

PUBLISHER'S NOTE.

The third installment of the history of Wellersburg Borough and Southampton Township, by Charles F. Cook, is presented in this issue of *The Republican*. Chapter III contains much interesting information about Southampton Township, from its earliest settlement until the present time.

Next week there will be published a chapter on the Church History of Southampton Township and Wellersburg Borough, and a historical sketch of the postal service in the southeastern section of Somerset County from the establishment of the first postoffice in that territory until the present time. There will also perhaps be a chapter on the Mason and Dixon Line, although that may have to go over until a later issue.

On Sunday, Sept. 28th, there will be a pilgrimage to many of the historic points of interest mentioned and described in these articles, which all interested parties are invited to take part in. See announcement in adjacent column.

There continues to be a big demand for copies of *The Republican* containing this series of articles, which began in our issue of Sept. 4th. Copies of the entire series can still be secured at 5 cents per copy.

Again we urge our readers to clip these articles and make a scrap-book of them. They will make a very interesting booklet for perusal by future generations of descendants of the Southampton Township and Wellersburg Borough pioneers.

CHAPTER III.

Present Boundary.

Southampton Township, as at present constituted, is bounded on the south by the Maryland line, on the east by Londonderry Township, Bedford County. The latter boundary line is at the summit of Little Alleghany Mountain. It is bounded on the north by Fairhope Township, on the west side by Greenville, Larimer and Northampton townships—northward in order. The west boundary line is at the summit of Little Savage Mountain, except at the southwest corner Big Savage is the line. Southampton Township is in the extreme south-east corner of Somerset County. Allegany County, Maryland, is the bordering county on the south. Allegany County was erected from a part of Washington County, Maryland, Dec. 25, 1789.

Early Settlers.

A goodly number of the earliest settlers of the territory now Southampton Township came from Berks County, Pennsylvania. These were of German extraction, and in most instances they succeeded a generation, and, as to a few, two or three generations, of ancestors who came to make a home in America. Some of the settlers came from other parts of Eastern Pennsylvania, others from Maryland. Few came to this section direct from foreign countries, in the earlier period. The Scotch-Irish roughed it over the mountains from the East; the German element went down into Maryland from Pennsylvania, via Hagerstown and Cumberland, and back up into Pennsylvania, seeking a place to settle. The settler chose a location much like his ancestral home, as a rule. It is self-evident that the early settlers of Southampton were a people accustomed to mountains; also that they were fast workers in clearing land for farming and in overcoming the obstacles of pioneer life in all of its phases.

Gleanings from Assessment Records.

The following persons settled here previously to 1785, namely, Samuel Arnold, Philip Dial, Andrew Emerick, George Harden, William Hardy, Adam Lepley, Sr., Yost (Joseph) Leydig, Sr., Christian Moyer (Miers or Meyers), Jacob Plumb (single freeman in 1785), Jacob Rhoads, Andrew Shearer (Shirer or Shirey), Barnet Stoner and Paul Welker (Wilker or Walker). Patrick Burk was a non-resident owner of land in 1785. Settlers who came between the year 1785 and 1789 were: Casper Albright, Joseph Boyer, Kinsey Daniels, William Martz, Philip Shroyer, Christian Sturtz, Sr., Peter Troutman and John Trimble. Those who came between the years 1789 and 1800 were: Philip Beal, Henry Close, John Comp, Arthur Cunningham, Jacob Gaumer, John Hahn (Hawn), Henry Carter Horn, Christian Hoyman, Peter Kennell, Michael Korn, George Long, Peter Shoemaker (single freeman in 1800), Jacob Uhl, Peter Wilhelm and Jacob Witt.

A careful study of the location and personal description of these pioneers makes it quite clear to the writer that the greater number of the first settlers (possibly the earliest settlers) resided at the north end of the district, in the part ever since known as the Comp or Swobe corner, where only Germans first settled who were a sturdy hard-working element, and much above the average in stature. Indeed, reviewed as a whole, these pioneer settlers were indomitable workers and made of the stuff to hew out splendid farms and comfortable homes, long since passed on to descendants, where once a veritable wilderness existed and wild animals and Indians roamed at will.

Jacob Reiber came in 1803, Henry Baker in 1804; John Baker named as a single freeman, in 1810; Peter Wingert in 1805; John Moser, stone mason, in 1806, (seemingly has no connection with the John Moser, of Wellersburg); William Logdson in 1807 (non-resident owner of land here in 1789); Michael Shaffer in 1810; Jacob Clitz in 1810, and Jacob Cook in 1815 (son of pioneer George Cook).

It is reasonably certain that all of the above-named persons, except as noted, were heads of families. Jacob Nighart, Sr., is named in the 1800 assessment. The writer thinks this name is Reichart. Nicholas Bright (Brecht), in 1789 and in 1800 assess-

ANNOUNCEMENT.

To Whom It May Concern,
Greeting:

A number of the relatives and friends of the COOK, HOYMANS, KENNELLS—KENDALLS, KORNS and LEPLEYS have often expressed a desire to visit the exact location the ancestors of these respective POINEER FAMILIES settled on, on coming to that part of old Londonderry Township, Bedford County, Pa., now known as Southampton Township, Somerset County.

Now, while this information is to be had, it is proposed by the undersigned to form a research or pilgrimage party of such persons as may be interested, to visit these locations, and at the same time to visit the following cemeteries, namely, White Oak, in Larimer Township, Cook, Getz (or Kennell) and Lepley, in Southampton, and Wellersburg, in that Borough. The date set for this pilgrimage is SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th, (rain or shine).

Please spread this word as only a very few cards have been mailed.

The only exactions are that you bring luncheon and join the party where you wish, and remain with the bunch to the end of the journey, if possible.

Meeting places and hour: Somerset Public Square, 8 A. M. sharp; White Oak Cemetery, 9:15 A. M.; Troutman Road at Board Yard, one mile beyond Pleasant Union, going southward, turn left off Berlin-Cumberland road, 10:30 A. M.; follow Troutman Road, keeping on high ground, to Cook Cemetery where all assemble at 11:00 A. M.; unpack lunches for dinner at the old Michael Korn's place at noon. Bring your kodak and field glasses.

SIMON M. KENNELL.
CHAS. F. COOK.
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ments, should probably be included in the above list, and possibly a few others. But there are no other persons named in the several assessments up to 1815, duplications of family names excepted, bearing Christian names similar to those of the several other well known families of the past and present day Southampton and Wellersburg. One thing very noticeable is that the descendants of most of the original early settlers, with corresponding Christian names, still reside in the two districts, following this long period of years after settlement. There is also great similarity in the surnames of the now and the then.

Soldiers of the Revolution.

George Geller, a soldier of the American Revolutionary War, was granted 100 acres of land on both sides of Gladdens Run in about the year 1792. This appears to have been a donation by the State of Pennsylvania, but there is no record to show that he ever lived on or improved the tract. There are possibly other donation tracts in Southampton, at least there were other soldiers of this war here—Andrew Emerick, Henry and Peter Close, Jacob Plumb, Joseph Boyer, Peter Troutman, Andrew Shirey, Paul Welker, Jacob Witt, and perhaps Jacob Sturtz, who seemingly was the father of Christian Sturtz, Sr., and no doubt there were more of these veterans among these early pioneers.

Here are some of the older later familiar family names of this particular section: Barmoy, Barnes, Bittner, Blubaugh, Bower, Brailer, Brinham, Burket, Canfield, Cassel, Dehaven, Dilly, Dom, Everline, Fechtig, Fink, Gessner, Getz, Hall, Hasselrode, Hay, Hiner, Hogameyer, Kneppenberger, Kohler, Lancaster, Lane, Leibaugh, Lowery, Martin (not Martinas), Miller, Moser, Knieriem, Ohler, Obaker, Paul, Petenbrink, Pfeiffer, Plank (or Blank), Rizer, Steck, Tauber, Weller and Winters.

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NOTICE TO MOTORISTS!

There seems to be a wilful disregard on the part of motorists in the matter of "STOP" signs and traffic lights. This notice is published to warn such motorists to pay strict heed to these traffic regulations in the Borough of Meyersdale, or they certainly will be compelled to pay fines. It is not the desire of the town officials to work hardship upon drivers of automobiles, but for the safety of pedestrians, as well as motorists, the law must be enforced. This should be fair warning to automobile drivers who have hitherto been lax in their observance of traffic regulations.

J. RAY HARTLEY,
Burgess.

68-2t.

CARD PARTY

By Sodality of S. S. Philip and James Church, in parish hall, Thursday, September 25th, at 8:15 P. M. Admission 50 cents. 69-1t.

CHICKEN SUPPER AND FOOD sale at St. Paul's (Wilhelm) Reformed Church on Wednesday evening, Sept. 24, beginning at 5 P. M. Price of supper 60 cents. 69-1t.

THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY are holding a 500 and Bridge party on Thursday, October 9th in the Legion Hall, at 8 o'clock. Everybody welcome. 68-4t.

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