

BOOTH'S CORNER NAMED FOR PIONEER STORE PROPRIETOR

Every rural area of most every county has its share of "corners" and "crossroads". They have them literally but they also have them in names of villages that have grown up around the intersections. Delaware County is no exception.

As in most other localities, these villages take their names from early residents of these areas. The names in most cases were never formally given. They have been accepted through common usage and in some cases have later been officially recognized in a railroad station or post office. Among Delaware County localities so named are Booth's Corner, Hinkson's Corner, Palmer's Corner, and Painter's Cross Road.

Booth's Corner, in the western part of Bethel Township midway between Concord and Upper Chichester Townships, is named for Issac Booth, who operated a general store there.

In 1831, William Mousley had a log blacksmith shop on the corner where Booth's store was located. Later that year Wesley Clark bought the opposite corner and established a wheelwright and blacksmith shop.

It was in 1835 that Booth purchased the ground that was the site of Mousley's blacksmith shop and built his store building. From that time the village was known by his name, Booth's Corner and the post office later established took this name. The Corner was added to the name Booth, this being the intersection of Naaman's Creek road (Route 135) and the Wilmington state road (route 180). The latter road is also called Foulk Road.

Hinkson's Corner was named for Hinkson's blacksmith shop, which was operated there in the mid-nineteenth century. The family of H.J. Ward Hinkson, local attorney, owned most of the land around this neighborhood. Hinkson's Corner is in Nether Providence Township at the intersection of Providence Road with Brookhaven Road.

Further south on Providence road, at the intersection with Rose Valley road, also in Nether Providence township, is Palmer's Corner. This was the site of the old Wallingford Wool Works and Morocco Tannery, operated by Eli D. Pierce. The tannery buildings were torn down only recently.

The corner was named Palmer's Corner for the Palmer family, notably Thomas Palmer, who owned much of the property in this area in the late nineteenth century.

Painter's Cross Road is located at the intersection of Baltimore Pike and West Chester Road on the line between Birmingham and Concord Townships. It was named for Samuel Painter who built a home there sometime after 1707.

His dwelling was originally located on the north side of the Baltimore pike about 900 feet west of the Wilmington-West Chester Pike. It has since been restored and remodeled.

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