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ASTON

The name was probably derived from Aston, a village in Oxfordshire, England. In 1686 the Township was known as Northley, but the year following assumed the name which it is now known. The northerly part of the original Township was annexed to Thornbury Township in 1842.

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MARKER NO. 1

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WEST BRANCH MILLS

These mills are situated on the west branch of Chester Creek about thirty-three hundred feet directly northeast of the Chester Heights Road. In 1793 Aaron Mattson erected a stone building and used same as a paper mill until 1824 when it was sold to John P. Crozer. Mr. Crozer's purchase consisted of nearly two hundred acres of land and nine dwellings. In 1825 he changed the paper mill into a cotton factory and operated it up to 1843 when the noted flood of that year destroyed the eastern end of the factory. It was later rebuilt. In 1882 the plant was purchased by John B. Rhodes & Brother. In 1903 the plant was purchased by the Victoria Plush Company, which owns the mills at the present time (1936). (West Branch)

In 1793 (Note: deed for dam July 29, 1794 [B-386] Aaron Mattson obtained a lease from John Rattew to build dam on Chester Creek) Aaron Mattson erected a stone building and used same as a paper mill until 1824 (Note: On July 30, 1824 Sheriff Joseph Weaver sold [P-425] the paper mill and a house after Aaron Mattson's death to pay a debt owed to Samuel Hewes. The buyer at $20,000.00 was John P. Crozer the amount of land 120 acres. Mr. Crozer's purchase consisted of nearly two hundred acres of land and nine dwellings. In 1882 the mills were sold [H5-532] to John B. Rhodes on July 1, 1882. The sellers were Samuel and John P. (grandson) Crozer. The price was $21,000.00 for the West Branch Mills, the purchasers John B. Rhodes & Brother. In 1903 the plant was purchased by the Victoria Plush Company, which owns the mills at the present time (1936).

Presently (2024) the location of the old West Branch Mills is 3100 Mount Road. The Aston 1892 map displays this location. The mill building are still there and occupied by Rockdale Music & Studios, Aston Mill Arts and various other businesses.



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MARKER NO. 2

CROZERVILLE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Prior to 1851 the Methodists in Rockdale had no church. In 1852 a petition to separate from the Mt. Hope M. E. Church was granted. The first service was held in the Temperance Hall at Lenni. In the same year (1852) the Crozerville Church was opened, being located on the north side of Mount Road six hundred feet east of Convent Road. In 1876 additions were made and the parsonage erected. In 1882 the old structure was renovated, the church formally reopened. Services are being conducted up to present date (1936). (Rockdale)

The church was chartered [H2-605] on June 17, 1861, the deed states the church was started in 1851. On December 30, 1851 John P. Crozer sold [Z-643] for one dollar, 81 square perches of land to the trustees of the Aston aka Rockdale Methodist Church. This building still stands at 2460 Mount Road, Aston and the church closed in September of 2013, 2014 (Rockdale)

2460 Mount Road. The building is still there but it is no longer an active church. The building was converted into an Art & Production Studio in 2016. Currently (2024), the property is for sale

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MARKER NO. 3

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH

This Roman Catholic Church located on the south side of New Road seven hundred feet west of Crozerville Road, was started as a branch of St. Thomas' Church at Ivy Mills. In 1889 the cornerstone was laid, and a church building begun. In 1894 the church was opened although the building was not completed until 1895. The church has a parish school and a cemetery on adjoining ground. (Crozerville)

On December 28, 1894, Rev. William Cook of Aston sold [P8-242] to Patrick J. Ryan Archbishop of Philadelphia a lot, size unknown, next to St. Francis De Sales for $343.00.

This church is still standing and in use at 35 New Road and the school is 39 New Road is now closed. The school closed in June of 1916. Aston. 2014. (Lenni)

35 New Road, Aston. Currently (2024), the church building is still there and serves as an active congregation (St. Francis De Sales Church).

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MARKER NO. 4

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SEVEN STARS HOTEL (INN)

It is believed that this historic inn, located at the northwest corner of Pennell and Concord Roads, was built in the year 1762, and the first license to keep a public house in Aston Township was issued to its owner, James Johnston, in 1780. It is also believed that the beginning of the I.O.O.F. (Independent Order of Odd Fellows) started their first activities in Delaware County at this inn. For more than fifty years the "Seven Stars" was the only voting place in Aston Township. The property was owned by Mr. John Garrett from 1860 until his death in 1898. It is now part of the Garrett Estate (1936). (Village Green)

On March 26, 1842 Jemina Massey, widow, sold [V-409] two parcels of land to John Garrett of Aston. Parcel #1 was 12 acres and 42 perches and parcel #2 was 19 acres and 12 perches. Massey was the daughter of Samuel Hewes and inherited the property from him. The property was owned by Mr. John Garrett from 1842 until his death [Will Book F-165] in 1870. Then the property passed to his son, John Lewis Garrett who died on December 18, 1896 intestate. The property passed to his widow, Caroline Garrett and their 3 children. The last living child, Caroline G. Maxwell inherited the property in January 1934. Maxwell sold the property shortly afterward. The building was torn down in mid-September, 1950. [C.T. 9-13-1950]. Zacs Hamburgers is now on the site, 3600 Concord Road. 2014 (Village Green)

3600 Concord Road, NW Corner of Pennell and Concord Roads. The Hotel is no longer there, it was torn down in 1950. Currently (2024), the site is occupied by Zac's Hamburger Restaurant



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MARKER NO. 5

MT. HOPE M. E. CHURCH

In 1807 the above building was erected on the north side of Concord Road fourteen hundred feet southeast of Fisher's Corner, and a year later an addition was made to the original Corner, and a year later an addition was made to the original unit. In 1877 the parsonage was built. About the year 1910 the church was destroyed by fire and about a year later the present new church was erected and is now standing. (1936). (Mt. Hope)

On June 3, 1807 Aaron and Mary Mattson for 50 cents sold [I-23] one acre of ground to the church trustees. The church was chartered [H2-221] on December 18, 1860. The deed states the church was founded in 1807. The above history is wrong, source church's 100th anniversary book from 1907. The original church was built in 1807. A second larger church was built in 1898 and dedicated on April, 30th 1899. The church was torn down in 1958 except the bell tower and replaced in 1959-1960. The current church was consecrated November 13, 1960 and still stands today at 4020 Concord Rd. with an addition from 1971. 2014. (Mount Hope)

Note: On August 18, 1812 Abraham and Catherine Sharpless, ironmaster of Aston, sold [K-597] for one silver dollar to trustees, David Broomall, John Miles, and Israel Pyle laborers all of Aston lot of 89 square perches of land on Slitting Mill Road with houses, buildings, garden, orchard etc. "shall erect and build, or caused to be built on said lot, a house for the place of worship for the use of members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

4020 Concord Road, Aston. Currently (2024), the church is still there and is an active congregation as the Mt. Hope United Methodist Church.



KEITH COCKHART COLLECTION

ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 6

ASTON RIDGE SEMINARY

On the south side of Convent Road, just west of Red Hill Road, a seminary for young ladies was built about 1845 by Rev. B. S. Huntington, who in 1859 sold the property to Wm. Moroney. The latter conveyed same to "The Philadelphia Theological Seminary of St. Charles". In 1871 it was sold to the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia; additional ground was purchased, and a large academy was built. At the present time (1936 this institution is one of the largest of its kind in eastern United States.

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On April 1, 1846 Sarah Yarnall of Willistown, Chester Co. sold [X-113] to Benjamin Huntington for $1800.00 a farm of 27 acres, 18 perches and two roads and house. On the south side of Convent Road, just west of Red Hill Road, a seminary for young ladies was built in late 1846. Huntington on January 14, 1859 sold [F2-89] for $10,000.00 the 27 acre property to Wm. Moroney. On May 14, 1859 Moroney sold [F2-542] for $11,000.00 and $5.00 for water rights to "The Philadelphia Theological Seminary of St. Charles". On September 1, 1871, "The Philadelphia Theological Seminary of St. Charles" sold [C3-596] for $12,000.00 the property of 27 acres, 2 roads and 18 perches to the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia. NOTE: On September 2, 1871 they purchased for 5 dollars water rights to a dam. This is now known as Our Lady of Angels Convent at 609 Convent Road. 2014

Note: Rev. Benjamin S. Huntington, bought [F2-128-130] for one dollar a total of 27 acres, 2 roads and 18 perches of land from Thomas and Mary Dutton and water privileges for $101.00 on February 22, 1859. This deed is confirmation of the Yarnall deed. Yarnall was a daughter of Thomas Dutton who died in 1838. The 27 acres was her part of the Dutton Estate.

609 Convent Road, Aston. Currently (2024), Our Lady of Angles Convent and Neumann University occupies the site where The Aston Ridge Seminary once stood.



ASTON TOWNSHIP
MARKER NO. 7

VILLAGE GREEN BAPTIST CHURCH

This church was erected in 1860 on the east side of Pennell Road about five hundred feet north of Concord Road. Services were held here for five years, when the property and church were sold by sheriff to R. S. Smith. In 1871 it was sold to Sallie K. Crozer. For the next ten years the Crozer Theological Seminary of Upland held a mission here. In 1881 it again became a Baptist Church. More ground was added, and a parsonage and wagon sheds were erected. Services were held here until. 1922 when it was sold to the "Grange" and is at the present (1936) known as the "Grange Hall." (Village Green)

August 18, 1860 Joseph Baker of Aston sold [X2-295] for one dollar a lot of 6,504 square feet to the trustees of the Village Green Methodist Church "that they shall erect and build thereon a house of worship for the Methodist Episcopal Church". Services were held here for five years, when the property and church was seized and sold [U2-516] by Sheriff Caleb Hoopes on November 13, 1866 to Richard S. Smith of Phila. On June 1, 1869 Joseph and Olive Baker of Chester sold [X2-507] to Richard S. Smith of Phila. and Rev. William Ely of Middletown $100.00 a lot of 2,143 square feet in Aston Twp. at Pennell Rd. with buildings and improvements. The church was seized for a debt of $317.00. The deed [U2-516] states the church was a two-story stone building and on a lot 45 by a depth of 50 feet. On June 8, 1871 it was sold [C3-345] to Sallie K. Crozer for $2,000.00 by Richard Smith and William Ely of Middletown. The property contained a "certain stone church" lot size unknown.On May 16, 1870 John and Frances Blackburn of Aston sold [A3-34] 33 square perches with a house to the trustees of the parsonage of the Village Green Circuit of the M.E. Church of the Phila. Conference for $ 1,050.00. On October 9, 1876 the trustees of the Village Green Parsonage of the M. E. Church sold [G4-109] to Margaret Turner of Aston the house for $1,100.00. On January 30, 1873 Sallie Crozer sold [H3-218] for one dollar the church and lot to the "Delaware County Baptist Mission". For the next ten years the Crozer Theological Seminary of Upland held a mission here. More ground was added and a parsonage and wagon sheds were erected. Services were held here until 1922 when it was sold to the "Grange" and is at present (1936) known as the "Grange Hall". (Village Green)

The address of Grange Hall is 5130 Pennell Road, Aston. Currently (2024), The Grange Hall building is still there and has been converted to residential apartments.



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MARKER NO. 8

KEITH LOSKHART COLLECTION

MC CREADY'S ROCKDALE FACTORY

This mill was erected on or about 1809 by Captain Henry Moore who operated a nail factory until 1832 on the east side of Pennell Road as relocated, twelve hundred feet southeast of Chester Creek. Owing to financial difficulty the mill was closed. In 1833 R. S. Smith established in the then vacant mill a Sunday School which developed into the foundation of Calvary Episcopal Church. In 1836 the Sunday School was removed, and the mill leased to Howard & Massey who used it for a machine shop. Later it was leased to Bernard M. McCready who manufactured yarns for several years. Then James Roe came into possession and made a cotton factory of it. Robert Boyd next operated it, during whose occupancy it was partly destroyed by fire. In 1871 it was rented to Joseph Richardson who manufactured cotton and woolen goods until 1873. In 1875 the mill was sold to S. D. Riddle who manufactured tablecloths and domets until 1901. The mill was idle until 1902. At that time Joseph McElroy formed da company and manufactured tablecloths and upholstery novelties. In 1903 McElroy sold his interest to H. S. Griffith. Shortly after this date changes were made and this company manufactured curtains, lap robes, pillow slips and couch cover. The business continues as the same. Today, it is better known as the H. S. Griffith & Sons Mills (1936). (Rockdale)

George Odiorne, heir of Thomas sold [L-178] two tracts of land totaling 28 acres on August 28, 1813. The buyer at $15000.00 was Henry Moore (Moore & Odiorne were brother-in-laws) and these acres included the mills and nail factory etc. A dam privilege was included from George Chandler [L-505]. On May 10, 1815 George Chandler sold [M-24] three tracts of land totaling 66 acres with buildings to Henry Moore. Moore also bought [M-5] a quarter of an acre from John Mannell on February 20, 1815. Owing to financial difficulty the mill was closed. In 1833 R. S. Smith established, in the then vacant mill, a Sunday School which developed into the foundation of Calvary Episcopal Church. In 1836 the Sunday School was removed and the mill leased to Howard & Massey who used it for a machine shop. Later it was leased to Bernard M. McCready who manufactured yarns for several years. Smith sold [D2-748] the tract of land to Bernard McCready of Philadelphia for $27,000.00 on October 1, 1842. Then James Roe came into possession and made a cotton factory of it. Robert Boyd next operated it, during whose occupancy it was partly destroyed by fireToday this is known as Kings Mill and is a catering establishment at 6000 Pennell Road, Media. 2014. (Rockdale)

6000 Pennell Road, Aston. Currently (2024), some of the original mill buildings remain and the site is now the location of King's Mills Banquet Hall



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MARKER NO. 9

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LENNI MILLS

The above mills, located on both sides of Lenni Road three hundred feet north of New Road, were erected in 1798 by John Lungren. They were operated by Lungren until 1816 when. His sons, Charles and William,, took over the plant. In 1845 one building was destroyed by fire, but was rebuilt, for we find that they were inn operation up until 1882. In 1885 they were started again, being operated by Daniel Lees. From this time until 1902 we find these mills under various managements; the last of which was the Victoria Plush Mills No. 2, which at this writing (1936) are using the mills to weaved plushes. (Lenni)

On January 2, 1797 Thomas Griffith of Aston sold [C-437] 82 acres and 92 perches of land to John Lungren of Middletown for $3062.00 lbs cash. The land included a mill seat and house and a "Mill to be shortly erected". They were operated by Lungren until 1816 when his sons, Charles and William, took over the plant. In 1845 one building was destroyed by fire but was rebuilt, for we find that they were in operation up until 1882. In 1885 they were started again, being operated by Daniel Lees. On May 11, 1903 the receivers for "Rhodes Brothers Limited" sold [F11-312] to the Victoria Plush Mill Co. 42 acres and the mill, tenements and buildings etc. for $23,000.00. The Victoria Plush Mills was chartered [Charter B 401] on February 4, 1898. The company also owned mills in Springfield. From this time until 1902 we find these mills under various managements, the last of which was the Victoria Plush Mills No.2, which at this writing (1936) are using the mills to weave plushes. Today this is the Westlake Plastics at 490 Lenni Road, Aston. 2014 (Lenni)

Currently (2024), the mill buildings are still standing on both sides of Lenni Road and in use by various businesses. Westlake Plastics occupies 490 Lenni Road on the North side and Wescott Electric Co. is at 1600 Lenni Road is on the south side.



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MARKER NO. 10

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THE BROOKSIDE MILLS

These mills are located on the east side of Knob Road five hundred feet north of New Road and three hundred feet south of Convent Road. In 1810 the land on which these mills now stand in possession of John Rattew whose ancestors had owned it about one hundred years before him. In December 1810 he granted to Isaac Bottomley ten acres of land between the branches of Chester Creek and forming an excellent mill site. Isaac Bottomley erected a woolen mill on this site, and in July 1811 Isaac, John and Thomas Bottomley formed the firm of Bottomley Brothers. In 1826 the mill and fourteen acres of land were sold to John N. Duckett and soon afterwards Duckett built on the site a three-story paper mill about 30 x 80'. The mill was run by water power. John P. Crozer bought the property in 1838. The following year Mr. Crozer erected a stone mill 53 x 156', which is the mill at present except for a few alterations. From 1839 to 1936 the mills have changed ownership but at present they are being operated by Miller & Fleet. (Crozerville)

On December 24, 1810 John Rattew leased [K-116] to Isaac Bottomley ten acres of land between the branches of Chester Creek no money was mentioned, that formed an excellent mill site. Isaac Bottomley erected a woolen mill on this site, and in July 1811 Isaac, John and Thomas Bottomley formed the firm of Bottomley Brothers. On May 25,1826 the mill and fourteen acres of land were sold [P-725] to John N. Duckett for $3,500.00 and soon afterwards Duckett built on the site a three story paper mill about 30 x 80'. The mill was run by water power. John P. Crozer bought [V-Today the mill site is now Container Research Corp at 2 New Road. Aston, PA. 2014 (Crozerville)

2 New Road, Aston. Currently (2024), the buildings at this old mill site are the businesses of Container Research Corporation and General Aire Systems Inc.



ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 11

TYSON'S GRIST MILL

The above mill was located on the northwest corner of Chester Heights Road and West Branch or Creek Road, and previous to the Revolutionary War, probably 1772, was owned and operated by Robert Hall and Abraham Sharpless. In 1798 Thomas Jones erected a stone house – grist and saw mill on the site. From 1802 until 1858 James Tyson operated the mill. In 1864 Edward Tyson sold the land, except three-quarters of an acre to John B. and Samuel Rhodes, who after making alterations operated a cotton and woolen factory, until 1903. On this date the entire premises were purchased by Joseph H. Parvin, who sold to the May Manufacturing Company. Alterations were made and business was continued until 1913. In 1930 the mills were destroyed by fire, only the walls remain (1936). The later developments caused buildings also to be erected on the northeast corner of these roads. Rhodes called these the "Llewellyn Mills." (Aston Mills)

Robert and Sarah Hall lost [E-114] the property on August 11, 1800 for a debt by sheriff sale to John Ricard. On October 3, 1802 John and Mary Ricard, Aston mariner, sold [F-386] for 1300 pds. To James Tyson of Vincent Twp. Chester Co. miller. The property was 28 ¾ acres and 39 perches. The property had "merchant, water, corn or grist mills, saw mills and messuage". From 1802 until 1858 James Tyson operated the mill. On March 25, 1864 Elwood Tyson, executor of the estate of James Tyson sold [N2-308] to John B. and Samuel Rhodes, 4 tracts of land totaling approx. 73 acres for $17,850.00. The property contained a house, grist and saw mills. After making alterations they operated a cotton and woolen factory until 1903. On this date the entire premises were purchased by Joseph H. Parvin, who sold to the May Manufacturing Company. The May Manufacturing Co. was chartered [Charter C 121] on December 24, 1903. On January 19, 1904 Joseph and Mary Parvin of Phila sold [Y10-346] for $150,000.00 to the May Manufacturing Co. of Aston Mills three lots. Lot #1 was 642 acres with "factory, mills, store buildings, office buildings, dwelling houses, water tanks and other buildings etc". Lot # 2 was damming privileges on west branch creek. Lot #3 was 95/100's of an acre". Alterations were made and the business was continued until 1913. In 1930 the mills were destroyed by fire, only the walls remain (1936). Today this mill has been removed and part of the site was home of the Aston-Beechwood Fire Co. (Aston Mills)

Currently (2024), the NW corner of Mount Rd. and Aston Mills Road is mostly a large empty lot that is occupied at the intersection by the Moose Lodge 2189 Aston, PA. The address of the Moose Lodge is 796 Mount Road.



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ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 12

ROCKDALE HALL

This hall was erected in 1871 on the south side of Mount Road three hundred feet east of Convent Road. In 1859 the Peoples Literary Association, Rockdale, was endeavoring to erect a town hall. The foundations were laid on a site adjacent to the present structure, but owing to the Civil War they were unable to carry the project through. Later a charter was obtained for the incorporation of "Rockdale Hall Association." On April 12, 1871, the building was erected and stands the same today (1936) except for minor changes. (Rockdale)

In 1859 the Peoples Literary Association NOTE Rockdale Library Association was chartered [D2-717] on June 11, 1857, Rockdale, was endeavoring to erect a town hallLater a charter was obtained [A3-296] for the incorporation of "Rockdale Hall Association". The charter was filed with court May 26, 1870, the court granted a charter on August 22, 1870 deed filed September 24, 1870. On July 14, 1871 Samuel A. Crozer sold [C3-494] to "The Peoples Literary Association of Rockdale "for one dollar a half acre on Mount Road by the school house lot Calvary Church and Stillwell movers Rockdale Hall is now gone and the site is an empty lot. 2014 (Rockdale)

In 1923 Rockdale Hall was purchased by Calvary Episcopal Church for use as a parish house. In 1946 Calvary sold the building to Stillwell Storage for storage of furniture. In 1956 the building was sold to Thomas and Mary Ahern who operated a market across from the hall. In 1959 an article in the Delaware County Daily Times indicated that Rockdale Hall was being demolished and the land will be used as a parking lot. Currently (2024), the land is still used as a parking lot located between The Rockdale Art Center, 2551 Mount Rd. and the old Rockdale Public School, 2631Mount Rd.

Source: Delaware County Daily Times, December 10, 1959



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MARKER NO. 13

FIRST PUBLIC SCHOOL OF ROCKDALE

In the year 1836 Rockdale opened its first public school, a little one-room building erected to the rear of the Hotel Mountain House, one hundred fifty feet south of Mount Road, at the bend opposite Calvary P. E. Church. This building was used as a school until 1859, then sold to be used as a dwelling house. Later destroyed, only parts of the walls remain (1936). (Rockdale)

On December 13, 1841 John McGonigal sold [V-356] a lot for $25.00 to the Aston School Board. Rockdale opened its first public school, a little one-room building erected to the rear of the Mountain House Hotel, one hundred fifty feet south of Mount Road, at the bend opposite Calvary P.E. Church. The property was sold [F2-638] on October 24, 1859 to Thomas Tanner for $125.06 with the school house included. Later destroyed, only parts of the walls remain (1936). (Rockdale)

The site remains the same in 2024 as it did in 1936 with no remains of the school. The site is a vacant property located next to 2201 Mount Road.

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MARKER NO. 14

ROCKDALE PUBLIC SCHOOL

This school was built in 1853 on the south side of Mount Road one hundred fifty feet east of Convent Road. It was a three-room stone structure, seating ninety pupils. The school was rebuilt in 1917 and is still standing (1936). (Rockdale)

On June 30, 1859 John P. and Sarah Crozer sold [F2-523] 2100 square feet for $100.00 to the Aston School Board a lot on the south side of Mount Road one hundred fifty feet east of Convent Road. The school was rebuilt in 1917 and dedicated on June 14, 1917. This school was closed by the Aston School District in the 1950's and sold [1877-588] on May 15, 1958 to the Our Lady of Rosary Home Association for a dollar. The building is now owned by Dutchman Fountains. 2014

2631 Mount Road, Rockdale. Currently (2024), the school building erected in 1917 remains. After the school closed the building was home to Dutchman Fountains and is now vacant

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MARKER NO. 15

CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The above church, located on the east side of Mount Road about one thousand feet south of Pennell Road, had its beginning in a Sunday School which R. S. Smith established in the upper story of his Nail Mill in 1833. As the Sunday School met with rapid growth and as the nearest Episcopal Church at that time was in Chester, it was resolved to form an Episcopal Church at Rockdale. In 1836 the cornerstone was laid; in 1845 the Church was presented with an acre of ground. In 1857 a clock was added to the church steeple and later removed. The additions to three wings were added. The work was completed in 1869. In 1897 a new rectory was erected. (Rockdale)

On April 12, 1849 Charles Potter of Providence sold [Y-294] to the rector and vestryman of Calvary Church for ten dollars a lot of 28 square perches. On August 17, 1836 the cornerstone was laid, on October 1, 1845 the Church was presented [W-685] by Smith with an acre of ground. In 1897 a new rectory was erected. The church, now Resurrection Episcopal still stands at 2131 Mount Road and is still in use and has merged with St. James Episcopal Church on Concord Rd. in Aston. 2014

2131 Mount Road, Rockdale. Currently (2024), the church is still there and is now The Resurrection Episcopal Church.

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ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 16

MARTIN'S SCHOOLHOUSE

This schoolhouse, located on the southeast corner of Chester Heights Road and Chelsea Road, was built prior to 1836. Later called Logtown School. About 1880 it was called Chester Heights School, and later torn down and a new modern school was erected on same site, now (1936) called Aston Township Public School. (Chester Heights)

On April 15, 1813 Benjamin Martin sold [L-44] 40 square perches of land for one dollar to four trustees William Peters, Joseph Pennell, Charles Lungren and Enos Williamson. A new modern school designed by William S. Vaux was erected on same site in 1907, now (1936) called Aston Township Public School. On November 3, 1947 the school was given [1392-340] to Chester Heights Boro. The school is now a daycare at 221 Llewellyn Road. 2014. (Chester Heights)

221 Llewellyn Road. The building is located on the SE corner Valleybrook and Llewellyn Roads. Currently (2024), the building is still there and is being used as a daycare center: "Smart From the Start Daycare."

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ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 17

THOMAS DUTTON'S TAN YARD

The above tan yard, on the south side of Dutton's or Convent Road about eleven hundred feet west of old Pennell Road, was built on the farm of Richard Dutton in 1790 and was used for tanning hides. A stone in the wall with "1790" carved on it confirms this date. The closing date of the tan yard is not known. The building, however, is still standing and in good condition. The entire property is now owned by the "Convent of Lady of Angels," but now owned by the "Convent of Lady of Angels," but not used. (1936) (Sisters of St. Francis)

On June 14, 1768 Thomas Dutton, oldest son of Richard and Mary Dutton of Upper Chichester received the two tracts of land below from his parents. On September 1, 1798 Hannah and Susanna Dutton of Aston, daughters of Thomas Dutton, deceased sold [E-365] to Richard Dutton two tracts of land and a house for $960.00. Tract #1 109 acres and Tract #2 50 acres. This was their share of their father's estate. On July 30, 1791 Thomas Dutton Jr. sold [E-368] his share of the same two tracts to Richard Dutton for 63 lbs. and 12 shillings. A stone in the wall with "1790" carved on it confirms this date. The closing date of the tan yard is not known. The site of the tannery is now 608B Legion Rd. Aston 2014

Based on the coordinates of the tan yard being on the south side of Convent Road about eleven hundred feet west of Old Pennell Road the location would likely be where the Clare House currently is at 608B Legion Rd. Aston. This was originally Dutton Property

KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION



ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 18

CHESTER HEIGHTS CAMP MEETING ASSOCIATION

These grounds, located on the east side of Chester Heights Road and on the south side of Central Division ofc P.B. & W. Railroad, were purchased and buildings for the Association were erected in 1872. Yearly meetings of the Methodist Episcopal Churches have been held here continuously up to 1936. (Chester Heights)

On April 1, 1872 Joshua Williamson and James J. Williamson and his wife Mary Jane sold [E3-41] for $23,804.00 dollars, 148 acres of land to the 'Philadelphia Camp Meeting and Excursion Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church". The property included a house. Yearly meetings of the Methodist Episcopal Churches have been held here continuously up to 1936. The camp is still in use at 320 Valley Brook Road, Chester Heights and is on 11 acres. 2019 (Chester Heights)

320 Valleybrook Road, Chester Heights. Currently (2024) the camp grounds are still in operation. The size of the camp grounds were reduced from 31 acres to 11 acres when 20 acres were sold to a developer in 2016 who constructed luxury townhouses.

KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION



ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 19

THE WILCOX CHURCH

This church is located on the east side of Chester Heights Road about twenty-two hundred feet south of Baltimore Pike and was erected about 1852. It is now St. Thomas R. C. Church. (1936). (Chester Heights, formerly Logtown)

On August 6, 1852 Nicholas F. and wife Ruth Anna Walter of Aston sold [A2-451] to the "Right Reverend J. W. Neuman, Roman Catholic Bishop of the District of Philadelphia" for $220.00 a lot of one acre and 54 square perches. The church still stands and is in use at 430 Valleybrook Road, Glen Mills. 2014 (Chester Heights, formerly Logtown)

430 Valleybrook Road, Glen Mills. Currently (2024), St. Thomas R. C. Church is still an active congregation at the same location. The old church built in 1852 is still there as well as a new church and rectory built in the 1990-1991 timeframe.

KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION



ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 20

SEMINARY

About 1857 J. H. Barton erected as brick building on the east side of Pennell Road about fifteen hundred feet north of Concord Road, which was used as a seminary until about 1866 when it was used as a dwelling. Since 1926 it has been used as an apartment house. (Village Green)

On November 9, 1857 James H. Barton of Middletown and Samuel A. Barton of Aston purchased [E2-174] 26 and 1/5 square perches for $39.50 from Captain Joseph Baker of Aston. They erected a brick building on the east side of Pennell Road, about fifteen hundred feet north of Concord Road, which was used as a seminary until about 1866 when it was used as a dwelling. On December 8, 1865 James Harvey and Sarah Emma Barton of Aston sold [P2-639] for $5,000.00 3 lots one with a brick building to Eleanor H. Stroud of the 20th ward in Philadelphia. Since 1926 it has been used as an apartment house. Today the site of the seminary is Gentle Touch Carwash at 5140 Pennell Road, Aston 2014 (Village Green)

Note: On November 12, 1836 Charles Byington of Aston sold [T-609] to Samuel and Eveline Barton, medical doctor of Upper Chichester for $5500.00 a house and two parcels of land containing 61 acres and 90 perches. Samuel Barton died April 21, 1864 leaving his wife, Ruth and children, James Harvey Barton and Emily Barton. His brother, James and son, James Harvey Barton were executors of the estate. The property was sold [O2-609] at auction to William Maule of Philadelphia, the high bidder for $4,000.00. Property contained about 8 acres, "dwelling house, stable and out buildings".

Currently (2024), at the location 1,500 ft above Concord Road on the east side of Pennell road is a parking lot for a local Chimney Sweep Company.



KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION

ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 21

PETER'S SAW AND GRIST MILL

The above mills, located on the southeast side of Chelsea-Chester Heights Road and on the westerly side of the West Branch of Chester Creek, were built prior to 1767 by William Peters. His grandson, Samuel F. Peters, purchased the mills in 1842, and in 1872 sold them to Charles J. Johnson, who called them the "Forest Queen Mills." Johnson also conducted here a cider mill. In 1913 it became the property of James Fritz ho did. Not use it until 1915 when he opened up the mill as a saw and cider mill. Later, he made alterations, and the mill now is used as a saw and cider mill, and the second story of same is used for amusement purposes. (1936) (Near Chelsea)

The grandson, Samuel F. Peters, purchased [V-523] the mills on June 4, 1843. On February 8, 1872 Samuel F. Peters and Susan V. his wife sold [F3-113] the mills to Charles J. Johnson for $9,000.00, who called them the "Forest Queen Mills". The property was 15 acres and 354 perches with "buildings, mills and water rights". Johnson also conducted a cider mill here. On March 31, 1881 Charles and Mary Johnston of Middletown sold [B4-521] to their two sons, Charles Johnson Jr. and William A Johnson both of Aston for $10,000.00 a tract of land of 15 acres and 154 perches with "buildings and mills". On January 7, 1903 Charles Johnson Jr. of Camp Ground and the heirs of William A. Johnson sold [T10-577] to Joseph W. Fritz of Washington D.C. for $2,000.00 the same property with "buildings and mills" Chester Heights Rd. (Near Chelsea)

Currently (2024), the property where Peter's Saw Mill and Grist Mill once occupied (west side of the West Branch of Chester Creek) is now wooded area. Also, there is a brick apartment building, 427 Valleybrook Rd., Chester Heights, located on a portion of the old mill site.



KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION

ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 22

OLD DWELLING

This dwelling was built in 1845 on the east side of old Pennell Road about twenty-nine hundred feet north of Concord Road and has been occupied ever since. Alterations have been made by adding a frame building to the house and several additions. It is now owned by Mrs. Helen Link (1936). (Village Green)

George L. and Dora Neeld of Aston on April 6, 1909 sold [N13-394] to Thomas McCall three tracts of land for $1,125.00. On June 15, 1911 Thomas and Anna McCall of Aston sold [Y14-308] to Robert and Sarah Boyle of Chester for $1325.00 the same three tracts of land described below. On May 22, 1913 Robert J. and Sarah C. Boyle of Chester sold [346-540] to Mike Link of Chester for $18,00.00 Three Tracts of land #1-64 square perches, #2-2 acres and 140 square perches tract#3 18 perches and 39/100 It is now owned by Mrs. Helen Link (1936). On August 16, 1977 Mary Link Pounds, executor of the estate of Helen Link [dod March 3, 1977] sold [2619-910] the property of 1.354 acres to Michael Link for one dollar. Today the home is still owned by the Link family at 105 Old Pennell Road, Media. 2014 (Village Green)

Currently (2024), the location at 105 Old Pennell Road, Media is approximately twenty-nine feet north of Concord Road. This is a wooded area with dirt roads leading to a few homes barley visible from the main road.

KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION



ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 23

TYSON MANSION

The above brick mansion, on the northeast side of Concord Road about five hundred feet southeast of Village Green Crossroads, was built by J. and R. Tyson in 1857, and has been used as a dwelling ever since. (Village Green)

George Thompson on March 8, 1846 bought [X112] 93 acres for $1,600.00 from Isaac and Mary Yarnall, Joseph Pennell and Isaac and Hannah Morgan. The property was part of the Pennell estate. On March 23, 1855 George Thompson and his wife Christiana sold [C2-287] Samuel Aldridge for $8,150.00 a "messuage" and 95 acres. On February 10, 1856 Samuel Aldridge, Phila Gentleman sold [D2-183] to James Baker, Phila. Merchant a tract of 95 acres and one road for $5,000.00. James and Henrietta Baker on December 2, 1856 sold [D2-425] 95 acres and 1 road to Samuel Aldridge for $5,000.00. The property included a "messuage". On May 28, 1857 Samuel H. and Adelaide Aldridge of Phila. sold [D2-697] to James S. Tyson of Aston, gentlemen a house, and 95 acres and one road for $2,500.00. Today the mansion is gone 1936 (Village Green)

Currently (2024), based on the coordinates of northeast side of Concord Road about five hundred feet southeast of Village Green Crossroads the location is now a parking lot for Village Green Shopping Center, 3488 Concord Rd., Aston. This information corresponds with the 1892 map of Aston Township from the Welcome to Delaware County PA History Website showing the estate of Elwood Tyson property at this location.

KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION



ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 24

KEITH HOCKHART COLLECTION

BLACKSMITH SHOP

This stone structure, located on the east side, of Old Pennell Road one quarter mile south of Mt. Alverno Road, was built in 1845. It was 15 x 25', one story high with yellow clay used instead of cement mortar to hold the stone walls. It was used as a blacksmith shop continuously until 1913, at which date it became idle. No alterations have been made and at present you will find one of the first made forges intact and in working condition. (Village Green)

On July 5, 1881 John and Mary Howard of Aston sold [S5-40] for $40.00 a lot of 39 and 39/100 perches to William H. Stetser of Aston. No buildings are mentioned in the deed. On February 2, 1898 Stetser now of South Chester sold [P9-300] this property and two other tracts with a messuage to George Neeld of Aston for $1200.00 dollars. The building has mostly been replaced and is now a garage at 105-107 Old Pennell Road Media. 2014 (Village Green)

Currently (2024), based on the coordinates "on the east side, of Old Pennell Road one quarter mile south of Mt. Alverno Road" this location is now a residential neighborhood at the intersection of Old Pennell Road and N. Manor Road. There is no evidence of the old blacksmith shop or garage in this area.



ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 25

HOWARD FARM HOUSE

On the above site, about eight hundred feet southwest of Chester Creek and about eight hundred feet south of Mt. Alverno Road, is a two-story stone building 20 x 30', with the addition of an old oven built into the original building. It was erected in 1791, the stone slab so dated intact within the walls. It was built by the Howard family and has been occupied ever since. The building at present (1936) is in wonderful condition. All the original roof rafters remain and the nails – handmade that were used – are still intact. The farm consists of thirty-two acres and is now owned by Elwood H. Smith. (Mt. Alverno)

On December 30, 1817 Richard and Mary Jones, Henry and Lydia Jones, John and Jane Mancill etal. the heirs of Edward Grissell who died intestate sold [N-1740] to Jesse Grissell a stone house and approx. 37 acres for $1,712.58. Andrew and Ann Young of Concord bought [P-454] the property of 32 acres with house on March 24, 1825 from Jesse and Rachel Grissell of Middletown for $1,274.40. On April 1, 1851 Ann Young of Chester Twp. widow of Andrew, sold [Z-455] John H. Howard of Aston for $1,400.00 a house and 32 and ¼ acres. On April 2, 1888 Mary Howard and John Howard, executors of the will of John H. Howard sold [M6-600] to George Laird for $2,250.00 the property of 32 acres. On October 2, 1890 Sheriff J. Leiper Green sold [W4-330] the 32 acres to Ralph Crowther for $800.00 because of a debt that George Laird owed. Ralph died on December 21, 1894. On March 27, 1909, Catherine J. Crowther, widow of Ralph E. Crowther, Joseph Crowther, Mary Jane Crowther and George A. Crowther sold [N13-358] to Thomas T. Smith of Nether Providence a house and tract of 32 acres for $1,800.00 (Mt. Alverno)

Currently (2024), based on the coordinates of 800 feet south of Mt. Alverno Road on Old Pennell Road and 800 feet SW of Chester Creek the Howard Farm House was likely located on the property of what is now Pyramid Materials, 414 Knowlton Rd., Media, PA.



KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION

ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 26

PUBLIC SCHOOL

This school was erected in 1836 three hundred feet west of Chester Heights Road and a quarter of a mile north of Concord Road. But about 1870 the old school was razed, and a new building erected on the site which is at present standing (1936). (Aston Mills)

On May 29, 1872 Salkeld Larkin sold {E3-298} one acre of land to the Aston School District for $150.00. This school stood on the road from Rhodes Mill to Village Green. Although the deed wasn't transferred till 1872, the school was built in the fall {Delco Republican 9-21-1870} of 1870. {Penna School Reports 1871} The date stone on the school states "Aston School #5 1870". This one story brick school was known as the "Aston Mills School, Llewellyn or School # 5 and #6" and is now gone, the school closed in 1960 when the Penn Delco Union was formed. It stood opposite #843 Aston Mills Road at the top of a small hill just right of Ellston Rd. The school was torn down about 1970. This school was sold [2203-497] to Aston Township for one dollar on February 6, 1964. The site of this school is a small park opposite 843 Aston Mills Rd. 2014 (Aston Mills)

The location of the school was on the North side of Ellston Road between Upton Road and Ford Avenue. Currently (2024), the public school is no longer standing and an empty lot is at the location where the school once was. The lot is located between 825 Upton Road and 855 Ellston Road



KEITH L. KHART COLLECTION

ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 27

PENNELLTON FACTORY

This factory was erected in 1846 on the north side of Bridgewater Road or Brookhaven Road and the west side of Chester Creek and was owned and operated as a cotton mill by Isaac Morgan, and in 1866 operated as a paper mill. Later it was used as a woolen mill by S. Haigh Company and known as the "Gladstone Mills". In 1910 it was operated by the United States Lead Company and in 1918 a chemical company operated here for three years. Since 1933 and up to present (1936) it is operating as a fat rendering factory. (Bridgewater)

On October 25, 1870 Joseph and Elizabeth Wilcox of Phila. manufacturer, George Smith Jr. of Chester manufacturer and Richard and Margaret Tucker of New York, merchant sold [A3-548] to the Bridgewater Co. for one dollar a ""certain cotton factory, tenements and 3 tracts of land". On February 1, for one dollar the Bridgewater Paper Co. sold [D3-589] for $2,200.00 a "certain cotton factory, tenements and 3 tracts of land to Samuel Haigh, William Sidney Smith and William Grindrod. Lot #1 was 25 acres and 38 perches, Lot #2 was 119 square perches and Lot #3 was 48 square perches. Today it is the Giant Concrete Co. at 1910-2000 Bridgewater Road. 2014 (Bridgewater)

The address of the old Pennellton Factory is 1910-2000 Bridgewater Road. Currently (2024), the site is a cement company.



KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION

ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 28

BAPTIST CHAPEL

This frame building, on the south side of Bridgewater Road just west of Chester Creek, was erected by Samuel Crozer on or about 1874. Church services were held here until 1916. At this time the church was closed and stood idle until 1924 at which time fire destroyed the building. At present a one-room frame structure is on the site resting on the original cellar walls and occupied as a dwelling (1936). (Bridgewater)

On April 22, 1874 Samuel and Martha Haigh of Philadelphia and William Grindrod of Aston sold [T3-57] to the Delaware County Baptist Mission for one dollar a lot approx. 100' by 269'. Church services were held here until 1916. (Bridgewater)

The 1875 map of Aston shows the Baptist Church located just south of Bridgewater Rd. on the road now leading to the South West Delaware County Municipal Authority. The road is directly west of Chester Creek terminating at Bridgewater Rd. Currently (2024), there is no structure visible at this location.

KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION



ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 29

ASTON MILLS POST OFFICE

In 1877 John B. Rhodes established a general store on the northeast corner of West Branch or Creek Road and Chester Heights Road. This store was converted into a post office in 1880 with Mr. Rhodes as the first postmaster in Aston Mills. The post office remained in this store until 1916 when the rural delivery took its place. The building still stands (1936). (Aston Mills)

The post office opened on January 25, 1878. The post office remained in this store until it closed on July 15, 1919 when the rural delivery took its place.. Aston. 2014 (Aston Mills)

The Aston Mills Post Office located at the NE Corner of Mount Road and Aston Mills Road was torn down between 2012 and 2019 (per Google Maps street view for this time period). Currently (2024), the property where the old Post Office once stood is now a corner lot where the "Welcome to Historic Aston Mills" sign is located.

KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION



ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 30

FORD MANSION

A two-story stone building was erected in 1749 by Richard Dutton on the northwest corner of Legion Road or Dutton's or Convent Road and Pennell Road. On the dwelling is a stone slab marked "RD and MD 1749". It was rebuilt by A. E. Ford in 1917 who added a frame section two stories high. This house is now occupied by Kenneth Ford (1936). (Mt. Alverno)

On April 29, 1907 the Home Building Association of Sharon Hill and Collingdale sold [X11-484] to Frank A. Miller of Phila. for one dollar two tracts of land in Aston totaling 20 acres. Albert E. Ford of Philadelphia, a manufacturer on May 2, 1907 bought [P12-614] 2 tracts of land in Aston totaling 20 acres and 577/1000 of an acre for $12,000.00 from Frank and Mary Miller of Phila. This building still stands at 5561 Pennell Road and is a business called "Makin' Music". 2014 (Mt. Alverno)

Currently (2024), the Ford Mansion building still exists and is located at 5561 Pennell Road, Aston as The Sage Farmhouse.

KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION



ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 31

TYSON ESTATE (HEADQUARTERS OF LORD CORNWALLIS)

The headquarters of Lord Cornwallis were in James Tyson's dwelling, located at the northeast intersection of Dutton's Mill Road and Concord Road, which was built in the Revolutionary days. The encampment of the British Army begins at Halls Corner (now Fishers Corner) and extends east to within a short distance of the Seven Stars Hotel including farm lands, which now belong to the Convent of Our Lady of Angels, Garrett Estate, Mount Hope Cemetery and the Forstburg Estate. Continuing on the north side of Concord Road west of Pennell Road; then about one-half mile east of Pennell Road on the north side of Concord Road, and a short distance on Dutton's Mill Road on the lands of Tyson and Niels. On the latter farm is where the hanging of two British soldiers took place. At present (1936) the Tyson heirs occupy this dwelling. (Village Green)

KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION

Jonathan Tyson of Abington, Montgomery Co. on May 5, 1807 sold [I-66] to Jonathan Tyson Jr. of Aston, a storekeeper a tract of 120 acres for $3,600.00. On January 19, 1901 Susanna Tyson, R. Levi and wife Susanna Robert of Aston sold [F10-154] to James H. Tyson for $2,000.00 a messuage and tract of land totaling 99 acres, 1 road and 28 sq. perches. A second tract of 2 acres and 16 sq. perches was also included. Today the building is gone. (Village Green)

2370 Dutton Mill Road, Aston. Currently (2024), this location is now a 7-Eleven convenience store on the NE corner of Concord Rd. and Dutton Mill Road.



ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 32

JOSEPH NEFF PRIVATE SCHOOL

The above school was built prior to 1820 and was conducted by Joseph Neff as a private school, being located on the east side of Pennell Road about eleven hundred feet north of Concord Road. Admiral D. G. Farragut, a Civil War hero, was a pupil here. In 1836 it became a public school. The school was closed in 1865 and in 1866 it was torn down and the land used to enlarge the playgrounds of the present public school, built fifty feet from the old one in 1865. (Village Green)

There are no deeds for this school or for Joseph Neff grantored and granteed before 1850 found nothing. This is from Ashmead who states the school closed c.1820. It never became a public school. 2014. (Village Green)

3155 Old Pennell Road is the address of the Village Green School which is currently (2024) still there. Based on the distance from Concord Road the Joseph Neff Private School was located 50 feet north of the Village Green School.

KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION



ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 33

BLUE OR MT. GILEAD CHURCH

About 1818 the above church was erected by James Lindsay and donated by him to the Trustees to be used as a Presbyterian Church. It was located on the west side of Chester Heights Road about four hundred feet north of Lenni Road extended. In 1842 services were discontinued and in 1870 the church was torn down and the land was vacant until about 1900, at which time apple trees were planted making an orchard

On March 1, 1822 James Lindsey sold [P-253] 156 square perches for one dollar to the three trustees of the "First branch of the United Presbyterian Church of Springfield, Aston and Providence". The three trustees were; William Glenn, James McMullen and Samuel Hunter. The deed states the "meeting house" was already built on the property. NOTE. Deed [K-219] from May 27, 1811 mentions the "Presbyterian Meeting House" in the deed description. (Chester Heights)

The above church was located on which is now Llewellyn Road on the south side just west of where Lenni Road terminates at Llewellyn Road. Currently (2024), the church is no longer there and and the former site is now residential properties.

Location source: pa-roots.com, History of Delaware County, Chapter 29, Aston Township

KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION



ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 34

DARLINGTON CREAMERY

The above was established by Jesse Darlington in 1846 on the south side of Darlington Road, since vacated, about five hundred feet southwest of Baltimore Pike. The Darlington family was known for the making of good butter. Following the Civil War the White House in General U. S. Grant's time, was served butter made by the Darlington's at one dollar per pound. The cornucopia was their trade mark. In 1928 the creamery was closed. The property was sold later on, and the buildings were destroyed. Nothing remains now (1936) except the vacant ground (Wawa)

On March 25, 1824 Thomas and Hannah Darlington of Middletown sold [P-272] to Jesse Darlington for $650.00 an unknown amount of property. (Wawa)

The Darlington Creamery was located on the south side of Logtown/Darlington Road 500 feet southwest of Baltimore Pike. The Creamery was located where Darlington Road once crossed Baltimore Pike on the south side of Baltimore Pike. Currently (2024), Darlington terminates on the north side of Baltimore Pike and the Creamery which is no longer there was located on the south side of Baltimore Pike which is now wooded area.

KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION



ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 35

THATCHERS TILT MILL

The above mill, located at the north side of Baltimore Pike one hundred feet west of Chester Creek, was erected previous to 1811 and operated by Joseph Thatcher. In 1812 Enos Thatcher conducted the business here and up until 1815. Then it became the property of Thomas and Enos Thatcher who added a stone mill, but after the war with England times became rather poor and the mill was idle a long while. In 1841 Joseph and Isaac Thatcher operated the mill making self-sharpening plows. The flood of 1843 destroyed the mill, and it was never rebuilt. Sometime between 1815 and 1840 a small shop was built alongside of the tilt mill and used as a blacksmith shop. It was saved during the flood and afterward used. In 1884 it was closed and sometime later was torn down. Nothing remains except the vacant ground now (1936). (Wawa)

On June 21, 1808 Jesse Darlington of Middletown, yeoman for $12.00 granted [K-91] to Joseph Thatcher of Aston yeoman the right to build a "race and watercourse" on Chester Creek for the "purpose of working a tilt mill or any other mill". The deed also mentions digging and repairing "aforesaid mill'. On February 14, 1811 Joseph and Mary Thatcher sold [K-89] jointly to sons, Enos and Thomas Thatcher for $1,600.00 a house and property of ten acres and ¾'s. No mill is mentioned. Joseph Thatcher sold [K-92] on February 14, 1811 a watercourse lease for 5 shillings to Enos and Thomas Thatcher. On May 31, 1813 Joseph and Mary Thatcher, Aston yeoman, sold [L-462] to his son, Enos Thatcher a blacksmith, for $80.00 a 2 story stone dwelling and 158 square perches. (Wawa)

Currently (2024), the site of where Thatchers Tilt Mill was located on the. north side of Baltimore Pike one hundred feet west of Chester Creek just west of the Wawa Train Station remains undeveloped.



KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION

ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 36

STONY BANK SCHOOL

This school was erected in 1836 about two hundred feet east of Stony Bank Road and five hundred feet north of Baltimore Pike. Nathan Hunt taught here in 1839. The exact date this school closed is not known but it was approximately 1858. Nothing except a small portion of the foundation remains at the present time (1936). Mr. McGonigle, the present owner, is going to protect what is left and intends to place a slab upon the site. (Stony Bank)

On March 9, 1796 Thomas Pennell of Concord deeded [I-108] two acres and four tenths of a perch to four Trustees. This was a 999 year lease at a cost of twenty pounds per year. The trustees were Daniel Sharpless of Middletown Twp. and Jacob Pyle, Abraham Sharpless and Emmor Williamson of Aston Twp. The trustees were required "to build a sufficient stone schoolhouse for the purpose of a school". This school was known as the Stoney Bank School and was given to the school board in 1836. No deed has been found when this school was sold. This school would now be in Chester Heights Boro. The site would be about 300 feet north of #15 Stoney Bank Rd. on the east {Media} side of the road. 2014. (Stony Bank)

Based on the coordinates of 500 feet north of Baltimore Pike and 300 feet east of Stony Bank Road, the current (2024) location, 15 Stoney Bank Rd. where the school once stood is now a mini storage facility with no evidence or remains of the school.

KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION



ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 37

CAMP GROUND POST OFFICE

The first post office established in this section was in the office of the Drayton & Sharpless Lumber Company, located on the north side of Elam Road about five hundred feet west of Chester Heights Road. At that time it was known as the "Camp Ground Post Office". The exact date is not known but it is supposed to have been about 1880. In 1890 the name was changed to "Chester Heights Post Office" and was situated in the grocery store of George Smith. Later the same year it was moved back to the lumber yard. Three years afterwards it was moved to the grocery store of M. Fulmer in the Pennsylvania Railroad Station at the northwest intersection of Elam and Chester Heights Roads. (Chester Heights)

The exact date is June 28, 1880 the first postmaster was George Drayton. On March 8, 1911 the name was changed to "Chester Heights Post Office" and was situated in the grocery store of George Smith. Today the post office is located at 1 Smithbridge Road, Chester Heights. 2014. (Chester Heights)

Currently (2024), The old Camp Ground Post Office is now the Chester Heights Post Office located at 1 Smithbridge Road, Chester Heights. The Post Office sits on the north side of Smithbridge Road and 150 feet west of Valleybrook Road.

KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION



ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 38

IVY MILLS POST OFFICE

The above post office was established about 1837 in the grocery store of Jos. and Harry Pratt, located on the northeast side of the intersection of Baltimore Pike and Stony Bank Road. In 1848 it was on the property located on the southeast corner of Chester Heights Road and Darlington Road (Logtown). In 1861 Jos Pratt, an officer in the Army, was called to arms and the store and post office was turned over to Smith Sharpless. In 1870 the post office was in the Sharpless store – northeast corner Baltimore Pike and Stony Bank Road. In 1875 in the same store and called "Ivy Mills Post Office"; in 1890 it was as shown in Marker No. 37 (Logtown). In 1896 the store was destroyed by fire. The post office was then removed to the store of Louis D. Pyle. In 1919 the Glen Mills R.F.D. replaced the post office and it was closed. Ivy Mills Post Office was known as Logtown Post Office.

KEITH LOSKHART COLLECTION

The above post office was established April 11, 1822 by James Wilcox in the grocery store of Jos. and Harry Pratt, located on the northeast side of the intersection of Baltimore Pike and Stony Bank Road. The post office closed October 31, 1911. In 1919 the Glen Mills R.F.D. replaced the post office and it was closed. Ivy Mills Post Office was known as Logtown Post Office.

31 Baltimore Pike, Glen Mills. This was the location of the old Ivy Mills Post Post Office on the NE corner of Baltimore Pike and Stony Bank Road. Currently (2024), BMT Bryn Mawr Trust Bank occupies this location.



ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 39

DUTTON ESTATE

The above homestead was built in 1855 by Thomas Vernon Dutton on the east side of Marcus Hook Creek, about seven hundred feet north of road that leads from Longbotham Road east to Village Green Road. In 1888 the property was sold to his son, Frank V. Dutton, who held claim until 1926 when it was conveyed to David Rawlston, who is now (1936) living here and farming the land. (Village Green)

On March 31, 1860 John M. Broomall of Chester sold [G2-333] to Thomas V. Dutton of Aston 104 ½ acres for $15,675.00. This property belonged to John Dutton of Buffalo, New York and was left to his family at his death. On March 24, 1888 Thomas V. and Catherine L. Dutton of Darby sold [P6-16] to Frank Dutton and Frank Bonsall a house and property of 104 acres for $10,000.00. (Village Green)

Based on measurements from the 1911 Aston Township Map the Dutton Estate location would have been in the vicinity of Hillside Lane and Summit Circle between 2290 and 2300 Hillside Lane in Aston Township.

KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION



ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 40

DUTTON SAW MILL

On or about 1786 Jonathan Dutton built a two-story clover seed mill, probably the first of its kind in the county. It was located on the west bank of Marcus Hook Creek one quarter mile north of dirt road that leads from Longbotham Road east of Village Green Road. He operated the mill until his death when it became the property of Thomas V. Dutton, his son, who built a saw mill adjoining the clover seed mill. In 1886 the mills were closed and never again operated. At present the only remains to be seen are the race banks, walls of the clover seed mill, the pit and stone walls where the water wheel stood. The saw mill is shown as early as 1848. (Village Green)

Based on measurements from the 1911 Aston Township Map the Dutton Saw Mill location would have been in the vicinity of Hillside Lane and Summit Circle between 2290 and 2300 Hillside Lane in Aston Township.

KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION



ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 41

SCHOOL NO. 1

The above school was built in 1862, located one quarter of a mile north of Village Green on east side of Pennell Road, and was used as a primary and grammar school. At present (1936) only the first four grades are being taught here. (Village Green)

This property of one acre was deeded [F-439] by Samuel Hewes, carpenter and Sarah, his wife on May 11, 1802 for $30.00. The property was sold to three trustees, Jacob Richards, Thomas Dutton and William Pennell. The deed lists the names of the school subscribers (27) and the amount of money they gave to have the school built. This school was known as the "Village Green" School. On December 27, 1820 the last surviving original trustee, Thomas Dutton, gave [P-246] the new trustees the school in trust. The original school was octagon. Ashmead states there were two teachers in the school and speaks of upper and lower rooms. The original building may have been two {?} stories. The current school was rebuilt in the summer of 1866 and was used until 1952. The school was sold [2290-619] to Aston Township on April 19, 1965 and restored in 1976. The school stands on a one acre lot on the east Cside Pennell Road in the 3000 Block opposite Old Pennell Road. 2014. (Village Green)

3155 Old Pennell Road. Currently (2024), the property and building is owned by Aston Township. The school building is still there however, it is no longer used as a school.



KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION

ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 42

PIG'S EYE

This familiar landmark, a two and one-half story stone building, was erected in 1824 on the south bank of Chester Creek and the east side of Pennell Road. It earned a medal for heroism during the flood of 1843 when about a dozen people were marooned in the upstairs rooms. As the mad torrents swept its walls to the second floor, they were saved in a most miraculous manner. At a critical moment a large sycamore tree at the corner of the threatened house fell across the stream, turned the current away from the house and saved both the house and its inmates from destruction. One day shortly after the Civil War one of the front windows cracked. The crack in the glass resembled a pig's eye, hence the name given to his famous old landmark known to everyone in this vicinity, which is at present occupied (1936).

This building is now gone and stood at the intersection of Mount and Pennell Roads. The site is now an empty lot. 2014. (Rockdale)

Pig's Eye was located at the intersection of Mount Road and Pennell Road. Specifically on the east side of Pennell Road on the south bank of Chester Creek across from where Mount Road terminates at Pennell Road. Currently, (2024) the site of Pig's Eye is now void of any structures and is comprised of wooded area adjacent to Chester Creek.



KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION

ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 43

ROCKDALE LODGE #50 A. P. A.

The above lodge was chartered in 1854 and in the same year held their first meeting in a dwelling house built in 1829. This house was located on the north side of Mount Road one quarter of a mile west of Pennell Road. Albert E. Ford, founder of the Hillwood Fruit Farms, was born in this house in 1848. At present it is used for residential purposes (1936). (Rockdale)

No charter found at courthouse.

2230 Mount Road, Aston. Currently (2024), this location is now Martin's Tap House Tavern. The original lodge building has either been torn down or modified to the current configuration of the building now at this location.

TH LOCKHART COLLECTION



ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 44

DUCKETT HOUSE

The above house, a two and a half story stone structure, was erected by John B. Duckett in 1832. It is located on the east side of New Road three hundred feet north of West Branch Road. In 1838 John P. Crozer purchased this property and the same year he remodeled the interior to accommodate four families which were employees of his spinning mill located nearby. This house is one of the few to survive the terrible flood of 1843. Since that time it has changed ownership several times.

KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION

On April 25, 1826 Isaac Bottomley of Aston sold [P-725] to John B. Duckett of Aston the same two properties listed below. In 1838 John P. Crozer purchased this property and the same year he remodeled the interior to accommodate four families which were employees of his spinning mill located nearby. On November 12, 1838 the Bank of Delaware County sold [V-69] to John P. Crozer for $8,740.00 two tracts of land #1 -5 acres, 29 perches and 2 roads, Tract #2 102 square perches with buildings.

The 1934 map: "Aston and Middletown Twp. Part of Glen Riddle 1934" from the delawarecountyhistory.com website shows a building on the east side of New Road three hundred feet north of West Branch Road. Currently (2024), the building at this location is the Aston Township Police Station, 1 New Road, Aston.



ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 45

SCHOOL

This school was erected some time before 1777. It was located on the south side of Concord Road about one-quarter mile east of Marcus Hook Road. Previous records show that Thomas Dutton, a pupil here, states that during the Battle of Brandywine the booming of the cannons caused excitement among the pupils, and James Rigby, the master, dismissed school until after the battle. In 1802 this school was closed, and the pupils were then transferred to the Octagon School on Pennell Road. The old schoolhouse then became a blacksmith shop. It is not known how long business continued here, but more than fifty years ago it became a dwelling and at present (1936) it is occupied as same. (Village Green)

There are no records or deeds for this school.

The location of the school on the south side of Concord Road about one-quarter mile east of now Pennell Road is at 3481 Concord Road, Aston. Currently (2024), this area is now commercial businesses and the site where the school was is now a Giant Gas Station.

KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION



ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 46

GRANGE HALL

The history of this hall dates back to 1860 when it was erected on the east side of Pennell Road about five hundred feet north of Concord Road. Services of the Methodist denomination was held here until 1865. In that year the property was sold to Sallie K. Crozer, and the Crozer Theological Seminary conducted a mission here until 1881 when it became a Baptist Church which so continued until 1922. On that date it was purchased by the Grange. Since that date (1922) it has been used as a public hall up to the present time (1936). (Village Green)

On August 18, 1860 Joseph and Olive Baker of Aston sold [H2-295] for one dollar a plot of 6,504 square feet to the trustees of the Village Green Methodist Church. The trustees were: Samuel A. Barton, Stephen Hall, George Van Zant, James Baker, Simeon Cotton, Nathan Hewill, Abram Blakely, William Guthwait and Harvey Barton. The trustees "shall erect a place of worship for the members of the Methodist Church". On May 16, 1870 John and Francis Blackburn of Aston sold [A3-34} to the trustees of the Parsonage of the Village Green Circuit of the Methodist Episcopal Church for $1,050.00 a house [on Rt. 352} and 33 square perches of land. The trustees were Levi Pyle, Washington James, William Allcutt, William McCracken and James McCracken. In that year the property was sold to Sallie K. Crozer and the Crozer Theological Seminary had a mission here until 1871 when it became a Baptist Church which so continued until 1922. Today the hall stands at 5130 Pennell Road and is now a Doctor's Office and apartments. 2014. (Village Green)

5130 Pennell Road, Aston. The Village Green Baptist Church building eventually became Grange Hall. Currently (2024), The Grange Hall building is still there and has been converted to residential apartments.



KEITH HOCKHART COLLECTION

ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 47

MOUNTAIN HOUSE

The exact date this house was erected is not known, but in 1862 James Schofield received a license to conduct an inn on the south side of Mount Road eleven hundred feet west of Pennell Road. It is believed to be the first hotel in Rockdale and with the exception of two or three years a license was issued yearly until 1918. Since that time it has been used for a dwelling. (Rockdale)

On June 21, 1855 James Schofield of Frankford purchased [C2-376] for $800.00 two "adjoining messuages, tenements and lots on Mount Road from Ellen Schofield of Aston. This building is now gone and is an empty lot. (Rockdale)

The site where the Mountain House was located is next to 2201 Mount Road heading towards Pennell Road. Currently (2024), there in no building on this site.

KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION



ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 48

VILLAGE GREEN POST OFFICE

This post office was established prior to 1848 in the store then on the northeast corner of Pennell and Knowlton Roads. By 1870 it had been moved to the east corner of Knowlton Roads. By 1870 it had been moved to the east corner of Knowlton and Concord Roads, but in 1890 appears to have been removed to the first site, and by 1924 back to the second site again. Later Rural Free Delivery took its place. The building last mentioned stands unoccupied since 1933. (Village Green)

This post office was established on April 4, 1822 in the store then on the northeast corner of Pennell and Knowlton Roads The post office closed February 29, 1908. (Village Green)

Currently (2024), this intersection of Pennell, Knowlton and Concord Roads is completely occupied with commercial businesses.

KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION



ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 49

WAWA JUNCTION POST OFFICE

The exact date this post office was established is not known,, but it has always been in the Pennsylvania Railroad Station located about five hundred feet south of Baltimore Pike at the junction of the West Chester Branch and the Central Division of the P. B. & W. R. R.

Currently (2024), the Wawa Junction Post Office does not exist. It was established in May 1880 and located at the old Wawa train station. The Post office closed on September 27,1963 and the train station closed in September 1986. A new train station located at 1941 West Baltimore Pike, Media, opened in August 2022 and now occupies the location where the old train station and post office once stood.

Source: USPS, Post Offices by Discontinued Date - Postmaster Finder, https://about.usps.com/who/profile/history/postmaster-finder/post-offices-by-county.htm

KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION



ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 50

THATCHER HOMESTEAD

In 1812 Oscar Thatcher erected a dwelling about twenty-four hundred feet west of Village Green Road and about nine hundred feet south of Concord Road. The original slab stone floor and bake oven are still intact. At this writing (1936) the residence is still owned and occupied by the Thatcher heirs. (Village Green)

Isaac and Mary Yarnall of Edgmont on March21, 1833 sold [S -673] for $4,500.00 toWilliam Thatcher and Beulah Thatcher of Chester Co. a tract of land 123 ½ acres with a messuage. William Thatcher and Beulah Thatcher of Aston sold [A2-67 6] to Daniel S. Thatcher of Aston for $6,158.00 a tract of land of 123 ½ acres with a messuage. At this writing (1936) the residence is still owned and occupied by the Thatcher Family. (Village Green)

Currently (2024), this home is still standing at 140 Sweigart Lane in Aston. 2014.

KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION



Photo source: 140 Sweigart Lane, Aston, PA 19014. https://www.trulia.com/home/140-sweigart-ln-aston-pa-19014-9299850

ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 51

KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION

"RED GABLES" MANSION

This mansion was built by John Mattson in 1853 on the north side of Concord Road About seven hundred feet west of Red Hill Road. It later became the property of the late John B. Rhodes, once owner and operator of the Rhodes Cotton Mills. About 1905 the mansion was purchased by Captain Clayton Erb, U. S. A., who gave it the name "Red Gables". Captain Erb resided here until his death in 1910. In 1930 this mansion was destroyed by fire. The only remains to be seen are the stone walls (1936). (Mount Hope)

On April 27, 1906 Joseph and Ann Rhoades of Aston sold [Y12-313] to Joseph F. Schultzbach of Phila. for one dollar a lot with "buildings and improvements" by Mt. Hope Church on Concord Rd. Property was 112 acres and 524/1000 of an acre. On October 15, 1903 Robert and Mary Wetherill of Chester sold [Y12-19] to Ann L. Rhoades two properties, #1 92 acres plus and Tract #2 30 acres plus. Property bought from the receivers of Rhoades Co. Limited. On April 28, 1906 Joseph Schultzbach sold [Y12-316] for one dollar the same 112 acres to C. Edwin Hunter of Lansdowne. Hunter sold [S12-341] to George Quintard Horwitz of Phila on April 28, 1906 for one dollar. Recorded January 15, 1909. On November 8, 1909 George and Marian Horwitz of Phila sold [D14-61] to Katie Lilla Erb of Phila. the house and property of 112 acres and 524/1000 of an acre for one dollar. Subject to mortgage of $4,000. On April 20, 1910 Kate Erb of Phila sold [D14-154] the same property of 112 acres to Josiah Smith of Chester for one dollar. Horwitz a witness. Run Smith agreements??!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!. On April 13, 1907 Richard S. S. Rhodes of Chester sold [P12-592] to John S. Forstberg of Chester a "house, tenement" and 4 acres and 56/100 for $7,000.00. Part John B. Rhoades sold [D7-106] to Richard S.S. Rhodes on October 24, 1889. Other part soon to be sold to Forstberg. On February 2, 1922 the mansion was destroyed by fire.

4000 Concord Road, Aston. Currently (2024), at the coordinates north side of Concord Road and seven hundred feet west of Red Hill Road the location of the Red Gable Mansion would have been in the vicinity of the residence at 4000 Concord Road.



ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 52

MATHUES HOME

This home was built about 1780 on the north side of Crozerville Road about fifteen hundred feet east of Chester Heights Road. It was owned and occupied by Mr. C. W. Mathues' heirs until about 1900. This home was the birthplace of Dr. Charles Mathues, a prominent veterinarian. (Aston Mills)

Currently (2024), The Matheus Home no longer exists and this section on Crozerville Road is all residential. The Matheus Home based on the coordinates of 1,500 ft east of now Birney Highway/Llewelyn Road (Chester Heights Road) and north side of Crozerville Road the home would have been located in the vicinity of 137 to 143 Crozerville Road north side.

WITH LOCKHART COLLECTION



ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 53

EVANS HOME

The above home was built about 1709 by Samuel Evans, one of the first settlers in Aston Township. It is located on the south side of Cherry Tree Road about twenty-three hundred feet west of Marcus Hook Road. The original structure still stands except for some minor repairs. It is owned and occupied as a dwelling by Howard Weir. (1936) (Village Green)

The Evans home structure subsequently owned by Howard Weir is still standing. Currently (2024), the home is located at 34 Williams Drive, Aston. In 1965 the street name changed from Weir Road to Williams Drive. In 2012 renovations were done to the home to bring it to it current look.

WILLOCKHART COLLECTION



ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 54

KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION

MC CRACKEN HOME

This home, located on the southwest corner of Bodley Road and Chester Heights Road, was built in 1824 by William McCracken, who at that time conducted the business known as the "Old Sable Works." The property has for many years belonged to Colonel Bodley, U.S.A., and at the present time (1936) it is occupied as a residence. (Chester Heights)

On October 31, 1860 James McCracken of Aston sold[G2-665] to George McCracken for 10 thousand dollars "certain hose and plantation" of 150 acres north Pierce and Hannum west branch of Chester Creek. Part of the same property which George and May McCracken on October 28, 1857 sold[E2-139] to James McCracken for $17,000.00 a messuage and plantation and 150 acres. The same property which John and Sarah Lindsey on March 27, 1835 sold [T-172] to George McCracken. On March 27, 1835 John and Sarah Lindsey of Haverford sold[T-172] to George McCracken of Aston for $4,250.00 a house, tenement and plantation of 150 acres. same property the Orphans Court on October 16, 1827 sold to John Lindsey.

And a second tract of 115 acres in Aston and Upper Chichester which Charles and Ann Taylor Exe. Of the estate of John Taylor Esq. in 1850. January 24, 1877 George McCracken of Aston sold [G4-645] to James McCracken of Aston a "certain Messuage and plantation" 57 and a ½ acres by Concord Rd.

Currently (2024), the once McCracken Home still standing is located 5241 Birney Hwy. on the SW corner of Bodley Road and Birney Highway (formerly Chester Heights Road).



ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 55

PETERS HOME

This home was built in 1750 by William Peters and remained in the Peters family until 1842. It is located on the east side of Chester Heights – Chelsea Road about eight hundred feet southwest of the West Branch of Chester Creek. Since 1842 the house has belonged to several persons but has always been occupied as a dwelling. William Peters was one of the pioneers of Aston Township and one of the first to own and separate a fulling and grist mill in this section. During the British War days a barricade was fitted up in the third story of this home which still remains today (1936).

Currently (2024), The Peters Home no longer exist. There is an apartment building at 427 Valleybrook Rd., Chester Heights at the original location of the home.

KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION



ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 56

BRIDGEWATER SCHOOL

This school was built about 1879 on the south side of Bridgewater or Brookhaven Road, about twenty-four hundred feet east of Concord Road, on ground donated by Haigh & Co. It is today (1936) used as a dwelling.

Samuel Haigh of Philadelphia, et al on July 3, 1879 sold [T4-377] one acre for a dollar to the Aston School Board. This school was sold [763- 160] on January 19, 1928 to the P.B.W. Railroad for $500.00.and was used as a residence for a number of years.

Note: 1896 newspaper article mentions a "Brookside" school that may be another name for this school. Today the school is gone and no ruins can be seen

Currently (2024), based on the coordinates of 2,400 ft east of Concord Road and south of Bridgewater Road the location of where the school was puts it at the south side of Bridgewater Road between Park Lane and Jody Way. There is no evidence of the old Bridgewater School. This is now a residential and business area.

KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION



ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 57

HALL HOUSE

This house was erected in 1774 by Robert Hall on the southeast corner of Chester Heights Road and West Branch or Creek Road. Here Mr. Hall conducted a store and lived in the dwelling part of the house until 1798. Since that time several persons have owned and operated a store here. Since 1896 the store business has been discontinued and the entire building used as a dwelling up to the present time. (1936). (Aston Mills)

Robert Hall died in 1798 and his heirs, aka children sold the property to his son, Robert Hall Jr. The heirs were: Joseph and Mary Hall, Aston farmer, Thomas and Elizabeth Jones, Birmingham farmer, Samuel and Anne Vernon, Aston miller and John and Mary Rickard of Phila. The heirs on May 8, 1798 sold [D-217] to Robert Hall Jr. a house and 97 acres for 800lbs. On April 2, 1838 Robert Hall Jr. Esq. sold [V-27] to Samuel and John Hall a house and 141 acres and 44 perches for $5,000.00. On April 5, 1880 the heirs of Samuel Hall sold [A6-426] to John B. Rhodes for $1,264 dollars. The property was 12 acres, 2 roads and 23 perches. (Aston Mills)

Currently (2024), on the SE corner of now Aston Mills Road (previously Chester Heights Road) and Mount Road (previously West Branch or Creek Road) is a commercial business/ home. The address is 806 Aston Mills Road and here is no evidence of the old Hall House.



KEITH HOCKHART COLLECTION

ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 58

LUNGREN MANSION

This home was erected about 1798 by John Lungren on the northwest side of Lenni Road and extension of New Road. Mr. Lungren also built and operated a paper mill, the first of its kind in this section. In 1816 he died, and the property descended to his sons, William and Charles, who ran the business until 1825 at which time they sold the mansion and mill. In 1873 it was the home of General Robert Patterson, U.S.A. Today (1936) it stands in very good condition and is occupied as a dwelling. (Lenni)

On January 2, 1797 Thomas Griffith, Aston cordwainer sold [C-437] to John Lungren, Middletown Paper maker for 365 pds. A "messuage and mill seat" 80 acres and 98 perches. This property was Thomas Griffith inherited from his father, William Griffith on April 4, 1794. This building is now owned by Westlake Plastics as their Conference Center. It is on the National Register for Historic Places and is known as "Stonehaven". The address is 484 Lenni Road, Aston. 2014

Currently (2024) the Lungren Mansion still remains and is located at 484 Lenni Road and is owned by Westlake Plastics and used as a conference center.

KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION



ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 59

INDIAN VILLAGE

There are many legends connected with this site as to its authenticity but as pieces of flint chisels and arrowheads are found from time to time, it is reasonable to presume that this site was at one time an Indian village. It is located on the south side of Lenni Road a short distance west of New Road. (Lenni)

Currently (2024), based on the location: South side of Lenni Road and a short distance west of New Road this area in now a residential section of homes.



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ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 60

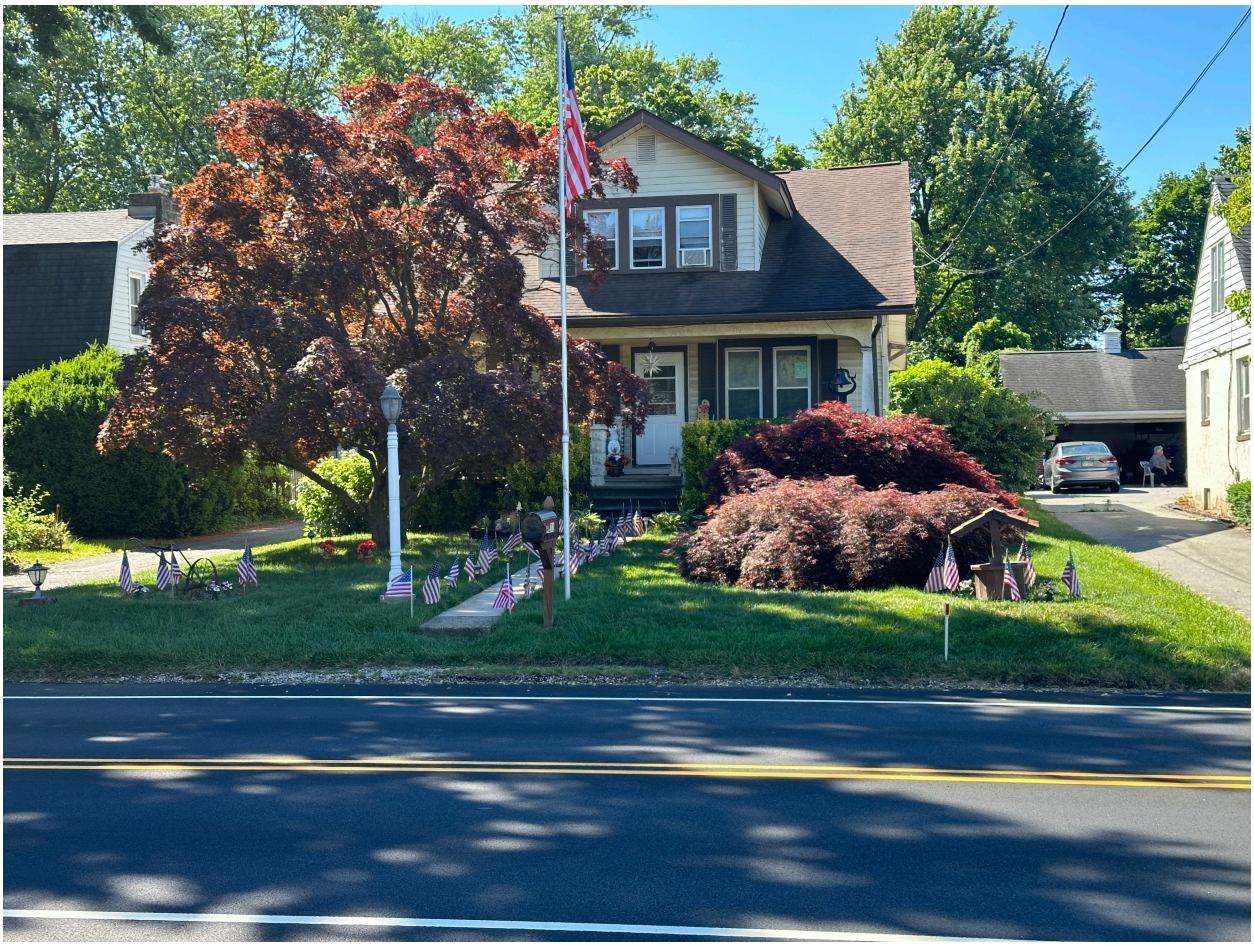
SUBSCRIPTION SCHOOL

This school was located on the south side of Concord Road about one-quarter mile west of Chester Heights Road. The date of its erection is unknown. A Mrs. Lykens states that she was a pupil here in 1854. It was known as a subscription school, having classes on Saturdays only. About 1863 the property was purchased by John Hall who remodeled it and used it as a dwelling. Today (1936) it is unoccupied. (Mount Hope)

No deed can be found for this school. The property was probably rented by the school board

Currently (2024), based on the location of the Subscription School on the south side of Concord Road one-quarter mile west of now Aston Mills Road (previously Chester Heights Road) there is no evidence of the old school. This is now a residential area and the address of where the school was located is in the vicinity of 4271 Concord Road.

KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION



ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 61

OLD HOUSE AND SCHOOL

This building, located on the south side of New Road one-half mile east of Lenni Road, was erected about 1844 and used as a dwelling until 1886, when it was remodeled and became a public school. It remained so until 1917 at which timer the pupils were transferred to the Rockdale School. The building was again remodeled and used as a dwelling, being occupied at this writing (1936).

Another building rented by the school board. No deed

Based on the coordinates of south side of New Road on half mile east of Lenni Road the Old House and School would have been located on New Road about one hundred feet east of Crozerville Road. Currently (2024), there is no Old House/School at this location.

KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION



ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 62

ROCKDALE DAM

This dam, located on Chester Creek about twenty-one hundred feet west of Pennell Road, was one of the first of its kind in this section being built in 1856 by Samuel D. Riddle then owner of the Glen Riddle Mills. Prior to that time Chester Creek at this point was a narrow stream. A big abutment was built and also a dam breast was erected connecting the two hillsides and flooded, the meadow area forming a gigantic dam, water was conveyed to the mills by a large mill race. In wintertime this dam provided many acres for ice skating. Today (1936) this dam is about one-third its original size but still supplies water to the same mills. (Rockdale)

"….the old Rockdale dam on Chester Creek, it was built in the 1850's by Samuel Riddle to power his nearby Mills, it was destroyed in the floods of 1971 and 1972, this is located near the old Rockdale Station site along the PRR's Chester Creek Branch…"

Source: Andrew Fallon, Facebook April 1, 2024 "West Chester Railroad and PRR West Chester Branch Group"

KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION



ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 63

MARTIN HOME

This old home was erected on the west side of Chester Heights Road, about six hundred feet north of the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks, about 1734 by the late Thomas Martin, who was one of the original land owners in this Township. It remained in the Martin family until after 1870. (Chester Heights)

This home still stands at 363 Valleybrook Rd. in Chester Heights. 2019

In 1734 Thomas Martin constructed a large fieldstone farmhouse along Valleybrook Road that remained in the family until after 1870. Currently (2024), even after numerous additions to the Martin House, located at 363 Valleybrook Road, Chester Heights, Sprucehaven Farm remains an iconic structure in Chester Heights as one of the original homesteads in the Borough.

Source: chesterheights.org, Chapter 6 Historic Preservation

KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION



ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 64

PENNELL HOME

This old house was erected about 1734 by John Pennell on the west side of Chester Heights Road about twelve hundred feet south of Baltimore Pike. (Logtown)

Currently (2024), this home still stands at 471 Valleybrook Rd. in Chester Heights.

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Photo source: 490 Valleybrook Rd., Glen Mills, PA 19342 | MLS# PADE2065782 | Redfin Redfin.com

ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 65

THOMAS SWAYNE MANSION

This mansion was built in 1829 by Thomas Swayne on the north side of Lenni Road about twelve hundred feet east of Chester Heights Road. At his death it became the property of Ellwood Harvey. In 1880 he sold this property to John B. Hannum, a Judge of Delaware County. In 1928 part of the mansion was destroyed by fire, but later rebuilt.

Currently (2024), based on the location coordinates the Thomas Swayne Mansion would have been located in the vicinity of 378 Lenni Road.

COCKHART COLLECTION



ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER NO. 66

WOOLMAN HOMESTEAD

This homestead, located on the north side of Bodley Road about thirteen hundred feet west of Chester Heights Road, was built about 1710 by Gilbert Woolman one of the original landowners of Aston Township. It remained in the Woolman family until 1800. When Bodley Road was laid out in 1850 George McCracken owned this dwelling. Since that date it has changed hands several times. It is now owned by Colonel Bodley U.S.A. The structure consists of old English brick, and the house still retains its original appearance (1936). (Chester Heights)

The house still stands at 249 Bodley Rd. Chester Heights. 2014

253 Bodley Road, Chester Heights. Currently (2024), the old Woodman Homestead is still standing at its original location.

KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION



ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER 67

WALTERS HOUSE

This old house was erected in the early eighteenth century by the late Walters family and is located on the east side of Chester Heights Road a few hundred feet south of Baltimore Pike. It was owned and occupied by the Walters heirs as late as 1880 and was supposed to be the first house erected at what later became known as Logtown. Today (1936) this old house stands in its original appearance. It is in very good condition and is still used as a residence.

Whereas Thomas and Mary Martin of Aston on January 28, 1755 conveyed [K-62] to their son, Abraham Martin 3 tracts of land in Aston. Tract #1 52 acres, Tract #2 27 acres and 30 perches and Tract #3 3 acres and 35 perches, At Martin's death, dod April 17, 1808, the executor of his estate, Benjamin Martin sold [K-455] on April 4, 1812 the same 3 tracts to highest bidder, Nathaniel Walter, Concord Twp. yeoman for $4,846.51

490 Valleybrook Road. Currently (2024), the old Walters House is still standing at its original location.



Photo source: 490 Valleybrook Rd., Media, PA 19063 / MLS# 1002579942 | Redfin Redfin.com

KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION

ASTON TOWNSHIP

MARKER 68

HANNUM HOUSE

The above house, located on the west side of Chelsea Road about twelve hundred feet north of Matson Road, was erected about 1811 by William Hannum who settled in Chester County and became one of the first to establish a flour mill at Doe Run. About 1874 it was owned and occupied by Caleb Heyburn, a Civil War Veteran. Since his death (about 1916) it has been owned and occupied by several different families. A few years ago the house was remodeled and today (1936) it is a modern residence. (Chester Heights)

John Hannum, of Concord Twp. yeoman, sold [P-495] on April 25, 1825 the 100 acre Aston property to Aaron Hannum, Concord Twp. yeoman, for $3,550.00. Aaron Hannum of Aston on March 25, 1850 sold [Y-581] to William Hannum for $6,500., 00 a messuage and plantation on two tracts of land totaling 100 acres. On March 28, 1865 William and Annie Hannum of Aston sold [P2-3] to Caleb Heyburn of Birmingham Twp. a farm of 94 acres, 3 roads and 22 perches and water courses for $12,145.65.(Chester Heights)

229 Valleybrook Road, Chester Heights. Currently (2024), the old Hannum House is still standing at its original location.

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HALL HOUSE

This old house was erected about 1829 by the Hall family. It was located at the southeast corner of Convent Road and Concord Road. It is supposed to be situated on the exact spot where Lord Cornwallis left Concord Pike and encamped his army here and the surrounding territory. The house was occupied as a residence until about 1870 at which time it was remodeled, and a grocery store established here by Alfred C. Rhodes. It has continued to be a store up to the present time (1936). From the occupants of this store comes the names “Hall’s Corner”, “Fisher’s Corner”. (Mount Hope)

Robert Hall died and left 94 acres he had purchased equally to his 5 children, Joseph Hall, Robert Hall, Elizabeth Jones, Ann Vernon and Mary Pickford. On May 8, 1798 the children sold [D-217] the 94 acre estate with “messuage” to their brother, Robert Hall Jr. for 800 pds. Robert Hall Esq. on April 2, 1838 sold [V-27] the same property now 141 acres and 44 perches to Samuel R. Hall and John Hall for $5,000.00. Samuel Hall sold [V-455] his share to John M. Hall on, April 1, 1842 for $2,500.00 to John M. Hall. The property consisted of 70 acres, 2 roads and 20 perches. It was located at the southeast corner of Convent Road and Concord Road. It is supposed to be situated on the exact spot where Lord Cornwallis left Concord Pike and encamped his army here and the surrounding territory. The house was occupied as a residence until about 1870, at which time it was remodeled and a grocery store established here by Alfred C. Rhodes. It has continued to be a store up to the present time (1936). From the occupants of this store come the names "Hall's Corner", "Fisher's Corner”. The building was torn down c.2008 and is now a dorm for Neumann University at 600 Convent Rd. (Mount Hope)

601 Convent Road, Aston. The original Hall House was torn down between 2007 and 2010. Currently (2024), the site is now the Buoni Apartments Dorms for Neumann University which opened in 2011.

