

THE CONWELLS
OF
DYER'S DELIGHT

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PREFATORY

"Dyer's Delight" was the name given about 1690 by William Dyer, Junior, to the approximately 1100 acres of upland and marsh written about in this booklet. In 1747, by circumstances and legacies, all of this acreage became owned by two sons of Yeates and Rebecca Conwell, John and Elias.

In the English language broad is defined as "of unusual width". The Dutch define kill/kil as a "channel" and used it in naming such waterways as the Kill Van Kull which bounds Staten Island, New York, on its northern side. Closer to Sussex County, Delaware, the Schuy Kill enters the Delaware River at Philadelphia. Reflecting the Dutch and English influences in colonizing the area of today's Cape Henlopen, the waterway which flows through this land of early Conwells was named Broad Kill.

In 1682 William Penn initiated action which resulted in the establishment of Broad Kill Hundred as a subdivision of Sussex County, "Hundred" being so used in his native England. As the years passed the name became "Broadkiln", a meaningless word probably created through poor enunciation. In recent years the Sussex County Council, prodded by The Milton Historical Society, established "Broadkill" as the official name. It is understood that they did not restore it to "Broad Kill" because of the expense attendant to changing maps, signs, records and so forth.

"Neck" is found on current maps of Sussex County and in old County records. In this use it meant the land, peninsula, lying between two streams. As appearing in this booklet, Broadkill Neck refers to the land between the Broadkill and Prime Hook Creek.

When this research commenced it was contemplated that it would encompass all Conwells who lived in Broadkill Hundred and Lewes. It soon became apparent that during the several generations since Yeates and Rebecca the genealogical information chain had developed so many gaps that many Conwells, particularly those named on tomb stones, could not be connected to known and charted genealogical lines. Many male Conwells appeared in old records though did not reappear. Their descendants may be among the unconnectable names found in this research. Some Conwell family lines terminated because there was no male to carry the line onward.

Special effort was made to include the several Conwells known to have been pilots on the Delaware Bay and River, though with meager results. Many Delaware pilots found it preferable to live in Philadelphia though some of them spent the summers in Lewes. This dual residence situation apparently caused some Conwell genealogical information to disappear from local knowledge and records.

Included in this record are copies of the Wills of John Conwell, Senior and Junior, and photocopies of the inventories and appraisements of the "Goods and Chattles" of John Conwell, Senior and Junior and Captain William Conwell. These documents are included because their study will reflect the standards of life of these families, ranging from 143 to 202 years ago. The Wills show that disinheritance existed a long time ago. In the era when oxen were the prime movers on the farms of Broadkill Hundred, several of the names of the inventoried items have practically disappeared from our vocabulary.

All too often genealogical text contains not much more information about the subjects than the dates of their birth and death, a meager record of the life of a person who may have spent their allotted years in accomplishments which left his or her mark upon the scene. Though this text contains much birth/death statistical data, effort was made to include every bit of information which would describe a person's activities during his or her time here. For unknown reasons some inquiries were not answered or very minimal information was contributed.

Material for this booklet has been assembled, processed to final form and produced in California. This could not have been accomplished without the effort of and contributions by Mrs. D. Anthony (Helene) Potter, the eminent genealogical researcher of Lewes. She searched for and furnished information from Wills, land grants, Bible entries, tomb stones, documents and photographs in the Bureau of Archives and Record Management, Dover, County records in Georgetown and at the local headquarters of the Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge. She probably found the chore unusually interesting because her great-grandmother, Aletta Ann Wilson, was the daughter of Joseph B. Conwell (18)!

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The second anniversary of the
Commencement of this project.

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THE LAND

The earliest history of the land which was to become the first Conwell habitat in Broadkill Hundred, probably in America, is contained in a William Penn land grant "Recorded the 7th 8th mo: 1702" (William Penn Land Grants, pages 23 - 27) The document confirms the chain of title down to and including William Dyer, Junior, who named the land "Dyer's Delight". These are the ownerships:

".... Granted by Patent Dated the ffive and twentieth Day of March Anno One Thousand Six hundred and seventy six to John Winder for One Thousand One hundred Acres of Land"

"Whereas the said John Winder granted the said One thousand and One hundred Acres of Land to Nathaniel Walker by a Deed of Sale Dated the twelfth day of March Anno One thousand Six hundred and Eighty five."

Nathaniel Walker executed his Will April 7, 1683, ".... Devising all his Lands Lying at the Whoorkill unto his Brother Captain William Dyer." (Penn grant) Nathaniel Walker's name appears frequently in "Some Records of Sussex County" with the title, "Captain". It is considered that they were not blood brothers, that Walker wrote of them as "Brother Captains". Walker died on or about October 20, 1685, "Major" Dyer being the Administrator of the estate. ("Some Records of Sussex County", page 137)

Dyer made his Will on February 20, 1687. It read, in part, "I Will and Bequeath unto my Elldeft son William Dyre now at Bofton in New England all of my plantation or land scittuate Laying & being in the Broad Kill in Suffex County Aforesaid" Dyer died shortly thereafter as his Will was probated at Lewes on June 5, 1688. ("Some Records of Sussex County", pages 141 - 142) . In the Penn grant the name is spelled, Dyer. In the transcription of the Will it is spelled, Dyre.

Other properties are defined in the Penn grant. In the interest of clarity, only the acreage destined for Conwell ownership has been tracked in this text.

William Dyer, Junior, sold these 1100 acres to James Standfield. Standfield died about 1701 and his executor, Francis Chadsey, sold the acreage to William Fisher. (Sussex Surveys, A, page 210)

William Fisher was influential and obviously prosperous. He represented Sussex County in the Provincial Assembly in 1699 and again in 1708. In a Deed of Gift in 1705 he was stated to be a Cordwayner. A modern dictionary defines a cordwainer as a worker in Cordovan leather, a shoemaker. It seems reasonably possible that a cordwayner in 1705, over 275 years ago, was also a tanner, a manufacturer of and a "worker" in leather. The local marshes offered excellent grazing for cattle and the local forests abounded in trees with bark used in tanning. In 1701 he owned the 1100 acres of Dyer's Delight. One could assume that he engaged in farming on some basis, possibly with tenants.

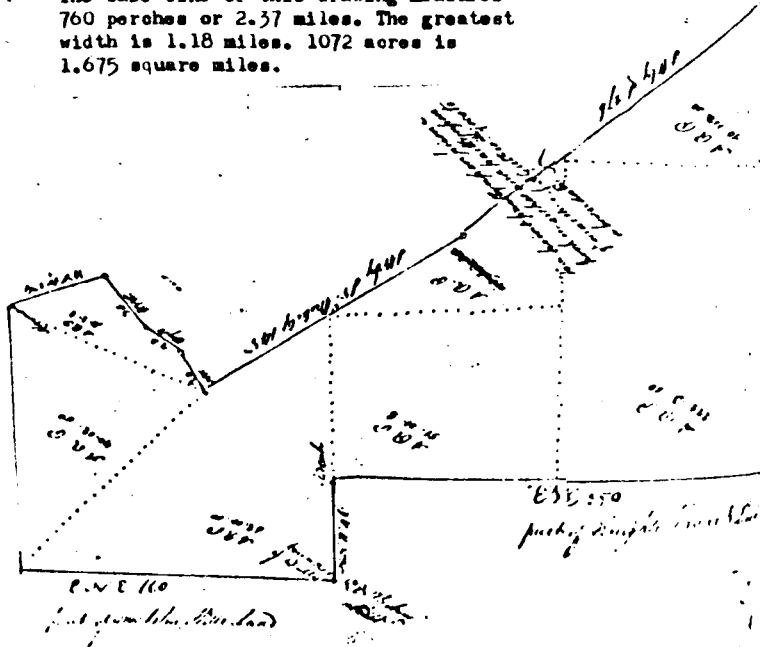
113) William Fishers Return of 1072 Acres *Gridding*
 In need of a Resurvey of a Warrant under of hand and seal of said Court bearing
 date bearing me to survey a tract of land in Sussex County for William Fishers
 reputed to contain six hundred acres of land in obedience to the said Warrant
 and a bound which standing in the line of Anthony Stearts and Runny East
 with West by a line of marked trees 26 perches to a bound a Red oak from there
 thence South South East 26 perches by a line of marked trees to a bound white oak
 thence from there South South West by a line of marked trees 299 perches to a point
 in the West by North 145 perches to a bound Red oak near former North East from
 thence upon the marshes of a Gutter which goes up to a bound a Red oak
 145 perches to a point bounded thence by a line of marked trees and laid out for 1072 Acres of

Jonas Greenwood Deputy Surveyor

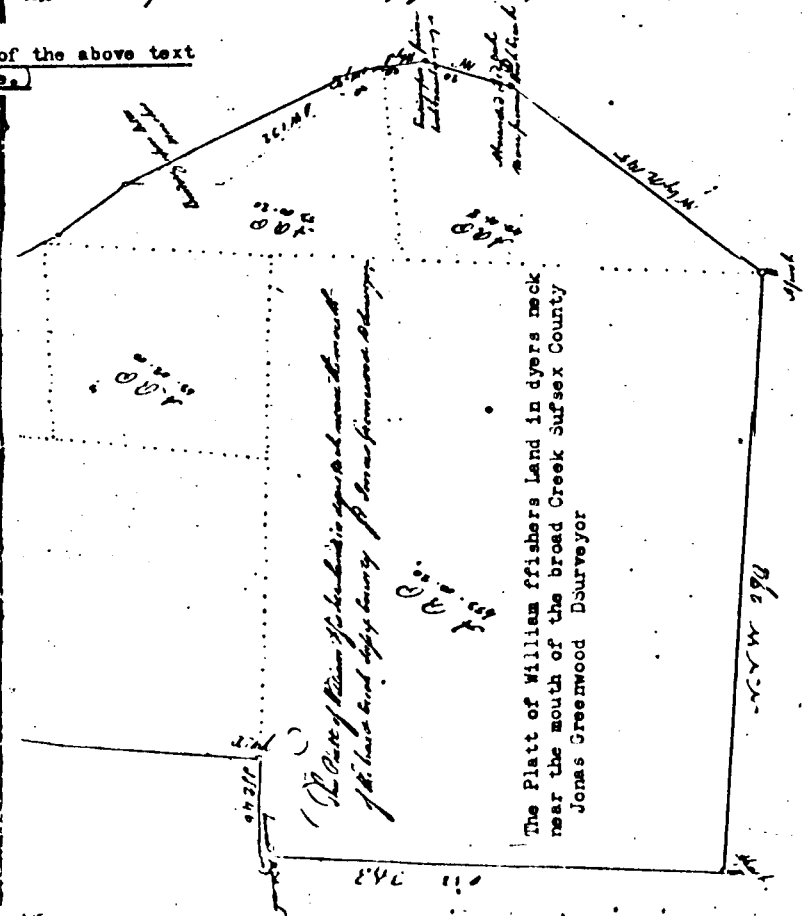
(A typed transcript of the above text
 is on the next page.)

Resurvey of William Fisher's 1072 acres, January 27, 1701.
 From Sussex Surveys, A, pages 213 and 214.
 Read across both pages on each line.

The base line of this drawing measures
 760 perches or 2.37 miles. The greatest
 width is 1.18 miles. 1072 acres is
 1.675 square miles.



214) To the Surveyor General of the Province of Pennsylvania and his
 the within Survey General and bearing date the 12th day of the 11th month
 of the said year bought of James Shickel's heirs of James Shickel's heirs
 as appears this may certify that I have Resurveyed the land within the field
 North East 110 perches by a line of marked trees to a bound a Red oak from there
 East North East 55 perches by a line of marked trees to a bound a Red oak from there
 thence South South East 26 perches by a line of marked trees to a point in the edge
 of the marshes
 thence upon the marshes of a Gutter upon former Red oak and
 White oak 145 perches from there South South East by a line of marked trees
 land surveyed and laid out the 27 of January 1701--



Transcript of the written text heading the
January 27, 1701 resurvey of William Fisher's land.

"WILLIAM FISHERS Return of 1072 acres GREETING To the Surveyor
Generall of the Province of Pensilvania and County Annexed. By Virtue
of a Warrant under ye hand and Seale of Edward Pennington the then
Surveyor Generall and bearing date they 12th day of the ffith month
1701 ordering me to ^{re} Survey a tract of land in Sufsex County for
William ffisher w^{ch} he ye S^d Ffisher bought of Ffrancis Shadd adminis^r
of James Stanfield Deceased Reputed to contain Six hundred acres of
Land in obedience to the said warrant as aforesaid this may certifie
that I have Resurveyed the Land as above Specified Begining at a bounded
Hickory standing in the line of Anthony Heaverly and Runing East North
East 160 perches by a line of marked trees to a bounded Hickory then
Runing North North West by a line of marked trees 46 perches to a
bounded Red oak ffrom thence East North East 350 perches by a line of
marked trees to a Red oak bounded ffrom thence South South East 46
perches by a line of marked trees to a bounded white oak from thence
East North East 250 perches by a line of marked trees to a post in the
Edge of the Marshes from thence running North North West partly by a
line of marked trees 290 perches to a post from thence running West
by North 145 perches to a bounded Red oak near prime hook Creek from
thence Runing upon Several Courses partly upon prime hook marshes and
partly upon the marshes of a Gutt which Goes up to a beaverdam to a
bounded White oak 739 perches ffrom thence South South East by a line of
marked trees 130 perches to ye first bounded Hickory Containing and laid
out for 1072 acres of Land Surveyed and laid out the 27 of January 1701.
Jonas Greenwood Deputy Surveyor."

YEATES CONWELL

Many bonafide Conwells in America have no particular difficulty in tracing their ancestry back over 275 years to Yeates and Rebecca. However, some researchers have trespassed heavily upon facts by "constructing" a connection between Yeates and someone with a similiar name who appeared on the scene prior to his authenticated appearance. One of the most flagrant trespasses on fact was that Yeates was a son of Francis Cornwell, sheriff of Sussex County. To support that contention, this quote from page 130 of Some Records of Sussex County, Delaware (1909) has been published:

January 7, 1706 "Rice Wolfe Petitioned the Court That whereas he had Intermarried with Mary the daughter of Francis Conwell (Intestate) Decd that he may be ordered his Proportionable Part of sd Estate both Reall and Personal according as the Law Directs".

The truth is that "Conwell" in the above quote is not what was written in the referenced volume. The volume states that Mary was the daughter of "ffrancis Cornwell". It is documented in Sussex County records that Francis Cornwell had two children, Francis, Junior, and Mary. No reference whatsoever to a Yeates. When a researcher uses a quote to support a presentation and then alters the quote to substantiate the presentation, the resultant text must be discredited. Often "tradition has it that" is used in genealogical reporting. Information based on tradition is subject to such varying degrees of inaccuracy that it has not been used in this accounting. It is well known that the recording of names of early families in America was subjected to variations arising from such factors as limited education, poor enunciation, poor penmanship and, likely, a degree of clerical

carelessness. To some degree one may correct such errors if acceptable substantiating justification is in hand.

On May 1, 1705 William Fisher executed a Deed of Gift for 100 acres of Dyer's Delight to Yeates and his wife, Rebecca, Fisher's daughter. Language used in the Deed reflects that Fisher held his son-in-law in very high esteem. In the Deed Yeates' name was written as "Conwill" which may have resulted from any of the above causes. Yeates' signature has not been discovered. Yeates' grandson used "Conwill" as his Will, executed August 11, 1811 bears this very clear signature: "John Conwill". Fortunately for this genealogical purpose, there are other documents which support the use of "Conwell" commencing with Yeates. (See Wills of William Fisher and Rebecca Conwell Cornwallise)

No provable knowledge about Yeates prior to the May 1, 1705 date of the Deed of Gift has been discovered by any known researcher. His Will has not been discovered nor has an inventory of his estate, or even a document confirming that he died intestate. It is known that he died before March 24, 1727/8 as his widow had become Rebecca Cornwallise as stated in her husband, William's, Will of that date. To ascertain the facts about Yeates prior to 1705 is a worthy challenge for everyone interested in his genealogy. In these circumstances this modest accounting of some Conwells will commence with Yeates.

Deed of gift for the Land of Fisher to yeated Conwell
 This Indenture was the first day of the month of May the 1st
 year of our Lord according to the English Account in the year of our Lord
 1705 in the fourth year of the reign of Queen Anne over England
 Between William Fisher of the County of Sussex upon Delaware Bay (Indwager of
 the one part and yeated Conwell of the other in the County of Sussex plantations
 in America his wife daughter of the said William Fisher of the other part that respecteth
 for a consideration of the great love & affection that is to the said William Fisher that
 for his part in the English Council & Roberson his the said William only daughter
 gave great Advant & conveyance which lastly made over a certain quantity
 of land with several granted Liberties & privileges which he possessed
 made over & conveyed unto them the said yeated Conwell & Roberson his wife to the
 youngest son of them and after their decease to the said or Children of the said yeated
 Conwell lawfully begotten upon the body of the said Roberson or to be begotten upon
 his son or their sons & assigns for ever a certain Tract or parcel of land situate
 lying & being in the County of Sussex in a certain neck of Land lying & being
 between the Broad Creek & prime Creek (containing one hundred acres of Land
 beginning at a water boundary which end standing by the side of a Branch of the
 above said Creek the name of the Beaver dam branch being a boundary line of the Land
 that the said William Fisher purchased of a person by the name of the said County of Sussex
 and running from the said water boundary north west for a line of one hundred
 paces with the Land of the said Henry Stover one hundred & thirty paces to a certain
 point standing in the line of the said Water Land and from thence running west North
 West by a line of marked trees & running with the Land of John Hill about
 now divided into hundred & fifteen paces to a boundary line standing in the
 said line and from thence running North West one hundred & forty paces by
 line of marked trees & running with the said John Hill West & by South West
 one hundred & thirty paces to the said William Fisher with running upon the
 that proceed out of prime Creek then up the several Angles of the said
 Land according to the survey thereof until it comes to a first boundary
 here mentioned containing & laid out for one hundred acres of Land being part of
 a Tract of Land that the said William Fisher bought of a person by the name of
 one hundred Acres of Land together with the use rights & appurtenances
 hereunto belonging in any ways appertaining & appurtenances to the only proper use & uses of from the
 said yeated Conwell & Roberson his wife to the youngest son of them or his
 children or the said yeated Conwell or to be begotten upon the body of the said
 or his son or their sons & assigns for ever as after said a Tract of Land
 full claim of all other persons & persons whatsoever and for ever hereafter the said
 defend the said Tract to be given & conveyed growing due & payable unto the said
 for the said one hundred Acres of Land which was paid & conveyed unto the said
 the said William Fisher have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year first above
 written & delivered these words
 Sealed & delivered these words
 the other party witnesseth that bearing
 witness thereto in the presence of
 Wm. East, Thomas Fisher
 John as Greewood

Acknowledged in Open Court at New Castle
 the County of Sussex in Delaware the first day of
 May 1705 according to Law
 Test: Thomas Fisher

Deed of Gift
 Fisher to Conwell - May 1, 1705
 Typed transcript on next page
 (Sussex County Deed Bk F6, p 149)

Deed of Gift for 100^a Land Wm Fisher to Yeates Conwill & wife

THIS INDENTURE made the first day of the third month Called May in the year of our Lord according to the English account One thousand Seven hundred & five, and in the fourth year of the reign of Queen Ann over England.

5 Between William Fisher of the County of Sufsex upon Delaware Bay Cordwayner of the one part and Yeates Conwill of Lewes in the afs^d County of Sufsex planter and Rebecca his wife daughter of the S^d William Fisher of the other part, Witnefseth for & in Consideration of the great Love & affection that he S^d William Fisher hath for his S^d Son in Law Yeates Conwill & Rebecca his the S^d William only daughter, Do
10 give grant Alienate Convey afsure Afsign Enfeoff make over & Confirm and by these presents hath Given granted Alienated Conveyed afsured afsigned Enfeoffed made over & Confirmed unto them the S^d Yeates Conwill & Rebecca his wife & to the Longest liver of them, and after their decease to the Child or Children of the S^d Yeates Conwill Lawfully begotten upon the body of the S^d Rebecca or to be begotten and to
15 his, her, or their heirs & afsigns for ever A Certain Tract or parcell of Land Situate lying & being in the afs^d County of Sufsex in a certain neck of Land lying & being between the Broad Creek & prime hooke Containing One Hundred Acres of Land Begining at a corner bounder white oak ftanding by the side of a branch Called & Known by the name of the Beaver Dam branch being a bounder tree of the Land
20 that the S^d Wm Fisher purchased of & from Wm Dyer late of the afs^d County of Sufsex and running from the S^d White oak south south east by a line of marked trees parr-aligning with the Land of Anthony Haverly one hundred & thirty perches to a bounder hickory ftanding in the line of the S^d Haverly Land And from thence running East North East by a line of marked trees & parraling with the Lands of John Hill Gent. where he
25 now dwells one hundred & fifteen perches to a bounder tree ftanding in the S^d John Hills head line And from Thence running North North West One Hundred & fourty perches by a line of marked trees Interfecting the South west by south line of the afs^d neck of

Land belonging unto the S^d Wm Fisher w^{ch} runneth upon the marshes of a gutt
that proceeds out of prime hook Creek then up the several angles of Thos Fishers
30 Land according to the Survey thereof untill it comes to afs^d first bounder white oak a-
bove mentioned Containing & laid out for One Hundred Acres of Land being part of A
Tract of Land that afs^d Wm Fisher bought of Wm Dyer To have & to hold the S^d
One Hundred Acres of Land Together with the promiffes & appurtenances thereunto belong
-ing or anyways appertaining whatsoever To the only proper ufe & ufes of them the
35 said Yeates Conwill & Rebecca his wife & to the longest liver of them & after their deceafe
the Child or Children of the S^d Yeates begotten or to be begotten upon S^d body of the S^d
& to his her & their heir heirs afsigns for ever as afs^d Clear & free off & from the Law
-full claim of all other& whatsoever will for ever hereafter Warrant &
defend the Quitt rents to be from hence forward growing due & payable unto ye propriet.
40 for ye S^d One Hundred Acres of Land only & foreprized. In Witnefs & confirmation
thereof I the S^d Wm Fisher have hereunder set my hand & Seal the day and year first above
written

William Fisher (Seal)

Sealed & Delivered these words
45 (the other party Witnefseth that) being
first In..... In the prefences of
Wm Clark, Thomas Fisher
Jonas Greenwood

Acknowledged in Opn Cort held at Lewes for
the County of Sufsex on Delaware the first day of
May 1705. According to Law

Test. Nehemiah ffield Clk

THE FOUNDATION

It is established that Yeates Conwell married Rebecca, daughter of William and Rebecca Fisher of Broadkill Hundred. In his Will dated December 10, 1725, probated December 22, 1725, among other beneficiaries William Fisher named:

"I Give and bequeath unto my son Elias Fisher and to the Heirs of his body Lawfully Begotten and for no other use whatsoever the Lands and plantation whereon I dwell Containing by Estimation Seven Hundred Acres (more or less) with the Improvements thereon all of which are Scituate Lying and being in the Broadkill Hundred in the County of Sussex afsd. allowing my wife her Thirds therein during her naturall Life."

"I Give and bequeath unto my Grandson William Conwell and to her (sic) Heirs forever a Tract of Land which I purchased of Barnes Garrett Containing by Estimation Two Hundred Acres (more or less) with the appurtinances thereunto belonging." (This land was not part of Dyer's Delight.)

"I Give and bequeath unto my Grandson John Conwill and to his Heirs forever One Hundred Acres of Land Lying in Ceder Creek Neck." (This land was not part of Dyer's Delight.)

"I Give unto my Granddaughter Hannah Conwell the sum of five pounds Current money."

"I Give and bequeath unto my Son Elias Fisher and my daughter Rebecca Conwell all my negron Slaves and Horned Cattle (that shall remain after my wifes Thirds paid out) to be equally divided between them and their Heirs....."

This Will establishes that William Fisher had a daughter, Rebecca Conwell, and three Conwell grandchildren: William, John and Hannah. The fourth, Elias, was not mentioned.

(Hall of Records, Dover, DE, Vol A71, page 159)

Yeates Conwell died and Rebecca then married William Cornwalllice who, in his Will dated March 24, 1727/8, named these Conwells:

"I Give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Rebecca Cornwalllice all my Estate both Real and personall both in this County and in Maryland or in any other part of America to be by her possessed for and during her Naturall Life with full power to sell all or any part thereof in Order to pay my Just debts (if Occation be) and if my said wife should have any future Issue but by myself then I do Exclude all her offspring but such issue that she had by Yeates Conwell to have any Right Title or Interest in this my Will....."

"I Give unto my Daughter in Law Hannah Conwell One hundred pounds to be paid out of my Estate after her mothers decease and the Remainder to my Son in Law John Conwell and his heirs forever but the Land he is to Enjoy Onely for life if he hath no Issue then to my Son in Law William Conwell and the heirs of his body Lawfully begot and for want of such Issue then to Revert and fall to my Heirs at common law forever."

Son in law and daughter in law were used in those days rather than step-son and step-daughter used in a more recent time. It will be noted that Elias Conwell was not named in this Will.

(Hall of Records, Dover, DE, Vol. A66, page 227)

As the years passed, William Fisher's wife died on an unrecorded date. Elias Fisher, their son, also died on an unrecorded date, intestate and without an heir. These events caused their holdings to pass to Rebecca (Conwell) Cornwalllice. Her Will, dated October 7, 1745 and probated April 20, 1747, named only her Conwell children and grandchildren. These were her bequests:

"I give and bequeath to my son John Conwell the plantation Land and Marsh he Lives now upon Containing Eight Hundred Acres more or less being part of the Land formerly belonging to my dec'd Father William Fisher called Dyers delight as Also One hundred Acres of Land which my said Father in his Life Time purchased of a Certain Daniel Palmer, to him the said John Conwell his Heirs and assigns forever....."

"I give and bequeath to my son Elias Conwell the plantation land and Marsh he now Lives on Containing Two Hundred Acres more or less being part of the above Tract of Land called Dyers delight as abovesaid to him the said Elias Conwell his Heirs and assigns forever....."

"I give and bequeath to my daughter Hannah Gum the Sum of Five Shillings....."

"I give and bequeath to my Grandson Thomas Conwell the sum of five Shillings....."

"I give and bequeath to my Grandson Yeates Conwell the sum of five shillings....."

"All the rest and residue of my Goods Chattles and personal Estate, whatsoever that is upon the plantation of my son Elias Conwell I give to the said Elias....."

(Hall of Records, Dover, DE, Vol. A66, page 226)

By terms of his mother's Will, in 1747 John Conwell, Senior, became the principal owner of Dyer's Delight, 800 acres, more or less. He already lived on the land and had several children. His brother, Elias, was bequeathed 200 acres, more or less, land upon which he lived. John, Senior, executed his Will April 24, 1782 and it was probated July 22, 1782. He did not quantify all the acreages involved as will be noted in these bequests:

"And also I give my said wife during her Widowhood the Joint use of all my Personal Estate, with my Grandson Abraham Conwell as also one half of the Rents and Profits of my manner Plantation for her Support in lieu of the one third part of my real and Personal Estate which use Rents and Profits she is to enjoy no longer than she remains my widow."

"..... unto my Son John Conwell & to his Heirs and Assigns for Ever all that part of my Land whereon he now dwells, together with the Houses and improvements thereon..... containing about Seventy acres be the same more or less to him his Heirs and assigns for Ever."

".....unto my Grandson Abraham Conwell Son of William Conwell dec'd all and Singular the remaining part of my manner plantation with the Residue of my Land and Marsh."

".....unto my Grand Daughter Hanah Conwell 4 acres of land included in a Survey of Land made to my Son John Conwell of One Hundred and Eleven Acres and reserved for her in the deed made to my Son John for want of such Heir or issue, the said four acres of Land together with the Buildings thereon I give to my said Son John Conwell".

"I give and bequeath unto my Son John Conwell my part of a Brandy Still (part thereof belongs to my brother Elias) only reserving the use thereof to my Wife and Grandson Abraham Conwell for the Stilling the Lickquor of the Produce of their own orchard;....."

In his Will, John, Senior, provided for his widow and named his grandson, Abraham, as the subsequent and substantial beneficiary of his holdings. John, Senior, died in 1782 shortly after executing his Will. His widow died by 1787. At the time of his grandfather's death, Abraham was about 29 years old and had been married about a year. Abraham died intestate by 1797, leaving three children: Mary, called Polly (1782), David (1785) and Joseph (1793). By 1797 Abraham's widow had married Bevins Morris.

Orphan's Court records show that after his marriage to Abraham's widow, Morris had an active role in guiding the affairs of his newly acquired family

In November, 1799, he petitioned the Court for:

"..... laying off the thirds in Abram Conwells intestate land Humbly Sheweth that Abram Conwell late of the County afsd decd died Intestate leaving a widow the wife of your Pet^r & 3 Children namely Polly, David and Joseph Conwell to lay off the widows thirds therein & make partition & division of the remaining 2/3 if it will Admit thereof without Marring and Spoiling the Whole."
(Orphan's Court, Book G, page 192)

This petition was found to involve two areas, one of the cleared land and the other of woodland. The record reflects that this was the division:

The widow received 20 acres of cleared land, 10 acres of wood land.

Polly received 38 acres of cleared land, 6 acres of wood land.

David received 21 acres of cleared land, 8 acres of wood land.

Joseph received 12 acres of cleared land, 6 acres of wood land.

(Orphan's Court, Book G, page 204) (1800)

On September 18, 1802 the record offers this additional information about the children's land:

Polly: "..... that there is erected on the said lands one old log'de dwelling house with a Clapboard Roof olde and going down

David: "..... that there is erected one old framed (house?) nearly rotten..... "

Joseph: "..... that there is erected on the premises one Dwelling House in good repair one Cook house old and in bad repair one old smock house .." (Orphan's Court, Book I-J, page 81-83)

On July 22, 1802 Morris petitioned the Court to appoint a guardian for Joseph Conwell "under the age of fourteen years". Apparently the Court appointed Morris. Polly, then over fourteen, petitioned the Court to appoint Morris as her guardian and David made an identical petition for himself. In each petition it was stated "that the said minor is entitled about 120 acres of land and marsh."

(Orphan's Court, Book H No.2, pages 257-258)

On January 26, 1809 David Conwell, then age 23, deeded to Bevins Morris for "Fourteen Hundred and Sixteen Dollars lawful Money

of the State aforesaid (Delaware)" his full share of all the intestate lands and marshes of his father and his interest in his mother's thirds. The deed was filed April 25, 1809. (Deed Ek AE No. 28, p. 15/17)

On February 14, 1809 William, brother of Abraham, deeded to Bevins Morris 9 acres of land including houses and buildings. This deed was also filed April 25, 1809. (Deed Ek AE No. 28, p. 38/39)

Bevins Morris became a man of substance as evidenced by this quote from Scharf's History of Delaware:

"The assessment list of 1809 shows the following persons as land owners in Milton at that date Bevins Morris, two and a half lots, store, house and three granaries."

(Morris was a witness to the Will of John Conwell, Junior, August 21, 1811, to which he signed his name as "Bevins".)

On September 21, 1814 William, brother of Abraham, deeded to Bevins Morris 314 acres including the 9 acres previously sold to Morris by William. (Deed Ek AH No. 31, p. 341/342)

Land transactions through the years caused Conwell ownership of this area of Dyer's Delight to disappear. Bevins Morris became the major owner of this land. He died prior to July 18, 1822 when a Partition of his lands was made among his widow and his three sons. (Chancery Petition No. A, p. 95)

The second bequest in the Will of John Conwell, Senior, stated, ".... unto my Son John Conwell all that part of my land whereon he now dwells, together with the Houses and improvements thereon " which must mean that the John, Senior, and John, Junior, families lived in separate establishments on Dyer's Delight. John, Junior's, house was about a half-mile south of his father's.

The August 21, 1811 Will of John Conwell, Junior, is without definition of acreage distribution of his property. These are the land bequests:

"I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Betty the one third of my lands and Marsh and the whole of the improvements say the buildings where I now live during her natural life."

"I give and bequeath unto my Sons John, George, William and Jeremiah two thirds of all my lands and marsh to be equally divided between them, share and share alike, and after the decease of my wife Betty, I also give to my said four sons John, George, William and Jeremiah the remaining one third of my lands and marsh, to be equally divided between them, only allotting to my son Jeremiah the Buildings and Improvements on his part, share or dividend

John, Junior, died in 1811. His widow died in 1815. Presumably her one-third of the land was then divided among the four sons, Jeremiah receiving the one-quarter containing the "Buildings and Improvements". However, prior to 1822 Jeremiah married Arcada Kendrick, daughter of Lydia Robinson Kendrick and moved to Indiana. The first named of the four sons was John who, because there were others in the area with the same name, elected to be known as John 66, he having been born in 1766. The third son, William, became known as Captain William because he commanded sailing vessels. William married in 1802. It is not known where he lived in the early years of his marriage though it is known that, possibly upon the death of his father, or his mother, he occupied the John, Junior, house. Captain William and his family are buried in the small cemetery near that house.

Captain William retained title to his portion of Dyer's Delight until his death in January, 1841. His wife died in 1839. Title to the property passed to his son, William Alexander, on March 18, 1842.

Captain William's daughter, Jane Black, married James C. Robbins in 1834. On September 23, 1841 in settlement of John 66's estate Robbins became the owner of his land, approximately 104 acres. In late September, 1850, Robbins became the owner of William Alexander's property, 55½ acres, and the Robbins family occupied the John, Junior, house. This transaction closed out the name, "Conwell" from ownership of Dyer's Delight. The Beers map of Broadkill Hundred (1868) shows J. C. Robbins as owner of the land just mentioned. This map also shows W. A. (William Alexander) Conwell as owner of land about three miles southwest from the Robbins property. Jane Black (Conwell) Robbins lived in the old house until her death in 1892. Henry Ernest Conwell (1886 - 1964) remembered visiting "Aunt Jane" there when he was a young child. She was the last Conwell to live on Dyer's Delight, 187 years after Yeates and Rebecca received their Deed of Gift of 100 acres of that land.

The purpose of these pages of text about The Land was to record how and where Yeates became established in Broadkill Hundred and outline how his descendants multiplied, prospered and lived on this land for nearly two centuries though as the years passed several of them migrated to other places. As will have been noted, practically all of the basic information about the land was derived from Wills which were executed on specific dates with a spread of several years between them. As time passed there probably were transactions of buying and selling land, actions which were outside the purpose of simply recording Conwell association with Dyer's Delight.

It is fitting that this land should be described as flat and only a few feet above sea level. In the beginning the upland was heavily forested as evidenced by many survey courses being along lines of marked trees. The fresh-water marsh acreage was considered to be valuable as it was ready-made grazing pasture for cattle and livestock as well as being a major source of edible game. As for the location of this land, it was not as isolated as might appear. Until about 1800 Prime Hook Creek was navigable for vessels capable of transporting local farm products to the Philadelphia market, returning with manufactured goods.

HOUSING ON DYER'S DELIGHT

From the date William Penn issued the Patent for this land, March 20, 1676, it had five successive owners: John Winder, Nathaniel Walker, William Dyer, Senior, and Junior, and James Standfield before it passed to William Fisher in 1701. No record has been found to indicate that any of the first four owners established their home on Dyer's Delight.

Yeates and Rebecca Conwell received the gift of 100 acres from her father, Fisher, on May 1, 1705. It is known that they lived on this land, presumably commencing shortly after receiving the gift though they may have lived there as tenants since title to the land passed to Fisher in 1701. Fisher died in December, 1725. He Willed to his son, Elias, "...the Lands and Plantation whereon I dwell...". The locations of the Conwell and Fisher dwellings on Dyer's Delight have not been ascertained. In 1802 there were three structures listed as being on this land, one log dwelling "olde and going down", "one old framed ... nearly rotten" and "One Dwelling House ... in good repair ..." though its auxilliary structures were in poor repair. At this time there were other houses occupied by families on this land. Lacking specifics, it appears reasonable to think that the log house was Yeates and Rebecca's, built almost a century earlier. In the same premise, the dwelling in good repair might have been Fisher's home until his death in 1725. This would be the house he Willed to his son who died not too long after his father.

John Conwell, Senior, married about 1730 when he was about age 24. His marriage may have been about the time Elias Fisher died, unmarried. In her Will, probated April 20, 1747, Rebecca Conwell Cornwalllice bequeathed to her son, John Conwell, "... the Plantation land and Marsh he lives now upon...". This might refer to the house Willed to Elias Fisher.

Between 1732 and 1744 John Conwell, Senior, became the father of five children. The sixth and last, David, may have been born within a few years later. If in the beginning he had established his family in the former Fisher house, it is reasonable to think that with such a large family he would require a larger dwelling even though the details of the Fisher house are not known. It is known that dwellings built in rural areas of Broadkill Hundred during the early colonial years were small.

John Conwell, Senior, died in 1782. In his Will he referred to his "manner plantation" which is assumed to mean the plantation upon which his manor was situated. To refer to it as a manor instead of a dwelling must mean that in his opinion the establishment reflected a degree of affluence.

Two old houses stood on Dyer's Delight until they were demolished by the Fish and Wildlife Service in 1968. Photographs of them are reproduced herein, one identified as John Conwell's manor which became well known as the Morris mansion. An effort has been made to have qualified colonial architectural authorities give an opinion on the ages of what appears to be two structures joined. The effort was not entirely successful because of lack of appraising detail of construction not visible in the photograph. One authority did guess that the one and one-half story section was "forty or fifty years older than the other section."

From an aerial photograph of the house it is recognizable that the one and one-half story section is slightly more than half the length of the two story section. Also, the two sections are so different in design, such as height, window sizes and their alignment that it appears that one section had been added to the other at a later date without regard to

harmonizing the design of the new section with the original section. In that the larger windows and full headroom in the second floor of the two-story section would be preferable to the smaller windows and less room in the second floor of the one and one-half story section, it is reasonable to consider that the two-story section was added to the other.

John Conwell, Senior, could have built the one and one-half story section and referred to it as his manor. Even in the latter years of his life he could have added the two story section and referred to the whole as his manor. He left the major portion of his estate, including the manor to his grandson, Abraham. Abraham died a few years later leaving a widow and three small children. The widow married Bevins Morris. With the passage of time the house became well known as the Morris mansion.

The only documented Conwell ties to this old house are contained in John Conwell, Senior's, Will and information quoted from Sussex County records. It is considered that these sources support the belief that this was a Conwell home during a period of its very early history.

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John Conwell, Senior's, Will includes:

"... unto my Son John Conwell ... all that part of my Land whereon he now dwells, together with the House and improvements thereon ..."

John Conwell, Junior, born about 1740, married in 1760. By 1778 he had fathered eight children. Presumably his ninth and last child, Jeremiah, had been born at an appropriate date thereafter. From the wording of his Will, John Conwell, Senior, owned the land and the house and improvements until his death in 1782. Apparently he had the house built to accomodate his son's increasing family. There is strong



The Manor on John Conwell, Senior's, Plantation

Photograph courtesy of
Mr. Otis J. Clifton

evidence that that house, identified herein as "John Conwell, Junior's House" was where his family was reared as was the family of his son, Captain William. The house was visited in June, 1949, at which time the photograph was taken. The architecture of the house is typical of houses of that standard built in Broadkill Hundred in the era of John, Junior's marriage, 1760.

As would be expected, the one-story section of the structure (west end) contained the kitchen with its doors opening to the dining room and to the yard. Its massive fireplace with adjoining built-in cabinets occupied all the wall space across the west end of the kitchen. In the two-story section (east end) the next door from the kitchen opened to the dining room and the last door opened to the living room which contained a fireplace across its east end. In a corner of the living room was a tight, circular stairway to the second floor. The second floor contained one large bedroom at the east end and two small bedrooms, all of them with windows opening to the back of the house. The large bedroom also had two windows in its east wall. The three windows shown in the front were in a hallway which provided access to the bedrooms. Above the bedrooms was a space containing one window at the west end, two at the east end. There may have been sufficient head room in this attic area to provide some sleeping accommodations. The same possibility may have existed in the space over the kitchen which had two small windows at its west end. The large windows contained 12 panes of glass, six in the upper frames and six in the lower. The smaller windows in the east end, second floor, contained 8 panes, 4 in each frame. All the windows had the "wavy" look of panes manufactured in colonial days, leading to the thought that they were the originals.

Social life deep in Broadkill Neck was sparse to say the most. Entries in Aletta (Clowes) Clarke's diary (1789 - 1793) pertained generally to illness, death and religion though she did touch upon fishing, hunting and frolics held at Broadkill Beach. One social activity held in this old house was recorded in this diary entry for January 9, 1792:

"A frolic at John Conwell's. John Hazzard got drunk and John Clarke got to dancing, so I was told."

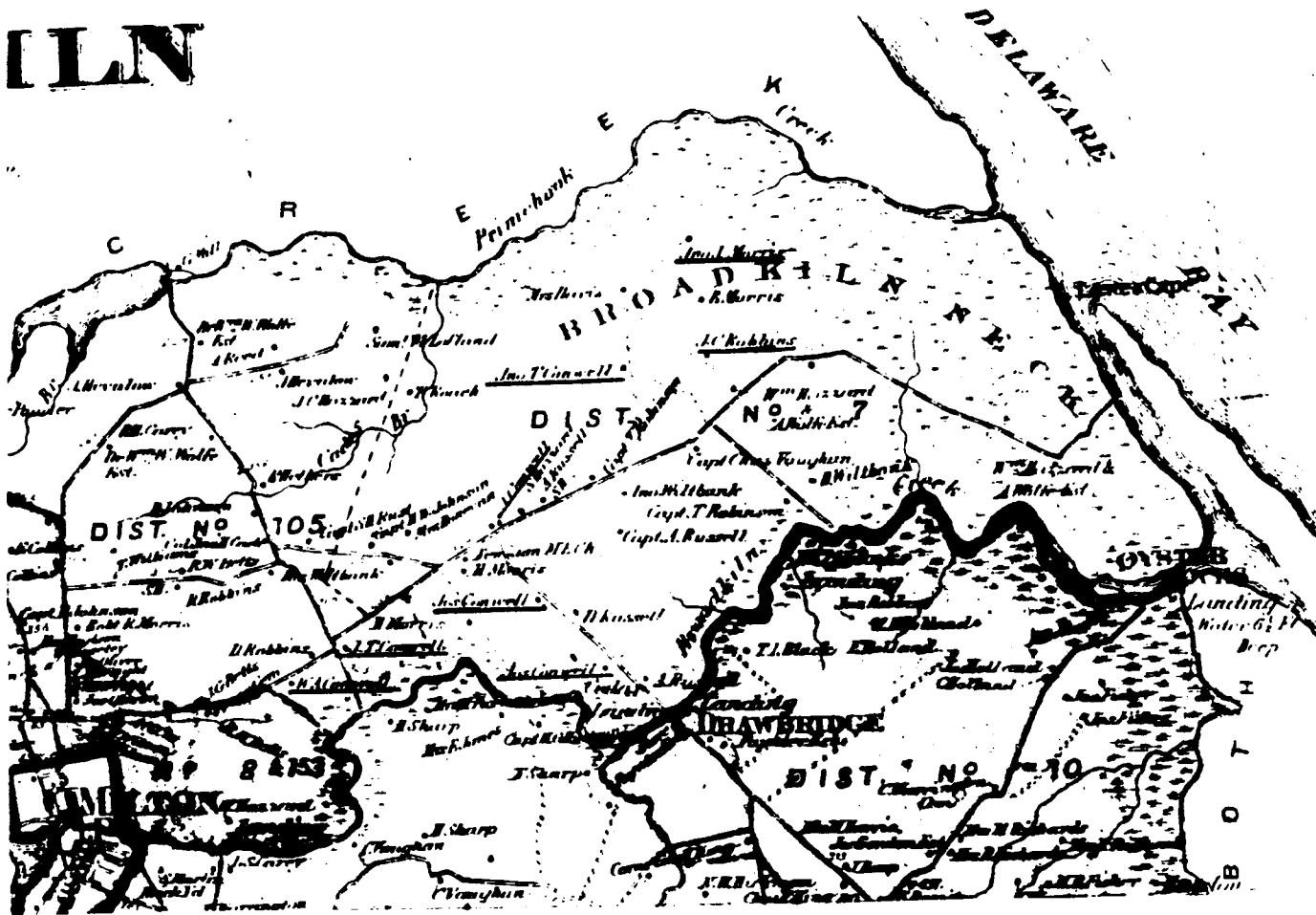
There was no diary entry describing how all those Johns felt on the morning after, over 192 years ago.

The house was livable and occupied until into the 1900s. A bungalow-type house was then built on the east side of the hugh shade tree. A shed was built against the kitchen north wall, extending along part of the two story section. The old house was thereafter utilized for the storage of suitable farm items. In 1949 the old structure reflected its lack of maintenance over too many years. At some point its roof had been replaced with galvanized sheets and they were quite rusted. Inside the house some of the plaster had falled from a wall revealing nogging (brickwork) laid between the walls, an action to retain heat inside in the winter and keep it outside in the summer.

In 1963 the Federal Government established the Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge by purchasing 10,700 acres of marsh, water, brush, timber, pasture and cleared land. The Refuge extended from Slaughter Beach Road to the Broadkill. The land on which the old Conwell houses stood and all the rest of Dyer's Delight became included in the Refuge acreage. To restore the area to its natural state for bird and mammal habitat all structures were removed as they became available. The modern bungalow was sold and moved away. The old houses were demolished in 1968. They had sheltered Conwells for many, many years.



John Conwell, Junior's, House



Broadkiln Hundred from Milton to the Delaware Bay.

(From "Atlas of the State of Delaware" by D. G. Beers, publisher, Philadelphia, 1868. Scale: 1 inch to the mile.)

On this map it will be noted that the outline of the 1701 Resurvey of William Fisher's 1072 acres, Dyer's Delight, (page 3) fits quite well into the curvature of Prime Hook Creek north of John Conwell, Senior's, manor, identified in 1868 as the Jno. J. Morris house (black dot). John Conwell, Junior's, house is identified in 1868 as the J. C. Robbins house (black dot).

In 1705 Yeates and Rebecca Conwell settled in what became known and recorded as Broadkiln Neck, in bold type on the map. Over the years many of their descendants departed to seek their fortunes elsewhere. However, several descendants developed a lasting affinity for the qualities of life experienced in the Neck and remained, as is evidenced by the Conwell names on this map, 163 years after the arrival of Yeates and Rebecca.

THE CONWELL CEMETERY

Settlers on any sparsely inhabited land realize that at some point they will be confronted with the necessity to inter a deceased member of the family. Isolation and poor roads caused many family cemeteries to be established in a suitable area on the family property where the plot would receive proper maintenance. Such cemeteries were established on several farms in Broadkill Hundred, one of them being that of the Conwell family on Dyer's Delight land.

When first visited in 1949 the cemetery was found to be enclosed in a strand wire fencing and covered with brush. Inspection disclosed that several monuments were in the enclosure though weather cycles for over a hundred years had eroded the stones to such a degree that it made reading of some dates difficult and subject to a degree of error. These were the monuments and their inscriptions:

In
Memory of
Capt. William Conwell
who departed this life
January 2nd 1841
aged 62 years 2 months
and 21 days

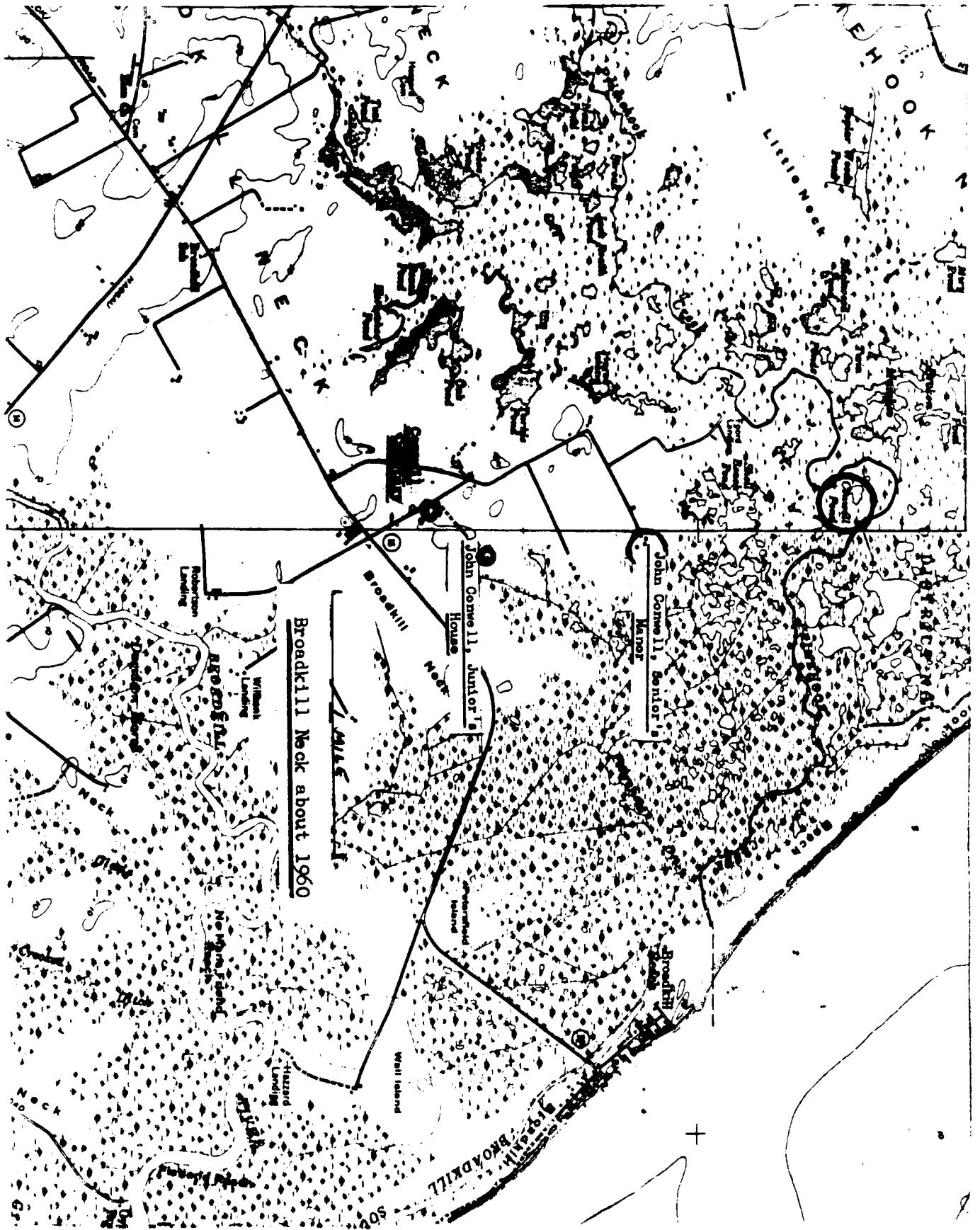
In
Memory of
John S. Conwell
Son of William and Lydia
Conwell
who departed this life
August 4th AD 1832
In the 28th year of his age

In
Memory of
Lydia Conwell
wife of A.M. Simpler
who departed this life
June 8th AD 1842
Aged 33 years 6 months

In
Memory of
Lydia Conwell
wife of
Capt. William Conwell
who departed this life
October 13th 1839
Aged 57 years 5 months
and 5 days

In
Memory of
Alfred D. Conwell
son of
William and Lydia Conwell
who departed this life
June 17th 1841
Aged 19 years 7 months
and 27 days

In
Memory of
Andrew M. Simpler
who departed this life
the 6th of May AD 1850
Aged 45 years and 4 months



It was disappointing that the plot did not contain visible evidence that earlier generations were buried there, Captain William Conwell being of the fourth generation on the land. Earlier generations probably were buried on the land and it seems logical that Captain William would plan to join them rather than place his family in a new area. Perhaps the earlier generations did not believe in tombstones or had marked graves with wood which had disintegrated.

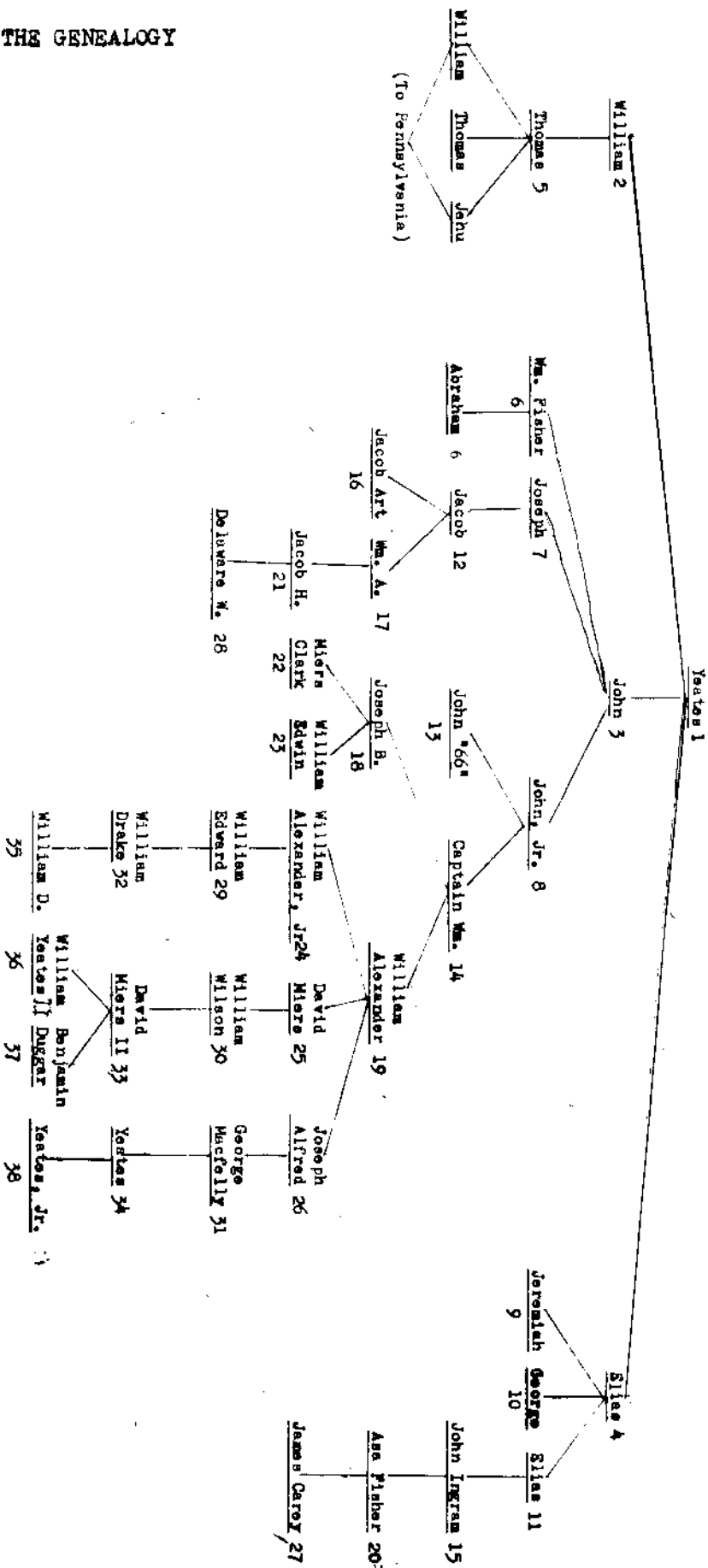
During this visit Mr. Charles Hitchens, then owner of the land containing the cemetery, came by and commented that he had installed the wire fencing around the monument area and had tried to control the growth of the brush. Later in the conversation he mentioned that some time previously he and his son were loading dirt outside the fenced monument area when they came upon an unmarked grave. They quickly covered the grave and moved their digging operation well away from the fenced area. This casual comment is a basis for a degree of validity to the thought that the Captain William Conwell family occupied only a section of the burial area and that the earlier generations are in unmarked graves in the adjoining earth. The Captain was living when his son, John S., died and he apparently initiated the use of tombstones for his family. No known burials have taken place there since that of Andrew M. Simpler in 1850.

When the Wildlife Refuge was established in 1963 the cemetery was excluded from the purchase, it being the policy of the Wildlife Service to do so. They surveyed the plot, practically square in shape, computed it to be of 0.01 acre and show it as such in their map of the area.



The Captain William Conwell family cemetery with its eroding tombstones. Surrounded by the Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge, this burial area has been enclosed by the Refuge staff with fencing such as was used in Broadkill Neck during the lifetimes of those interred. The respect given this hallowed ground by the Refuge staff is deeply appreciated by Captain Conwell's descendants. (Photographed early in the morning of May 5, 1983 by Captain David Miers Conwell II.)

THE GENEALOGY



This chart shows heads of Cornell families covered in this genealogy. The names are by generation, in lines across the page. In the following text the names carry the same sequential numbers as given above.

FIRST GENERATION

- (1) YEATES CONWELL married Rebecca, daughter of William Fisher. Their birth places, dates of birth and date and place of marriage have not been found. Yeates died before 1724/5 as is reflected in a Dorchester County, Maryland, deed from her second husband, William Cornwalllice, and Rebecca, to her sons, William and John Conwell. William Cornwalllice made his Will March 24, 1727/8 and it was probated April 9, 1728. Rebecca Conwell Cornwalllice executed her Will October 7, 1745 and it was probated April 20, 1747.

Issue :

- (2) William - A firm date of his birth has not been found.
- (3) John - Born "begining of March, 1706" from deposition by Anthony Heaveloe in 1745.
- (4) Elias - In 1774 Elias made a deposition that he was "aged 65 years or thereabouts" which indicates that the year of his birth was about 1709.

Hannah - No information has been discovered about her place of birth or birthdate. As Hannah Conwell she was named in the December 10, 1725 Will of her grandfather, William Fisher. She married Abraham Gum.

SECOND GENERATION

- (2) WILLIAM CONWELL (Yeates 1) married Sarah, daughter of Thomas Smith, on August 21, 1726. He inherited about 200 acres of land from his grandfather, William Fisher, and died by 1731. (Deed Book 19, page 71, Sussex County). His widow, Sarah, next married, by 1735, David Firman.

Issue :

- (5) Thomas - Born November 13, 1727 (Bible record).

Yeates - Born February 29, 1729 though 1729 was not a leap year. A guardian account states "Yates" was "15 years the 1st of March 1744". He was bound to Jacob Marshall and wife, Mary, until he was 21. He may have migrated to Ohio County, West Virginia.

- (3) JOHN CONWELL (Yeates 1) married Comfort, daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah (Sheppard) Claypool about 1730. She was baptised in Christ Church, Philadelphia, on May 31, 1713 and was still living in 1759. The date of her death is not known though it was before June 29, 1779 when John took as his second wife Sussanna, daughter of Thomas Grove. John died between April 24, 1782 and July 22, 1782. Sussanna died by 1787.

Issue: (All by Comfort).

- (6) William Fisher - Born in 1732, died February 20, 1782.
- (7) Joseph - Born 1734.
- Elias - Born April 28, 1738. Not named in father's Will. Possibly died unmarried before date of father's Will, April 24, 1782.
- (8) John, Junior - Born about 1740 ("nearly 55 in 1794" Chancery Court).
- Lydia - Born 1744. Married Thomas Coulter before 1782. Died in 1834.
- David - Birth date not known. Married Mary (Houston?). They had a daughter, Hannah, who married Isaac Clowes on December 19, 1792. (Aletta Clark's diary). David died in 1778. On January 20, 1779 his widow married Lieut. John Hazzard as his first wife. (Broadkill Chapel).

- (4) ELIAS CONWELL (Yeates 1) married Rachel (born January 15, 1721; died July 21, 1767), daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah (Sheppard) Claypool on August 25, 1740. Elias' Will was dated December 22, 1781 and probated August 14, 1782.

Issue:

- (9) Jeremiah - Born July 6, 1741.
- John - Born September 27, 1743. Not named in father's Will dated December 22, 1781.
- (10) George - Born May 1, 1746.
- Sarah - Born October 13, 1748. On January 11, 1769 she married William King, son of James and Elizabeth King. Had issue. Sarah died February 19, 1786.

- Shepherd - Born August 19, 1751. Died March 23, 1765.
- Rebekah - Born January 31, 1754. Died March 9, 1754.
- Fisher - Born March 19, 1756.
- Jacob - Born June 22, 1758. Died 1759.
- (11) Elias - Born January 5, 1760.
- David Claypoole - Born November 14, 1766.

THIRD GENERATION

- (5) THOMAS CONWELL (William 2) married Elizabeth daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah (Sheppard) Claypoole in 1745. She was born in Sussex County in 1729 and died in 1794. The date of Thomas' death is not known. He and Elizabeth are buried in the Conwell Cemetery, Fayette County, Pennsylvania. Elizabeth next married Lewis Davidson as his second wife.

Issue:

- William - Born May 27, 1746 in Sussex County. Moved to Fayette County, Pennsylvania, in June, 1767. On February 24, 1768 married Comfort Coulter who was born November 25, 1748. They had three sons and four daughters though another record states they had nine children. William served in the Revolution as a Captain of Rangers in the frontier. He died in the fall of 1820 and Comfort died January 27, 1827. Both are buried in the Conwell Cemetery, Fayette County.
- Thomas - Born February 15, 1748. No other information about him.
- Jehu - Born July 12, 1751 in Sussex County. Married Elizabeth Stockeley (sic), born in Sussex County in 1753. Had nine children, three died young and three sons and three daughters lived to maturity. Elizabeth died in 1833 and Jehu died December 14, 1834. Both are buried in the Conwell Cemetery, Fayette County.

William and Jehu settled in Fayette County in June, 1767. In 1774 the brothers built a block house or fort on Dunlap's Creek to shield themselves from the Indians. This structure was known as Fort Conwell. The Fayette County of 1984 lies in the southwest corner of Pennsylvania. Its southern boundry is also the boundry between Pennsylvania and western Maryland/West Virginia.

(6) WILLIAM FISHER CONWELL (John 3) was born in 1732. On November 2, 1752 in Christ Church, Philadelphia, he married Rebecca, daughter of George and Hannah Claypoole. She was born July 1, 1730. He married, secondly, Mrs. Sarah Lewis on January 9, 1780. He served as a Colonel in the Revolution and died February 20, 1782.

Issue: (by Rebecca)

Abraham - Born in 1753. In 1781 he married Sarah, niece of Thomas Grove (Will of 1787). He died by 1797 and she married, secondly, Bevins Morris by 1797. Abraham and Sarah had this issue:

Mary(Polly) - Born March 22, 1782. Married Daniel Hudson.

David - Born October 2, 1785.

Joseph - Born September 16, 1793. On April 18, 1808 he chose David as his guardian. He married Ann ---, moved to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania and had issue.

George - One source states that he was born in 1755 or 1756.

William - Born about 1760. Served in the Revolution as a private in the 2nd Regiment, Delaware Militia, commencing July 10, 1780. In 1784 married Nancy A., daughter of Hugh and Mary (Hazzard) King. Settled in Seaford, Delaware in early 1800s and had issue, the males migrating to Indiana. Nancy A. died in 1815 and he married Hester who survived him. His tombstone in Seaford contains: "departed this life January 31, 1831 in the 71st year of his age".

Comfort - Married Cord Hazzard. 8.1794

Deborah - Born September 5, 1762. Married James Rowland. Died February 5, 1814.

Rebecca - Married David King.

Anna - No information.

(7) JOSEPH CONWELL (John 3) was born in 1734. On June 13, 1758 he married Ruth Miller in Christ Church, Philadelphia. He died before his father (1782).

Issue :

(12) Jacob - Born 1759

Rachel - Named in her grandfather John Conwell's Will. Married Eli Dodd in 1788. In 1823, as a widow, deeded land in Lewes and Rehoboth Hundred to nephew, Jacob A. Conwell.

Alice - Named in grandfather John Conwell's Will.

Rebecca - Named in grandfather John Conwell's Will. On March 26, 1788 married Wrexham West (church record).

Hannah - named in grandfather John Conwell's Will.

(8) JOHN CONWELL, JUNIOR (John 3) was born about 1740. In 1760 he married Elizabeth (Betsy) Waller (?). He was a Lieutenant-Colonel in our Revolution. He died in 1811 and Elizabeth died in 1815.

Issue :

Mary - Married Augustus Miller. Had issue. She died before her father (1811).

Charles - Baptised Coolspring Presbyterian Church, June 11, 1768 or 1769. Married Sallie Bell. He "died January 23, 1790 - married about three months. His widow with child". (Aletta Clark's diary) The widow married, secondly, John Robinson, about 1790.

Betsy - Baptised in February, 1773 at Broadkill. Presbyterian records) Married Milby Simpler.

Deborah - Married John Rowland, January 12, 1802 or 1803.

Sarah - No information.

(13) John "66" - Born in 1766.

George - Baptised May, 1774 (Presbyterian records)

(14) William - Born October 12, 1778.

Jeremiah - Prior to 1822 married Arcada Kendrick, daughter of Lydia Robinson Kendrick and moved to Indiana.

- (9) JEREMIAH CONWELL (Elias 4) was born July 6 , 1741. Married Lydia, born May 19, 1742, daughter of John and Mary Clowes. Jeremiah died about 1773.

Issue :

Shepherd - Born July 23, 1765

Gerhardus - Born July 12, 1767

John - Born January 29, 1770

Lydia married, secondly, Lot Clark. She died November 25, 1781.

Issue :

Millicent Clark - Born September 24, 1776

Anna Clark - Born April 27, 1778

Charlotte Clark - Born February 12, 1780

"1781, Nov. 25, on Sunday, at 3 in the morning, Lydia Clowes, the wife of Lot Clark, departed this life of a Nervers Fever; and on the 27th her remains was laid in the vault" at Heaveloe's Landing on the Broadkill. "On the 4th of Dec. Mr. Tillney preached her funeral sermon." (The quotes are from Aletta Clark's diary.)

- (10) GEORGE CONWELL (Elias 4) was born May 1, 1746. He married Eunice Spencer, daughter of John Spencer and widow of John Waller by whom she had two children, George and Mary (Waller). George and Eunice Conwell had several children though by July, 1803, only three were living. George died intestate in July, 1793. Eunice died before July, 1803. This information is contained in Chancery Court Records of July, 1803 concerning legal actions arising from George's acquisition of "lands situate on the south side of Broadkilm creek at the place called Conwell's landing". The community established on these lands became part of today's Town of Milton.

Issue: (Living in 1803)

John S. - Married Elizabeth. In an 1818 deed their children were listed as John D., William M. and Elizabeth Jane. In an 1834 deed they were again so named though John D. was then listed as living in Philadelphia.

Sarah - Married Samuel Ratcliff.

William - Married Sarah.

(11) ELIAS CONWELL (Elias 4), the ninth child of Elias, was born January 5, 1760. He married Leah, daughter of John Ingram. Elias' Will was dated January 23, 1796 and was probated February 7, 1796. Leah married, secondly, John Riley.

Issue:

(15) John Ingram - Born June 7, 1785.

Asa Fisher - Born April 29, 1787. Died August 29, 1807.

Elias - Born March 14, 1789. Established himself as a cabinet maker in Brandywine Village, New Castle County, Delaware. Married Hester, daughter of Charles Tatem and migrated to Aurora, Illinois.

Aletta - Born 1792. Died August 4, 1809. Also recorded as "Letty".

Eliza - Born posthumous, February 9, 1796. Died 1796.

FOURTH GENERATION

(12) JACOB CONWELL (Joseph 7) was born in 1759. On March 29, 1787 he married Hannah Art (Presbyterian records).

Issue:

(16) Jacob Art - Born September 26, 1794.

Hannah W. - Born November 13, 1802. Married February 26, 1823 James Rowland Maul who was born October 3, 1797 and died May 30, 1873. Hannah W. died July 8, 1883.

(17) William A. - Born May 8, 1804.

(13) JOHN CONWELL "66" (John, Junior 8) was born in 1766. He was known as John Conwell "66" to distinguish him from others in the area with the same name. About 1787 he married Sarah, daughter of Charles Waller. John "66" died February 20, 1840 and Sarah died December 31, 1840 at age about 70.

Issue:

Charles - Born June 30, 1792. Married Janet Jeffries. Marriage bond dated October 24, 1826.

- Elizabeth - Born April 13, 1794 and deceased by March 9, 1841. An Orphan's Court document of March 9, 1841 states that her children were:
 David Conwell
 George Conwell
 Emeline who married James Stephenson.
 (Marriage bond dated November 15, 1837)
 Sarah Ann Hickman
- David - Born July 23, 1796. Died prior to February, 1858.
- Mary - Born December 9, 1798.
- Henry - Born October 15, 1803. A Henry Conwell of Broadkill Hundred married Elizabeth Collins of Cedar Creek Hundred. (Marriage bond dated March 31, 1827)
- Louisa - Born November 1, 1806. On January 27, 1825 she married Wm. B. Shockley, M.D. and they settled in Indiana.
- William - Born May 19, 1809. Married Rhoda Fisher (Marriage bond dated September 8, 1833.)
- Asbury - Born April 18, 1811. May have had a twin, Ann. (The record is not clear.) Asbury married Susan R. Pepper on February 6, 1834. Had issue. He died at Galesburg, Illinois, May 20, 1857. Ann married Eli S. Messick. (Marriage bond dated May 24, 1834.)
- Asa - Born December 18, 1813. Married Nancy Nailor. (Marriage bond dated October 19, 1835.)

That John "66" was a farmer is evidenced by the 103½ acres of his land sold by his executor in 1841 to James C. Robbins. He also had an interest in education which must have been welcomed by parents of the area in those years even though his teaching probably was limited to a few months during the winter.

In his brief autobiography published by the Milford Historical Society in their February, 1968 News Letter, George Russell, born in 1829 in the Drawbridge area, wrote: "In 1835 at the age of six years I went to school to John Conwell 66. Mr. Conwell was born in 1766 and he was called by that name there being other John Conwells."

- (14) CAPTAIN WILLIAM CONWELL (John, Junior 8) was born October 12, 1778. On April 25, 1802 he married Lydia, born May 8, 1782, daughter of John Stephenson. This notation was found in the Bible of Captain James Carey Conwell (1861 - 1931): "At the time of his death he (Captain William) was carrying a load of stone from Wilmington to the first Delaware Breakwater. He was Captain of the vessel." Captain William died January 2, 1841, "aged 62 years 2 months and 21 days". Lydia died October 13, 1839, "aged 57 years 5 months and 5 days". Both are buried in the Conwell cemetery on Dyer's Delight, now surrounded by the Prime Hook Game Refuge.

Issue:

- (18) Joseph B. - Born February 14, 1803.

John Stephenson - Born March 17, 1805. Married Ann Jones. (Marriage bond dated January 28, 1832.) He died August 4, 1832 and is buried in the above noted Conwell cemetery.

Lydia - Born December 13, 1809. Baptised May 26, 1810 (Presbyterian records) Married Andrew Milby Simpler. (Marriage bond dated June 13, 1826.) Lydia died June 8, 1842 and Andrew died May 6, 1850. Both are buried in the above noted Conwell cemetery.

Jane Black- Born September 21, 1812. Baptised May 22, 1813. (Coolspring Presbyterian records.) Married James C. Robbins March 27, 1834. He was born April 21, 1808 and died November 2, 1884. Jane Black died May 2, 1892.

Samuel Paynter - Born March 21, 1815. Died April 9, 1815. Buried in the above noted Conwell cemetery.

- (19) William Alexander - Born March 9, 1816.

Alfred Draper - Born October 21, 1821. Died June 17, 1841. Buried in the above noted Conwell cemetery.

An Orphan's Court document dated September 21, 1841, in reference to Captain William Conwell's lands, state that "he left 5 children: Joseph, Alfred since deceased intestate without issue, Lydia, married to Andrew M. Simpler, Jane B., married to James C. Robbins, William A. and issue of John S. Conwell, 2nd son of deceased, to wit: John J. Conwell". In the notes in the Captain James Carey Conwell Bible, mentioned above, it was recorded that

John Stephenson Conwell was a seafarer and died of cholera on the way to Philadelphia from the Delaware Breakwater. It reflects that his son, John Jones Conwell, apparently born after his father's death and given the name of his mother's family, became a seafarer, that he died of smallpox at age about 31 years and was buried in Norfolk or Newport News, Virginia. He had married Sarah Nailer, sister of David Nailer 2nd and they had two sons, William and Asa Tom, neither of whom married. Asa was killed by a timber wagon. These notes are believed to relate to the inscriptions on these tombstones in Zion churchyard:

William J. Conwell
1858—1908

Asa T. Conwell
1860—1889

This information is considered to be sufficiently pertinent to warrant its inclusion at this point.

- (15) JOHN INGRAM CONWELL (Elias 11) was born June 7, 1785. He married Susan, daughter of John and Elizabeth Tilney. (Elizabeth was a daughter Jonathon Heavelow.) Susan was born September 17, 1795 and died intestate April 5, 1836. John Ingram may have married, secondly, Charity (Jackson) Lofland on December 24, 1836. The record is not clear about the second marriage. He died September 5, 1838.

Issue:

John Tilney - Married Susan Morris. (Marriage bond dated February 8, 1843.)

Elizabeth Heavelow - Married James M. Carey. (Marriage bond dated November 21, 1838.)

Susan Riley - Married, first, Albert Holland. (Marriage bond dated November 28, 1839.) Secondly, Benjamin F. Waples who was born in 1862 and, thirdly, M. Draper. Susan died in 1895.

- (20) Asa Fisher - Born November 9, 1827.

FIFTH GENERATION

- (16) JACOB ART CONWELL (Jacob 12) was born September 26, 1794. He became a Delaware Bay and River pilot. Married Cornelia W. who was born April 25, 1804 and died March 27, 1867. Jacob Art died "aged 76 years 3 months 5 days". His tombstone date of death has been eroded. Adding age at death to

birthdate results in date of death being December 31, 1870 He and Cornelia are buried in St. Peters churchyard, Lewes, as are their children listed below.

Issue:

Thomas W. - Died April 8, 1860 aged 33 years 5 months 18 days.

John L. - Died September 28, 1862 aged 21 years 6 months 1 day.

James M. - Died June 25, 1864 aged 21 years 13 days.

(17) WILLIAM A. CONWELL (Jacob 12) was born May 8, 1804. On May 17, 1826 he married Elizabeth F. She was born April 27, 1810 and died August 17, 1887. William A. died May 25 or 26, 1884.

Issue:

(21) Jacob H. (Hargis?) was born January 16, 1830.

James H. - Born March 22, 1833 and died September 2 ? .

Martha and Mary, twins, were born March 2, 1835 or 1836. Martha died August 13, 1838. Mary married Edward R. Messick on March 2, 1854 and died January 2, 1904.

Joseph - Born December 2, 1839 and died December 24, 1899.

Wm. W. - Born September 24, 1847. Died March 24, 1882 and was buried in the Methodist Episcopal Cemetery, Lewes.

Henry F. - Born November 11, 1850. Married Almira Maul who was born July 18, 1849 and died April 3, 1901. Henry F. became an undertaker in Lewes and died February 24, 1920. Had issue.

(18) JOSEPH B. CONWELL (Captain William 14) was born February 14, 1803. Baptised with his brother, John S., May 14, 1808. (Lewes Presbyterian records). On January 6, 1825 he married Esther (Hetty) Draper Clark. She was born February 1, 1804 and died September 30, 1886. Joseph B. died October 26, 1868. (Tombstone in Zion churchyard.)

Issue:

(22) Miers Clark - Born November 27, 1825.

(23) William Edwin - Born March 31, 1828.

Joseph - Born December 18, 1830. Died November 6, 1832.

Esther (Hetty) Jane - Born August 1, 1834. Married, first, James J. White and, secondly, Robert W. Fisher.

Aletta Anne - Born December 14, 1836. Married in Milton on December 24, 1860 to Theodore Spicer Wilson. Aletta Anne died April 30, 1917.

Joseph - Born June 11, 1839. Died July 1, 1839.

Lydia Ellin - Born June 26, 1840. Did not marry. Died November 16, 1917.

Mary Catherine - Born February 4, 1843. Married on July 7, 1861 to Mark Davis Wilson and, secondly, to William Reed. Mary Catherine died April 2, 1916.

Josephine - Born January 23, 1846. Died July 30, 1846.

(19) WILLIAM ALEXANDER CONWELL, SENIOR (Captain William 14) was born March 9, 1816. On December 24, 1840 he married Ann Cord, born July 11, 1816, daughter of David and Ann Robbins. Their son, Joseph Alfred, commented in a number of communications that she was a Quaker and effected a favorable influence in their family. By 1868, the date of the Beers map of Broadkilm Hundred, W. A. Conwell had become owner of the farm as shown on the map. He may have owned this farm since September, 1850, when he sold his inherited Dyer's Delight farm to James C. Robbins. Heaveloe's Landing and Mr. Heaveloe's burial vault and ground lie at the southeast corner of this Conwell property. Ann Cord died March 25, 1871. She was buried in the Robbins family cemetery at Black's Landing on the south bank of the Broadkilm about one mile east of Drawbridge. William Alexander died May 4, 1877 and was buried in Zion churchyard.

Issue:

Elizabeth R. and Lydia Jane, twins, were born October 14, 1841. Lydia Jane died in infancy. On June 23, 1859 Elizabeth R., age 17, married Captain William Russell, born September 19, 1827. They had three children, Annie L., George Washington and William Conwell, the latter being born August 9, 1865. Elizabeth R. died July 9, 1866 and was buried in Milton's Methodist Episcopal Cemetery.

"The son, George, went to sea and sailed around Cape Horn to Portland, Oregon where he died in a hospital". (Joseph A. Conwell in a letter to his brother, William A. Conwell, Jr., June 3, 1923.)

Hannah Fisher - Born September 3, 1843. On January 23, 1866 she married David Helmanus Wiltbank, born January 29, 1842. Had issue. Her tombstone in Zion cemetery gives her life span as "1842 - 1926".

Mary Jane (Mollie - Born April 8, 1847. She married Captain William Russell as his second wife and became instrumental in rearing her late sister's children. In the latter part of July, 1867, Mary Jane, then 20 years old, was on board the three-mast bark, "E. SHULTZ", which Captain Russell owned and commanded, when the vessel sailed from Philadelphia for London, England. From London the vessel proceeded to Gothenburg, Sweden and loaded a cargo for Boston. After a stormy 49 day voyage across the Atlantic during which two sailors fell from a yard to the deck, one being killed and the other seriously injured, they arrived in Boston on Friday, November 22, 1867. Mollie returned to their home in Milton. On March 11, 1868 their only child, Sarah Myers, was born. On February 17, 1872 Captain Russell sailed in the "E. SHULTZ" from Pensacola, Florida, for Philadelphia. The vessel never arrived nor was any trace of her ever reported. Mary Jane died May 30, 1933 at age 86 and was buried beside her sister. She had been a widow for 61 years. Between their graves is a monument inscribed:

Captain William Russell
Lost at Sea
March 1872

(See "Captain William Russell, Distinguished Shipmaster of Broad Kill Hundred" by TCC)

(24) William Alexander, Junior - Born June 6, 1848.

(25) David Miers - Born August 12, 1852

(26) Joseph Alfred - Born April 18, 1855.

Ann Cord - Born March 8, 1857. Died in infancy.

(20) ASA FISHER CONWELL (John Ingram 15) was born November 9, 1827. He married Mary Adeline, born May 9, 1832, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Martin. Asa died January 21, 1911 and was buried in Milton's Methodist Episcopal cemetery.

Issue:

Arabel - Married _____ Holland.

Susan Elizabeth - Married _____ Coulter. She died
in August, 1938.

Martin Ingram - Migrated to Portland, Oregon.

(27) James Carey - Born March 2, 1861.

Annie Martin - Died September 19, 1865.

SIXTH GENERATION

(21) JACOB H. (Hargis?) CONWELL (William A. 17) was born January 16, 1830. On February 8, 1855 he married Mary C. Sweeney who was born December 19, 1831 and died January 19, 1898. Jacob H. died December 24, 1891. They were buried in the Presbyterian churchyard, Lewes.

Issue:

(28) Delaware W. - Born October 1, 1865.

(22) MIERS CLARK CONWELL (Joseph B. 18) Was born November 27, 1825. In 1857 he married Alice Naudain of Dover. He died in South America November 7 or 17, 1885 and probably was buried there though there is a monument to his memory in Zion churchyard.

Issue:

James Naudain - Born December 17, 1859. On December 19, 1880, two days after he became 21 years old, he married Amanda May Payne. A son, Clarence James, was born to them January 26, 1882.

Minnie Cowgill - Born June 10, 1863. On September 28, 1886 she married Horace Thompson Carpenter and had issue. She died February 12, 1929.

Miers Clark - Dates birth/date are not known. Married twice and lived in Bridgeport and Stratford, Connecticut.

Learning that Miers Clark Conwell (22) had attended Yale University, inquiry was made to the University for information they might hold about him. The Registrar very kindly supplied the following data from the Yale Obituary Record, June, 1886, page 316: Class of 1852:

"Miers Clarke Conwell was born in Milton, Del. in December, 1827 (sic). After graduation he was engaged in teaching and in the study of law, in Georgetown and later in Dover, Delaware. He subsequently adopted civil engineering as his profession and was employed in the lay-out of several railroads, his residence remaining in Dover. He was Chief Engineer of the surveying department of the city of Wilmington, Del. from 1870 to 1883 when he resigned to go to Antioquia, one of the United States of Colombia, in South America, to lay out and supervise the construction of a railroad there. When the work on this project was suspended by the government, in consequence to revolutionary troubles, he engaged in another similiar enterprise in the vicinity. He died in Barranquilla, near the mouth of the Magdalena River, after a few days of illness from fever, November 17, 1885 at the age of 58.

He married, about 1870 (sic) Miss Alice Naudain, who survives him with their two sons and one daughter."

From the Class Book, Seventh edition, 1887, the Registrar quoted:

"He was one of those members of the Class who never replied to class letters and circulars, hence it has not been easy to procure full or accurate information in regard to him. A friend in Wilmington writes, 'Mr. Conwell stood very high in his profession and was universally esteemed in the community. He was very fond of reading and found much pleasure and enjoyment in study. Few subjects could be mentioned upon which he could not express himself intelligently, having at some previous time considered or read upon it. He kept up his classics, and also in his leisure moments, mastered French, Spanish and Italian. He was naturally reserved, very fond of his home and only his intimate friends had opportunity to enjoy his really fine conversational powers. He married, about 1860, Miss Alice Naudain who survives him with their three children, viz: two sons, James N. and Miers C. and one daughter, Mary C.'"

- (23) CAPTAIN WILLIAM EDWIN CONWELL (Joseph B. 18) was born March 31, 1828. On May 31, 1854 he married Eliza Ann, born September 24, 1830, daughter of Charles and Sarah Chambers (Glover) Vaughn. She died January 27, 1868. Captain William Edwin died at Drawbridge, November 27, 1883 and was buried in Milton's Methodist Episcopal cemetery.

Issue:

Charles Edwin - Born May 16, 1855. Baptised in Cool-spring Presbyterian Church, December 24, 1862. On June 19, 1878 he married Sarah Elizabeth Buchanan, born January 12, 1857. They had two children, Anna and William Edwin. Both died in infancy.

Clarence - Born May 20, 1863. He became a railroader and was killed by a train at Wilmington (Delaware) on December 28 or 29, 1889 at age 26.

In a research of shipbuilding at Milton and other places along the Broad Kill, Captain William Edwin Conwell was found to have commanded two of those vessels and may have commanded others. In 1859, at age 31, he was documented as being 1/4 owner and master of the schooner CALEB WOOD. In 1869 he became master and 1/16 owner of the schooner MARY G. FARR and remained in command until 1881. The FARR was Milton's largest two-mast schooner, larger than several three-mast schooners built subsequently. Her loaded draft being entirely too deep for trading to and from Milton, she traded between sizeable ports along the Atlantic coast.

- (24) WILLIAM ALEXANDER CONWELL, JUNIOR (William Alexander, Senior 19) was born June 6, 1849. His younger brother, David Miers, commented many years afterward that at breakfast one morning William Alexander, Junior, presumably in his late teens or early twenties, stated that the farm was too small to support all the family, that he was going to leave and would be gone a long time. He did, and was. He never returned to Broadkill Hundred. The only member of the family to see him thereafter was his youngest brother, Joseph Alfred. They met when the latter was on a trip and stopped in St. Louis, Missouri, where William Alexander had settled. On February 19, 1883 William Alexander married Mary Ann Bambrick, born August 15, 1865 in Dublin, Ireland. She died February 15, 1923 and William Alexander died September 26, 1924. Both are buried in Calvary Cemetery, St. Louis.

Issue:

- (29) William Edward - Born December 29, 1884.

Lillie - Born June 3, 1891. On May 24, 1920 at Union, Missouri, she married William August Kemper, born October 29, 1891, and died January 19, 1965. Lillie's deep interest in her Conwell heritage caused her to maintain correspondence through the years with family members remaining in Broadkill Hundred and those who frequently visited there. She never visited the area of her paternal ancestors. She provided the information herein about her branch of the family. Without her interest it is likely that the information about them would have been very sparse. The Kempers had one child, William Joseph, born May 3, 1921. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Lillie died March 20, 1977, age 86.

Joseph Alfred - Born April 23, 1893. He served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps in World War II. He died December 10, 1943 and was buried in the National Cemetery, Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

(25) DAVID MIERS CONWELL (William Alexander, Senior 19) was born August 12, 1852. On April 1, 1876 he married Lydia Jane, born February 22, 1855, daughter of William R. and Aletta (Tilney) Wilson. A year later his father died. David M. acquired the W. A. Conwell farm (Beers map) and became the last Conwell of his line to make a career of farming. On occasion he had reason to rent the farm and move to Milton for a period as evidenced by this excerpt from a letter dated June 4, 1890 from Joseph Alfred to William Alexander, Junior: "Brother David has two sons 4 & 12 years old. He rents the farm out and lives in Milton." Presumably he was living in Milton on June 6, 1902 when, as President of the School Board he signed the diplomas of the high school graduates. It is remembered that he lived on the farm about 1915 at age 63. In due course he retired, the farm passed to ownership of others and he and Lydia Jane returned to Milton where they spent their remaining years in the Wilson house. David Miers died July 18, 1935 and Lydia Jane died February 13, 1945. They are buried in Milton's Methodist Episcopal Cemetery.

Issue:

(30) William Wilson - Born July 29, 1878.

Henry Ernest - Born May 21, 1886. About 1914 he commenced a Chevrolet automobile agency and garage business in Milton which he conducted for a number of years. He then established an evergreen nursery business, dealing extensively in large, old boxwood shrubs which he purchased mostly from abandoned home sites along the southern Atlantic coast. They were trucked to Milton, many of them weighing a ton or more, planted in the nursery then sold to landscape architects who were developing or improving properties in the northeastern states. His men and heavy equipment handled the entire operation from point of origin to Milton then planting at the purchaser's direction. It was a prosperous business. After several years he divided the nursery acreage into building lots and streets which he named for shrubs, including Boxwood Street. The acreage was placed within the town limits in order to obtain municipal facilities. The area since been known as the Conwell Addition and its main approach is Conwell Street. After two unsuccessful marriages, on March 17, 1947 he married Edith Fisher Calhoun, born September 3, 1891. Henry Ernest died

March 17, 1964, their 17th wedding anniversary. He is buried in Milton's Methodist Episcopal Cemetery. No issue. Henry Ernest was the last Conwell male in Broadkill Hundred, a surname that had been present there, continuously, since Yeates, 1705.

Raymond Miers - Born November 23, 1895. He served in the U. S. Navy in World War I. At Ludowici, Georgia, on October 10, 1923 he married Eulalie Harrington, of Ludowici, born April 7, 1901. For several years he engaged in the nursery business with Henry Ernest. In World War II he established on part of the nursery acreage a business to produce eggs for the rapidly expanding hatchery industry in southern Delaware. His plant comprised extensive structures housing many thousand chickens. Shortly after the war he moved to Florida, obtained a real estate broker's license, established his own firm and prospered. He operated mostly in the Daytona Beach area. He died in Daytona Beach on December 4, 1960 and is buried there. No issue.

(26) JOSEPH ALFRED CONWELL, M.D. (William Alexander, Senior 19)

Born April 18, 1855. By his written and spoken comments over the years he demonstrated a continuing sentimental attachment to the area of his birth and childhood. In his early manhood he left Broadkill to seek his fortune in distant places. On May 18, 1877, at age 22, he wrote to his brother William A. from Madisonville, Kentucky, commenting that he had left home on the 8th and "if I don't get into something I shall not stay here long. ... If you write to me before the 25th send it to Madisonville, Kentucky if it is after that time when you write send it to No. 26 Gest Street, Cincinnati, Ohio. ... I have a little touch of homesickness this afternoon and I don't know whether you ever had it or not but it is an awful disease. I would be willing to do without my supper if I could only be there." During this trip Joseph A. visited William A. in St. Louis.

On December 15, 1881 Joseph A. married Lillie, born August 30, 1857, daughter of Theodore Edward and Elizabeth Line Macfeely Primrose.

Issue:

(31) George Macfeely - Born June 7, 1883.

This was included in a letter Joseph A. wrote to William A. on June 4, 1890:

"I suppose you know that I am a Doctor. I graduated in 1880

(Medical Department of Jefferson College, Philadelphia. Later he graduated from the College's Pharmacy Department. TCC) and practiced in Milton about one year and then went to Vineland New Jersey and run a drug store there for nearly 9 years and I overworked myself and I sold out sometime ago and took a trip to the state of Washington. ... I am now in Milton taking a little rest and do not know what I shall do next. Milton is a very dull place and I have no idea of settling here but I think that I shall take a rest until the summer is over. I only took about five weeks rest in 8 years before I sold out.

I am married since 81 and have one child, a boy 7 years old on Saturday June 7th."

(The letters from which the above quoted excerpts were taken were loaned for the purpose by Lillie Conwell Kemper, daughter of the addressee.)

Joseph Alfred returned to Vineland and purchased a well established drug store. He served as Mayor of Vineland for several years, was active in local business activities and became a highly respected leader in the civic and religious life of the community. He died in Vineland March 11, 1936 and is buried there in Siloam Cemetery.

- (27) CAPTAIN JAMES CAREY CONWELL (Asa Fisher 20) was born March 2, 1861. Records show that in 1886 at age 25 he was in command of the Milton-built (1874) three-mast schooner A. P. NOWELL, engaged in trading along the Atlantic coast. On March 20, 1887 he married Clara, born December 7, 1864, daughter of John Simpson and Sarah Hettie (Robbins) Robinson. Captain Conwell prospered and in 1890 was able to subscribe for 8/64ths ownership of the three-mast schooner THOMAS WINSMORE then being built at Milton. Mrs. Conwell subscribed for 2/64ths ownership, making them the only husband-and-wife known to have invested in a Milton-built vessel in which both of them sailed. Captain Conwell commanded the WINSMORE for several years in trading mostly along the Atlantic coast in the lumber trade from southern to northern ports. Subsequently he commanded and probably owned an interest in a four-mast schooner, retiring to Milton about 1914. He died August 25, 1931 and was buried in Milton's Methodist Episcopal Cemetery.

Issue:

Elsie E.- Born August 12, 1891. Died in infancy.

Ethel - Born July 22, 1903. On January 14, 1924 she married Arnsey Kensy White. They had two children, James Conwell, born October 22, 1925 and Jane, born December 26, 1931. Ethel died October 26, 1938.

About 1912 William Wilson Conwell (30) purchased a farm of approximately 25 acres, re-built the existing house and doubled its size by new construction (the right half, as pictured); the last Conwell house construction in Broadkill Hundred. It was situated on the north side of the Broadkill Beach Road about one-quarter mile east of Milton. Pictured, in the spring of 1915, left to right, John Cloves Conwell in the baby carriage, Mary Elizabeth (Magoo) Conwell, Isabel Christine Conwell (Harrison), Frances Goodwin Conwell (Hawks), Helen Magoo, a cousin, Timmy Clarke Conwell with bicycle and William Yeates Conwell in the carriage. The family moved to Norfolk, Virginia, in 1917. The house was destroyed by fire a year or two later.



SEVENTH GENERATION

(28) DELAWARE W. CONWELL (Jacob H. 21) was born October 1, 1865. He became a Delaware Bay and River pilot. On February 21, 1890 at Lewes he married Sarah West Marshall. He died August 6, 1904 and was buried in St. Peters Churchyard, Lewes. No issue.

(29) WILLIAM EDWARD CONWELL (William Alexander, Junior 24) was born in St. Louis, Missouri, December 29, 1884. On February 16, 1927 he married Ruth Hanvey in Granite City, Illinois. He was active in his work as a draftsman until his death on August 11, 1966, age 81.

Issue :

(32) William Drake - Born February 15, 1928.

(30) WILLIAM WILSON CONWELL (David Miers 25) was born July 29, 1878. On October 22, 1902 he married Mary Elizabeth (Bessie), born March 30, 1881, daughter of Captain William Henry and Louella Megee. At the time of his marriage he was manager of the Milton branch of the Lewes National Bank. About 1905 he joined Otis and Captain George Goodwin in founding Goodwin Bros. & Conwell which built and operated a tomato cannery in Milton. This enterprise failed in the business depression of 1907. He then engaged in the timber business which prospered. About 1912 he purchased a small farm, about 25 acres, just outside the town limits on the Milton-Broadkill Beach road. His family was established in the reconstructed house on this property. Others were employed to work the farm as William Wilson was not a farmer. The advent of World War I created such a demand for timber that he was obliged to move south to larger sources of supply. The family moved to Norfolk, Virginia late in 1917 and remained there. William Wilson died January 31, 1947 and Mary Elizabeth (Bessie) died January 8, 1948. Both are buried in the Milton Cemetery.

Issue :

Tilney Clarke - Born November 1, 1903. Commenced a sea-faring career at age 15. Received an unlimited Master's license December 15, 1926. Joined the Cities Service Oil Company in February, 1930 as Chief Mate. Served in that capacity and in command (four years) until 1937 when he became Port Captain based in the New York office. On January 6, 1939 in Alexandria, Virginia married Elena Wells, born in New York City March 4, 1910, daughter of Harold William and Helen Wells Burton of White Plains, N.Y. Upon marriage, Elena Wells gave up her promising career as a professional concert and operatic singer. Tilney Clarke was

called to active duty in the U. S. Navy as Lieutenant-Commander in late February, 1942. Served in the Navy Department, Washington, for fourteen months, in the Mediterranean for eight months and in the Pacific for about two years. Promoted to Commander then to Captain. Served until late December, 1945 then returned to civilian life. Became Operating Manager of a New York tanker company. In 1948 became Manager of another tanker company. In July, 1950, joined the American President Lines, Ltd., San Francisco, as Assistant Vice President-Operations. Became Vice President-Operations in 1956 and was elected Director of the company in March, 1959. APL operated passenger and general cargo services between California and the Orient; a general cargo service from the East Coast of the U.S. to the Orient, Indonesia and Malaya and a passenger and general cargo service westward Around-the-World. He retired from American President Lines at the end of February, 1971 and reported the next day to the Natomas Company, majority owner of APL for a special assignment. On August 31, 1973 he retired from all business activities and continued to live in Marin County, on the north side of the Golden Gate. No issue.

Frances Goodwin - Born November 30, 1908 and named in honor of Mrs. Otis Goodwin. At Norfolk on February 9, 1929 she married Richard Edward Hawks of Portsmouth, Virginia, born November 6, 1902. They made their home in Portsmouth where he died June 12, 1976. He was buried in Portsmouth. They had two children, Frances Conwell (Connie), born January 31, 1933 and Mary Welton, born September 4, 1935. Both married and both had issue.

Isabel Christine - Born May 12, 1911. At Norfolk on January 29, 1938 she married George Byrd Harrison of Norfolk, born March 23, 1904. They made their home in Norfolk and had three children, Joan Clarke and Ann Byrd, twins, born January 3, 1939 and George Conwell, born November 28, 1943. All of the children married and had issue. George Byrd died February 8, 1981.

William Yeates - Born November 23, 1912. To spend his summer vacation after his junior year in high school he obtained employment as a seaman on an oil tanker trading along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts. After graduation he resumed shipboard employment though in a short time he decided to work ashore. He obtained employment with the DuPont Company in Old Hickory, Tennessee. Late in December, 1936, he concluded that seafaring was a more satisfying life. After serving in ships of the Lykes Bros. Steamship Company, New Orleans; the Cities Service Oil Company and the U. S. Steel Corporation (Isthmian Steamship Corporation) during which he made a voyage around the world, he obtained a Coast Guard license as Third Mate on March 5, 1941. Thinking that his prior DuPont employment might be helpful, he applied to their maritime activity, the International Freighting Corporation, New York. His application was accepted and he was assigned to their S.S. LAMMOT DuPONT as Third Mate. He sailed from New York on May 1, 1941 for ports in Brazil and Argentina. In December our nation became a participant in World War II. On his fourth voyage in the Brazil/Argentina service, they sailed from New York in early February, 1942. Before sailing on this voyage he had applied for a commission as Ensign in the U.S. Naval Reserve. The commission was issued in Washington on February 2, 1942 but did not reach him before he sailed. When the DuPONT sailed from New York she had been equipped with defensive armament manned by a Navy Armed Guard of one officer and eight enlisted men. In early April the ship sailed from Buenos Aires for New York. On April 23rd when about 500 miles southeast of Bermuda the ship was torpedoed by the German "U-125", rolled over and disappeared in about four minutes. William Yeates directed the launching of the lifeboat for which he was responsible, the only boat to clear the ship. Some men were trapped in the ship, others died in the lifeboat and some died in a hospital at San Juan, Puerto Rico where the survivors were taken after being picked up on May 16, 1942. Of the 56 men in the ship, 19 lost their lives. William Yeates died in the lifeboat on May 11 and was committed to the deep by his shipmates. The Navy sent his commission to his mother and the Secretary of the Navy wrote her a letter of condolence. William Yeates did not marry. A monument to his memory was placed in the family plot in the Milton Cemetery. (See "William Yeates Conwell, Seafaring Native of Broad Kill Hundred" 1970)

John Clowes - Born July 30, 1914. No Conwell has been born in Broadkill Hundred during the 70 years since his birth which indicates that he may have been the final Conwell to be born there. In his boyhood he developed a minor heart problem and an eyesight weakness which, later, had a limiting effect on his employment opportunities. Possessing an out-going personality and a flair for dealing with the public, he entered the hotel industry as a 'front desk' clerk in the Cavalier Hotel, Virginia Beach. In the winters he was employed in the same capacity in Palm Beach, Florida. In World War II the U.S. Army accepted him though his physical problems caused him to be restricted to non-combat duty. He entered the service May 19, 1942 and was released January 12, 1946. Though his military duties were clerical, he prevailed upon his superior for permission to take the rigorous course required to become a Combat Infantryman. He successfully completed the course and wore the emblem of Combat Infantryman with pride though it, alone, did not overcome the restrictions imposed by his physical problems. After the war he returned to hotel work in Virginia Beach, becoming Manager of a sizeable establishment. By 1956 his health had deteriorated and he was advised to live in an all-year temperate climate. He went to California, settled in San Diego and in due course became Manager of a large motel/restaurant complex on Mission Bay. His condition slowly worsened and he died in San Diego on October 17, 1970. He was buried in the family plot in the Milton Cemetery. He did not marry.

John Clowes was named in honor of John Clowes, Jr., 1730 - 1790, a Patriot of the Revolution and an ancestor of Lydia Jane (Wilson) Conwell (25). He lies beneath a very substantial monument in Heaveloe's burial ground at the southeast corner of the land previously located as the W. A. Conwell farm. Mrs. Aletta Clarke, whose diary is referred to herein is also buried in this forlorn and mostly forgotten ground. (See Rex v. John Clowes, Jr., DELAWARE HISTORY, Volume XVII, Number 4, Fall - Winter, 1977.)

- (33) David Miers II - Born February 25, 1921 in Norfolk, Virginia.

(31) GEORGE MACFEELY CONWELL (Joseph Alfred 26) was born in Vineland, N. J. on June 7, 1883. After graduating from high school in Vineland he worked in his father's pharmacy for a year then entered Princeton University, commencing a scholastic career. Elected to two fraternities of distinction, he graduated with highest honors in 1905. For his Graduate College work he chose mathematics in preparation for a teaching career. He received his M.A. and then his Ph.D. in 1908, thus becoming one of the select group of men having three diplomas signed by the Hon. Woodrow Wilson, the 28th President of the United States (1913 - 1921), then President of Princeton. In the fall of 1908 he began teaching at the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University where he remained until 1915 when he went to the New York State College for Teachers in Albany. On July 27, 1917 he married Edith Elizabeth Rose of Scotia, N.Y. In 1927 he went to St. Paul's School, Concord, N.H. where he became head of the mathematics department in 1940. Upon retiring from St. Paul's in 1948, he accepted a three year appointment as visiting professor at the University of Georgia, Athens. After settling in Wilmington in 1951 he taught at the University of Delaware, the Tatnall School and finally, for about five years at the Tower School before his last retirement in 1966. He died October 30, 1969 in Wilmington.

Issue:

(34) Yeates - Born November 15, 1922 at Albany, N.Y.

(32) WILLIAM DRAKE CONWELL (William Edward 29) was born in St. Louis, Mo. on February 15, 1928. Graduated from Columbia University (Law), New York City, June, 1951. Was with the law firm of White & Case, New York, for many years. Married Barbara Cowgill of New York on August 1, 1953. Died suddenly on June 16, 1971. Buried in St. Louis on June 21, 1971.

Issue:

Sharon (Susie?), born April 3, 1955.

Ann, born 1957. Died May 1, 1957 at age three months in automobile accident.

(35) William D. - Born November, 1960

(33) DAVID MIERS CONWELL II (William Wilson 30) was born in Norfolk, Va. on February 25, 1921. During summer vacations from High School in 1936 and 1937 he was employed as a seaman aboard tankers of the Cities Service Oil Company. Following

graduation from High School he became a seaman on a career basis, serving in tankers of the Cities Service Oil Company, the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey and aboard cargo ships of the Isthmian Steamship Company, a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation. When the United States declared war on Japan in December, 1941 he was serving as Third Mate aboard the ALCOA PURITAN which was owned by Alcoa Steamship Company, Inc., a subsidiary of the Aluminum Company of America. He survived the torpedoing of the PURITAN in the Gulf of Mexico in May, 1942, but was briefly hospitalized for treatment of an injury received in the sinking. In July, 1942 he applied for, and was accepted for duty in the U.S. Navy where he served as a commissioned officer until May, 1946. During the course of his wartime service he was attached to the USS ELECTRA, USS DuPAGE and USS HINSDALE, all being Amphibious Attack ships. During the invasion of Morocco in November, 1942 the ELECTRA was torpedoed off Casablanca, but was beached and subsequently salvaged. While serving in DuPAGE he was assigned to duty as second-in-command of the ship's Beach Party. In the attack by U.S. Marines on the Islands of Roi and Namur in the Marshall Islands campaign he participated in the assault on the beaches. While serving aboard HINSDALE as First Lieutenant and Damage Control Officer he participated in the operations against Iwo Jima and Okinawa. In the latter the HINSDALE was struck on "D" Day by a Japanese suicide plane which inflicted many casualties and heavy damage. For his efforts in controlling the damage he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. Following the War he returned to peacetime employment as an officer aboard ships owned or operated by Alcoa Steamship Company. On May 10, 1947 he was appointed Master of his first command, the 'Liberty'-type steamer ROY K. JOHNSON, engaged in the trans-Atlantic trade. At New Orleans on May 18, 1951 he married Helen Kathryn Duggar, M.D., who was born in Mobile, Ala., July 26, 1922, the daughter of Llewellyn Ludwig Duggar, M.D., and Ida Morgan Duggar. Helen Duggar Cornell, an alumna of the University of Alabama, graduated in Medicine from Northwestern University in 1947, and at the time of her marriage was engaged in the practice of Anesthesiology in New Orleans. Immediately following their marriage he accepted transfer ashore as Manager of the Maracaibo, Venezuela office of Alcoa Steamship Company. He subsequently was assigned to Caracas and Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, returning to the States in 1960 where he filled assignments in Mobile, Washington, D.C. and New York City. At the time of his retirement from Alcoa Steamship Company in 1979 he was General Manager of Sales as well as a Director of the Company and its subsidiary, Lib-Ore Steamship Company.

Following retirement from Alcoa the family moved to Fairhope, Alabama where he accepted an appointment as a Marine Surveyor to the National Cargo Bureau, Inc. in nearby Mobile.

Issue:

(36) William Yeates II, born December 17, 1958.

(37) Benjamin Duggar, born November 1, 1961.

(34) YEATES CONWELL (George Macfelly 31) was born in Albany N.Y. on November 15, 1922. On November 27, 1947 he married Mary Scribner Atwood.

Issue:

Anne Atwood - Born October 21, 1950 in Wilmington, DE.
Married Charles John Nemets II on
April 23, 1983.

(38) Yeates, Jr - Born February 21, 1953 in Wilmington, DE.

(35) WILLIAM D CONWELL (William Drake 32) was born in November, 1960. Effort has been made to establish contact with survivors of his father through written inquiry to a relative in St. Louis and to his father's employer at the time of his death in 1971. No response was received nor were the letters of inquiry returned.

(36) WILLIAM YEATES CONWELL II (David Miers II 33) was born in Port of Spain, Trinidad on December 17, 1958. He attended public schools in Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, in Rockville, Maryland, and in New Providence, New Jersey, graduating from high school in the latter town in 1976. In 1970, at age 11, he developed an interest in radio which was fostered in part by the close proximity of the Bell Laboratories in neighboring Murray Hill. His father remembered the Morse code from his World War II service in the U.S. Navy and joined William in his growing involvement with the hobby. They, father and son, received their first amateur radio licenses in February, 1971. William also became interested in Scouting, achieving the rank of Eagle Scout in 1974. Following graduation from high school he enrolled in the Electrical Engineering program at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta where he participated in the "Co-Op" plan by which students alternate semesters of classroom work with periods of employment in industry. Under this arrangement William worked for the Radio Corporation of America in their Broadcast Division at Gibbsboro, New Jersey and in their Surface Radar Division at Moorestown, New Jersey. In 1980 he worked as an Engineering Intern with Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty in Playa de Pals, Spain, in Gloria de Ribatego, Portugal, and in Munich, Germany. He graduated

from Georgia 'Tech' in May 1981 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, Cooperative Plan. In August of that same year he enrolled in the School of Law at Emory University, also in Atlanta. After successfully completing the Georgia State Bar examination in February, 1984 William graduated from Emory in May of that year with the degree of Juris Doctor. On August 4, 1984 at West Yellowstone, Montana he married Kristen Ann, born January 3, 1960 at Newark, Ohio, daughter of Rosemary and Chester Ziegler Keller of Ellensburg, Washington. Dr. Keller is Professor of Philosophy at the University of Central Washington in that City. Kristen, who graduated from Stanford University in 1982 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Human Biology, was awarded the additional degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing with academic distinction by Emory University on the same day that William received his law degree. Kristen and William live in Beaverton, a suburb of Portland, Oregon. William is employed by the Portland law firm of Klarkquist, Sparkman, Campbell, Leigh and Whinston.

(37) BENJAMIN DUGGAR CONWELL (David Miers II 33) was born in Mobile, Alabama on November 1, 1961. Named for his great uncle, Dr. Benjamin Minge Duggar, the discoverer of Aureomycin, he attended public schools in Rockville, Maryland and in New Providence, New Jersey, graduating from high school in the latter town in 1979. During his school years Benjamin became interested in Scouting and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in 1977. Following graduation from high school Benjamin enrolled in the University of Richmond (Richmond, Virginia) where he majored in Finance. During summer vacations he worked as a bank teller and completed additional studies at the University of South Alabama and at Harvard University. In May, 1983 Benjamin graduated cum laude from Richmond with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and accepted a position with the Westinghouse Electric Corporation. After training assignments in Athens, Georgia, in Stamford, Connecticut, and in Sunnyvale, California he was assigned to the corporation's operation in Baltimore, Maryland.

(38) YEATES CONWELL, JUNIOR (Yeates Conwell, Senior 34) married Evelyn Gay Mills on June 30, 1979.

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WILLIAM and JEHU CONWELL

In Pennsylvania

It has been published (The Murray - Conwell Genealogy and Allied Families - 1938) that William and Jehu were born and raised in Sussex County, Delaware, though no specific location or area was named. It is reasonable to accept that they were natives of Sussex in view of the other descendants of Yeates and Rebecca who are known to have been born in the County, most of them in Broadkill Hundred.

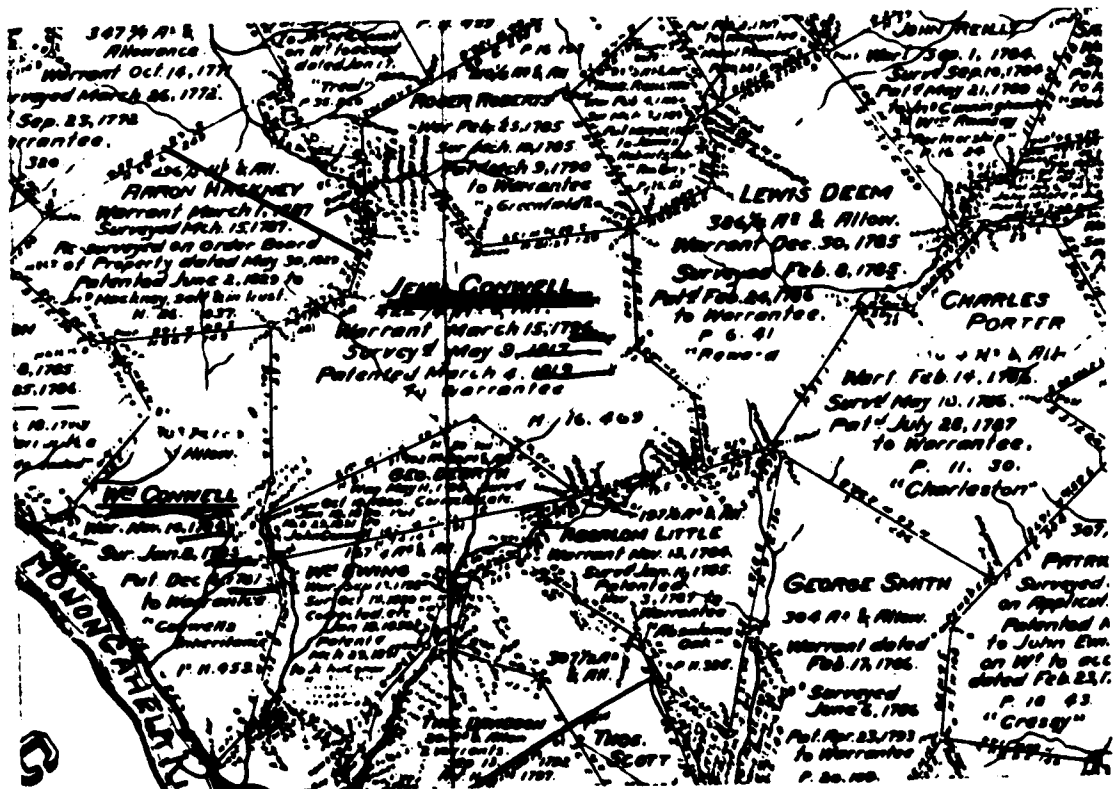
In creating the included genealogical chart it was intended to simply show that William and Jehu, great-grandsons of Yeates and Rebecca, emigrated to Pennsylvania which they did in 1767, over 200 years ago and did not return. The completed chart aroused a curiosity. Where were their lands and what is the status of those lands today? Where is the Conwell cemetery and how has it fared? Are their descendants still living in the area where William and Jehu settled?

It has been published that they settled in what became Fayette County. Contact was made with the Uniontown (County seat) Area Historical Society whose Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Raoul Vajk, was most understanding of the inquiries and particularly helpful in assisting and forwarding pertinent information. It may be constructive to now comment that William and Jehu settled in what became Luzerne Township, Fayette County, in the southwest corner of Pennsylvania on the northeast bank of the Monongahela River, about 35 miles practically due south of Pittsburg and about 14 miles northwesterly from Uniontown. Their acreage extended from the river in a northeasterly direction to the community of Heistersburg, a distance of about two miles.

It would be interesting to know what motivated William and Jehu to leave the area of their family roots and emigrate to a wilderness containing a degree of danger from Indians and a prospect of additional privation in their daily lives. They could have been intrigued by the adventure and challenge of settling in a virgin area, clearing the land and becoming successful by their own physical and mental efforts. A possible troublesome situation that could have influenced them to leave was that by the 1760s all or practically all Sussex County land had been granted and occupied. William Penn and his son, John, had been quite liberal in the acreage they granted to individuals, such as the approximately 1100 acres in Dyer's Delight. A review of the acreage of original grants of land in the Broadkill area reflect that they were in the magnitude of about 1000 acres each. One could deduce that 'over-crowding' in Sussex County in the 1760s, the availability of land 'for the taking' in the Pennsylvania wilderness together with the prospects of adventure and an opportunity to 'make it' on their own caused William and Jehu to sever their home ties and head westward.

(Mrs. Vajk furnished all the photocopies of the maps and the printed text to follow.)

It was not until several years after their settlement in the wilderness that land title procedures reached Luzerne Township. From Horn's Warrant Maps (Volume III) it is clear that by 1785 all or practically all of the Township had been settled. Obtaining warrants, surveys and patents for their lands consumed several years as will be noted below in the list of dates contained within the boundaries of the 453 acres settled by William and the 422 acres settled by Jehu.



The "History of Fayette County, Pennsylvania, with Biographical Sketches of Many of its Pioneers and Prominent Men", (Volume II)

L. H. Everts & Co., Philadelphia, 1882, contains these comments about William and Jehu Conwell:

Jehu Conwell and his brother, Capt. William Conwell, settled within the limits of this township in June, 1767. One James Bredin was in the territory before the Conwells, who upon their arrival found Bredin living in a log cabin upon a tomahawk claim, where he had girdled a few trees, he having come in the previous April. For a small consideration the Conwells purchased Bredin's claim and improvements, and he departed for other scenes. The land thus taken by the Conwells lies now in the Heistersburg school district, and is included within the John McMullen farm. The country was at that time infested by savages and wild beasts, but with neither had the settlers then any trouble, for the former were friendly, and the latter not so much inclined to pursue man as afraid of being themselves pursued. By and by, however, the Indians began to show signs of hostility, and the Conwells thought it advisable to withdraw for a brief season to a more populous locality. In August, 1772, Jehu returned to his old home in Delaware, in October was married, and in November of the same year set out with his young bride for the Luzerne clearing. Existence was comparatively quiet and uneventful until 1774, when Indian aggressions set in in earnest. Jehu Conwell and his brother, Capt. William, then bestirred themselves and started the project of building a fort. A site was selected upon the Coleman plantation, on the west side of Dunlap's Creek, not much more than half a mile below Merrittstown, on a place now occupied by Harrison Henshaw. There a block-house was hastily constructed, to include within its inclosure the spring near the present Henshaw house. Assisted and directed by the Conwells, the settlers had the fort completed in quick time, and in May, 1794,* it was occupied. There appears to be no evidence that the fort was ever attacked, or that the people living in that portion of Luzerne met with serious injury at the hands of the savages, although they were for a time in great terror for fear of Indians. Several children are said to have been born within the fort during 1774. The names of only two can now be given. One was Ruth, daughter of Capt. William Conwell. She married Abram Armstrong.

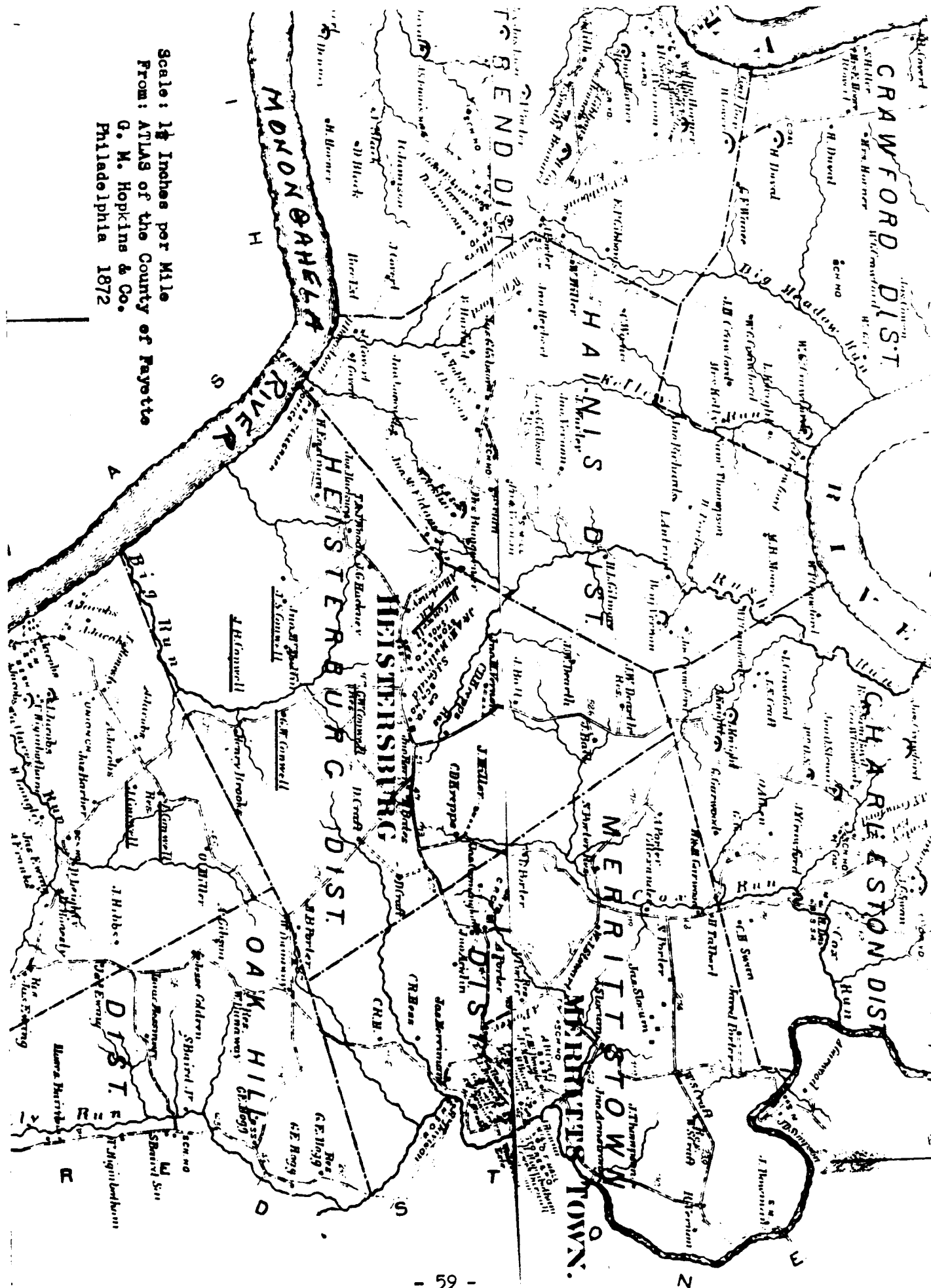
*Clearly meant to be 1774

Another was a daughter of Jehu Conwell. She married Judge William Ewing. After the autumn of 1774, the clouds of alarm clearing away, block-house life was abandoned, and the peaceful pursuits of the pioneer were pushed forward with renewed vigor.

When the flag of national independence was raised in 1776, Jehu and William Conwell responded to the call, and fought through the Revolution. Happily surviving the struggle they resumed their rural labors, and in good time ended their lives upon the Luzerne lands they had cleared from the wilderness. Jehu died in January, 1834, at the age of eighty-six, upon the farm that had been his home for sixty years, and from which he is said in that time never to have removed himself a distance of more than fifty miles. He was married more than sixty years, and had seven children. His sons Shepard, Yates T., John, and George settled and died in Luzerne. One of his daughters married Judge William Ewing, another Andrew Porter, and the third John Arnold. With his brother, Capt. William, he rests now in the old Conwell burying-ground upon the George Conwell farm, where lie also numerous others of the same name.

Jehu Conwell was not only a farmer, but a manufacturer and miller. He built a log grist-mill upon Big Run, which was certainly the first grist-mill in the township, and, according to some authorities, the first in the county.† A half-bushel measure, made of mulberry wood and used in the mill when the latter was first erected, is yet in the possession of George W. Conwell. Jehu built also a distillery at the same place, and as the business transacted there assumed an appearance of extraordinary briskness, while it attracted many patrons, the locality was given the name of Frogtown, and by that name was known for many years.

† Clark Breeding, of Uniontown, says Jehu Conwell had him constructed the mill the year after he came to the township. It was not simply for pounding corn. A flutter-wheel was the main power for a great sawy, to which a powderer was attached. The mortar was a rock in which an excavation was rudely made. Conwell said he had grown tired of going miles upon miles to mill, and was determined to have a mill of his own.



Scale: 1 1/2 Inches per Mile
 From: ATLAS of the County of Fayette
 G. M. Hopkins & Co.
 Philadelphia 1872

Mrs. Vajk wrote this about Fort Conwell:

"Fort Conwell" no longer exists. It was a family type fort built for the gathering of the family and neighbors in time of danger. Always built near a stream, it was for mutual protection only and not for the storing of arms, etc., to fight off attacks. Few of them remain. "Fort Conwell" has no marker to indicate where it stood".

Regarding the Conwell cemetery and at least some of the former Conwell land, Mrs. Vajk reported that strip mining for coal has consumed considerable of the land surface, leaving the legally protected cemetery sitting atop a "cake" of land. Using the road through Heistenburg as a base (see map), Mrs. Vajk wrote:

"All that is left of Heistenburg (or was left some 18 months ago) were the three brick houses which lined the road across it from the mined out area.

The Conwell burial ground still sits across the road (about or so) from the old brick houses. The area is mined out to about 10 feet (rough guess) and it sits like a cake in the field of mud, coal dust and rocks. ... If tall weeds and briars have grown up alongside the road the "cake" may not be visible.

When I first inquired about the location of the cemetery I was warned not to drive down into the area unless it was quite dry. I waited. Have you ever been alongside some of the surface mining equipment? The wheels and tires are about 10 ft. in diameter and the driver sits higher than that. The problem was getting up onto the "cake" to read gravestones. I do not recall if THERE WERE ANY CONWELLS but presume there were, as I was searching for Davidson stones and there were several; also a Ewing as I recall. Both had married Conwell girls. Next problem, more difficult than getting up as I pulled on some branches, etc., was getting down as the sides were straight up. I slid down! I was younger and more foolish then! Mining companies are obliged to avoid damaging cemeteries and the "cake" is an example of that.

About 18 months ago I drove through that area and saw that one of the three stone (or brick?) houses was collapsing, or being torn down. The mined out area has not been restored as is required by law. As a nearby area is now being stripped perhaps the two will be restored when work is completed." (These quotes were dated August 11, 1984)

The Uniontown Area Historical Society holds this 1961-1962

listing of the inscriptions in the Conwell property cemetery:

*Captain William Conwell in 1820 74 years
Comfort Conwell 1827 78 years
Jehu Conwell Dec. 14, 1834 85 years?
Elizabeth Conwell wife of Jehu C. July 9, 1832 78 years
William Ewing Oct 21, 1827 59th yr.
Mary Ewing April 12, 1846 72 years
George Conwell Died June 24, 1832 33 years
John Conwell Died Oct. 18, 1835 41 years
William Ewing Conwell Died July 15, 1832 4th year
Mary Davidson Wife of Thomas ? Nov. 20, 1811 ? 81 years
Joseph Davidson April 1845 67 years"

These inscriptions reflect that the earliest burial in this cemetery was that of Captain William in 1820. The latest date is that of Mary (Conwell) Ewing, daughter of Jehu, April 12, 1846. The inscription text is incomplete, indicating erosion of lettering and numerals or incomplete copying. In addition to those named, others may be buried in unmarked graves. Although William and Jehu and their wives went into the wilderness under hazardous and primitive conditions, it is interesting that William lived to be 74 and his Sussex County wife to age 78. Jehu lived to be nearly 87 and his Delaware wife lived to be 78.

Dunlap Creek Cemetery became another Conwell burial area. It is "... just off the road between Brier Hill (nearby) and Merrittstown. Anyone driving there would probably drive past as it is usually bordered with tall weeds tho the cemetery is occasionally mowed." This is an undated list of Conwell tombstones in this cemetery:

CONWELL, Anna d 12-30-1870 aged 77 yrs.
" Annie E. d 7-30-1884 aged 25 yrs.
" Elizabeth W. b 11-7-1826 d 4-9-1900.
" George W. d 8-3-1887 aged 57-7-0.
" Jehu b 6-25-1820 d 11-18-1905.
" John S. b 6-30-1815 d 4-11-1896.
" Margaret A. d 8-31-1816 d 12-15-1888 w/o John S.
" Margaret D. d 2-9-1876 aged 25 yrs. d/o John &
Elizabeth.
" Marie L. d 1812 infant d/o J. & A.
" Rebecca d 10-1-1827 aged 48 yrs. consort of
Shephard.
" Thomas Stokely b 7-20-1847 d 9-5-1871 s/o Jehu &
S. Elizabeth.
" Yates/d 12-23-1865 aged 87 yrs.

The latest date on these stones is that of Jehu, November 18, 1905.

Responding to the inquiry about Conwells who may be living in the area at this time, Mrs. Vajk wrote:

"Some years ago I did some research for a Davidson..... At that time I sought out Conwells in this area as a Davidson had married Margaret Conwell. The only Conwell in the area was a Mrs. Laurie Conwell who lived on Front Street, Brownsville. Those Conwells had had no children... and she (was) not able to provide any information on the Conwell family. she died some years ago."

The record is clear that William and Comfort and Jehu and Elizabeth raised fairly large families on their lands. From the 1872 map of the Heistersburg District, over a century after William and Jehu arrived in the wilderness, several Conwell descendants lived on the original Conwell lands or close thereto.

The questions motivating this research have been answered. The location of the lands has been defined. As for the current status of those lands, at least some of the acreage has become the site of strip (coal) mining, an activity creating a moonscape scene until the mining is completed and the land is restored as required by law. The status of the Conwell property cemetery is described very vividly in the quoted text. It is hoped that the required restoration of the area will soon return to the old cemetery an atmosphere of serenity for its occupants.

A Conwell presence in ^{Fayette} Luzerne County terminated upon the death of Mrs. Laurie Conwell some years ago. William and Jehu brought the name there in 1767 and it continued for about 200 years.

To Col. John Victor Pay, M. J. of the
Western Land Militia
I have to pay to Mr. Wm. Conwell
£12.0.0 Penn. currency for the
pay of his Company of Militia stationed
at the Buck Bottom on the 15th
from the 7. Oct. 1777 to the 15th Nov.
inclusive amount £12 for which I
give Receipt at H. M. 22. July 1778
By J. Lewis
Law Hand

By courtesy of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

Letter from Joseph Alfred Conwell (26) to his brother,
David Miers Conwell (25) on the occasion of the
latter's seventieth birthday.

Vineland, N. J. Aug 10th 1922

David M. Conwell,
Milton, Delaware.

My Dear Brother:-

I am reminded that Saturday August 12th is your birthday, and that the time between 1852 and 1922 is seventy years. This was considered a ripe old age when you and I were young. It is a milestone in life's pilgrimage that Hannah and Mollie and brother William have already passed. Now that you have reached the "three score and ten" I am now the only really young child in the family.

How wonderfully blessed we have been! Five of us and not a death in over fifty-six years, and very little sickness. So far as I know, all five of us together have not been confined in bed by sickness over fifty-six days in all this time. I know of no other family so favored among all my acquaintances.

But how we have been separated. Brother Will has been gone fifty odd years and I am the only one of the family he or his children have seen. I left the old home fifty-one years ago this month. I hope that it will be the happy experience of us all to meet more often in a brighter and better world.

You have been the one to remain at home and the rest of us have wandered in strange communities and among strange people. But do not let yourself imagine that you have missed anything by remaining at home. You have been as the remaining landmark of the family. Already there is no Conwell in Broadkilm. After awhile there will be no Conwell in Milton. Think of it. After an honorable career of perhaps 250 years the name will remain in Milton only as a memory. But the name is not dead. We are only scattered. The name survives clear across the continent, and Conwell blood flows in the veins in thousands of families, living north, south, east and west. And it is the kind of blood, that no one who has it in their veins need apologize or be ashamed. We belong to the pure Anglo-Saxon stock, the race which has led the world in progressive Christian civilization. Most of us has been content to lead moderate practical lives which is to our credit.

What changes have taken place in Broadkilm and Milton since you and I were born? Some years ago Dr. George T. Welch sent me a book of poems of his own composing. One poem always makes me think of you. It describes a trip to the beach in a covered wagon drawn by oxen, of course it was "Big Thursday." You were born on "Big Thursday" I have always imagined that this occurred the day of your birth. Perhaps this moving covered wagon was the first thing that greeted your eyes from the outside world. Do you remember that you

and I learned to count by counting the covered carts as they went by returning from the beach on big Thursday. You would count one and I would count the other; and if I remember correctly we went beyond the hundred mark. When we got big enough to go ourselves what a big time we had. Do you remember how Al Robinson and other limber-legged fellows danced the "Virginia Reel" on a barn door on the sand while some whiskered forester played the fiddle? It was infinitely better music and dancing than we have now.

In those days you and I knew not only every man, woman and child in Broadkilm, but almost every horse, ox and dog. John T. Conwell's dog was a black, shaggy night barker. Uncle David's "Tobe" was sort of a grand-child in the home. Our "Hero" was the noblest dog of all. We all loved him. When he died, Will and you dug his grave down toward the cherry tree and sent me up to the yard where his dead body lay to measure the length of his body with a corn stalk. It was a sad funeral to the entire family. Some think that real good dogs go to heaven. If so we must look "Hero" up for he will be there.

What a splendid farm worker and driver "Fanny" was and how father loved her. Then came "Dollie" bought from David Conwell, the colored man, for \$110, and whose two colts brother Will and you rode with such delight. Then there were the cattle; "Buck & Berry", faithful work oxen for many years; and the cows, "Pink and "Cherry", "Buff" and "Black" and "Strawberry" the kicker that sent many a pail of milk flying through the air.

You and I remember Broadkilm Creek as a busy thoroughfare for vessels and the Drawbridge and Waples's Mills as centres of much business, all of which exist only in memory. How much old Zion church meant to the community when you and I were born. It was only 20 x 30 feet, but it surely was one of the best churches in the world. The new Zion church will be 50 years old in 1924. I hope that they will have a celebration. Do you remember what Rev. R. W. Todd said to Lydia the night you and she were married? He said that when riding with you to the farm she could sing, "I'm on my way to Zion."

The older I grow the more I appreciate the old Williams' school house. There you and I learned to read and spell, write and cypher, whisper and play. They have elaborated on those old methods of instructing children but not much real improvement has been made. At least this is my opinion. The teacher of those days earned their salaries. Wesley Coverdale, James Wines and others, had their faults but they had many splendid qualities. Mr. Coverdale, if living, must be a very old man now. His old friends in Milton should remember his birthdays and let him know how they appreciate one of its almost forgotten but worthy sons.

The school books used sixty years ago were notoriously high class and did much to establish correct ideals and good character.

What an institution a Sussex County farm was when you and I came into the world. Men and women, in those days, were experts but did not know it. What a skilled and rapid workman father was. The first thing he made after getting married was a loom for mother. It was a



The William Alexander Conwell (19) farmhouse on the south side of the Broadkill Beach road about one and one-quarter miles east of Milton. (See map of that part of Broadkill Hundred) His family was raised in this house as was the family of his son, David Miers Conwell (25). About fifty years ago Raymond Miers Conwell (25) commented that the house had been enlarged upon the original. Joseph Alfred Conwell (26) wrote on August 10, 1922 to his brother, David Miers, that "Father built much of the house, most of the outbuildings and the farm wagon, even the wheels, with his own hands". From the orderly placement of the windows in the right half of the house, it is probable that the original structure presented an appearance very similiar to the John Conwell, Junior, house. For William Alexander to have built "much of the house", it appears that he built an upper floor over the original kitchen to match the original roof line. The original kitchen probably had a fireplace across its end as was the custom. If so, the fireplace was left as it was and he lengthened the house by the distance from the chimney on the left to the end of the roof ridge. It is remembered that the stove in the kitchen of the pictured house was close to the inside wall, connected to the chimney on the left as photographed. Left to right, the rooms on the ground floor were the kitchen, dining room, entry hall and the parlor with the customary large fireplace across the end of the room. There is some circumstantial evidence that the original house was the home of John Clowes, Junior, Revolutionary patriot. It was not within the scope of this project to research that indication. (This photograph of this deteriorating structure of Conwell family history was taken on May 5, 1983 by Captain David Miers Conwell, II (33))

splendid piece of mechanism. The old farm and home were supplied with tools to build a house or make a pair of shoes; to spin or weave; to fish or to hunt. Father built much of the house, most of the outbuildings and the farm wagon, even the wheels, with his own hands. Mother wove most of the carpet, linen and clothing used in the house. You and I have sowed the seed of flax, pulled it, rotted it, broke it, skutched it, combed it; mother and sisters spun it, wove it into linen and made it into clothing for you and I and Will to wear. You and I have fed and cared for sheep, helped to shear them of their wool. Mother spun it and wove it into cloth and made it into clothing and knit it into stockings for the entire family. Not only clothing, but bed and table coverings and toweling were thus woven, much of it of artistic patterns and designs. These things were all done on the farm of our childhood home. It is surely quite remarkable. It is doubtless true that few men now living have had such a varied experience.

You and I were born in a slow age - and age of oxen, sandy roads, big farms and crude machinery. Things began to improve and progress after we grew up and looked around. We have lived to see the World peopled by a restless, ambitious, discontented people. When you and I arrived the population of the United States was only about twenty-five million. We have seen it grow to more than four times that number. We have witnessed one-half of the world's progress. We live in an age of machinery, of big ideas and of gigantic enterprises. But after all life is pretty much the same as it was six decades ago. There has been no discovery to prevent men and women from growing old nor any device to deal out to mankind such a thing as manufactured happiness. The old Gospel that our grand-father, David Robbins, tried to live and explain for forty years as a class leader in the church at White's Chapel has never been improved upon; and the Christian spirit shown in the life of our good Quaker grandmother Robbins spreads more sunshine and happiness over the world than all the earthly pleasure after which men and women strive with so much restless and anxious concern.

I had no idea of writing you such a long letter, but a man's seventieth birthday only comes once and he waits a long time for it to arrive.

I heartily congratulate you and also Lydia who has fed you so well and taken such good care of you all these years, and also your children and grandchildren. May you all enjoy the happy event and live to welcome many birthdays in years which are to come.

Your affectionate brother,

Joseph A. Conwell.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN CONWELL

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN

"The Twenty fourth day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Eighty two, I John Conwell of the County of Sussex in the Delaware State being aged and infirm of body but of sound memory and Judgment thanks be to Almighty God for the same calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following via

"IMPRIMIS It is my will and I do desire that all my just debts and funeral Charges be first paid and fully satisfied &c

"ITEM I give and bequeath unto my Beloved wife Susanna Conwell Three Cows and Calves, two three years Old Stears one Bed and furniture one Riding horse or Mear as she may choose to her her Heirs and Assigns for Ever. And also I give my said wife during her Widowhood the Joint use of all my Personal Estate, with my Grandson Abraham Conwell as also one half of the Rents and Profits of my manner Plantation for her Support in lieu of the one third part of my real and Personal Estate which use Rents and Profits she is to enjoy no longer than she remains my widow

"ITEM I give devise and bequeath unto my Son John Conwell & to his Heirs and Assigns for Ever all that part of my Land whereon he now dwells, together with the Houses and improvements thereon, together with a Strip of Twenty five yards wide from his Fence as it now stands out of my Barn field beginning opposite the lower corner of his Cornfield fence and thence paralel with said fence Containing the Corse through my Wheatfield to William Conwells Land and also one half of my Bay Side and landing Marsh Pasture, my meaning is that my son John shall not have any of the Timber on any of the Island of upland in said Marshes, but to enjoy all other Privileges and profits arising therefrom together with all the Woodland lying above where John Hazzard now lives containing about Seventy acres be the same more or less to him his Heirs and assigns for Ever.

"ITEM I give devise and bequeath unto my Grandson Abraham Conwell Son of William Conwell dec'd. all and Singular the remaining part of my manner plantation with the Residue of my Land and Marsh from the line of John Conwell Junr. through the Barnfield as afs. to the Bay and Creek that I have not as above given to my Son John Conwell together with the Houses Orchards Fencing Timber & Appurtenances thereunto belonging yielding and paying to my wife Susannah yearly and every year so long as she remains my Widow the one Moiety or half part of the Rents and profits of that part of my Land given to my said Grandson Abraham Conwell and also to allow my said son John Conwell one half of the Fruit that groweth on the Old Orchard during the Term of twelve years, he the said John supporting one half of the Fence round the same But in Case my said Grandson Abraham Conwell should die without Heir or Lawful issue begotten of his Body then and in that Case I give and devise the said Lands unto my Grandson John Conwell Son of John Conwell to him and his Heirs and Assigns for Ever

"ITEM I give and bequeath unto my Grandson Jacob Conwell Son of Joseph Conwell dec'd. the Sum of Twelve Pounds in fifteen Months from my decease

"ITEM I give and bequeath unto my three Grand daughters Rachel Alice and Rebeckah Conwell Daughters of Joseph Conwell the Sum of Ten Pounds each to be paid in Eighteen Months after my Decease

"ITEM I give to my Daughter Lidda Coulter wife of Thomas Coulter the Sum of Forty Shillings

"ITEM I give devise and bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Hanah Conwell four Acres of Land included in a Survey of Land made to my Son John Conwell of One hundred and Eleven Acres and reserved for her in the deed made to my Son John for the said Survey, which four Acres shall be laid off as followeth, Beginning at my Son John Conwell former estimated Line, and then up into the field where John Hazzard now lives, about Six perches between the House and Orchard squaring round the housing so as to include four acres of Land to her the Heir or issue lawfully begotten of her Body but for want of such Heir or issue, the said four acres of Land together with the Buildings thereon I give to my said Son John Conwell his heirs and assigns for Ever

"ITEM I give and bequeath unto my Son John Conwell my part of a Brandy Still (part whereof belongs to my Brother Elias) only reserving the use thereof to my Wife and Grandson Abraham Conwell for the Stilling the Lickgur of the Produce of their own Orchard; Also I give to my Son John One large Chest that Stephen Revel made

"AND as to the rest and Residue of my Estate I give and bequeath unto my Grandson Abraham Conwell and his Heirs and assigns for Ever, saving only the Joint use and benefit thereof to my wife Susannah during her Widowhood.

"AND LASTLY I do hereby Authorize Constitute and appoint my wife Susannah Conwell and my Grandson Abraham Conwell my whole and Soal Executrix of this my last will and Testament

"IN TESTIMONY whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal the day and year afs.

John Conwell (Seal)

Signed Sealed published and pronounced in presence of us

Witnesses Wm. Hazzard
Mters Clark
Wm. Conwell

(This Will was too faded to reproduce photographically.)

| In the County of Dutchess State of New York | | September 24 th 1782 |
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| Mrs. Inventory & Conscience's Appraisement of all the | | |
| and Chattles, of John Corwell late of the County of Dutchess aforesaid | | |
| Deceased, as far as was Said before us the Subscribers | | |
| To one Negro woman named Sidney & Child aged 25 years at | 15 | 0 0 |
| To Two Negro Boys named Isaac & George aged 7 years each at | 30 | 0 0 |
| To Two Negro Girls aged 2 & 4 years Old at | 10 | 0 0 |
| To one Negro Girl named Sarah aged 17 years at | 30 | 0 0 |
| To One Old Negro man named Tom aged 50 years at | 7 | 0 0 |
| To four yearling Cows at 10 ⁰ each | 40 | 0 0 |
| To Ten Cows & Calves at 3 ⁵⁰ each Cow & Calves | 35 | 0 0 |
| To three Cows & four yearlings at | 17 | 0 0 |
| To two Bulls at 5 ⁰⁰ & four young Steers at 10 ⁰⁰ | 45 | 10 0 |
| To Two young Horses at | 13 | 18 0 |
| To one young Horse at 15 One Old Mare & Colt at 10 | 25 | 0 0 |
| To one hundred of Sheep at 1 ⁰⁰ each | 100 | 0 0 |
| To thirty Six Head of hogs at | 15 | 0 0 |
| To the Corn Standing in the Field with the fodder at | 26 | 15 0 |
| To 66 Bushels of wheat in the Straw at 1 ⁰⁰ each ^{of} ^{the} ^{place} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{Straw} | 16 | 10 0 |
| To the whole wearing Apparel of the Deceased at | 7 | 15 3 |
| To one Bed bedstead Sack bottom Curtains & furniture at | 9 | 7 6 |
| To one Bed bedstead Curtains & furniture at | 8 | 10 0 |
| To one Cupboard with China & Glass in it at | 2 | 5 0 |

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| To one old Table & arm Chair 10/ one case & little old chest 12/ | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| To one set spools of one pair Shulgards & half metal 15/ at | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| To one Dining oval Table 30/ Two Table Covers 10/ at | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| To one old desk 50/ Two square Pine Tables 10/ at | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| To one Looking Glass 22/6 Two Tea Kettles 20/ at | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| To one Coffee Pot 12/ Two flatirons yudiron & ring 15/ at | 1 | 5 | 8 |
| Both sides added together | | 14 | 6 |
| | | 6 | 9 |
| | | 21 | 5 |

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| To one Red Chest 22/6 one Paper Table Cloth & Sheet 15/ at | 1 | 17 | 6 |
| To four Towels three Piller Cassans raphin. & Table Cloth at | 1 | 6 | 6 |
| To 6 flannel pieces 2/5/ of wool at 4/3 flt the whole at | 4 | 9 | 9 |
| To 2 1/2 of Cotton and Piller Cass at | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| To 2 Candlesticks, 2 pair Snuffery 3/9 Six ware 3/9 at | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| To one Riddle & Sive 1/3 3 shels 3/9 1 old loom with a ker Sackings 12/ | 1 | 16 | 9 |
| To 2 frying pans 6/ 3 Skimmer 3/9 Shears & Chop Knife 4/9 at | 0 | 16 | 6 |
| To 4 Shells 12/ a warming pan & 2 Chamber pots 4/6 at | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| To 7 Chairs 15/ 4 parcel of Parthen ware & Bottle 12/ at | 1 | 7 | 0 |
| To 3 Skimmer & forks & spin of one plain one Chipst & gimlet 2/ at | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| To 1 pair Spectacles 1/6 old Chest bedstead & Lumber 20/ at | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| To 1 Heal bag 15/ 100 old Iron 15/ 25/ Pick fork & hook 3/9 at | 1 | 13 | 9 |
| To 1 Pair of old rope 2/6 20 of old powder at 1/6 3/9 at | 1 | 12 | 6 |
| To 3 old shosh 22/6 2 Tub & 5 buckets & Churn 12/ at | 1 | 17 | 6 |
| To 2 old Sythes 3/9 2 Duck Green cloth one hot at 10/ 16/ 20/ at | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| To 1 old pot & hook 10/ 39 1 1/2 13/ one 2 1/2 12 13/ 3/ at | 0 | 16 | 8 |

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| To 3 pot & jam mugs & 1 bucket 2/6 one large bottle 7/9 2/6 at | 2 | 0 | 6 |
| To 55 of iron from at 6 2/6 26 lb barrel of old Cyper Caskin 33/9 at | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| To 5 Steel buckets 7/6 3 double kims & bar 4/6 at | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| To 1 old black wheel & belt & chain 4/0 1 Shovel & pick 10/6 at | 4 | 15 | 0 |
| To 2 old Harrows 10/2 2 old Flaws 22/6 at | 1 | 12 | 6 |
| To 300 Chains & 2 bolts & Clevises 22/6 at | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| To 3 Old Axes 15/6 1 pair old scales 2/6 at | 0 | 17 | 6 |
| To 2 old Bredles 3/ 2 old Ox yokes 5/ at | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| To 4 old hoes 7/6 1 Iron Wey & small cag 4/6 at | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| To the 2 old Still tubs & worm holding 52 1/2 gallons at | 13 | 15 | 6 |
| To the 2 old Brass Kettles holding 10 gallons at | 2 | 13 | 9 |
| To one large Family Bible & Prayer Book with pilgrims progress at | 1 | 13 | 9 |
| To 100 Large Silver Spoons 3/ 10 10 small spoons 9/ 15/ 2/6 at | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| To 100 pangs of Lead 1/2 lb each 100 1/2 lb each 1/2 lb each 1/2 lb each 1/2 lb each | 57 | 19 | 3 |
| John Colles | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| Thomas Selwyn | 6 | 1 | 3 |
| as the under writing appears | | | |

The total for page 2 of the inventory appraisement, 60 pounds, 4 shilling, 3 pence was added to the total for page 1, 514 pounds, 6 shilling and 9 pence. Grand total: 574 pounds, 14 shilling. It will be noted that of the total appraised value of the estate, 255 pounds was assigned to the slaves listed at the begining of the appraisement.

Slaves often adopted or were given the surname of the family with whom they lived. The descendants of these slaves plus those appearing in the appraisement of the estate of John Corwell, Junior, probably account for at least some of the colored Corwells whose names appeared in local records until the latter part of the 1800s.

In the name of God Amen I John Conwell of the County of Sussex and State of Delaware (Formerly being sick and weak of Body, and considering the uncertainty of this transitory life do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following) :-

First of all it is my Will that my daughter Mary who intermarried with Augustus Miller, being now deceased I therefore give to her lawful issue the sum of twenty five cents in full for their share of my estate

Second. It is my Will that my son Charles who intermarried with Sally Bell, and being now deceased I give to said Sarah or the lawful issue of said Charles twenty five cents in full for their share of my estate

Third. It is also my Will that my daughter Betsey who intermarried with Melby Simpler and is now deceased, I therefore give to the lawful issue of the said Betsey twenty five cents in full for their share of my estate; either real or personal

I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Betty the one third of my lands and Marsh, and the whole of the improvements thereon say the buildings where I now live during her natural life, I also give to my said wife Betty one third of my Personal estate after paying the legacies and debts are paid, and the said third of Personal estate to be fully at the disposal of my Wife - I also give my said (Wife) one Horse and Carriage, one Yoke of oxen, one Plow, one Harrow one Cow and Calf, one silver Watch

I give to my Granddaughter Rebecca who is the daughter
of my daughter Mary one Bureau, one Chest, one
Bed and Furniture, one Cow and Calf and no more
of my estate.

I give to my daughter Deborah the wife of John Row
Land one third of my Personal estate after the lega-
cies and debts are paid, I also give to my said daughter
Deborah sundry articles that she has had delivered to

her for which she is not to be accountable to my
Executor nor the Heirs, ^{one} Bed and Furniture, one
Bureau, one dining Table, six new Chairs, two
Cows and one Calf.

I give to my daughter Sarah one third of my
Personal estate after the legacies and debts are
paid, I also give to my ^{said daughter} Sarah one Bed and Fur-
niture, one Bureau, one dining Table, six new
Chairs two Cows and one Calf.

I give and bequeath unto my Sons, John, George, William
and Jeremiah two thirds of all my lands and moor
to be equally divided between them share and share
alike, and after the decease of my wife Betty, I also
give to my said four sons John, George, William &
Jeremiah the remaining one third of my lands and
moor, to be equally divided between them, only
additions to my son Jeremiah the Buildings and improve-
ments on his part shall or do hereunto - To them the said
John, George, William & Jeremiah, two thirds after my
decease & the remaining third after the decease of my
wife up to him John, George and I give forever

I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my loving
 Wife Betty or Betsey whole and sole Executrix of
 this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking
 all former wills by me heretofore made. In Testimo-
 ny whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed
 my Seal this twentieth day of August anno
 Domini Eighteen hundred and seven 1811. —

signed, sealed, delivered and acknowledged
 and for the last Will and Testament
 and Testator in Presence of
 Thomas Morris
 Saml. Faynter Esq

John Conwill

The above signature of John Conwell (sic?) is puzzling. He spelled his name as 'Conwill', the only such spelling to surface since it appeared in the Deed of Gift to Yeates and Rebecca 106 years earlier. This document being his Will, it is reasonable to assume that he signed it. Though his hand may not have been steady, the writing is clear, leaving very little, if any, doubt that he intended the 5th letter in his surname to be an 'i'. Yeates' widow, Rebecca, left her estate to her Conwell sons, this John's father being one of them. John signing 'Conwill' did not affect the name used by his children, all Conwells. Until the spelling mystery is solved, if it will be, perhaps this John was being just a bit whimsical.

Inventory of Goods and Chattels of John Conwell
 late of Newcastle Hundred in the County of Sussex and
 State of Delaware formerly deceased which were laid out as
 by Elizabeth Conwell his executrix to be appraised this 26th
 day of September Anne Dantine Eighteen hundred and eleven

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| The Shewing apprais of the said | \$ 114.00 |
| 1 Iron safe open | 6.00 |
| 1 Flat chest with 22.00 Hair 2 1/2 | 4.00 |
| 1 Barrel of some kind | .75 |
| 1 Chest with 22.00 from West Quarter 23 | 2.25 |
| 1 Wheel 43.00 2000 Wicks at 3/100 | 5.00 |
| 1 Quarter from 2500 3000 Wicks 50.00 | .75 |
| Some Sample Book | .17 1/2 |
| 2 Pairs of shoes | 10.00 |
| 3 Boxes of some kind shoes 4 1/2 | 6.00 |
| 10000 lb of some kind | 1.75 |
| 10000 lb of some kind | 3.00 |
| 10000 lb of some kind | .75 |
| 10000 lb of some kind | 27.50 |
| 10000 lb of some kind | 3.00 |
| 10000 lb of some kind | 6 1/2 |
| 1 Bed with Curtains & Pillows | 20.00 |
| 1 Bed without Curtains with Pillows | 16.00 |
| 10000 lb of some kind | 12.00 |

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| 1 Chest a Legacy to Rebecca | 1.00 |
| Green Suits 2000 White Flannel 30.00 | 2.50 |
| 1 Bed & Furniture a Legacy to Betty | 16.00 |
| 1 Bureau | 5.00 |
| 1 Bed & Furniture | 12.00 |
| 3 Pair Bed's | 15.00 |
| 6 Pair Bed's | 8.00 |
| 2 Pair Bed's | 2.00 |
| 7 White Cotton Counterpane | 6.00 |
| 2 Bed's | 8.00 |
| 1 Pair Blankets, 2 Counterpane, & 1 Bedquilt | 10.00 |
| 1 Pine Bureau | 3.00 |
| 1 Bed with Cottonic Chair | 2.50 |
| 1 Bed with Curtains & other Furniture | 20.00 |
| 2 Pair Bed's, half of Sheets | 7.00 |
| 11 Table Cloths | 11.00 |
| Amount Carried over | \$ 157.55 |

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| Amount brought forward | \$ 257.55 |
| 12 Towels | 1.50 |
| 3 Pair Pillow Cases | .75 |
| 1 Bedquilt, 17 Bread Basket & Water 25¢ | 2.25 |
| 1 Coll. Bed & Furniture | 6.00 |
| 1 Bureau a Legacy to Rebecca | 5.00 |
| 1 Pair Watering 50¢ 1 Tea Chest 25¢ | .75 |
| 1 Pair Candlesticks & Tea Chest | 1.00 |
| 1 House Wap 50¢ 1 Pine Bureau 73.00 | 3.50 |
| 1 Dry Glass 32 1 Chest 36.00 | 3.00 |
| Sundries in Cupboard | .75 |

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| 1 Dining Table & keyway to Satty | 4.00 |
| 1 Corner cupboard | 1.00 |
| China Glass, Tureen, Wagon, & Sundries upon 5 or Cupboard | 9.00 |
| 1 Pine breakfast Table | 1.50 |
| Knives & Forks | 1.00 |
| 1 Stand 25cts 1 Looking Glass 72.00 | 2.75 |
| 1 Walnut Desk | 9.00 |
| 1 Family Bible & Some old Books | 3.00 |
| 1 Walnut Stand pt 1 Wheel 4.00 | 4.00 |
| Shovel, Tongs & Underons | .76 |
| 1 Silver Hatch | 8.00 |
| 1 Pair Woodward 25cts some old Tools 2.00 | 2.75 |
| 6 Rush bottomed Chairs | 1.50 |
| 1 Pine Table & Buckets | .50 |
| Sundries in Cupboard | .75 |
| Some White & Striped Linen & Scraps of Linen | 1.00 |
| 2 Narrow Axes (a pt 1.00) | 2.00 |
| 1 Broad Ax & 1 narrow Ax | 1.00 |
| 1 Hoe 75cts 2 Grubbing Hoes 2.75 | .75 |
| 1 Pair Wagon 50cts 1 Wheel 72.00 | 1.75 |
| 3 Old Shovels & 2 old Hoes | .75 |
| 2 Manure & Pitch Forks | .75 |
| 1 Old Chair & 1 Bolt & 1 Lever | 3.00 |
| 1 Still & Tub | 23.50 |
| 2 Burrets | .75 |
| 1 Wheel Brake | .75 |
| half of two Saws | .75 |
| 1 Coffee Mill 75cts Sug Oil 50 Sunthorn 50.00 | 1.75 |
| 1 Old table cloth 25cts 72.00 | 2.75 |
| 1 Iron handle 75.00 1 Hitch 72.00 | 14.00 |
| 1 Handmill | 7.00 |
| Flax from the Brake | 2.00 |
| 18 Bushels Wheat 21.00 | 18.00 |
| 5 old Hoop heads | 1.75 |

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| 1 Steer \$15 | 1 Red Cow \$17 | 27.00 |
| 1 Pair Steers | | 21.00 |
| 2 Cows with Calf | | 21.00 |
| 3 Cows & Calves | | 36.00 |
| 1 Cow 5/16 | 2 Steifers 21/8 | 18.00 |
| 2 Steers say 1 at 6/8 & 1 at 8/10 | | 19.00 |
| 2 Steifers 1 at 5/8 & 1 at 6/7 | | 13.50 |
| 3 Hides | | 5.00 |
| 1/2 Sheep | | 27.50 |
| 11 Hogs | | 5.00 |
| 5 Hides | | 27.50 |
| 7 Hops 53/50 | 2 Key Hogs 21.00 | 1.25 |
| 1 Horse in the Pen | | 16.00 |
| 1 Ox Cart & Cart Wire | | 2.00 |
| 1 Cyder Mill, Rope & ... | | 00.00 |
| 50 Head of Cows claimed to ... | | 50.00 |
| 1 Horner | | 1.50 |
| Plank & Shingles | | 1.50 |
| Pay Harvesting | | 1.50 |
| 1 Harrow \$1.00 | 1 Harrow 50/100 | 1.50 |
| 3 Plow (say 1 at 7/8 & 2 at 25cts) | | 2.00 |
| 1 Opindstone \$1.75 | 10 lb broad Axe 25cts | 2.75 |
| 3 Trammels \$7.00 | 1 ... | .75 |
| 1 Roll, Hooks & Iron Kettle | | 1.00 |
| 1 Hay Rake & Pot & Spritiron | | .30 |
| 2 Buckets & 1 Tub | | .31 |
| Flesh Forks belt | 1 Spider 25cts | .75 |
| 1 Shovel 25cts | 1 Lye Stone 50cts | 3.00 |
| 1 Kettle \$1.00 | 1 Ovens \$2. | |
| Amount Carried over | | \$1062.36 |

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| Some Whiskey | 2.00 |
| 100 Chests Barrel 1/2 | .75 |
| 1 Cedar half Bushel | .50 |
| 1/2 Old Casks | 1.25 |
| 2 1/2 Bushels Flour | 2.00 |
| 1 Barrels 1/2.00 Flour in the Straw 1/2.50 | 4.50 |
| Corn supposed 10 Bushels | 20.00 |
| 1 Chair | 10.00 |
| 100 Saddle, 2.00 Collars & Horse Harness | 2.00 |
| Amount Carried over | \$ 514.55 |
| Amount brought over | \$ 514.55 |
| 1/2 Bushels of Bus | 1.00 |
| Bacon in the Smoke House | 7.20 |
| 1 Roll of Salt | 3.00 |
| 3 Bushels Salt | 2.00 |
| Brand in 1/2 & Barrel Supp 80 Gallons | 60.00 |
| 1 1/2 d 1/2 Barrels 33.00 1/2 Whiskey 1.00 | 4.00 |
| Flour 2 1/2 30 cts Flour Gum 25 cts. Fat 1/2 25 cts. | 1.00 |
| Empty Barrels half Hoghead & Tray | 1.00 |
| 1/2 Iron Saws 6 cts 1 Hair Saws 33 cts | 1.00 |
| Carthage Ware | 1.25 |
| Scatter Clashes & Buckens | 1.00 |
| 1/2 Chair | 2.50 |
| Carthage Ware 25 cts Grids 1/2 cts | 1.00 |
| Brassway 1/2 Sallow | 3.25 |
| 1 Brass Kettle | 1.50 |
| 1 Chair 25 cts 1 pair of Buckell 25 cts | .50 |
| 1 Small Chest and Tray | .50 |
| 2 Tubs 1.50 2 Buckells 50 cts Bowls 25 cts | 2.25 |
| 2 Chairs 1.00 Buckell & Buckell 25 cts | 1.25 |
| 1 Make Oxen | 10.00 |
| 1/2 1/2 | 35.00 |
| 1/2 1/2 | 35.00 |

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| Amount brought over | | \$1063.36 |
| 1 Big Wheel 75 cts. Haulage iron 1.50 | | 2.75 |
| 1 John Bonch 13 cts. 1 Large Auger 25 cts. | | 50 |
| Old Iron 6. 1/2 cts. | | 50 |
| 1 Stack Hay | | 6.00 |
| Cash in the House | | 122.31 |
| Hay in the Straw in Stable loft | | 1.50 |
| 1 Cutting Box & Knife | | 1.50 |
| 7 Stacks Hay in the Field | 21.50 | 10.50 |
| Legacies to Deborah Rowland del in the life time of the dec'd Mr | | |
| 1 Dining Table | \$14.00 | |
| 1 Bed & Furniture | 16.00 | |
| 6 Iron Chairs | 2.50 | |
| 2 Cow 1 Calf | 22.00 | |
| 1 Bureau | 8.00 | 52.50 |
| 1 Stack Hay 1.50. 1 Stack Wheat, Straw 1.50 | | 3.00 |
| Note Geo. Conwell Son of Mr. Conwell dec. dat March 8 th 1810 on Interest & for | | 100.00 |
| Note John Conwell 66 of Mr. Conwell dec. dat 26 th May 1810 on Interest & for | | 50.00 |
| Cash let George Conwell by his Father in his Lifetime since the note | | 50.00 |
| 4. Four Wagon 2000 | | 5.00 |
| 10. Four Men Milling | | 20.00 |
| 1 Bush of Corn not in condition any bush of John Conwell 66's note | | 11.50 |
| Proctor | | 18.00 |
| Cash paid to the Register | | 4.00 |
| They were | | |
| | | \$1623.50 |

We having been sworn before said Sir
 to enquire before the return of the Inquisition
 Saml Painter Jun }
 William Perry } Appraisers

State of Delaware.

SUSSEX COUNTY, SS.

To *David Hazard Esq. and Robert Russell*
 two judicious and impartial men of Sussex county, Greeting:—You are hereby appointed appraisers of the goods and chattels of *Capt. William Cornwell* late of *Broad Run* Hundred, Sussex county, aforesaid, deceased. And you are by these presents authorized and required to appraise all the goods and chattels of the said deceased, as the same shall be inventoried and exhibited, made known, or shown to you by *Joseph Cornwell, Adm.* — of the said *Capt. William Cornwell* deceased, at the true value thereof, in money of the United States, according to the best of your skill and judgment, you having first severally taken, subscribed and certified the affidavits hereunto annexed, each administering to the other the said oath or affirmation, and certifying the same, or having them administered and certified by a Judge or Justice of the Peace; and when you shall have so appraised the said goods and chattels, you are to prefix this warrant, together with your affidavits so as aforesaid regularly taken, subscribed and certified, to the said inventory and appraisement, and to *write* under the said inventory, and date and sign with your respective hands, a certificate of appraisement in the form hereunto given; and to deliver the said inventory and appraisement, thus by you authenticated, to the said *Adm.* to be by *him* delivered into the Register's Office for Sussex county aforesaid, on or before the *Tenth* day of *July* next. If there be a crop growing or begun *inserted in the inventory*, the *Adm.* may require your advice whether *he* may finish it or dispose of it, and you are to certify the same upon the inventory; but in this matter you are not to act, unless your advice be required as aforesaid; though you are to appraise the said crop if put in the inventory. Witness, PETER PARKER, Register for Sussex county aforesaid, at Georgetown, this *12th* day of *January* one thousand eight hundred and forty *one*

[See Digest of Delaware Laws, page 222, 223, 224.]

I, *Robert Russell* do solemnly *Swear* that I will appraise the goods and chattels of *Capt. Wm. Cornwell* deceased, at the true value thereof in money, according to the best of my skill and judgment; and that I will perform my duty as an appraiser of said goods and chattels faithfully in all things. So help me *God*

Subscribed and *Swear* this
Seventh day of *January*
 1841 before me the other Appraiser.

David Hazard

Robert Russell

I, *David Hazard* do solemnly *Swear* that I will appraise the goods and chattels of *Capt. Wm. Cornwell* deceased, at the true value thereof in money, according to the best of my skill and judgment; and that I will perform my duty as an appraiser of said goods and chattels, faithfully in all things. So help me *God*

Subscribed and *Swear* this
20th day of *January*
 1841 before me, the other Appraiser.

Robert Russell

David Hazard

We the subscribers appointed by the Register appraisers of the goods and chattels of Cap^m W^m Conwell deceased do on oath Res^tpectively say that the goods and chattels in this inventory have been appraised by us at the same valuation as those by same Res^tpectively and that said sums are according to the best of our Skill and Judgment the true value of said goods and chattels in money this 20 day of January 1841

David Hazzard

Robert Russell

Captain William Conwell died intestate and his son, Joseph, was appointed Administrator by Peter Parker, Register of Sussex County. On December 14, 1841 Joseph presented to the Register his accounting of disbursements, too faded for reproduction here, for letters of administration, taxes, other minor claims and these interesting expenses:

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| *1841 - Jany 12 - David Hazzard, an appraiser | \$ 1.00 |
| Robert Russell, ditto | 1.00 |
| Feb 20 - George Lofland, Coffin Bill | 8.00 |
| Parris Wiltbank, For Digging Grave | 1.00 |
| John A. Hazzard, Burial Charge | 4.69 |
| April 24 - Dr. Jes. Maul | 10.32 ⁿ |

In April, 1842, another report of Joseph stated that he had:

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| *Paid John Jordon for Tomb Stone and Lettering same | 18.60 ⁺ |
| Paid same for Tomb Stone and Lettering for Lydia Conwell Late Wife of said Wm Conwell Who died Before the said Wm But the Tomb Stone purchased afterwards | 17.78 ⁿ |

These stones are among those pictured in the Captain William Conwell family cemetery.

PUBLIC AUCTION

OF VALUABLE

REAL ESTATE, ANTIQUES & PERSONAL PROPERTY

Saturday, December 11, 1982

10:00 A.M.

LOCATION: IN HISTORIC MILTON AT 417 CHESTNUT ST., MILTON, DELAWARE

Westinghouse Refrigerator, Crosby Chest Freezer, Tappan Gas Range, 2 Portable Washers, RCA Color Television (XL100), Kenmore Sewing Machine with Cabinet, Fall Front Desk with grad drawers, Walnut Drop Leaf Table, Walnut Gate Leg Drop Leaf Table, Drop Leaf Table, Maple Knee Hole Desk, Walnut Oval Marble Top Stand, Tilt Top Lamp Table, 7 piece Maple Dining Room Suite, Martha Washington Sewing Cabinet, Oak Stand, Flower Stands, Pine Meal Chest, Maple Hutch, 6 piece Maple Bedroom Suite, 3 piece Oak Bedroom Suite, Maple Single Bed, Double Bed, Pine Blanket Chest, Commode, Maple Chest of Drawers, Walnut Marble Top Washstand, Clothes Tree, Trunk, 2 piece Livingroom Suite, Recliner, Hassock, Foot Stool, Magazine Rack, Pine Coffee Table, Coffee Table, End Table, Mahogany End Table, Plank Bottom Chairs, Captian Chair, Cane Seat Chairs, Reed Pine Chair, Mahogany Arm Chair, Barrel Back Chair, Mason Canning Chair, Chairs, Maple Rocker, Plank Bottom Rocker, Cane Seat & Back Rocker, Cane Seat & Back Ladies Rocker, Childs Wicker Rocker, Cane Seat Oak Rocker, Rockers, Bracket Lamp, Desk Lamp, Floor Lamps, China Base Lamps, Rayo Nickel Lamp, Brass Lamp, Lamps, Gilda 8 Day Kitchen Clock, Ansonia Mantel Clock, Books, Mirrors, What Not Shelf, Oval Picture Frames, Antique Picture Frames, Antique Drum, Stetson Hat, Clay Pipes, 9 x 12' Rug, Throw Rugs, Blankets, Linens, Quilts, Curtains, Electrolux Vac. Cleaner, G.E. e. Fan, Clothes Basket, Woven Picnic Baskets, Ice-Cream Freezer, Old Eye Glasses, Trivets, Luggage, Flat Irons, Wicker Basket, Brass Candle Snuffer, Lot of Fostoria, Press Glass, Vinegar Cruets, Rosenthal China service for 8, Collectors Plates, Glass Basket, Candleholders, Shoe Collection, Ginger Jars, Opalescent, Royal Doulton Figurines, Crystal Vases, Vases, End of Day Glass, Bohemian Glassware, Cut Glass, Collection of Butter Dishes, Sterling Candle Holders, Limoge Dishes, Silverplate Dishes, Glass Ladle, Gorham Silver Flatware (service for 8), Silverplate Flatware Set, Wash Bowl & Pitcher, Milk Glass, Roseville Bookends, Plate Collection, Wodden Bowl, China Cup & Saucer Set, Colonial Times Bowls & Plates, Ironstone China Turcon, Ironstone Sugar & Creamer, Sherberts, Goblets, Toothpick Holder, Salt & Pepper Shakers, Compotes, Pitchers, Glasses, What-Nots, Demitase Cups, Serving Trays, Teapots, Corningware, Blue Decorated Stone Crock, Guardian Service Roaster, Lot of misc. Glassware, Pots, Pans, Poplar Small Lamp Table, Small Kitchen Appliances, Cooking Utensils and many other items.

TERMS: CASH OR APPROVED CHECK W-CURRENT LETTER OF CREDIT FROM YOUR BANK

REAL ESTATE — 12:00 NOON:

ALL that certain lot, piece and parcel of land, lying and being in the Town of Milton, Sussex County, Delaware on the East side of Chestnut Street, adjoining a lot of ground now or formerly of Virginia T. Atkins on the South and lands now or formerly of the Heirs of James Handy Prettyman on the North and East, with all improvements thereon. Said lot being approximately 60 feet on Chestnut Street with a depth of approximately 181.5 feet.

REAL ESTATE TERMS: 20 percent of purchase price will be demanded on day of sale, the balance to be paid within 30 days. The purchaser shall pay all costs of preparing deed and closing expenses and 1 percent of the Delaware Realty Transfer Tax. The sellers shall pay 1 percent of the Delaware Realty Transfer Tax. The sellers have the right to accept or reject any and all bids. If the purchaser fails to comply with these terms, the percentum paid on day of sale will be forfeited.

INSPECTION OF PROPERTY: Saturday, December 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Edith Calhoun Conwell, widow of Henry Ernest Conwell (25) owned this property at the time of their marriage in 1947. It was the final Conwell property in all of Broadkill Hundred.

EDITH C. CONWELL,
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MAULL & MAULL, P.A.
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