this congregation from its organization to the present time.

The church of the Evangelical Association in Wellersburg was built about 1852, and cost eight hundred dollars. The building was erected by Jacob Albright. The church has but a small membership at present.

CHAPTER LXXIV.

MIDDLE CREEK.

Township Organization—Origin of the Name—Early Settlers and their Experiences—Later Settlers—Early Mills—Present Manufacturing Industries—The Village of New Lexington—The Lutheran Church.

MIDDLE CREEK township is called after the stream of the same name which flows about midway between Laurel Hill and Cox's creeks. The township was organized in 1853.

The township contains several small veins of coal, which are mined for local use. A good