

HISTORY  
OF  
BEDFORD AND SOMERSET  
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PENNSYLVANIA

WITH GENEALOGICAL AND PERSONAL HISTORY

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## CHAPTER XIV.

### LONDONDERRY TOWNSHIP ANNEXED—CREATION OF CAMBRIA COUNTY.

As first formed, the summit of the Allegheny mountain was the eastern boundary of Somerset county, and the county extended as far north as the Old Purchase line on the waters of the Susquehanna.

By an act of assembly, passed March 1, 1800, the area of Somerset county was considerably enlarged. This act directed that "all that part of Bedford county in Londonderry township lying westward of a line to begin on the top of the Little Allegheny mountain, where the Maryland line crosses the same, thence running along said mountain in a northerly direction to where the mountain breaks, thence a straight line to the breastworks to intersect the present line between Bedford and Somerset counties, shall from and after the passing of this act be annexed to Somerset county, and the electors shall hold their election in the town of Berlin."

Dr. John Kimmell, of Somerset county, and Thomas Blackburn, of Bedford county, were duly appointed to establish this new line between the two counties, and their report and draft are recorded.

The territory thus annexed to Somerset county has since been formed into six townships and two boroughs, but at that time it was rather sparsely settled. Among the records in the commissioners' office we find the names of taxables of Londonderry township, as it was then called, for the year 1800. They are as follows:

Albright, Christian,  
Arnold, Samuel,  
Amos, Isaac,  
Amos, John,  
Bowman, Christian,  
Bowman, David,  
Bonoplat, Eve,  
Beal, Nicholas,  
Boyer, Jonathan,  
Burkholt, John,  
Burkholt, Jacob,  
Boose, Jacob,  
Boyer, Joseph,  
Brecht, Nicholas,  
Beal, Philip,  
Breghner, Stophel,  
Bowermaster, Henry,

Barnhart, Stoner,  
Critchfield, Benjamin,  
Critchfield, Nathaniel,  
Cunningham, Arthur,  
Close, Henry,  
Comp, John,  
Carns, Jacob,\*  
Critchfield, Joseph,  
Coleman, Jacob,  
Cuupp, John,  
Coughenour, Jacob,  
Carns, Michael,\*  
Cundel, Philip,  
Chunnel, Peter,  
Daniels, Benjamin,  
Emench, Andrew,  
Ernest, Daniel,

\*Note.—This name is also spelled Korns.

Flickinger, Jacob,  
 Glass, Frederick,  
 Geiger, John,  
 Gaumer, Jacob,  
 Greening, Ludwig,  
 Gardner, George,  
 Hoyman, Christian,  
 Harden, George,  
 Horn, Henry C.,  
 Harden, Isaac,  
 Hahn, John,  
 Harden, Savil,  
 Harden, Thomas,  
 Hardy, William,  
 Harvey, William,  
 Lopley, Adam,  
 Lopley, Peter,  
 Long, George,  
 Leydig, Joseph, Sr.,  
 Leydig, Joseph, Jr.,  
 Leydig, Jacob,  
 Lape, John,  
 Martinus, Cornelius,  
 Martz, Jacob,  
 Moyer, John,  
 Majors, Henry,  
 Mull, Henry,  
 Nighart, Jacob,

Nighart, Jacob, Jr.,  
 Olley, Jacob,  
 Poorbaugh, Phillip,  
 Sterner, Adam,  
 Sturtz, Adam,  
 Sturtz, Christian, Sr.,  
 Sturtz, Christian, Jr.,  
 Sturtz, Jacob,  
 Stoner, John,  
 Sheets, Jacob,  
 Swartz, Jacob,  
 Shaver, John Frederick,  
 Springer, Jacob,  
 Shaffer, John, Sr.,  
 Shaffer, John, Jr.,  
 Shaffer, Michael,  
 Shroyer, Phillip,  
 Shriver, Valentine,  
 Seyboth, Tobias,  
 Shultz, George, Jr.,  
 Troutman, Peter,  
 Troutman, William,  
 Williard, Henry,  
 Witt, Jacob,  
 Welsh, Jacob,  
 Wilhelm, Peter,  
 Welker, Paul,  
 Watson, Thomas.

No statistics are given in connection with these Londonderry names.

At the February term of court, 1801, all that part of this annexed territory lying north of the Glade road was attached to Stony Creek township, but in 1805 it became a part of Allegheny township. At the May term, 1801, all the remaining part of this territory was erected into Southampton township. The records would seem to indicate that all of it was included in Southampton township. It is, however, a matter of some doubt as to whether what is now Greenville township was so included.

The first assessment for Southampton township for 1801 gives us the first data on which to base any conclusions as to what progress had been made in this section at the time it became a part of Somerset county. There are a few additional names, and also a few of the original Londonderry names missing, but as a whole the two lists are substantially the same. These people at this period of their history had 2,130 acres of cleared land, 134 horses, 189 head of neat cattle, and there seem to have been 89 houses and cabins, while the total county valuation was \$12,828. All of Greenville township, as we now know it, lies east of the summit of the Allegheny mountain, and therefore it could not have been a part of Somerset county as it was first formed. Still, it is by no means certain that it ever was a part of Southampton. None of these Londonderry names of 1800 can be identified with those of the known pioneers