## JOSEPH PHILLIS

ACOB B. PHILLIS. The Phillis family were among the earliest residents of Smith township, Washington county. On May 10, 1776, Joseph Phillis received the first genuine land title which was issued in Smith township. He was born in Ireland, about 1744, and was married in that country to Elizabeth Little. In 1775 he came to America, locating in this county, near the present site of McDonald village. He raised the first crop of corn in that part of the county, which crop yielded fifty bushels to the acre, then considered a very large average. Joseph Phillis was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and after its close located on a part of the Hoagland and Crawford tract in Smith township, which has since been in the possession of the Phillis family, a portion of the old farm being now owned by the widow of Andrew Phillis. Before the first crops were raised, the family came near starving, and driven to desperation they decided to watch a cow and see upon what kind of vegetation she subsisted. After observation they made "greens" the food of the family, and so managed to exist until the grain was ripened to replenish the empty larder. Indians were numerous and hostile in those early days, and wild animals were plenty. The home of these early pioneers was known as the "Dunmore War tract," and under careful cultivation the wild land soon assumed an air of comfort and civilization, becoming in time a valuable piece of property. Joseph Phillis died in 1830, at an advanced age, his wife having "gone before" in 1827, leaving the following children: John (who died in Guernsey county, Ohio, was the father of sixteen children), James (deceased in the lumber regions of Pennsylvania), Joseph (passed the latter years of his life in Columbiana county, Ohio), Charles (deceased in Ohio), Jacob (mentioned farther on), William (deceased in youth), Thomas (passed his entire life in Smith ownship), Nancy (wife of David Alexander, a farmer of Smith township), Elizabeth (married to Thomas Cherry, of Mt. Pleasant township), Jane (wife of Joseph Walker) and Catharine (Mrs. Gilbert Hullick, of Smith township).

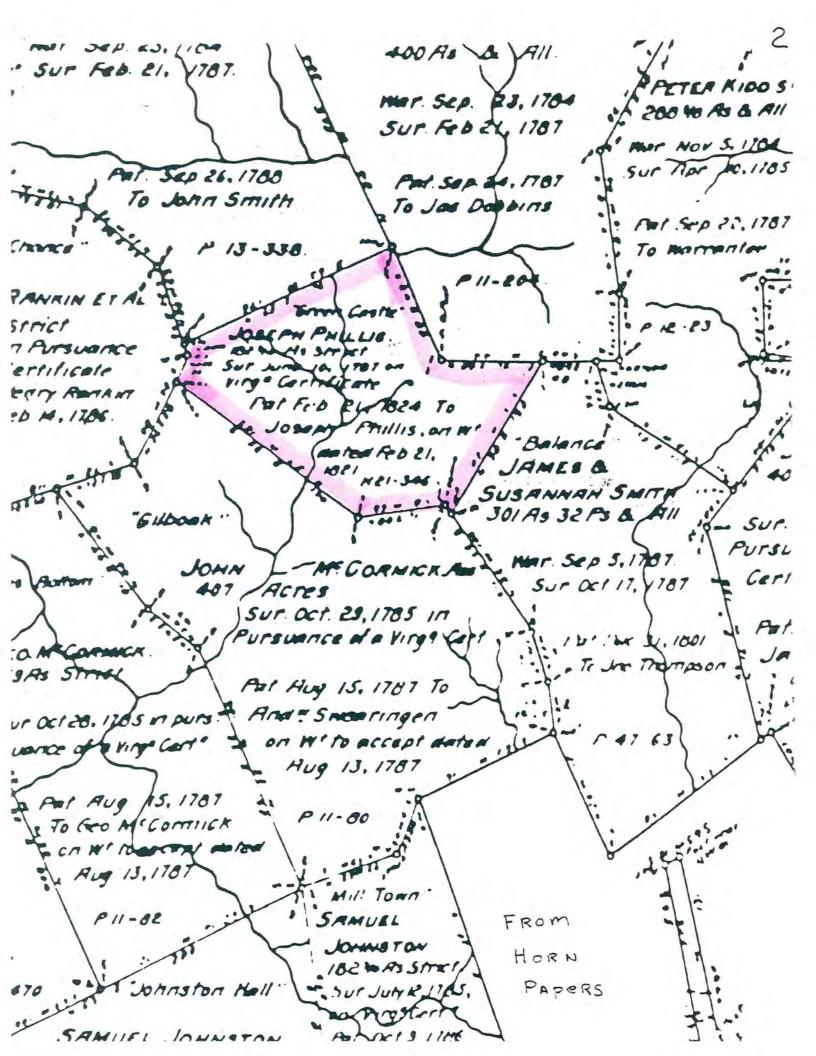
Jacob Phillis was born April 8, 1792, and reared on the home farm in Smith township, receiving a subscription-school education. Ann B. Phillis, wife of Jacob Phillis, born July 13, 1798, was a daughter of Robert Bruce. She bore him children as follows: Andrew (deceased), Joseph (deceased farmer of Smith township), Elizabeth (deceased wife of William Hammond), Nancy (wife of Thomas Pyles, of Guernsey county, Ohio), John (deceased at Cairo, Ill.), Mary (wife of Ephraim Wallower, of Ohio, now living in Des Moines, Iowa), Margaret (deceased wife of William Vance, Elizabethtown, Ky.), Jacob (deceased in early manhood), Jane (deceased wife of Isaac James), and Ellen (deceased wife of Talbert Shipley). After his marriage Mr. Phillis made a permanent home on a part of the original farm, and successfully pursued agriculture. He died in 1847, and his widow passed away December 17, 1871.

Andrew Phillis, son of Jacob and Ann (Bruce) Phillis, was born February 5, 1818, on the old homestead in Smith township, where his boyhood days were passed, receiving his education at the country schools. In 1857 he was united in marriage with Mary M. Leech, who was born in 1828, daughter of James Leech, Esq., of Smith township. This wife died August 1, 1864, having borne him two children: James P. (deceased at the age of four years), and Jacob B. (whose name opens this sketch). The mother was laid to rest in the United Presbyterian cemetery at Burgettstown. On August 28, 1867, Andrew Phillis married, for his second wife, Mary A. Logan, who was born March 6, 1834, in Hancock county, W. Va., daughter of William Logan, a native of Ireland. The children born to the union of Andrew and Mary (Logan) Phillis were as follows: Margaret S., John L., Lizzie May, Annie M. and Ella J., all of whom are living at home. Andrew Phillis always resided on the home farm, where he died April 18, 1890. He was formerly a Whig, then united with the Republican party. In religion he was connected with the United Presbyterian Church at

Burgettstown, this county. He was a successful

and respected farmer, and his widow and children

have managed the place since his death.



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Jas McFarren M R Buchanan

And sworn to and subscribed before me

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April 20th 1831, The other executor having renounced, Letters Testamentary with a copy of the will and probate thereto annexed, issued to Hugh Ferguson within named, who on same day was duly sworn.

Jno Grayson Register

I hereby relinguis my right to the executorship of the last will and Testament of my Father Wm Ferguson late of Washington County decd. and desire that this may receive as my intire resignation as executor April 12, 1831.

W Ferguson

Attest

Jas McFarren

Registered and compared with the original April 20, 1831.

Jno Grayson, Regr.

WILL OF JOSEPH

PHILLIS DECEASED

In the name of God Amen I Joseph Phillis of Smith
Township Washington County and State of Pennsylvania
Being in good helth of body and of sound and disposing mind and memory (Praised be God for the same) and

desirous to settle my worldly affairs whilst, I have strength and capasity so to do, Do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, here by revoking and making void all wills by me at any time heretofore, made; and first and Principally I commit my soul into the hands of my Creator who gave it, and my body to the earth, to be intarred at the discretion of my of my Executors herein after mentioned, and as such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to Entrust me, I duspose of the same as follows (viz) I will and bequeath to my son Charles Phillis the Tract of land I purchased of Thomas Miller containing Fifty acres more or less. I bequeath to my son Jacoeb Phillis Eighty six acres of land of the east end of the tract that I now live on. I bequeath to my son Thomas Phillis Eighty five acres of land of the West end of the Tract that I now live on, the Meadow to be equally devided between Jacob & Thomas and if my sons Jacob and Thomas, cannot agree in the running the line

To devide the tract of land that I now live on bequeathed to them it is my will the each of them choos one respectabel neighbour and if they cannot agree in running th line they are to choos a third parson whoes report is to be final and conclusiv or majority of them. I bequeath to Anna Walker my grand daughter thirty dollars to be paid by me son Charles Phillis two years after my decease. I bequeath to my son John Phillis seventy five dollars to be paid by my son Charles Phillis two years after my decease I bequeath to my daughter Ann wife of Robert Alexander the sum of twenty five dollars to be paid by my son Jacob Phillis, two years after my decease. I bequeath to my son James Phillis Ten dollar to be paid by my son Jacob Phillis three years after my decease. I bequeath to my son Joseph twenty five dollars to be paid by Jacob Phillis. I bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth wife of Thomas Cherry fifteen dollars to be paid by my son Jacob Phillis to be paid three years after my decease. I bequeath to my daughter Catherin one hundred dollars to be paid by my son Thomas Phillis three years after my decease. I bequeath to Elizabeth wife of Thos Cherry Five dollars to be paid by my son Thomas Phillis one year after my decs. I bequeath to my son James Phillis one Feather bead and beding I bequeath to my daughter Cahterin Phillis my young mare saddle and bridle and a fether bed and beding and a bedsted a cow and calf one bearce. I order my book and waring appearl to be equally devided among my children I order my executors to sell all my personal estate not: disposed of and after payment of all just debts and all the money that is over such payments is to be equally devided between all my children I also bequeth to my son Thomas phillis one feather bead and bedding and if any of my children should be dissatisfied with the devision and share bequeathed to them in my will so as to institute a suit in law on the same, it is my will and I order my executors to pay him or them bringing such suit the sum of five dollars and they shall forfet all further right or claim to any further part of my said estat I hereby appoint my sons Charles & Thomas Phillis as my executors of this my last will and

Testament. In Testimony thereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this tenth day of Feby one thousand eight hundred and thirty.

Joseph Phillis (Seal)

Signed sealed published and delivered by the said John Phillis the testator to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his reques and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witness.

James Leech James Keys

Washington County ss: Be it remembered, that on the 26th day of April A D 1831, before me John Grayson Register for the probate of Wills and granting letters of Administration in and for said county came James Leech and James Keys, subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will of joseph Phillis decd. who being duly sworn according to law, doth depose and say that they were personally present, and did see the Testator therein named sign this will, and did hear him publish, pronounce, and declare the same as his last will and testament; that they signed their names as witnesses in his presence and at his requast; and at the time of doing thereof he was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding to the best of their knowledge observation and belief.

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Registered and compared with the original April 26, 1831.

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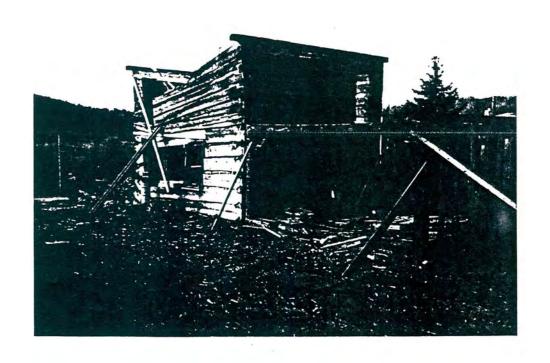
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