

Leaves of History



Historic Area : **Georgetown**

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who is a descendant of the pioneer settlers of Georgetown. Rebecca Mackall was the wife of Benoni Dawson, who laid out the town and was probably its first settler. Georgetown lies on the

Rainbow of the River

in a secluded, lovely spot, greatly untouched by the rapid pace of the bustling world.

Georgetown

It was because of a fine location on the left bank of the Ohio that the village came into existence in 1793. From it you can see into Ohio and West Virginia, and for a century it was known to every traveler going down the river to "the West." It became a borough in 1850.

Now the same river, flowing in the same course, has almost completely cut it off from the normal traffic of even inland commerce.

It was the second town in what is now Beaver County when it was laid out by Benoni Dawson, less than two years after Daniel Leet had begun planning Beaver on the site of old Fort McIntosh. And it wasn't named for George Washington, as is commonly believed, but for George Dawson, a member of Benoni's family.

The place grew rapidly, and within a few years was full of Dawsons, Mackalls, Calhouns, Kinseys, Poes and a few other families, most of whose names are still to be found in the town today. The Poes included Adam and Andrew, famous Indian fighters.

Georgetown's fine location above flood level made it a good stopping place for keelboats and other craft bound up and down the river.

Thomas Foster licensed the first hotel there in 1802, and the post office was established in it the same year.

Georgetown, caught in a corner of the pocket beneath the great bend of the Ohio, still maintained a slight degree of vigor as long as the ferry continued,

Property Owners found in Caldwell's Centennial Atlas 1876 for Georgetown & Greene Township

GEORGETOWN

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CALHOON, R.	LAKE, J.	TODD, T.
CALHOUN, C.	LAUGHLIN, T.	TODD & DIEHL
CAMPBELL, Mrs.	LYON, Samuel	TRIMBLE, J.
CARNAGEY, J.	MACKALL, I. D.	J. A.
Mrs. J.	J.	Mrs. (Hotel & Store)
COGLEY, J. A.	James	WILKINS, Mrs.
DAWSON, B. Heirs	McCLURG, W. A.	WINCH, J. B.
G.	McHAFFIE, William	
G. W.	McMILLIN, J.	
Heirs	S.	
DAUGHERTY, G. D.	Nash, G. (Saw & Grist Mill)	
DIEHL, J.	S.	<u>Other:</u>
J. H. & Co. (Store)	PARR, A. H.	Episcopal Church
EBERT, Mrs. Nancy	J.	Methodist Episcopal Church
EWING, J.	PEPPARD, E.	Grand Heights Cemetery
HACKATHORN, C.	POE, A.	Public School
HAFFIE, Mrs. H.	G. W.	Public Square
HAMILTON, Dr. S. T.	PORTER, J. A.	
HUSTON, E.	POTTS, T.	
KENNEDY, J.	PRUDEN, S.	
KINSEY, A. M.	RINEHART, R. A.	
Mrs. A. M.	SMITH, J. E.	
C.	SPENCE, E.	
H.		Oil Lots
T.		

GREENE TOWNSHIP

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ALEXANDER, G.
ALLISON, James
 Samuel M.
BEAL, E.
 John
BRITTAIN, James
BROTHERTON & STILES
BROWN, James
BRUNSON, J. W. Heirs
BRUNTON, Joseph
 Thomas
 William A.
BRYAN, Joseph
CAIN & LAUGHLIN
CAIN, William
CALHOON, J.
 M.
CAMBOL, Mrs. R.
CAMPBELL, D.
 James
 William
CAROTHERS, Mrs. C.
 Heirs
CHAPMAN, S.
CHRISTY, James
CLEAR, S.
COLE, Mrs. M.
CONKLE, Mrs. M.
COOK, P.
 William
CRAIG, D. M.
 James
 John
CRISTLER, E.
 M. T.
DAVIS, William
DIEHL, J. H.
 William
DITHRIDGE, E. D.
EACHEL, Charles
EATON, I.
 I. H.
ELLIOTT, John
ERWIN, J.
EWING, J.
 Heirs
FERGUSON, John
 William Heirs
FRAZIER, William Heirs
GALLAGHER, S.
GIBB & REED

GLASS, D. K.
GLENN, W. & T. C.
 Wm. & T. C.
GREEN, D.
 I.
HAYWARD, William
HOOD, A. Heirs
 Mrs. E.
HUTCHESON, John
JOHNSTON, John
 Robert
KENNEDY, Alex.
 D.
 H.
 J.
 S.
KERR, D.
 M. C.
 S.
KEVAN, S. M.
KITSON, T.
LAUGHLIN, F. S.
 G. D.
 L. J.
 N. A.
 R.
 Thomas
 William
LAWRENCE, Benjamin
 Brothers
 Dr. M.
LEATHEM, James
LEEPER, Robert
 S. H.
LEIPER, Samuel
LOCKHART, E.
MACKALL, J.
 James Heirs
MANOR, J. Heirs
MARKER, T.
McCALLY, John
McCASKEY, George
McCLEHANY, William
McCLESTER, J.
McCLURG, D.
 Joseph
McCREADY, J. B.
 Joseph (Chopper &
 Shingle Machine)
McCOY, J. R.
 William

McDONALD, James
 John
McGAFFICK, D.
McINTIRE, _____
McKENTY, R. L.
McKINLEY, James
McLAUGHLIN, S.
McMAHEN, J. C.
MERCER, J.
MILLER, James
MOFFET, E.
MONTGOMERY, John
MOODY, J.
 Robert E.
 S. W.
MOORE, Samuel Heirs
 Thomas (Phillis Island)
MOORHEAD, S. W.
MORRIS, William M.
MORROW, William
MORTEN, William
NASH, George
NELSON, James
 S.
 Samuel
NICKLE, Alexander
 Matthew
NISWANGER, Jac
ORMAN & CO.
PETERS, J. R.
 J. R. & G. C.
 J. R. Oil Well
POE, A.
 Adam
 Andrew
 George
 Thomas
PUGH, D.
RAMSEY, James
 W. & F.
 William L.
REED, B. Heirs
 James Heirs
 J. M.
 R. T.
 Samuel
ROBB, William
ROBERTSON, Alex.
 S. S.
ROGERS, William
SCOTT, James
 William

SEARIGHT Heirs

SHANE, J.
Miss M. & H.
SIMPSON, Mary
SMITH, H.
Samuel
SPENCE, E.
SPENCER Brothers
STALEY, J.
STEVENSON, S.
STERLING, William D.
STEWART, G.
J. H.
R. W.
S.
SWANEY, Andrew
D.
J. B.
John
Thomas
SWEARINGEN, B. L.
Jackson
Samuel
William V.

TEMPLE, J. T.
THOMPSON, James
Milo
S.
Samuel
THORNBURGH, J. Heirs
TODD, C. J.
J. R.
TORRENCE, James
S.
TRIMBLE & CO.
William R.

WILSON, William
WINEN, J. B.
WITHROW, Thomas
WRIGHT, A.
J.
J. D.
N.
Thomas
WYNN, J.

OTHER:

Georgetown Cemetery
Hookstown Cemetery (Old Methodist)
Mill Creek Hill Cemetery
Mill Creek Presbyterian Church & Cemetery
(Old Mill Creek)
U. P. Church and Burying Ground
(Tomlinson Run)

Cane Mill
Mineral Spring
Post Office & Store

PART OF GREENE TOWNSHIP
(Shows Andrew Poe's Tract
as part of a connected draft.)

15
SAMUEL SMITH.
250s. 70ps. &c.
War. Apr. 10. 1838.
Sur. May 26. 1838.
Pat. Jan. 12. 1846 to
Samuel Smith.
H-45-546.

18
HENRY HOOKE.
30s. & a/cow.
War. Mar. 8. 1806.
Sur. Apr. 24. 1806.
Pat. May 27. 1806 to
Henry Hooke.
"Hartymount."
P-38-438.

16
NANCY WHEELER.
Mos. 157ps. & a/cow.
War. May 20. 1828.
Sur. Apr. 17. 1828.
Pat. Apr. 9. 1830. to
Nancy Wheeler.
H-28-166.

17
JOHN HAYS.
670s. 35ps. & a/cow.
War. Dec. 8. 1828.
Sur. Jan. 27. 1829.
Pat. Sep. 29. 1869 to
Henry Smith et al.
H-65-196.

20
JOHN CHRIS.
20s. 53ps. &
War. June 1.
Sur. Oct. 12.
Pat. Sep. 8. 18
John Chris.
H-64-161.

21
SAMUEL POWER.
250s. 38ps. strict.
War. Mar. 31. 1826.
Sur. Nov. 26. 1825.
Pat. Feb. 21. 1906 to
Thos. E. & Geo. A. Troup.
H-77-163.

22
Montgomery Islk
WILLIAM CHARN.
120s. 40ps. & a/cow.
War. Feb. 1. 183.
Sur. Apr. 15. 183.
Pat. May 15. 1837
Wm. Charis.
H-37-345.

23
SAMUEL POWER.
1080s. 25ps. strict.
War. Apr. 8. 1825.
Sur. June 4. 1825. }
Pat. June 4. 1851 to
Thomas J. Power.
H-48-217.

JOS. GILFILLIN.
3780s. 155ps. & a/cow.
War. Feb. 18. 1785.
Sur. Aug. 18. 1785.
Pat. Feb. 25. 1795 to
John Lee Webster.
"Jordan & Bottom".
P-22-484.
221 1199 H

JOHN L. ...
3000 ac. ...
Sur. ...
Pat. ...

ANDREW POE.
3330s. 90ps. strict.
Sur. Feb. 15. 1786.
Virginia Cert.
Pat. June 12. 1786
to Warrantee.
"Poe-Wood".
P-6-344.

JOHNERTON
210s. 120ps. & a/cow.
War. Mar. 1. 1795.
Sur. ...
Pat. ...

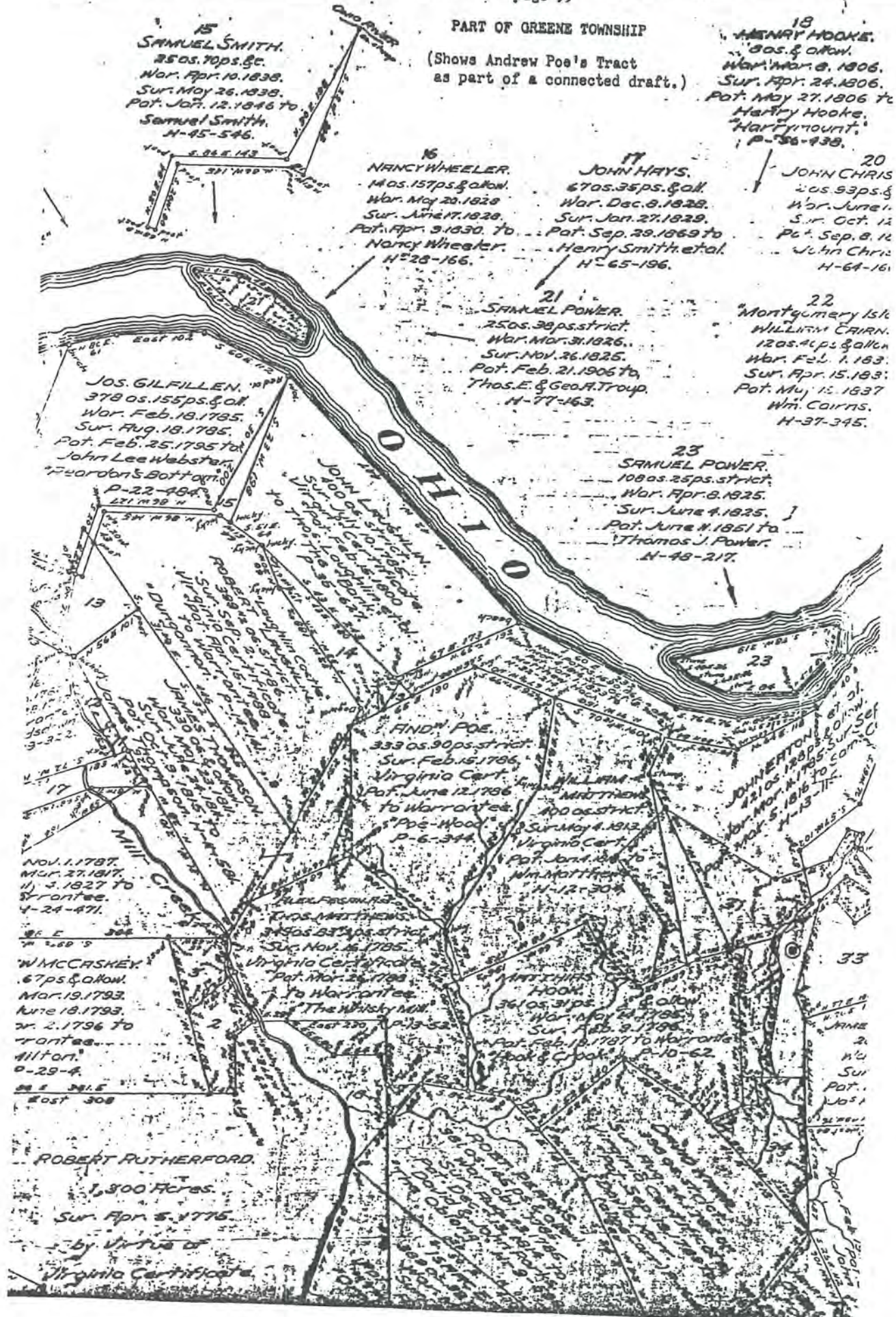
NOV. 1. 1787.
MAR. 27. 1817.
J. 1. 1827 TO
Frontee.
4-24-471.

WM McCASKEY.
67ps. & a/cow.
Mar. 19. 1793.
June 18. 1793.
W. 2. 1796 TO
Frontee.
Milton.
P-29-4.

THOS. MATTHEWS.
3490s. 83ps. strict.
Sur. Nov. 16. 1785.
Virginia Cert.
Pat. Mar. 24. 1793
to Warrantee.
"The Whisky Mill".
P-13-52.

MATTHEWS
3610s. 31ps. & a/cow.
War. Mar. 24. 1785.
Sur. Feb. 9. 1795.
Pat. Feb. 10. 1787 to Warrantee.
"Book & Creek".
P-10-62.

ROBERT RUTHERFORD.
1,800 Acres.
Sur. Apr. 5. 1776.
by Virtue of
Virginia Certificate.



Warrantees & List of Persons Receiving
 Patents in Greene Township, Beaver County
 as found on the original patent maps.

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Warrantees	Patented to - Date	# of Acres	Tract Name	File #
ALLSPAUGH, Henry*	Henry ALLSPAUGH - 1788	212	"Hannah"	P-13-270
BELL, Hugh*	Hugh BELL - 1788	400	"Bellemony"	P-14-79
BROWN, John	<u>Matthias HOOK - 1796</u>	<u>286</u>	<u>"Chestnut Level"</u>	P-25-280
CAHEY, Samuel	Samuel CAHEY - 1807	166 3/4	"Aleppo"	P-56-449
CAIRNS, William	William CAIRNS - 1837	12	"22"	H-37-345
CAMPBELL, Arthur	Arthur CAMPBELL - 1832	13 3/4		H-32-124
William	(See Henry CRAIG)			
CHAPMAN, J. H.	Joseph McCLURE - 1855	34	"9"	H-51-359
<u>CHRISLEY, Michael *</u>	<u>Michael CHRISLEY - 1788</u>	<u>408</u>	<u>"Feelinghousen"</u>	P-14-48
CHRISTLER, John	John CHRISTLER - 1869	2	"20"	H-64-166
Samuel	Samuel CHRISTLER - 1820	48	"29"	H-17-291
COLE, Silas	Mary COLE - 1873	9		H-70-773
CONELLY, Samuel	Jonathan HOGUE - 1842	14	"7"	H-44-89
CONNER, William, Jr.	Rezin BARNES et al - 1873	30	"24"	H-72-335
William	William CONNERS et al - 1839	7	"30"	H-40-536
COWEN, Alexander	Alexander COWEN - 1802	246	"Cowley"	P-47-89
(CRAIG, Henry & William CAMPBELL	Henry CRAIG et al - 1787	201	"Milltown"	P-10-59)
CRAIL, Edward	Edward CRAIL - 1828	63	"27"	H-47-507
CROSS, George	George CROSS - 1840	10	"8"	H-43-67
DAVIS, Martha	Thomas BURNSIDE - 1818	183		H-15-284
DAWSON, James	James DAWSON - 1813	100		H-10-14
Robert D.*	Robert D. DAWSON - 1790	376	"The Bone of Contention"	P-15-269
EATON, Isaac	Isaac EATON - 1803	389	"Orphan's Plains"	P-51-8
James, Johnston, & Margaret	<u>Thomas MOORE - 1795*</u>	<u>402</u>	<u>"Locust Ridge"</u>	P-25-279
John et al	Samuel CALHOUN et al - 1816	421		H-13-115
EWINGS, James	James EWINGS - 1802	287	"Effingham"	P-47-90
FEGAN, Alexander* (Assignee of Thomas MATTHEWS)	Alexander FEGAN - 1788	349	"The Whisky Mill"	P-13-53
FOSTER, Thomas	-	3	"11"	
Thomas	-	7	"12"	
FRAZER, William	William FRAZER - 1805	72	"34"	P-50-178
GIBSON, Sarah	<u>Matthias HOOK - 1805</u>	232	"Sarah's Delight"	P-56-78
GILFILLEN, Joseph	John Lee WEBSTER - 1795	378	<u>"Reardon's Bottom"</u>	P-22-484
GOODRICH, Jesse	Andrew SANDS - 1874	1	"35"	H-72-644

Warrantees	Patented to - Date	# of Acres	Tract Name	File #
GOODRICH, Jesse & Robert MOFFIT	<u>Andre SWANY - 1860</u>	122		H-55-159
GORMLEY, John	John GORMLEY, in trust for heirs of David DAVIS.D ^d - 1852	99	"26"	H-48-605
HAMILTON, George	George HAMILTON - 1786	235	"Heir-ship"	P-6-331
Hugh	Hugh HAMILTON - 1786	235	"Deer-Park"	P-6-332
HAYS, John	Henry SMITH et al - 1869	67	"17"	H-65-196
HENRY, James & William NELSON	James HENRY & William NELSON -1797	280 $\frac{1}{2}$	"Wolf Den"	P-31-385
<u>HOOK, Matthias</u>	<u>Matthias HOOK - 1787</u>	361	<u>"Hook & Crook"</u>	P-10-62
Matthias	Peter WICOFF - 1837	15	"25"	H-38-296
HOOKE, Henry	Henry HOOKE - 1806	8	"Harrymount"	P-56-438
HUBLEY, John	Ann REDICK et al - 1810	400	"Bear's Lament"	H-3-64
INGLES, Nathaniel	Nathaniel INGLES - 1826	242		H-23-516
JORDAN, John	Ann REDICK et al - 1816	400	"Sarvis Plain"	H-13-254
<u>KARR, David*</u>	<u>David KARR (alias CARR) - 1789</u>	398		P-16-69
KIRKPATRICK, William	Matthias HOOK - 1818	94	"33"	H-16-289
LAUGHLIN, Alexander	Alexander LAUGHLIN - 1827	494		H-24-471
Alexander	Alexander LAUGHLIN - 1810	202	"Lacock's Friendship"	H-3-517
Benjamin	Benjamin LAUGHLIN - 1833	27	"3"	H-31-426
John	Thomas LAUGHLIN et al - 1800	400	"The Bank"	P-35-627
Robert	Robert LAUGHLIN - 1793	220	"Landsdown"	P-19-322
Robert	Robert LAUGHLIN - 1788	399 $\frac{1}{2}$	"Dungannon"	P-14-141
Thomas	Thomas LAUGHLIN - 1809	63	"Mount Prospect"	P-63-486
William	William LAUGHLIN - 1786	400	"Drummand"	P-6-476
William & Samuel McCALLY	Wm. LAUGHLIN & Samuel McCALLY-1874	137	"4"	H-73-13
LAWRENCE, Joseph	Joseph LAWRENCE - 1886	2	"19"	H-74-585
MATTHEWS, Thomas	(See Alexander FEGAN)			
William*	William MATTHEWS - 1818	400		H-12-304
McCALLY, Samuel	(See William LAUGHLIN)			
McCASKEY, Mathew	Matthew McCASKEY - 1796	403	"Milton"	P-29-4
<u>McCREADY, Hugh*</u>	<u>Hugh McCREADY - 1804</u>	402	<u>"Chestnut Hill"</u>	P-54-23
Joseph*	<u>Joseph McCREADY - 1789</u>	400	<u>"White Plains"</u>	P-14-518
McCULLOUGH, John	John McCULLOUGH - 1817	459		H-15-154
McHARG, William, Jr.	William McHARG, Jr. - 1823	11	"6"	H-31-311
McKENNEDY, William	Harry D. ANDERSON - 1913	3		H-78-109

Warrantees	Patented to - Date	# of Acres	Tract Name	File #
MEASON, John	John MEASON - 1786	289	"Long Meadow"	P-6-481
MILLER, Adam	Adam MILLER - 1799	304		P-36-3
Samuel	Samuel MILLER - 1831	110	"10"	H-30-433
MOFFIT, Robert	(See Jesse GOODRICH)			
NELSON, William	(See James HENRY)			
NIELSON, John	John NIELSON - 1820	137		H-17-266
NISWANGER, Elijah	Jacob NISWANGER - 1875	1		H-71-727
OFFNER, John	Ann REDICK & Isaac KERR - 1816	400		H-13-254
PEARKS, Robert	David & John PARKS - 1814	381	"The Oblong"	H-9-598
POE, Andrew*	Andrew POE - 1786	333	"Poe Wood"	P-6-344
POTTS, Noah	Matthew HOOK - 1833	159		H-32-214
POWER, Samuel	Thomas E. & George A. TROUP - 1906	25	"21"	H-77-163
Samuel	Thomas J. POWER - 1851	108	"23"	H-48-217
PURVIANCE, John	William LAUGHLIN - 1803	145	"Mill Town"	P-53-224
REDICK, John, Jr.	John H. REDICK - 1786	294	"Hanabel"	P-6-445
REED, John	John & Sarah RUSSELL - 1837	58	"28"	
RITCHIE, John	Jonathan GRANT - 1805	117	"Camperdown"	P-50-182
ROBISON, John	John ROBINSON - 1836	37		H-36-628
RUTHERFORD, Robert*	Robert RUTHERFORD - 1788	1,018	"The Monster"	P-14-102
Robert*	(Virginia Certificate #281)	1,300		
SCOTT, Abraham	Mary MILLER - 1807	98	"Enruskillen"	P-59-280
James	James SCOTT - 1812	36	"2"	H-7-342
SMITH, George	James LANGLEY & William LITTLE-1795	400	"Chestnut Flat"	P-23-389
Samuel	Samuel SMITH - 1846	25	"15"	H-45-546
STILLWELL, Obadiah	Francis HOLLAND - 1795	339	"Billboa"	P-22-417
THOMPSON, James	James THOMPSON - 1815	330		H-11-581
William	-	3		
THORNBURG, James	James THORNBURG - 1836	84		H-35-446
John	William S. CAIN - 1872	3		H-71-407
WHEELER, Nancy	Nancy WHEELER - 1830	14	"16"	H-28-166
WILSON, Samuel	Samuel WILSON - 1838	185		H-39-50
WITHEROE, John*	John WITHEROE - 1795	395	"Witheroe's Flatt"	P-23-309
John	" " - 1795	424	"Hills"	P-23-309

(* after a name indicates the warrant was issued via a Virginia Certificate.)

Copies of Warrant & Surveys for
Andrew Poe

1786 } Washington
June 13

333 1/2 Acs

Andrew Poe



Ret. V. 1st June 1786

1786 No. 75

June 1st

Washington County

333 1/2 Acres

Pers.

Andrew Poe

Ret'd 14th June 1786

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, ss.

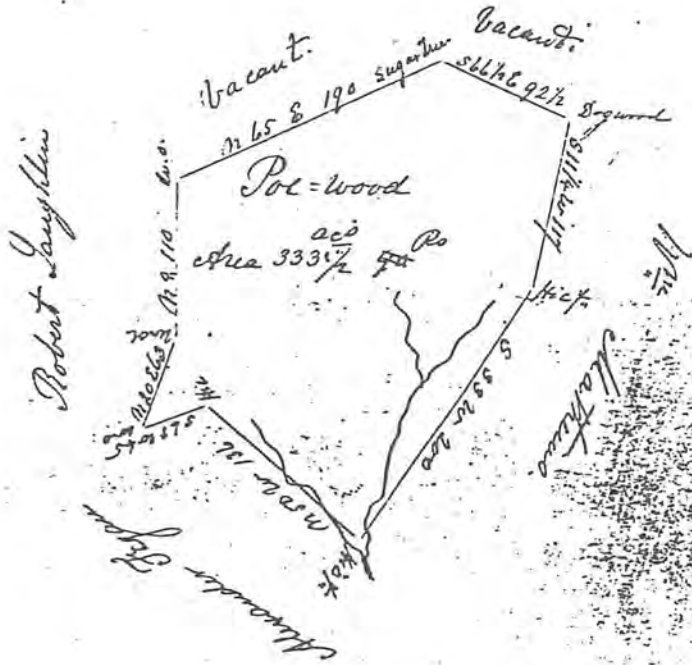


WHEREAS in Pursuance of the Order of the Board of Property of the fifteenth Day of September ¹⁷⁸⁴ and the Seventh Day of March ¹⁷⁸⁵ and of certain Instructions by you given conformably thereto, a Survey hath been made by *Nevil White* two of your Deputies, on the Day of *October* 1786 of a Tract, ^{Containing} *Three hundred thirty three and half* on the waters of *Mill Creek in Washington* in the County of *Jefferson* and returned into your Office, on the *third* Day of *May* in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and *eighty six* as appears by your Certificate thereupon to the Secretary of the Land-Office. AND WHEREAS the said *Andrew Poe* hath paid (to the Receiver-General) the Purchase Money due for the same. THESE are therefore to authorize and require you to accept the said Survey into your Office, and to make Return thereof into the Office of the Secretary of the Land-Office in Order for Confirmation, by Patent to the said *Andrew Poe*.

And for so doing, this shall be your Warrant. IN WITNESS whereof *his Excellency* *Benjamin Franklin Esq* President of the Supreme Executive Council, hath hereunto set his Hand, and caused the lesser Seal of the said Commonwealth to be hereunto affixed, the *first* Day of *June* in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and *eighty six*.

JOHN LUKENS, Esq; Surveyor-General.

B Franklin
Benjamin Franklin Esq

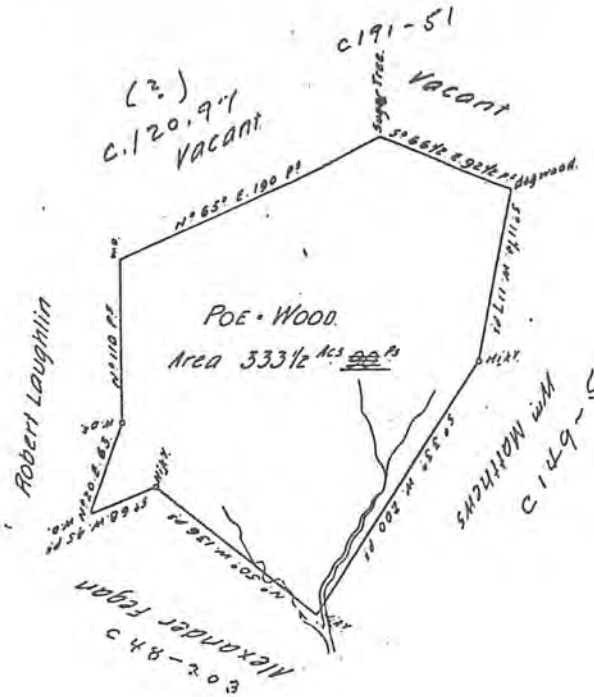


A Draught of a survey call'd Poc-wood, lying on the waters of Mill
 in Washington County, contg 333 ac. 90 p. direct measure, executed 15
July 1786, in consequence of a certificate for 400 ac. in the name of
And^r Poc granted him by the Comm^{rs} appointed by Orig^l to
 adjust the Titles to unpatented lands in Monongalia John^o Ohio
 and duly entered as appears from the authenticated list,
 Ent^d June 1780

Presley Nevill
 Nath^l Ritchie *D^y*

J^o Lukens Esq
 Sur^{or} Gen^l

Act^d June 1786



A Draught of a Survey called Poe-Wood lying on the Waters of Mill Cr. in Washington County, cont^d 333 Ac^s 90^{Ps} Strict Measure, executed 15 Feb^y 1786, in consequence of a Certificate for 400 Ac^s in the Name of And^r Poe, granted him by the Commiss^{rs} appointed by Virg^a to adjust the Titles to unpatented Lands in Monongalia, York^a & Ohio, and duly entered as appears from the authenticated List.

Ent^d 24th June 1780.

Jr^o Lukens, Esq^r }
 Sur. Gen^l }

Presley Nerill } D. Ss.
 Matt^r Ritchie }

IN TESTIMONY that the above is a copy of the original remaining on file in the Department of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania, made conformably to an Act of Assembly approved the 16th day of February, 1833, I have hereunto set my Hand and caused the Seal of said Department to be affixed at Harrisburg, this second day of May 1906.

George W. ...
 Secretary of Internal Affairs.

From the History of Beaver County

1888

GEORGETOWN BOROUGH.

This borough is pleasantly situated in the north part of Greene township, on the Ohio river. It is one of the oldest settlements in Beaver county, and was laid out on the 13th of Jan., 1793, by Benoni Dawson, who came from Montgomery county, Md., about 1780. He died May 16, 1806, aged sixty-four years. His wife was Rebecca (Mackall) Dawson, who died Oct. 6, 1816, aged seventy-five years. They are both buried in the old Georgetown cemetery. They were members of the Protestant Episcopal church.

They had thirteen children—nine sons and four daughters. One of his sons, Thomas, has a grandson, Benoni Dawson, still living in Glasgow, opposite Georgetown. Another son, Nicholas, has grandchildren living in and around Georgetown, among whom may be mentioned John Dawson and Mrs. Dr. S. T. Hamilton. Still another son, George, married Jane Mackall, by whom he had ten children, among whom were Benoni Dawson, George Dawson and R. D. Dawson, whose wife, Mary J. Dawson, and daughter (wife of Edward Spence) now reside in Georgetown.

Originally the name was written as consisting of two distinct parts, *George Town*. The tendency has been to combine, and make it appear as one. This suggests two theories as to the origin of the name: one that the name was bestowed in honor of George Dawson, son of the original Benoni, who owned a portion of the town plat. A second and more probable theory is that the name was bestowed in honor of the Georgetown adjoining the national capital.

Georgetown early became a place of residence for those engaged in steamboating, and occupies that position at present in the rank of villages. The elevation above the beautiful Ohio renders it free from all anxiety as to overflow.

Some of the early tavern-keepers at Georgetown were Nicholas Krehl and Philip Ducomb. They both received license to keep tavern, at the August session of court, 1804. At the May session, 1805, Will-

iam Carnagy and Thomas Foster were likewise commissioned to keep tavern, and continued in the business for many years. At the March session, 1808, James Preston, and at the August session, 1809, Joseph Smith, were given permission to keep houses of public entertainment.

Thomas Foster was the first postmaster of the place, his first appointment bearing date April 1, 1802. He held the position until the 1st of October, 1807, when John Christmas was appointed. He retained the position until Sept. 10, 1821, when Foster was re-appointed. He continued to discharge its duties until he was succeeded by Zebulon Kinsey, June 2, 1835. The following is the complete list of the postmasters from 1802 to the present time: Thomas Foster, John Christmas, Zebulon Kinsey, Hugh McCullough, Salah Pruden, Thomas Fry, Charles Calhoon, George W. Calhoon, Samuel C. Trimble, Henry J. Kinsey and Mrs. Lydia P. Kinsey, the present officer.

That the people of the place did not all have angelic dispositions in those primitive times is attested by the accompanying document, which is a specimen both of uniqueness and candor. It was evidently given to release the holder from the suspicion that the ear-crop was a mark of punishment inflicted by the authorities of those days:

PENNSYLVANIA,)
BEAVER COUNTY.) s.s.

Personally came Thomas Foster, of Georgetown, in said county, before me, one of the associate judges of the court of common pleas for said county, and being sworn in due form of law, deposeth and saith, that in the month of May last or beginning of June a fight or personal combat took place in Georgetown, in front of the deponent's house, betwixt Thomas Ross of said town (a laborer) and James Coley, in which fight the said Thomas Ross had the hinder part of his right ear bit out—hath much disfigured his ear.

Sworn and subscribed the said fifth day of August, 1807.

(Signed)

THOMAS FOSTER.

JNO. H. REDDICK, Associate Judge.

The borough was incorporated Feb. 25, 1850. The first commissioners of election were Samuel Smith, James Todd and Adam Poe. By the census of 1880 the borough had a population of 288.

Georgetown Northwest of Hookstown on Ohio River Green Township
One of the oldest settlements in Beaver County being laid out in January 13, 1793, by Benoni Dawson, who came from Montgomery County, Maryland about 1780. His wife was Rebecca Dawson. Both are buried in Old Georgetown Cemetery on the hill above the town. They were members of the Protestant Episcopal Church and had nine sons and four daughters. Here was the home of river Captains and boat builders. Its first post office appointment was 1802. Adam Poe, the Indian fighter,; Benoni Dawson, Benjamin Makall, William Carnagy, Thomas Foster, John Bever, Zebulon Kinsey, Calhoons, Trimbles and many others were first settlers.

Bruce Mansfield Dam As we enter the town
As we enter the town we cross over the pipelines which have been laid down the old railroad right of way to a giant earthen work dam, (which will be the largest east of the Mississippi River when finished) which will convey the sludge from the new plant at Shippingport. Eventually after about 35 years this will create a recreational lake. The Dam is built across Little Blue Run which flows into Mill Creek near its juncture with the Ohio River.

Shippingport Sand and Gravel Company
The gravel for the cooling towers of both the new part of the Atomic Plant and the ones for the Bruce Mansfield Plant was dredged from this area.

Saint Lukes Episcopal Church Corner of Third Street and Market Ca. 1813
This is the oldest Episcopal Church in Beaver County and the oldest church building to be in constant use west of the Allegheny mountains. Its first services were held on a flat boat around the beginning of the century. It was one of the few churches to be visited by the first presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States. Its first pastor was Rev. Francis Reno of Virginia. The present brick structure was built in 1833 replacing the original log building of 1813. It has several beautiful stained glass windows and much of the old furnishings.

Georgetown Post Office Market Street North Est. 1802
This post office serves 75 families in the borough and 600 families on the rural route which extends clear out to Frankfort Springs. Its first appointed postmaster was Thomas Foster, April 1, 1802.

Peppards Store Market Street North
In the 1876 Atlas on the map of Georgetown, it shows several stores. This one I remember in my childhood as being owned by Ollie Peppard. Many a stick of peppermint I have had from its candy counter. Deilhs and Todds are shown on the map as having stores in 1876.

John Bever Block House Corner of New Street and Water Street
This is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Nash. John Bever came from Ireland and settled on this area ca. 1788. He furnished supplies for the block houses which protected the early settlers from the Indians. In 1790 he married Nancy Bowman of this place. One of their daughters married James Bowman of Brownsville. Mirtilla lived in Nemaocolin's Castle. It was deeded to George Ebert by Jacob Poe in 1845. In 1872 George Ebert deeded it to John A. Trimble. He was the grandfather of John Nash who now lives here.

Captain George Ebert House Corner of Water Street and Short Street
This house was the home of Captain George Ebert. He was captain of the Mollie Ebert, a famous packet steamer named for his only child. In later years Mary Ann Ebert married Captain John A. Trimble. The people in these families lived, talked, and worked with the river. Today Mrs. W. H. Welborn lives in this historic house. Captain Fredrick Way says she has a welth of antiques which find a perfect setting in a home which is near 100 years old. She is also the mother of Mrs. Nash.

Thomas Poe House - Corner of First and Market Streets Ca 1820
Thomas and Elizabeth Poe came to this area and built a log house on the corner of First and Market Streets. Thomas was the son of Adam Poe the famous Indian fighter. All of his sons were river men. It was through their efforts that the First Methodist Episcopal Church services were started. Later the log house was taken over by his son Jacob Poe. Jacob was married to Mary Ann Ebert. They had five sons, three living to maturity, one of whom was Charles the father of the late Lillian Poe Wagner, the last descendant to live in this house and the last of this line as she was an only child and left no children. The older part of the house is put together with wooden pegs and the window glass is very wavy and thin. The house has had many additions. The house is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schmidt who hope to restore it.

Georgetown Cemetery On hill south and above town
Coming back up Washington Street as we make our way out of town, if you look up you see the historic Georgetown Cemetery, where many Revolutionary Soldiers are buried. Among them Benoni Dawson, William Carnegy, Benjamin Makall, Amos Wilkinson and others.

Georgetown Road to Hookstown
Georgetown road to Hookstown follows Mill Creek up stream. It once had a stage coach that ran from the ferry, from Smith's Ferry through Hookstown, Frankfort Springs, Florence, Burgettstown to Little Washington and was called the Washington Road.

Segment of a story taken from the
Observer-Reporter, July 6, 1972,
written by Jim Mullooly on Georgetown

Georgetown, Pennsylvania, in nearby Beaver County, is a village of much history. Located along the historic Ohio, it still retains a whisper of the days of the Poes, Calhoons, Kinseys, Mackalls and others who helped carve out the rich transportation heritage of steamboat days in the Tri-State.

One man who lived and died in Georgetown, was Capt. Adam Poe Sr., who, in 1887, wrote of his days on the river. Capt. Poe was a descendant of the famed Indian fighters, Adam and Andrew Poe.

Following is the final of a series of articles.

By JIM MULLOOLY

Last winter, death claimed a very good and interesting friend.

This was Mrs. Lillian Poe Wagner, whose father, Charlie Poe, had operated a livery stable in Georgetown for many years. Mrs. Wagner was a storehouse of Poe lore and with her own Poe "talent," had given piano lessons for many years to residents of Georgetown and surrounding communities. She had been a lifelong resident of the village.

In her late seventies, Lillian Poe Wagner never failed to entertain visitors with her fine use of the piano keyboard. In the front room of the quaint old Poe home she lived in, she had two pianos. A "grand," and an "upright." On one instrument she would play "Humoresque" with one hand, while on the other side would do "Swanee River" with the remaining hand.

We often teased her with the statement that "she should be on the Lawrence Welk show with such talent!"

Her stories of Georgetown and the Poes were legion.

Mrs. Wagner's passing leaves a deep void in the telling of the story of Georgetown; but others, like Mrs. Helen Finley, Mrs. John Mackall and Mrs. Welborn, will carry the torch for future researchers.

Article taken from the Georgetown Chronicle, November, 1877

GEORGETOWN.

Is situated in the South-western corner of Beaver county and is located on a high, level bottom, overlooking the Ohio river, commanding a beautiful view of the picturesque scenery on the opposite side of the river, and of the broken romantic hills of Ohio and West Virginia. Its inhabitants number about three hundred, most of the male members of which follow boating as their occupation, so that, after a rise, the appearance of the place reminds one very much of Goldsmith's "Deserted Village."

Three stores supply the people with dry goods and groceries. One public house accommodates the few travelers whose business or pleasure calls them this way. A post-office and smith shop meet the demand on their separate departments. Two churches, Episcopal and Methodist, supply an order-loving and church-going people with religious privileges.

The character of the place is good, there being no liquor sold, neither in public nor on the sly. There are no manufactories of any kind in the place.

Several oil wells have been sunk and oil has been obtained in paying quantities, but for some cause, they have been abandoned. Perhaps the low price of oil and the difficulty and cost of getting it to market may have had something to do with it.

Messrs Macall & Co are now engaged in sinking a well and have reached a depth of 600 feet. They expect when they reach a depth of 700 feet, to strike the main oil artery. It is to be hoped that their labor and expenditure of means, may be remunerated. Coal of good quality is found in abundance near the place, and there is an 8 feet vein of this valuable mineral only 80 feet below the surface, which could be shafted at a moderate cost. No doubt

the clays used in pottery and in making fire brick, could be obtained in the surrounding hills in sufficient abundance to justify the erection of a factory. The bottom on which Georgetown is built, being some three miles long, presents a beautiful site for a city.

One of its greatest wants is a railroad, and a little more capital and business energy. It has resources in abundance. They only need development to make it one of the most flourishing towns on the Ohio river. That 8 feet vein of coal will be worked at no distant day, and fleets of coal barges will be laden here for the South.

Those bold, heroic pioneers, and Indian fighters, of whom such honorable mention is made in the history of border

warfare—Adam and Andrew Poe—settled not far from this place. Some of their descendants are residents of this village. A short time since, we had the pleasure of dining with Mr. George Poe, the only surviving son of Andrew Poe, now a healthy, active old man in his eighty-seventh year. It was only a short distance below Georgetown, that the battle for life took place between Adam Poe* and "Bigfoot." The Poes whose names will be found on the list, elsewhere published, are the grand children and great grand children of these pioneer settlers.

* We follow history. But Mr. C. Calloun of this place, who was acquainted with these brothers during their life-time, and who had often heard them relate the particulars of the fight, asserts that history is wrong, and that Andrew, and not Adam Poe, was the hero in the conflict with "Bigfoot."

John Bever's Dwelling

John Bever emigrated to America from Ireland and settled in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, about 1788. He furnished supplies for the block houses which protected the early settlers from the Indians. In 1790 he married Nancy Bowman of Georgetown.

In his book about John Bever, Thomas J. Malone states that the house on the northwest corner of lot #11 of the Bever addition in Georgetown incorporates part of the "mansion or dwelling" of John Bever and it is the "blockhouse". The original house was made of logs, two stories high, walls 17 inches thick, inside measurements 16 feet by 16 feet with puncheon floors and the ceiling not over 7 feet high. It has a basement under the old part. The foundation has 4x4 inch studding, 18 inches apart filled in with pressed brick.

Lot 3 11 was deeded to George Ebert and wife by Jacob Poe and wife January 16, 1845. January 22, 1872 George Ebert deed it to John A. Trimble. He was the grandfather of John Nash who lived in the house until his death.

The Poe House

In 1820 Thomas and Elizabeth Hepner Poe came to Georgetown and built a log house on the corner of First and Market Streets. Thomas was the son of Adam Poe, the famous Indian Fighter. All of his sons were rivermen. One son, Adam, later made his home in the house recently owned by the Eaton and Brooks families. Elizabeth Poe was known as a devout Christian and an industrious wife and mother. She opened up her home for the first Methodist church services in Georgetown, and along with Rev. Wesley Smith, she organized the first Sunday School classes and planned for the first church building. In later years, Thomas Poe built another home overlooking the river at Front & Market Streets. The log house was then taken over by Jacob and family. Jacob was married to Mary Ann Ebert. They had five sons, two of which died in infancy. The house itself is strange and interesting with many mysteries. At some time there was an addition built on to the log part and after a while the log part was torn down and a new section put on. The older half of the house was put together with wooden pegs- even the rafters and crossbraces. The window glass is very thin and obviously, very old. This was the home of Lillian Poe Wagner, granddaughter of Jacob and the last of this branch of the Poes. She was an only child and had no children of her own. None of Jacob's other sons had children.

GEORGETOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Methodism was founded in Georgetown in the early 1830's, with the Rev. Wesley Smith holding meetings in the home of Thomas and Elizabeth Hepner Poe. There the first Sunday School classes were organized and held, and the first church building was planned.

It was built in 1834 with the Rev. Smith as Pastor. It was described later as a miserable failure, "defective in plan and size." Rev. Garrett Jones called it a sheep pen and said, "when it rained it was necessary to go out doors to get in the dry."

It was used for about a decade, when it was torn down to make room for a second church. This one fared little better as it was likened to the skeleton of a bee hive or a saw mill that for some reason was never finished. It endured, however, for more than thirty years.

By this time, in need of repairs involving a large expenditure, it was determined to try to increase the amount and build a new church.

The present building was started in 1876, near the close of Rev. Pershing's ministry and was finished in 1877 during the term of Rev. W. Darby.

The carpenter work was done by G. Nash and A. Martin. The plastering by Geo. Wilson. All details of accounting were handled by J.H. Diehl. It was dedicated to God on Nov. 11, 1877. The minister who conducted the service was Rev. C.W. Smith, son of Rev. Wesley Smith who at the time was not aware that his father had served there 43 years before. The new building was described in the Georgetown Chronicle as follows, "being 38 by 55 feet, the story 18 feet 4 inches, from ground to top of spire, 98 feet. The bell weighs 415 pounds. It is heated from the basement by two furnaces, and lighted by two six light chandeliers.

The Chronicle lists the names of all donors, the amount each gave, and an apology to any who might be offended at having the information published. The church will be 100 years old on

Nov. 11th. The present Pastor is David Lewis a student minister.
(1977)

Through the years the Church has been well cared for and brought up to date from time to time with new plumbing, heating and lighting. Years ago, when it needed repairs, the tall steeple was replaced with the present one. The present carpeting and furniture was installed four years ago. There is a parsonage behind the church which, at the present time is being rented.

The House on Lots # 10 and # 9

This house was the home of Capt. George Ebert, a riverman. He was captain of the Mollie Ebert, a famous packet steamer named for his only child. In later years Mary Ann Ebert married Capt. John A. Trimble. The people in these families lived, talked and worked with the river. (1977) Today Mrs. W. H. Walborn lives in this house. Capt. Frederick Way says she has a wealth of antiques which find a perfect setting in a home which is approximately 150 years old.



Unveiling the Honor Roll - Georgetown

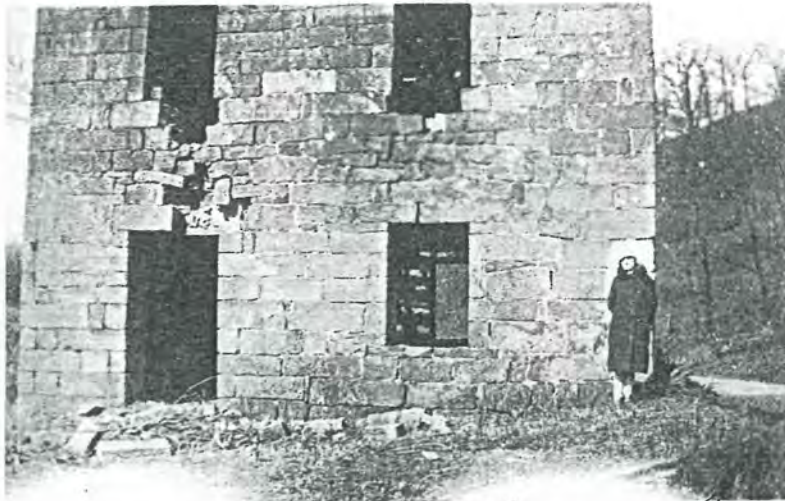


Making apple butter in the backyard
(Mackalls)



"The Old Bridge"

"The Old Bridge" - demolished to make way for the present structure

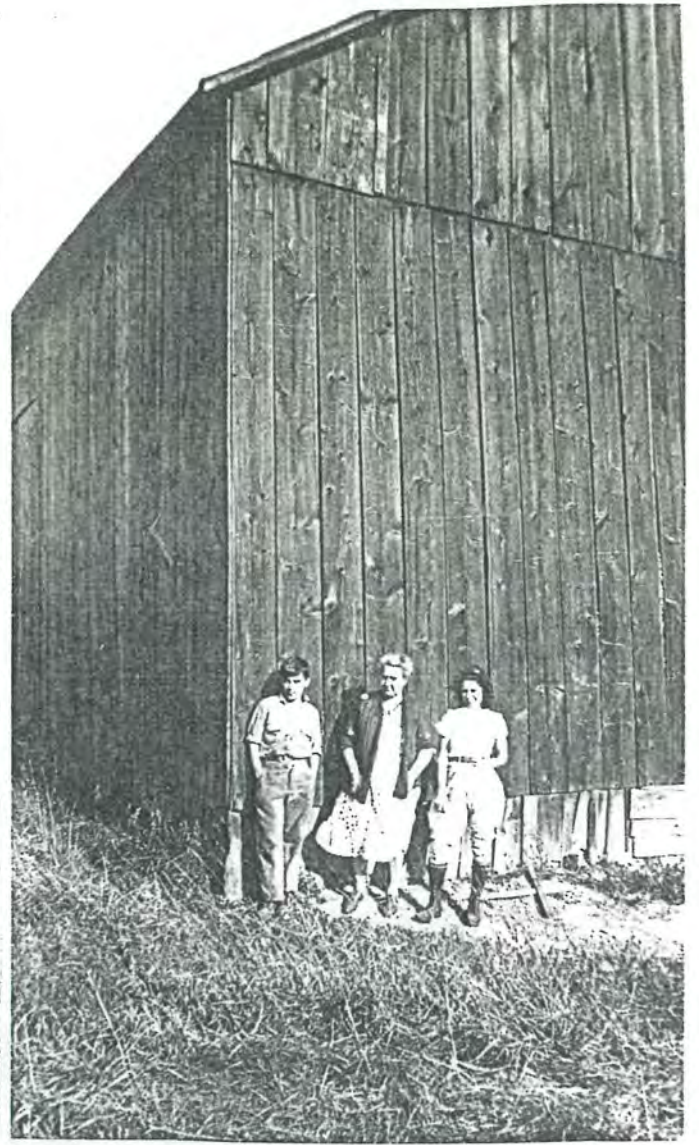


"Flora Lea"

Old Stone House - no longer standing
Once the home of James & Sidney Mackall



One of the old Todd houses



Old Barn on old Mackall Homestead



School days

The Old Schoolhouse
(demolished in a flood)



The Public Square in the heart of
Georgetown
(Home of Erma Mackall in the background)