

CHAPTER XIII.

TOWNSHIPS: SOUTH HANOVER—HANOVER (ORIGINAL)—RUSH
—JACKSON—JEFFERSON—WAYNE—REED—UPPER PAXTON.

As now comprised, the smallest subdivision of Dauphin county is South Hanover township. It is south of the other Hanover townships—West and East Hanover—with the Swatara and Beaver creeks on its entire eastern, southern and western boundary. It is a well watered and most excellent farming district. The history of its original organization has been referred to in the chapter on Hanover (original) township. By an Act of Assembly in 1842 it was set off for election and general civil purposes.

In 1900, it had a population of 922 people. Its assessed valuation (by State reports), was in 1904, \$426,501. In 1905 it has seven school houses and an enrollment of 216 pupils.

The towns or hamlets within its borders are: Union Deposit, Hoernerstown and Manadaville. The former was platted by Philip Wolfersberger, July 30, 1845, and called Unionville. It comprised twenty-three lots. The same season an addition was made by Isaac Hershey. The place has always been known as Union Deposit, from the fact that it became a sort of store house, or deposit place, for all the grain and farm produce generally in that region, where it was shipped by canal by Mr. Wolfersberger, who owned several boats and also operated a general store. The first physician to locate there was Dr. D. C. Keller, in 1848. A post office was secured in 1857, David Wolfersberger being the pioneer postmaster. McCormick's furnace was built in 1857, and in the eighties a spur railroad connected it with Swatara Station, a mile distant. In 1847 a brick church was built by the Lutheran and Reformed people, and the United Brethren built in 1848. The hamlet is nicely situated on the Swatara creek, the old Union canal, and is but a mile from Swatara station.

Hoernerstown is situated in the southwestern part of the township, one and one-half miles north of Hummelstown. It derived its name from John Hoerner, born 1782, of one of the earliest families that settled in this region. Its business was chiefly that of country stores, shops, a post office; its churches—United Brethren, and German Baptist.