

LONDONDERRY TOWNSHIP.

To understand the erection of Londonderry township it is necessary to go back to the erection of Derry in 1729, at the time of the organization of Lancaster County. "As settled and agreed upon by the magistrates and inhabitants of the said county on the 9th day of June, and confirmed by the Court of Quarter Sessions the 1st of August ensuing, Anno Domini 1729," the boundaries of Derry were as follows:

"The township of Derry, beginning at the mouth of Conewago, thence up Susquehanna to the mouth of Suataaro, thence up Suataaro to the mouth of Quitopahello, thence south on a direct line to Conewago, and down the same to the place of beginning."

The eastern boundary of this township as originally adopted seems to be involved in some uncertainty. To pursue the letter of the foregoing order, to run *south on a direct line* from the mouth of the Quitopahilla Creek to Conewago Creek, would strike the latter something like seven miles lower down than the point which, from everything which can now be discovered, seems to have been originally adopted as the southeast corner of Derry township,—that, instead of running the eastern line of the township south on a direct line, as the record calls for, the Quitopahilla Creek, Killinger's Run, and a line southeast from the head of that run to strike the Conewago Creek, seems most probable, if not entirely certain. This is inferred from the following facts: *First*. All the territory which lay between the Susquehanna River and eastern boundary of Lebanon township, and between the Conewago Creek and the mountain, was at the same time divided into three townships, viz., Peshank, Derry, and Lebanon. To adhere to a line directly south from the mouth of the Quitopahilla would have left the territory of Derry township very limited as compared with that of the other two townships. By adopting the Quitopahilla, etc., as the eastern boundary of Derry, that township was still less than either of the other two, but of course bore a better proportion to them. *Second*. In the year 1768 the inhabitants of Derry township applied to the court for a division of the township, whereupon, at the February sessions that year, "the court, taking into consideration a petition preferred to them by the inhabitants of Derry township, setting forth that the bounds of the said township were very extensive and large, and the inhabitants thereof labored under several inconveniences by reason thereof, and praying

the said court to divide the said township into two parts, according to a boundary line agreed upon by the said inhabitants, to wit:

"Along a certain road leading from Conewago Creek, by the widow Hall's, thence to Felix Landis, Sr., at Swatara Creek, which said road is to fall into the east part of the said township, and that the said part be known by the name of Londonderry, and that the west part of said township retain the name of Derry. It is considered and ordered by the court that the said township be divided agreeable to the prayer of said petition, and that the said part to the east be known by the name of Londonderry, and the west end be known by the name of Derry, which said division line is hereby confirmed to be and remain firm and stable forever, and as such to be entered of record."

Now, if in the year 1768 a line directly south from the mouth of the Quitopahilla to the Conewago Creek was considered as the eastern boundary of Derry township, a division of it by the road before mentioned would have been most objectionable, as it would have left Londonderry township but a mere slip of territory, for some distance not a mile wide. And *lastly*, if the Quitopahilla Creek, etc., was not considered in 1768 as the originally adopted eastern boundary of Derry township, how or when was the township of Londonderry brought up to that line? There is no record or authority found, creating the township of Londonderry other than by the division of Derry in 1768, before mentioned, nor any afterwards extending the limits of the former eastward, and yet it is certain that Londonderry extended eastward to the Quitopahilla and Killinger's Run line in 1799, when on the occasion of a division of Lebanon township, Londonderry was called for on that line, as may be seen on reference to Annville township. Upon these grounds the conclusion, that the Quitopahilla Creek, Killinger's Run, and a line southeast from the head of that run to the Conewago Creek, was the originally adopted eastern boundary of Derry township, seems to be warranted; notwithstanding it must be admitted that that line does not appear to be in strict accordance with the foregoing record.

When the county of Lebanon was formed, therefore, the eastern portion of the township fell into the new county and retained the name Londonderry. As thus established the township is bounded on the north

by East Hanover and North Annville townships, on the east by South Annville and Cornwall townships, on the south by the county of Lancaster, and on the west by the county of Dauphin. It contains nearly twenty-six thousand acres of land, a greater portion of the best, but some of the worst, in the county. The central portion of the township is level limestone soil, with some gravel and slate; the northern part is undulating, while the south and southwestern parts are hilly, and in the neighborhood of the Conewago Creek much of it covered with sienite bowlders of huge size. The Conewago Hills, belonging to the South Mountain range, are in the southern part of the township. The Quitpahilla Creek separates Londonderry from North Annville, Killinger's Run from South Annville, while in the northwest the Swatara divides it from East Hanover. The head-waters of the Conewago Creek are almost wholly within the township.

The Lebanon Valley Railroad crosses the upper part of the township, a short distance north of the Harrisburg and Reading Turnpike. The "Horseshoe Turnpike" crosses the township near the centre.

Although the original settlers were principally Scotch-Irish, but few of their descendants are now residing within the township. The places of these early pioneers were taken by the Germans, who have mostly held the lands to the present time. The assessment-lists for the east end of Derry in 1751 and 1759 give us, perchance, the names of most of the early settlers at that period:

ASSESSMENT FOR EAST END OF DERRY,—1751.

James Galbraith.	William Rea.
James Wilson.	John McQuinn.
James Campbell.	John Rea.
James Walker.	Neal McCallister.
John McCord.	Christian Snider.
David McCord.	Neal Dougherty.
William Robison.	Thomas Logan.
Archibald Walker.	George Miller.
David Taylor.	John McCallister.
John Over.	Joseph White.
John Pinogel.	John McClelland.
William Wilson.	Robert Murlock.
James Miller.	Moses Potts.
William Boyd.	David Johnson.
John McCosh.	Jacob Rife.
William Sawyers.	Jacob Longenecker.
George Espy.	Andrew Rowan.
David Mitchel.	Hugh Hays.
Leonard Dent.	Patrick Hays.
John McCulloch.	John Kerr.
Charles Connoy.	Duncan McDonald.
David Shank.	Thomas Wilson.
David Glenn.	James Wilson.
Michael Hoover.	John Campbell.
Hans Balmer.	John Hays.
Henry Peters.	Widow McClan.
Hans Kettering.	Widow Sloan.
Charles Clark.	John Mahen.
Thomas Macky.	Patrick Kelly.
Andrew Moore.	James Duncan.
James Foster.	John Duncan.
Robert McClure.	William Hays.
Felty Phillips.	John Foster.
Hugh Hall.	Robert Foster.
Thomas Rutherford.	David Foster.

Wilson Cooper.
John Streat.
John Cochran.
Hans Adam Nai.
Jacob Seiler.
Hugh Miller.
John Godfrey.
Thomas Aiken.
Anthony Hermsly.
Christian Cochran.

Albrecht Ziegler.
John McCulloch.
Conrad Wisan.
John Gingerich.
William Miller.
John Moore.
John Hays.
Thomas Freeman.
William Hustone.

TAXABLES FOR EAST END OF DERRY,—1759.

Allison, Robert.	Minke, Vindel.
Bow, Wendel.	Miller, Michael.
Bowman, John.	Mitchel, David.
Boyd, Robert.	McCullon, Thomas.
Boyd, William.	Moor, Andrew.
Berryhill, Joseph.	Moor, John.
Chestnut, John.	Macan, John.
Clark, Charles.	Macan, John, Sr.
Cathrine, Adam.	McCallister, Neal.
Campbell, James.	McQueen, John.
Cooper, Vincent.	McQueen, John, Jr.
Casler, Michael.	McQueen, Joseph.
Campbell, John.	McCullough, John.
Cooper, George.	McCleary, Robert.
Chambers, Arthur.	Newcomer, John.
Duncan, John.	Nickolson, Calbert.
Early, John.	Nesbit, Nathaniel.
Ellis, Jacob.	Nay, Adam.
Ekan, Thomas.	Naster, Jacob.
Espy, George.	Over, John.
Espy, John.	Pinogel, Widow.
Foster, Robert.	Pots, Moses.
Flower, Ludwig.	Ramer, Abraham.
Foster, James.	Ramer, Philip.
Farney, Joseph.	Rea, David.
Foster, David.	Reice, Conrad.
Foster, William.	Rean, Andrew.
Foster, Widow.	Robinson, William.
Fishburn, Phillip.	Rea, John.
Goorly, John.	Stofer, Jacob.
Grove, Jacob.	Sticklely, Christian.
Grames, John.	Stram, John.
Harris, John.	Sawyers, John.
Hamble, Frederick.	Sawyers, William.
Hanaker, Adam.	Sloan, Alexander.
Hall, Widow.	Snider, Christian.
Hays, Patrick.	Sterret, Alexander.
Hays, Hugh.	Taylor, David.
Henry, George.	Tanner, John.
Hamberly, Anthony.	Tollesbaugh, Felty.
Hay, John (com').	Tolobough, Peter.
Johnson, David.	William, Stricker.
Kermony, Anthony.	Walker, Archibald.
Kianor, John.	Wells, Leonard.
King, Jacob.	Wilson, James.
Kelly, George.	Walker, James.
Kelley, Patrick.	Willson, William.
Landers, Felix.	Walker, John, Sr.
Landers, Felix.	Wigham, Conrod.
Liech, William.	Espy, William.
Leverton, Stophel.	Hays, Robert.
Longnaker, Jacob.	Hall, Hugh.
Leaman, Jacob.	Hall, Samuel.
Logan, John.	Hoover, John, Jr.
McCallister, John.	Moore, William.
Moore, Samuel.	

Freemen.

Kenady, Robert.	Casby, William.
Yourtey, John.	Morrow, George.
Carson, James.	Harris, James.
Martin, David.	Mordah, James.
Martin, James.	Potter, Elias.
Todd, Thomas.	Kean, James.
Smith, John.	

This township, being more towards the interior, was not so exposed as the more northern townships to the incursions of the Indians. Nevertheless, the barbarous savages penetrated into the more sparsely-settled parts, and committed several murders and effected abductions. June 10, 1757, nineteen persons were killed in a mill on Quitopahilla Creek, and on September 7th following, a boy and girl were taken prisoners from Douegal township, a few miles south. About the same time one Danner and his son, Christian Danner, a lad of twelve years, had gone out into the Conewago Hills to cut down some trees; after felling one, and while the father was cutting a log, he was shot and scalped by the Indians, and Christian, the son, taken captive, carried off to Canada, where he was kept several years, when he made his escape from them. Another young lad named Steger was, while cutting some hoop-poles, surprised by three Indians and captured, but, fortunately, after remaining some months with the savages, made his escape. Jacob and Henry Bowman, brothers, both young men, were taken by some Indians, who tied them in a secluded place in the thickets, and proceeded, as was supposed, to the Conestoga Indians, with a view, when returning from thence, to take them to Canada; but in the mean time a Mr. Shally returned from Lancaster to Lebanon, and they, perceiving him, called, and he immediately went to the place where they were and unloosed them, and they returned to their home, in the vicinity of the present Palmyra. As late as July, 1763, the reapers in this township took their guns and ammunition with them into the harvest-fields to defend themselves against the Indians.

In the latter part of the eighteenth century there were five schools in operation in various parts of the township. One of these, located near Colebrook, was established by the Presbyterians, and was the first school in the township. Another in the northern part, one at Palmyra, one at Campbellstown, and one at Bindnagel's Church. In the records of this church is a bequest, made by a German named Berger, of one hundred pounds sterling, donated in 1779. Its provisions are that one-third of the interest should go to the minister's salary, one-third to the salary of the teacher, and the remaining one-third to be regularly added to the principal. This was carried out until 1846, when the school was discontinued, and the money has been accumulating ever since.

The schools at Palmyra took a very high rank. Among the early teachers of this district must be mentioned Alexander Dasher, a faithful laborer in his chosen work, of whom the older portion of the community speak in highest terms of praise. Palmyra Academy was founded in 1857 by Professor Peter B. Witmer, and its career from the beginning has been a prosperous one. Few local educational institutions have had a wider celebrity. It has been the preparatory school for college for a large number of young men, and, despite the present excellence of

the free schools, its higher grade of learning retains for it its early prestige.

The celebrated COLEBROOK Furnaces, in the southern part of the township, at the South Mountain, were established in 1784, and continued in active operation until 1854, when they were abandoned, the anthracite furnaces at Cornwall supplying the demand. There is a post-office here, COLEBROOK, and near it the Protestant Episcopal Church and the Coleman mansion.

A ROMAN CATHOLIC CHAPEL is located one-half mile north of Colebrook, a REFORMED AND LUTHERAN CHURCH, south of Colebrook, near the Lancaster County line, and a UNION CHURCH at the old Eppler homestead, between Kelly's Corner and Colebrook.

KELLY'S CORNER, about half a mile west of Colebrook, is a small hamlet, around which are the descendants of the Rissers, Logans, Brubakers, Brants, Lehmans, Moyers, Killingers, Bakers, and others of the early settlers.

CAMPBELLSTOWN is situated near the centre of the township, on the "Horse-shoe Pike." In 1759, John Campbell took out a patent for three hundred and fifty-two acres of land in Derry township. He also purchased from Patrick Hays and William Sawyer one hundred and two acres of land adjoining the other tract. The land-holders who owned the adjoining land were the Widow Sloan, John McCord, William Sawyer, Peter Delabaugh.

About the year 1760, John Campbell laid out a town on the largest of the above-named tracts. After his death this property descended to his only brother, Patrick Campbell, who, with his wife, Eleanor, sold it to Peter Grubb, Jr., April 28, 1779. At this period there were several buildings erected, all subject to ground rent. The town was no doubt "extensively laid out," and as was the custom at that time the lots were disposed of by lottery. On the 29th day of April, 1780, Peter Grubb, Jr., sold Campbellstown, and the two tracts of land, together with the ground-rents, to Robert Coleman, iron-master, of Elizabeth Furnace, in Elizabeth township, Lancaster Co., for the sum of ninety-nine thousand pounds. This seems like an extraordinary price, but it must not be forgotten that the currency had depreciated very much at that time, and it is doubtful whether a horse could have been purchased with it five years later.

The principal Scotch-Irish settlers in this locality were the Campbells, Semples, Pattersons, Mitchells, Sawyers, McCallens, and Geddes, few of whose descendants remain. The Logan family is about the only one left in the vicinity of the old Scotch Presbyterian element. The first white child of which we have record, born in this neighborhood, was John Sawyer, in 1729. He was the son of William Sawyer, born in Ireland, and who was an apprentice bound to a comb-maker, and not liking his master, the elder Sawyer came to America in 1720. He died at

the age of eighty-one, and his son, John, at eighty-three, both being buried in the old Derry graveyard, just over the county line and in Dauphin County. The last descendant of the Sawyer and McCallen families was William Goddes, recently living in Ypsilanti, Mich., and who formerly taught school in Campbellstown.

The oldest house in the place is yet standing, and was the building where the earliest tavern and store were kept. A Mr. Houtz kept it first, followed successively by Swarr, Harman, Benjamin Hocker, and later, for a period of thirty years, by John Deininger. The post-office was established in 1811, with John Wolfersberger as the postmaster. D. B. Gingrich is the present (1883) incumbent. The oldest of the German families are the Wolfersbergers, concerning whom reference is made in our genealogical record.

THE SALEM CHURCH (Lutheran and Reformed) is an elegant stone structure, built in 1845, on the site of the old church erected over a century and a quarter ago. Among the old settlers here buried are the following:

Albert, Solomon, b. Oct. 30, 1805; d. Oct. 10, 1875.
 Albert, Rosanna, b. Feb. 15, 1803; d. Jan. 20, 1867.
 Bowman, John E., b. Dec. 30, 1804; d. Oct. 10, 1875.
 Bowman, Sarah (Long), d. Aug. 27, 1871, aged 60.
 Brandt, Samuel, b. March 15, 1807; d. Aug. 17, 1873.
 Brandt, Catharine, b. May 10, 1809; d. Sept. 25, 1874.
 Brown, Jacob, b. March 25, 1784; d. Sept. 3, 1864.
 Brown, Jane, d. Jan. 27, 1850, aged 74.
 Burkholder, Margaret, d. May 11, 1848, aged 22.
 Bachman, Sarah (Ziun), b. Oct. 11, 1811; d. Dec. 31, 1870.
 Bowman, Henry E., b. Aug. 14, 1850; d. Nov. 7, 1880.
 Beiss, Elizabeth, b. Aug. 14, 1802; d. Feb. 19, 1855.
 Bachman, M., d. Dec. 22, 1865, aged 38.
 Brunn, Philip, d. Dec. 9, 1816, aged 66.
 Brunn, Barbara, d. Jan. 21, 1843, aged 79.
 Clayton, Findley, b. June 24, 1781; d. May 2, 1865.
 Clayton, Martha, b. April 23, 1778; d. Oct. 10, 1857.
 Clendenin, Calvin, d. June 8, 1869, aged 36.
 Casper, John, d. Jan. 12, 1864, aged 39.
 Casper, Samuel, b. April 23, 1800; d. Aug. 30, 1875.
 Casper, Anna Mary (Wolfersberger), b. March 29, 1800; d. May 16, 1879.
 Clendenin, William, b. Feb. 3, 1800; d. Dec. 7, 1874.
 Clendenin, Mary M., b. Oct. 25, 1807; d. April 28, 1877.
 Dutweiler, Michael, d. Jan. 4, 1875, aged 65.
 Deininger, Anna Maria, b. Dec. 25, 1768; d. Oct. 7, 1802.
 Dutweiler, Johannes, b. Jan. 26, 1771; d. Oct. 2, 1827.
 Dutweiler, Anna M., b. Feb. 26, 1772; d. Oct. 7, 1856.
 Dentzler, George, b. Aug. 22, 1787; d. Sept. 8, 1873.
 Dentzler, Mary (Brandt), b. March 5, 1788; d. Feb. 1, 1866.
 Dalcher, Alexander, b. Feb. 16, 1764; d. Sept. 20, 1819.
 Dalcher, Maria A., b. Jan. 8, 1769; d. Jan. 4, 1852.
 Eby, Samuel, b. April 14, 1802; d. Jan. 13, 1877.
 Ernst, Adam, b. Sept. 29, 1760; d. April 23, 1849.
 Ernst, Elizabeth, b. Dec. 1, 1759; d. April 1, 1841.
 Ellinger, Rachel, d. Feb. 23, 1849, aged 48.
 Ebersole, Sarah (Arnold), b. Oct. 12, 1815; d. June 7, 1867.
 Ebersole, Louisa (Baltz), b. Nov. 1, 1839; d. Aug. 28, 1881.
 Felty, John, b. Oct. 23, 1787; d. Oct. 4, 1871.
 Felty, Mary (Dutweiler), b. April 30, 1795; d. April 16, 1860.
 Fuchs, Adam, b. March 3, 1777; d. Aug. 26, 1854.
 Fuchs, Elizabeth, d. April 27, 1822, aged 42.
 Flory, David, b. Jan. 2, 1793; d. June 30, 1863.
 Flory, Catharine, b. in 1772; d. March 11, 1815.
 Forrest, Barnett, b. Aug. 14, 1821; d. Aug. 20, 1861.
 Fox, John E. (s. of L. and M. F.), b. Sept. 16, 1836; d. March 11, 1873.
 Foltz, John, d. Feb. 1, 1874, aged 67.
 Foltz, Mary (Hoagy), d. Feb. 19, 1866, aged 60.

Foltz, Rebecca, d. Dec. 27, 1862, aged 32.
 Flory, Catharine, d. Sept. 29, 1853, aged 51.
 Grabe, George, b. June 26, 1754; d. Dec. 24, 1838.
 Grube, Catharine, b. in 1756; d. in 1882.
 Graby, Philip, b. July 26, 1797; d. Nov. 26, 1872.
 Graby, Elizabeth, b. March 14, 1788; d. July 23, 1849.
 German, John Philip, b. Sept. 29, 1778; d. June 29, 1820.
 Gingrich, Elizabeth, b. Dec. 14, 1807; d. March 16, 1877.
 Garrett, John, b. Feb. 21, 1807; d. Jan. 18, 1881.
 Garrett, Mary, b. Nov. 25, 1807; d. May 18, 1864.
 Gramer, William H., d. June 5, 1851, aged 30.
 Gruber, Moses, b. Dec. 16, 1819; d. March 5, 1872.
 Garrett, Levi, b. Feb. 13, 1821; d. April 18, 1871.
 Gruber, Phillip, d. Jan. 26, 1871, aged 80.
 Gruber, Anna Maria, b. Dec. 25, 1800; d. Feb. 11, 1865.
 Hartman, John M., b. March 9, 1773; d. Aug. 30, 1865.
 Haart, Michael, b. Nov. 14, 1740; d. Nov. 17, 1815.
 Haart, David, b. May 4, 1785; d. April 8, 1833.
 Haak, Magdalena, d. June 21, 1840, aged 59.
 Hummel, Esther, b. March 12, 1778; d. May 23, 1852.
 Ivin, John, b. Aug. 12, 1780; d. Sept. 12, 1853.
 Ivin, Elizabeth, b. Sept. 30, 1781; d. May 29, 1852.
 Killinger, Andreas Carl, b. Aug. 5, 1830; d. Jan. 23, 1833.
 Killinger, Elizabeth, b. Nov. 11, 1812; d. Feb. 25, 1843.
 Killinger, Michael, b. Jan. 1, 1770; d. Feb. 13, 1851.
 Killinger, Catherine, b. April 12, 1774; d. Oct. 4, 1850.
 Kelly, Mary, d. July 31, 1839, aged 42.
 Kreider, Catherine, d. Aug. 29, 1836, aged 18.
 Keath, Cyrus P., d. Dec. 27, 1858, aged 22.
 Kipp, Elizabeth, b. Oct. 9, 1769; d. Jan. 24, 1849.
 Kettering, Maria, b. June —, 1795; d. April 28, 1825.
 Kemerer, Phillip, d. Sept. 7, 1821, aged 18.
 Kosber, Johannes, d. Oct. 3, 1805, aged 41.
 Kosber, Margaret, d. Sept. 8, 1805, aged 65.
 Kosber, Frederick, b. July 5, 1736; d. Nov. 7, 1789.
 Killinger, John Michael, b. July 18, 1802; d. Oct. 2, 1865.
 Killinger, Elizabeth, d. Aug. 25, 1860, aged 24.
 Killinger, George, d. March 18, 1880, aged 59.
 Karmenl, Johannes, b. June 15, 1760; d. May 19, 1820.
 Karmenl, Barbara, b. Sept. 16, 1765; d. Feb. 20, 1849.
 Lineaweber, Margaret, b. Sept. 15, 1775; d. Jan. 6, 1830.
 Lookenbill, Lydia, b. Oct. 5, 1828; d. April 13, 1874.
 Ludwig, Maria Catherine, b. June 5, 1786; d. Feb. 10, 1854.
 Leasson, Jacob, d. Dec. 4, 1853, aged 52.
 Leasson, Nancy, d. Jan. 6, 1877, aged 72.
 Long, David, b. Jan. 20, 1790; d. Feb. 27, 1866.
 Long, Catherine, b. Sept. 25, 1792; d. June 14, 1863.
 Long, Henry, d. Nov. 2, 1873, aged 45.
 Long, Lydia (Bowman), d. Aug. 9, 1869, aged 38.
 Moore, Robert D., d. October 2, aged 40.
 Moyer, John Henry, b. Nov. 14, 1796; d. Jan. 3, 1873.
 Moyers, Jacob, b. Oct. 18, 1788; d. Dec. 30, 1856.
 Moyers, Elizabeth, b. May 24, 1797; d. Feb. 11, 1856.
 McGurly, Catharine, d. Aug. 10, 1874, aged 45.
 McGurly, Rosanna, b. April 17, 1810; d. Nov. 30, 1864.
 McGurly, Henry, b. Feb. 28, 1806; d. Jan. 25, 1881.
 Moyer, Reuben, d. Oct. 29, 1863, aged 45.
 Maulfair, Joseph, d. May 27, 1870, aged 49.
 Mohrenhold, George, d. Aug. 14, 1864, aged 52.
 Meckley, Joseph, d. Dec. 16, 1868, aged 40.
 McGarr, Elizabeth, d. Feb. 15, 1817, aged 44.
 Noll, Catharine, d. Jan. 11, 1853, aged 55.
 Ney, John B., d. Jan. 5, 1880, aged 43.
 Nowlen, Mary, b. Oct. 1, 1793; d. April 29, 1853.
 Oehrle, John Jacob, b. Dec. 12, 1779; d. Nov. 16, 1837.
 Oehrle, Elizabeth, b. Sept. 5, 1781; d. Sept. 3, 1847.
 Oehrle, Johannes, b. March 17, 1810; d. Feb. 3, 1835.
 Pahn, Ann Maria, b. Jan. 28, 1766; d. Nov. 11, 1830.
 Rissar, Susannah, b. Sept. 15, 1777; d. Jan. 10, 1831.
 Rissar, Mary, b. Aug. 1, 1800; d. Dec. 17, 1859.
 Richards, Jesse, b. Aug. 26, 1777; d. Feb. 22, 1848.
 Sheller, John, b. Feb. 20, 1787; d. July 6, 1847.
 Shour, Mary (Binkley), d. in 1872, aged 65.
 Sheller, Mary, b. March 9, 1773; d. April 1, 1850.
 Sheller, Abraham, b. Nov. 2, 1777; d. Oct. 2, 1851.
 Sheller, Susanna, b. Dec. 21, 1783; d. May 23, 1861.
 Siegriest, John, b. Sept. 18, 1812; d. Feb. 14, 1881.

Siegrist, Catharine (Early), b. Feb. 10, 1817; d. March 21, 1845.
 Siegrist, Elizabeth, b. Nov. 21, 1807; d. Aug. 10, 1848.
 Swarr, Anna (Behm), d. Feb. 2, 1876, aged 81.
 Swarr, Jacob, d. Sept. 11, 1828, aged 37.
 Shaffer, John L., Oct. 17, 1795; d. July 16, 1876.
 Shaffer, Sally, b. Sept. 28, 1800; d. Sept. 3, 1871.
 Saruer, Henry, d. July 2, 1794, aged 3 years.
 Sanders, John F., b. July 5, 1839; d. Aug. 14, 1869.
 Shadel, Anthony, b. April 8, 1813; d. Dec. 3, 1881.
 Shadel, Francis, b. Oct. 6, 1816; d. Jan. 12, 1870.
 Sanders, Daniel, b. Sept. 17, 1788; d. Dec. 15, 1840.
 Shiffer, Jacob, b. Sept. 11, 1788; d. Feb. 16, 1864.
 Shiffer, Elizabeth (Gephard), b. Dec. 13, 1787; d. Feb. 15, 1860.
 Thomas, William W., b. Oct. 15, 1816; d. Jan. 26, 1862.
 Wolfersberger, Phillip, b. Feb. 14, 1739; d. July 14, 1824.
 Wolfersberger, Susanna, d. Feb. 8, 1816, aged 70.
 Wolfersberger, John, b. Feb. 21, 1800; d. April 1, 1867.
 Wolfersberger, Mary, d. Dec. 8, 1872, aged 66.
 Wolfersberger, Jacob, d. July 27, 1868, aged 67.
 Wolfersberger, Susanna, d. June 19, 1869, aged 59.
 Wolfersberger, John, d. March 15, 1866, aged 33.
 Witmer, John, b. Sept. 28, 1784; d. May 16, 1863.
 Witmer, Johanna, b. Nov. 1, 1779; d. Oct. 18, 1858.
 Wolfersberger, Charlotte, b. Sept. 15, 1783; d. June 15, 1857.
 Wolfersberger, Phillip, b. June 5, 1775; d. Aug. 3, 1846.
 Wolfersberger, Maria E., b. Aug. 30, 1774; d. Oct. 12, 1824.
 Walton, Isaac, d. May 26, 1827, aged 39.
 Wolfersberger, John, b. Oct. 6, 1789; d. Nov. 29, 1864.
 Wolfersberger, Elizabeth, b. Dec. 15, 1790; d. Feb. 23, 1852.
 Wagner, Phillip, d. Aug. 2, 1801, aged 67.
 Wagner, Catharine, b. Feb. 19, 1744; d. Jan. 21, 1823.
 Wolfersberger, Johannes, b. April 11, 1767; d. Sept. 8, 1818.
 Wolfersberger, Margaret, b. Nov. 11, 1769; d. Nov. 28, 1832.
 Wolfersberger, Elizabeth, b. Sept. 11, 1792; d. Dec. 21, 1867.
 Weitzell, William, d. Feb. 29, 1852, aged 70.
 Yingst, David, d. June 4, 1875, aged 54.
 Zester, Catharine, b. Jan. 12, 1773; d. July 12, 1852.

THE UNITED BROTHERS CHURCH is a neat one-story frame edifice. In the graveyard adjoining are interred,—

Bomberger, Simon P., d. May 8, 1880, aged 27.
 Bowman, Samuel, b. April 3, 1814; d. Feb. 25, 1879.
 Bowman, Elizabeth, b. May 2, 1812; d. April 24, 1875.
 Dinsinger, John, b. Sept. 10, 1790; d. March 16, 1878.
 Dinsinger, Barbara, b. Oct. 15, 1826; d. April 13, 1852.
 Haldeman, Sally, b. Oct. 8, 1815; d. Aug. 7, 1876.
 Kreider, Catherine, b. Oct. 7, 1809; d. Jan. 19, 1879.
 Kreider, John F., b. Oct. 1, 1838; d. June 26, 1880.
 Peters, Sarah (Stover), b. July 14, 1841; d. Nov. 15, 1874.
 Shenk, Joseph, b. Nov. 11, 1818; d. Feb. 26, 1879.
 Storer, Daniel, b. Aug. 15, 1812; d. Sept. 15, 1874.
 Stover, Catharine (Daily), b. Feb. 19, 1812; d. Dec. 24, 1875.
 Stover, Richel (Daily), b. July 28, 1814; d. Feb. 26, 1874.
 Stover, John, d. Dec. 27, 1861, aged 21.
 Stover, Franklin, d. Feb. 8, 1856, aged 21.
 Young, Abraham, b. May 29, 1814; d. July 13, 1880.
 Zahl, George, b. April 27, 1803; d. Jan. 24, 1881.
 Zahl, Elizabeth, b. May 12, 1807; d. Feb. 3, 1881.
 Zahl, Catharine Ann (Gessman), d. Oct. 22, 1880, aged 40.

PALMYRA.

Palmyra, a town of over six hundred inhabitants, is situate on the line of the Lebanon Valley Railroad, sixteen miles east from Harrisburg, and in the midst of one of the finest farming districts in Pennsylvania. It was laid out during the Revolutionary era by John Palm. The founder was a native of the Kloister of Heilbrün, Germany, where he was born July 25, 1713. He came to America in 1749, and settled in Derry, afterwards Londonderry township, then Lancaster County. He died on the 25th of

April, 1799, at Palmyra, and is buried in the graveyard of Bindnagel's Church.

Palm named the town Palmstown. It was laid out on both sides of the Harrisburg and Reading road, and the prospects of the town were bright enough for several years, when an unusual drought occurred, and so great was the water-famine at Palms-town that the aid of the Legislature was invoked. That body, however, suggested that the wells be dug deeper. Of course this was done, and since that period there has been no water-famine in that locality. For many years it was a town of one street. The location of the Lebanon Valley Railroad, which was made some distance from it, caused the laying out of a thoroughfare at right angles with the main street of the town, and the present plan of Palmyra is of the shape of the letter L. We have, nevertheless, yet to learn to whose sublime forethought the name of the village was changed from Palmstown to Palmyra.

Owing to the excellent farming lands in the neighborhood it attracted many substantial people to it, and during the years 1809 to 1815 a Masonic lodge was one of its principal institutions, being situated as it was in a Scotch-Irish neighborhood. With the passing away of this latter element, that body went out of existence.

The oldest dwellings now standing in the town are those owned and occupied by Professor Witmer, and the Thome mansion on the opposite side of the street. They were probably among the first houses erected,— a century ago. In 1812 the following houses had been built: the Peter Witmer house, a log building, weather-boarded, now occupied by Prof. P. B. Witmer; the Abraham Phillips house, now owned and occupied by Mrs. Thome; the stone house, built in 1812, now owned by Mrs. Bowman; the stone building in which the store was kept; the Christopher Miller house, where John Ream now lives; the John Miller house, now owned by the widow of the late Rudolph Miller; the next was a little house then occupied by — McIntosh as a dwelling and shoe-shop; the Susan Henry house, now owned by Abraham Zimmerman; the old Lineaweaver tavern-house, now owned by Philip Deitrick; the little house of Mrs. Urchen, then owned by Richard McBay; the old Hawk, or Hauck, tavern building, now owned by John Kratzer; the Conrad Horstiek property; the Henry Longacker farm-house; and the Kettering tavern-stand, now owned by C. F. Boyer. All these buildings were along the turnpike west of the Peter Witmer house, or west of what is now the Palmyra Academy. We have referred to the latter flourishing institution in our sketch of the township proper.

The location of the town on the line of the railroad, and surrounded by fine productive farms, will add to its material prosperity. The establishment of a few industrial works will also give it an impetus. In 1877 an organ-factory was established by Galen Hemperly,

which has proved thus far a successful undertaking, and augurs well for the future.

"LUTHERISCHE UND REFORMIRTE PALM KIRCHE, ERBAUT 1845."—The Lutheran and Reformed Church is a stone structure standing on the east side of Main Street in the quaint old town of Palmyra, and bears on its front the foregoing inscription indicating its joint ownership and date of erection. The Reformed ministers who have served the congregation worshipping here were: Revs. Joel Reber, 1845; Jacob Zehring, 1846; Aaron S. Linebach, —; Charles Hoofmoyer, —; Rev. Jonathan Hiester, from 1850 to the present time. The ministers of the Lutheran congregation during the same period were: Rev. Fogelbach, 1845; L. G. Eggers, —; W. G. Laitzle, 1852-62; Samuel Yingling, 1856-57; William Purr, —; W. S. Emery, 1862-65; Henry Geisz, 1867; R. M. Jacoby, —; Gotlieb T. Weibel, —; M. Schimpff, and the present pastor, Rev. I. W. Gauker. In the cemetery adjoining the church are interred, among others,—

Herman, Eve Catharine, b. Nov. 29, 1788; d. April 5, 1870.
 Hemperly, George, b. June 5, 1787; d. Jan. 18, 1870.
 Horstck, Conrad, b. Nov. 29, 1788; d. May 26, 1864.
 Kelchner, David, b. Oct. 24, 1802; d. Oct. 31, 1856.
 Matter, Philip, b. April 29, 1794; d. Jan. 26, 1861.
 Shontz, Catharine Bowman (w. of H. S.), b. Oct. 26, 1783; d. Feb. 26, 1864.
 Snyder, George, b. Aug. 3, 1790; d. March 25, 1851.
 Strack, Catharine (w. of J. S.), b. Dec. 24, 1780; d. Jan. 18, 1848.
 Thomas, Samuel H., b. July 1, 1809; d. Aug. 5, 1880.
 Zimmerman, Anna Horner (w. of M. Z.), b. Feb. 21, 1790; d. April 23, 1864.

The UNION BETHEL (Church of God) is a neat brick church edifice standing on the east side of Main Street, built in 1863.

ZION CHAPEL OF THE EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION was built in 1873, on the east side of Railroad Avenue, which was occupied as their place of worship until 1882, when the last family of that organization removed from Palmyra, since which no services have been held in the chapel.

UNITED BROTHERS IN CHRIST.—The first church edifice in this vicinity was built in 1846, of brick, and stands on Gravel Hill, west of Palmyra village, and at present unoccupied as a place of worship. In 1870 the congregation built a frame church building on Main Street, Palmyra, where all their religious services are held.

In the cemetery at Palmyra the following are among those therein interred:

Brown, Christian, b. June 6, 1795; d. June 7, 1868.
 Brown, Sarah (Shuey), b. Jan. 7, 1801; d. Jan. 26, 1876.
 Bauman, Jacob, b. June 6, 1815; d. July 11, 1856.
 Bowman, Anna, b. Oct. 6, 1779; d. Dec. 7, 1866.
 Bender, Catharine, b. Jan. 7, 1819; d. Feb. 7, 1872.
 Baeshore, Henry, b. Oct. 31, 1802; d. April 3, 1864.
 Carmany, John, b. Aug. 23, 1810; d. May 16, 1873.
 Deininger, Michael, b. Nov. 25, 1797; d. Jan. 23, 1870.
 Elliott, Mary (Gingrich), b. Sept. 8, 1807; d. Sept. 17, 1872.
 Elliott, Anna Maria, d. Jan. 18, 1872, aged 35.
 Early, William, b. Sept. 13, 1808; d. Oct. 12, 1876.
 Emrich, Elizabeth, b. March 1, 1825; d. June 19, 1873.
 Funk, Lydia (Smith), b. May 3, 1840; d. March 5, 1875.

Hornick, Simon, b. Dec. 15, 1826; d. July 21, 1876.
 Hummel, John M., b. Dec. 18, 1846; d. June 14, 1873.
 Horstck, Joseph, b. April 17, 1813; d. Sept. 1, 1854.
 Kreffler, Sarah, b. Aug. 10, 1817; d. Nov. 22, 1849.
 Killinger, John Michael, b. Feb. 4, 1810; d. Feb. 24, 1867.
 Kettering, Sabina (Horstck), b. Feb. 15, 1815; d. March 5, 1876.
 Louck, Susanna, b. May 10, 1810; d. Sept. 20, 1872.
 Laudermilch, George, b. March 4, 1835; d. Oct. 16, 1876.
 Miller, Rudolph, b. May 9, 1817; d. May 12, 1861.
 Miller, Rosanna (Mennig), b. Nov. 28, 1768; d. March 7, 1865.
 Metzgar, Elizabeth (Eby), b. Dec. 25, 1811; d. Dec. 14, 1873.
 Miller, Magdalena (Deninger), b. March 21, 1795; d. May 17, 1858.
 Mark, Jacob, b. March 24, 1815; d. Feb. 17, 1879.
 Mark, Catharine (Weltmer), b. Aug. 19, 1815; d. Jan. 27, 1880.
 Runkle, Rosanna (Miller), b. April 24, 1828; d. April, 1870.
 Reist, Christian, b. April 21, 1810; d. April 15, 1868.
 Reist, Elizabeth, b. Nov. 7, 1815; d. May 13, 1881.
 Snyder, Samuel, b. March 14, 1812; d. May 26, 1868.
 Schuelder, Frances, b. April 22, 1819; d. Oct. 4, 1845.
 Snyder, Elizabeth, b. Dec. 27, 1789; d. Sept. 11, 1859.
 Snoke, Catharine (Shenk), b. Dec. 18, 1809; d. May 14, 1871.
 Sheffler, Levi, b. Dec. 28, 1834; d. March 29, 1880.
 Sheffler, John, b. June 17, 1830; d. May 30, 1862.
 Sheffler, George, b. Nov. 14, 1805; d. May 31, 1871.
 Sheffler, Edward, b. Nov. 25, 1836; d. Dec. 22, 1877.
 Wolf, Elizabeth (Bowman), b. May 26, 1836; d. July 7, 1880.
 Weltmer, Elizabeth, b. Dec. 26, 1806; d. March 6, 1872.
 Weidman, E. W., b. Nov. 19, 1812; d. April 21, 1874.
 Witmer, Joseph, b. Sept. 6, 1812; d. Nov. 9, 1873.
 Withers, Anna (Werner), b. Oct. 3, 1821; d. Jan. 16, 1879.
 Wolfersberger, George, b. July 30, 1811; d. July 31, 1862.
 Wolfersberger, Elizabeth (Kratzer), b. July 17, 1820; d. May 10, 1881.
 Yeungt, Absalom, b. Nov. 12, 1814; d. March 9, 1862.
 Zuber, Catharine, b. April 8, 1808; d. May 19, 1874.

BINDNAGEL'S CHURCH.—Three miles north of Palmyra is located Bindnagel's Church, so named for an old family in that neighborhood. It was organized at an early day, but the records give no precise date. A log church was built, prior to 1755, on the site of the present brick structure, erected in 1803. About the time of building the new church the old log building was removed to the village of Palmyra, and converted into a dwelling-house, and now owned by Professor Witmer. Upon the conversion of the old church into a dwelling, the original doors and windows were used with the rest of the structure, and the former are still swinging upon the same old hinges that supported them a century and a half ago, and at night are fastened with the same old wrought-iron lock and key as in days of yore. As stated, the new church was built in 1803, is of brick, two stories high, and in size thirty-six by forty-five feet. There are three entrances to the building,—one in front and one at each end. The interior furnishing remains as when erected, with the old-fashioned high pulpit, eight and a half feet from the floor or main audience-room, and approached by two flights of zigzag stairs. Over the pulpit, supported by fastenings to the wall, is suspended a wooden canopy. Near the centre of the room, and in front of the pulpit, is a stationary square-box table, surrounded by a square railing three and a half feet high. Between the table and railing is a space sufficient for a person to pass around. The ceiling of the room is arched, and painted a sky blue. The pews on the main floor are arranged in four sections, or in each corner of the

room, the main aisle running lengthwise the building, while the aisle from the front entrance terminates at the communion-table above described. The galleries are wide and roomy, and are approached by a flight of broad stairs from each end of the main floor. The belfry supports a fine-toned bell, that for forty odd years summoned the dwellers of Bindnagel to the house of God to hear His word expounded by those old and faithful veterans of the Cross. Hallowed memories still cling around the old *kirche* in its declining and decaying years, and soon it will be left to the bats and moles, while its offspring—the Lutheran and German Reformed Church, at Palmyra—will live on for another century or two, for when that stone edifice was erected in 1845, old Bindnagel was practically abandoned.

From the old record-books of the church we find these as the earliest marriages, with the note at the foot of the page containing them. "From this period (1798) to the year 1837 all the marriages in the congregation are recorded in the Lebanon church book."

1796, Aug. 24. Peter Eisenhour and Anna Early.

Aug. 24. James Raddick.

Dec. Andreas Albright and Catharine Steiner (widow).

Anthony Hemperly and Catharine Foght.

Jacob Moyer and Susanna Zant.

1796, March 5. Valentine Boltin and Madelina Zeigler.

March 7. John Job and Elizabeth Rudesin.

1798, Feb. 18. Benoni Price and Margaretta Horsttick.

Feb. 20. John Baumgardner and Elizabeth Keifer.

April 17. Martin Gütz and Salome Neidig.

The baptismal record is arranged under the head of families, of which we give the first:

Michael Pfantz, b. Oct. 30, 1732; bap. Dec. 4, 1732;

m. June 3, 1755, Elizabeth Frautz. Their children:

i. *Elizabeth*, b. Nov. 30, 1757; bap. Dec. 1, 1757.

ii. *George Michael*, July 7, 1760; bap. Dec. 1, 1760.

iii. *Catharine*, b. Aug. 14, 1764; bap. Aug. 19, 1764.

iv. *Johan*, b. Jan' 19, 1767; bap. Feb. 2, 1767.

v. *John Jacob*, b. Aug. 13, 1769; bap. Aug. 27, 1769.

vi. *Regina*, b. Feb. 26, 1772; bap. March 1, 1772.

vii. *Johannas*, b. Jan' 8, 1777; bap. Jan' 26, 1777.

A valuable record, especially, although not perfectly kept, are the biographical sketches given at the date of death,—facts like the following, which are of exceeding value:

John Adam Deininger, born April 23, 1722, in Württemberg; son of Leonard Deininger and his wife Margaretta; came to this country in 1732 with his parents; was confirmed in his twenty-sixth year; married Rosina Dillar, who died in 1780; and they had eight children; then married the widow Elizabeth Nasten; no children; he died April 16, 1803, aged eighty years and nine months.

If all church records were kept in this manner, how precious they would become as the years rolled on.

In the old graveyard adjoining the church are to be found the following among the many inscriptions upon the weather-beaten sandstones still remaining intact:

Boltz, Heinrich, b. 1769; d. 1847.

Baumgartner, John, b. 1801; d. 1869.

Beck, Peter, b. 1788; d. 1850.

Bohlen, Johannes, b. 1751; d. 1826.

Crom, John, b. 1789; d. 1847.

Deininger, Adam, b. 1714; d. 1788.

Deininger, Leonard, b. 1787; d. 1852.

Deininger, Benjamin, b. 1763; d. 1824.

Deininger, Michael, b. 1763; d. 1805.

Deininger, Maria Magdalena, b. 1752; d. 1776.

Deininger, Reuben, b. 1723; d. 1800.

Hemperly, George, b. 1767; d. 1857.

Hemperly, Antonius, b. 1768; d. 1828.

Krotzer, Hauna, b. 1791; d. 1828.

Killingner, Johannes, b. 1765; d. 1810.

Killingner, Susanna, b. 1769; d. 1808.

Karmeny, Johannes, b. 1809; d. 1833.

Leim, Jacob, b. 1794; d. 1840.

Long, Elizabeth, d. 1822, aged 71.

Long, Marden, d. 1833, aged 83.

Leyman, Jacob, d. Oct. 20, 1805, aged 61.

Mable, Michael, d. 1803, aged 46.

Maulfair, John, b. 1771; d. 1856.

Oehrie, Johannes (Early), b. 1724, d. 1826.

Price, Benoni, d. 1834, aged 76.

Palm, William, died in 1806, aged 52.

Palm, Michael, d. 1836, aged 66.

Price, David, b. 1748; d. 1774.

Rauch, Jacob, d. in 1834, aged 61.

Rauch, Jacob, b. 1776; d. 1862.

Stuckey, Michael F., b. 1812; d. 1863.

Scherer, Michael, b. 1800; d. 1859.

Schafer, Jacob, b. 1801; d. 1869.

Schaag, Matthias, b. 1796; d. 1862.

Schaag, Eva, b. 1794; d. 1848.

Schell, Albrecht, b. 1750; d. 1785.

Zimmerman, Anna Margaret, b. 1756; d. 1839.

Zimmerman, John, b. 1756; d. 1823.

Zimmerman, Michael, b. 1797; d. 1868.

Zigler, Christian, b. 1772; d. 1820.