

DAVID and MARGARET (Carson)

BYERS

Family I

of Cavan Co., Ireland & York Co., S.C.

&

Descendants

David Byers - Tombstone Beersheba Cemetery York County, S.C.

He was the son of William Byers, born in 1687 in the Shire of Cornwall, England. William married Eliza Cox, born in 1688 in Exeter, Shire of Devon, England. They were married in Exeter and moved from there between 1716 (Sarah born in 1716 in Exeter) and 1721 (David born in 1721 in Milltown). They were in Milltown, Shire of Cavan, Province of Ulster, Ireland and were in the Parish of Killeshandra.

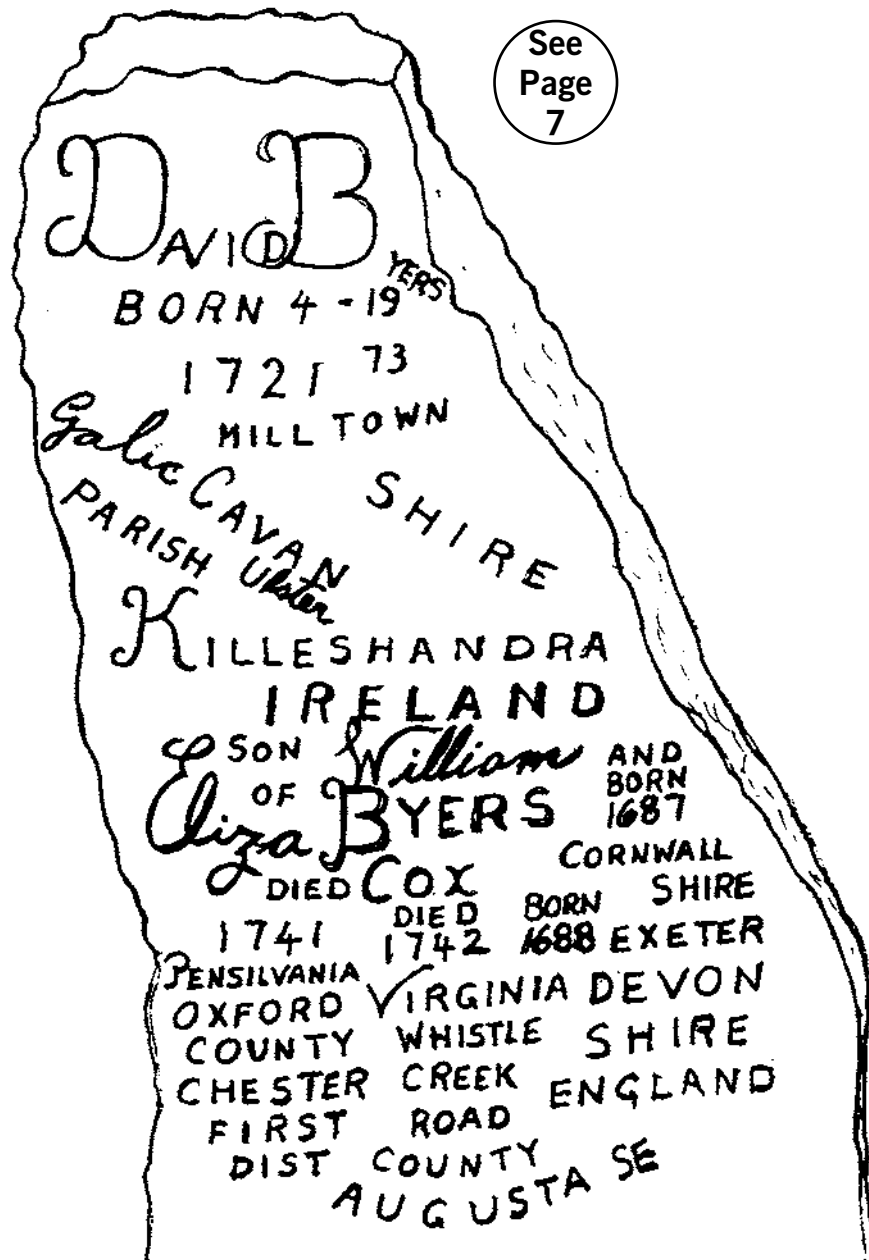
It appears they arrived in Chester Co., PA in the mid 1730's. Eliza died in 1741 in Oxford, East Nottingham Township, Chester County. Shortly afterwards the family removed to Augusta Co., VA. William died there in 1742 on Whistle Creek Road just west of John Allison.

(See Family II Map on page 10)

This means Capt. William Byers arrived in Augusta Co., VA before June 1742.

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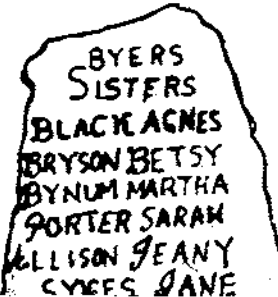
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Pasadena Hills, Missouri

August

1993

Beersheba Cemetery – York Co. SC

2B  <p>SARAH BYERS BORN</p>	1B  <p>BYERS SISTERS BLACK AGNES BRYSON BETSY BYNUM MARTHA PORTER SARAH MILLISON JEANY CYRES JANE</p>
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**DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF
THOMAS ALLEN BYERS
1871-1971**

KNOWN TO ALL AS “UNCLE TOMMY”

It was many Christmastimes ago. School was dismissed for the holiday. I said goodbye to my schoolmates and stood outside the school building. Grandma had company and my place was taken and mother asked me to find a home for a couple of days until the situation was better.

I knew where to go but it was a cold, long walk. I started down the railroad track but crossed over to McMurtry’s cornfield because it was getting dark and I was afraid. The stalks were stiff from the cold and they crunched under my feet. Some still standing scratched my face. It seemed so far. And then I saw the light and the farmhouse. Uncle Tommy answered my knock, gathered me in and called in a lilting and musical voice to Aunt Jennie that Berniece was here. They were alone and had already eaten. But they sat me down at the long kitchen table and fed me until I was full and warm and welcome.

Uncle Tommy talked knowledgeably of current events and things to come. He was bright, well-read and eloquent. Aunt Jennie sat in the glow of the light with her apron on, her bright red hair twisted up on her head and growing pretty on her neck. She listened to him with humor and caringness. The next day was Christmas Eve, kids were coming home, people were stopping by, and I left and walked down the railroad track back to Gideon.

And I tucked this special evening spent with those two lovely people away in my memory, to bring out once in awhile, and to feel and savor and enjoy.

Lois Berniece Curtis Prager

July 11, 1993 – Dearly Beloved

The lowermost inscription on David Byers’ headstone is shown below. It became known and was finished one day before the Mss was submitted for printing. Since Eliz Cox was born in Exeter, as was Sarah, a daughter, perhaps some Devonshire, England records will reveal other children.

SON OF William AND BORN
Eliza BYERS 1687
DIED COX CORNWALL
1741 IN BORN SHIRE
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IN VIRGINIA DEVON
SHIRE

PENNSYLVANIA

Counties

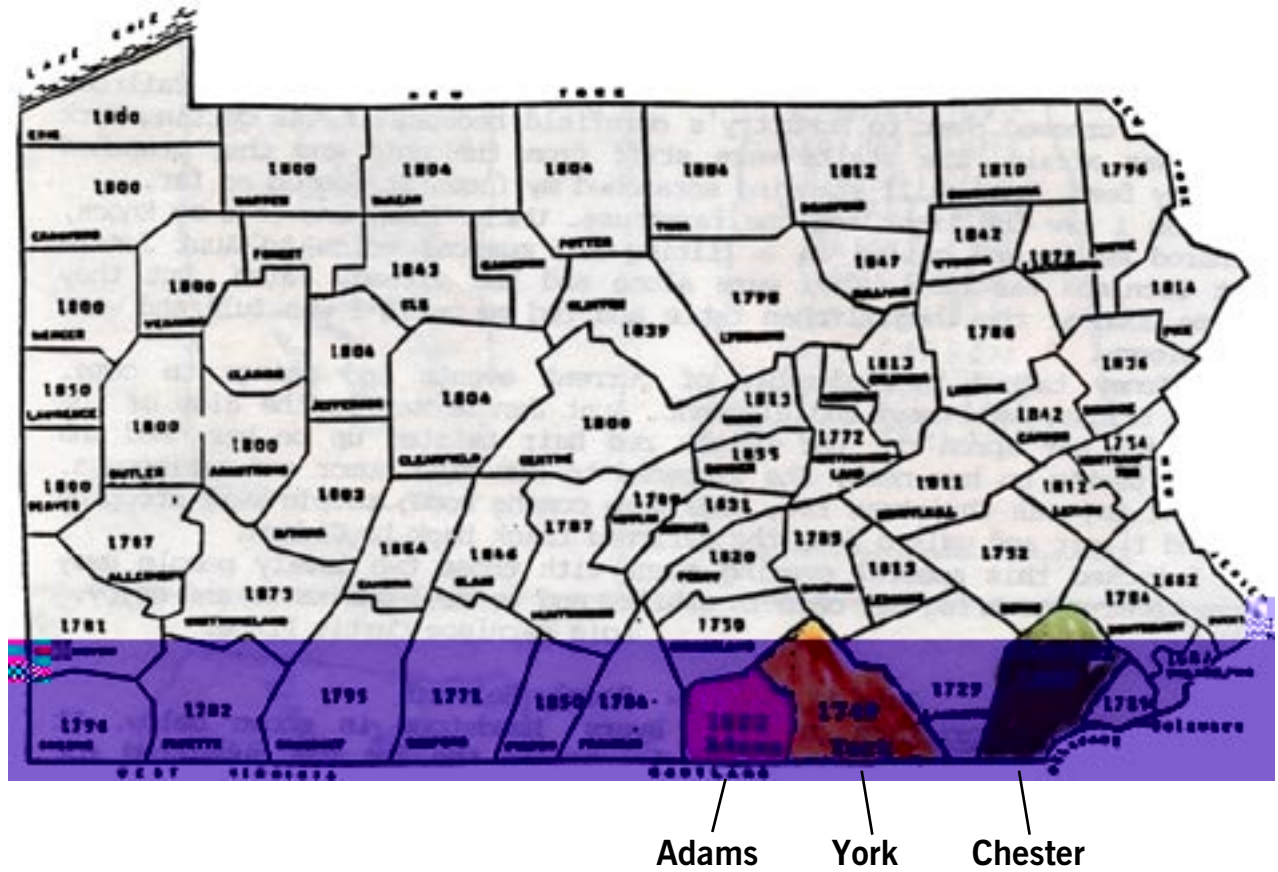


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DAVID AND MARGARET (CARSON) BYERS
of
York County, PA, and York Co. SC
and
Their Descendants

To our ancestors a wake was made for drinking whiskey and writing history. The bottom notation on the head stone of David Byers says, “**Son of William and Eliza Byers.**” Our Scot Presbyterian ancestors migrated to Devonshire, England and between 1716 and 172 were among the horde that settled in Ireland on the plantations confiscated by the English rulers in the 16th century. They were in the Province of Ulster in the Shire of “Gaelic” Cavan. When the Irish Republic gained its independence, Cavan was one of three shires of Ulster incorporated into the republic.

Indications are that the Byers family settled in Penn’s Woods in the mid 1730’s. Three children are known but there were probably others.

After the marriage of David Byers and Margaret Carson they removed to York County, Pennsylvania, after which they moved to what became York County, South Carolina. The bulk of the records are those I have collected from various research, with the addition of various items which were received from Elmer O. Parker, Columbia, SC., Dorothy Hays of High Point, NC, Marjorie Tucker of Birmingham, AL, William Tucker of Ellenwood, GA, Jackson Byers of Manhattan, KS and Dr. Melton P. Meek of Lawton, OK

Material from the Henderson Col, NC line has been added where appropriate, drawn from the knowledge and research of Henderson Co. families with the help of Doris Ward of Asheville, Daisy McCarty of Weaverville, and Marie Byers and Larma Allen of Hendersonville, NC. Much of this latter material appeared in the Heritage Books of Old Buncombe County, Vols. I & II, and those of Henderson County, Vols. I & II. It was felt appropriate to duplicate the material here in this book in order to consolidate all the information that is known and help clarify the relationships of the members of this particular clan.

Having cut off this book at the sixth generation, there is much that has been printed in the Heritage Books that is not included here. Some material has been drawn from the work in Haywood County by Alice Cook in “Families of Haywood County”, because one branch settled there very early in the history of Haywood County, and many of their connections are described in “The Annals of Haywood County” by W. C. Allen in 1935, but mostly, this line has been followed only briefly through the census records of western North Carolina counties.

I wish to express my personal thanks to all the above named persons who have helped me, in addition to those dedicated public officers and clerical staffs of all the record offices with whom I have been in contact. Without the help of all these persons, this book could not have been created.

With these Byers descendants herein identified, it should be much easier to sort out the other families of Byers who were descended from the very early Robert Byers of Rowan County, NC, Joseph Byers and David Byers of Rutherford County, NC and the distinct family whose progenitor is the brother of our David above, who was the Captain William Byers who gave prominent leadership in the Revolutionary War. Several of David’s connections served under him in the War.

It is felt that this clan of David and Margaret (Carson) Byers through their two sons, William of Tennessee and Samuel of Buncombe Col, NC and later, Lumpkin County, Georgia, is fairly well

Beersheba Presbyterian Church Cemetery

All of the Byers head stones were recorded, or so I thought, by others many years ago. The Byers graves are in the southwest area of the cemetery about fifty feet east of the stone wall running parallel with Beersheba Road. We, Elmer Parker, Helen and Thrulo V. Byers, viewed the stones and Elmer Pointed out a stone which read S P 87. This was Samuel and Sarah (Byers) Porter's resting place. Three unidentified stones sat 20' west and by looking closely some letters could be seen. Pictures were taken and when processed they proved to be those of David Byers, Sarah (Sleven-Carson) Byers and Margaret (Carson) Byers. This took place on April 20, 1993 at 11:20 a.m.

I concluded that no self respecting Scot would risk their skinflint reputation by using only one side of a grave marker. With that in mind Helen and I returned to York County, on Labor Day, September 6, 1993, to obtain the balance of the information. At this time we found the Capt. William Byers stone, which had been moved to the stone wall and that of Elizabeth (Walton) Byers.



Beersheba Cemetery – York Co., SC
Hwy 5 & Beersheba Road

- 1, David Byers stone
2. Sarah (Sleven-Carson) Byers stone
3. Margaret (Carson) Byers stone
4. Capt. William Byers stone
5. Elizabeth (Walton) Byers stone.

To reach the cemetery go west on Highway 5 from York, SC. After two miles you will be on the land purchased by david Byers in 1764. Another three miles will be Beershebal Road. The church and cemetery sit in the southeast corner of the intersection.

SAMUEL CARSON

His Will

In the name of God. Amen,

I, Samuel Carson, of London Grove Township in Chester County and Province of Pennsylvania, Cordwinder, being sick of body but of sound mind and memory, do make and order this my last Will and Testament in ye form and manner following .

First: I resign my soul to God who gave it me and my body to ye grave to be buried at ye discretion of my Executor. Nothing doubting but I shall receive the same by ye mighty power of God at ye resurrection. As to ye worldly goods and chattles wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with, I dispose of then in manner and form following.

After payment of all my just debts and funeral charges, I leave unto my beloved daughter, Margaret Byers, wife of David Byers, ye full sum of two shillings Pensilvania Currency.

I leave unto my beloved daughter, Elizabeth McCarter, wife of Abraham McCarter, ye full sum of two shillings Pensilvania Currency.

I leave unto my beloved daughter, Mary Carson, wife of Walter Carson, ye full sum of two shillings Pensilvania Currency.

I leave unto my beloved daughter, Rebecca Carson, ye full sum of two shillings Pensilvania Currency.

I leave unto my beloved son, William Carson, ye full sum of two shillings Pensilvania Currency.

I leave unto my beloved son, Walter Carson, ye full sum of two shillings Pensilvania Currency.

I leave unto my beloved daughter, Hannah Carson, ye full sum of two shillings Pensilvania Currency.

I leave unto my beloved daughter, Agnes Carson, ye full sum of two shillings Pensilvania Currency.

I also leave my beloved son, Francis Carson, one hundred and forty pounds

Pensilvania Currency, it being a just debt due for service done and also I do appoint ye said Francis Carson my whole and sole Executor and do impower him to sell my whole estate, real and personal, and sign and seal and make over the land by proper conveyance and with the money arising by sale to pay my just debts and the forementioned legacies and reserving for himself ye forementioned one hundred and forty pounds.

Then the residue of the money I do bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife, Sarah Carson (nee Wallace) and I do hereby revoke all other Will or Wills by me made heretofore and do hereby publish and declare this and none other to be my last Will and Testament. Given under my hand and seal this twenty eighty day of August one thousand seven hundred and sixty six (1766).

Signed, Sealed, Published and pronounced in presence of:

Morris Thomas, David Wiley and Nathaniel Wallace

Samuel Carson

Seal

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania Wills

William Patterson Will dated September 22, 1745 and Proved October 22, 1745.

Executors: Robert Taylor and Robert Baker

Children: Samuel Patterson, Francis Patterson, Anna Patterson, Mary Patterson, and **Jane Patterson** who wed **Samuel Carson**.

In the Name of God Amen. I ~~Samuel~~ ^{James} Carson of London - Grove
 Down Ship in Chester County and People of Pennsylvania (dominantly be-
 ing sick of Body but of sound mind and Memory do make and
 Under this my last will and Testament; in y^e form and Manner follow-
 ing - first I Reigne my soul to God who gave it me, And my Body
 to y^e Grave to be Buried at y^e Discretion of my Executor Nothing
 Doubting but I shall Receive the same by y^e Mighty Power of God at
 y^e Resurrection like to y^e worldly Goods and Chattels wherewith it hath
 Pleasod God to Bless me with I bequeath of them in Manner and form fol-
 lowing; After payment of all my Just Debts and funeral Charges
 I Leave unto my beloved Daughter Margaret Byers wife of David Byers y^e
 full sum of two Shillings Pennsylvania Curroncy, I Leave unto my beloved
 Daughter Elizabeth M^r Carter wife of Abraham M^r Carter y^e full sum
 of two Shillings Pennsylvania Curroncy, I Leave unto my beloved Daughter
 Mary Carson wife of Walter Carson y^e full sum of two Shillings Pennsylvania
 Curroncy, I Leave unto my beloved Daughter Rebecca Carson y^e full
 sum of two Shillings Pennsylvania Curroncy, I Leave unto my beloved Daugh-
 = ghter Jane Corry wife of Samuel Corry y^e full sum of two Shillings Pennsylvania
 Curroncy, I Leave unto my beloved son William Carson y^e full sum
 of two Shillings Pennsylvania Curroncy, I Leave unto my beloved son
 Walter Carson y^e full sum of two Shillings Pennsylvania Curroncy, I Leave
 unto my beloved Daughter Hannah Carson y^e full sum two Shillings
 Pennsylvania Curroncy, I Leave unto my beloved Daughter Anne Carson the
 full sum of two Shillings Pennsylvania Curroncy. I also Leave my beloved
 son Francis Carson one Hundred and forty pounds Pennsylvania
 Curroncy it being a Just Debt due for service done and also I do
 appoint y^e said Francis Carson my wife's and sole Executor and do
 empower him to sell my whole Estate Real and Personal and sign and
 seal and make over the same by proper conveyance and with y^e Money
 arising by sales to pay my just Debts and the fore Mentioned legacies
 and Reserving for himself y^e forementioned one hundred and forty pounds
 then the Residue of the money I do Bequeath unto my dear
 Beloved wife Sarah Carson and I do hereby revoke all other will
 or wills by me made heretofore and do here by publish and declare this and
 None other to be my Last will and Testament, Given under my hand
 and seal this twenty Eighth Day of August One Thousand Seven
 Hundred and Sixty six.

1766

Sign Seal Publish

and Pronounced in presence of

James Carson Seal

Morris Thomas
 David Wiley
 Nathaniel Wallab

Sept 2nd 1766
 at Home

Wesley October 16. 1767

John personally appeared wth Thomas and David Wiley and on their Oaths on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God did depose and say that they were personally present and did see and hear Samuel Garson the Testator within named. Sign Seal Publish Pronounce and Declare the writings as and for his last Will & Testament and the abtholding thereof he was of a sound and well disposed Mind & Memory to the best of their Understanding

Sworn before



An Inventory of the Goods and Chattels of Samuel Garson Late of London Grove Not come to hand before

one Iron Wedge	0	0	6
A Dough Trough	0	5	0
A Down fork fire Shovel and Gimlet	0	3	0
A Griddle	0	5	0
A Soda Saddle	2	0	0

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Morice Thomas
Richard Flower Prizers

Samuel Carson

Inventory

An Inventory of the Goods and Chattels, Rights and Credits of Samuel Carson Late of London-Grove Deceased which is as followeth

	£	s	d
To his Purse and Apparel.. £5.57 26 // Horse saddle + Bridle £7.5	12	12	06
To wheat and die in of Barn £11.4 // Hay in of Barn £4.	14	04	---
To stack of flax 7f 5 // to four Rows of // to a Gun. &c.	01	13	06
To one Big Wheel and one little Dutch Chock Roll and two Rickles		10	---
To wooden Ware 6f 11 to Crochery ware and Tin ware 10f		16	---
To Iron pots, Pot Rake, Hand Irons, Tongs, and a frying Pan	01	05	---
To Lobe and Upper Leather 12 // to Timothy seed 4f 2	01	04	02
To Bad and Binding 2:£ 16f // to Indian Corn on 2 Grounds &c. &c.	18	06	---
To a Cow with Calf 4 // Brindle Cow 3 // 19f	07	15	---
To a Black and white Cow 3 // to two Yearling Calves 2 // 15f	06	15	---
To a Bull Cow 2 // 15f // to two Calves 12 // 5f // to Brown Pig 5 // 10f	09	10	---
To a White Mare 4 // 15f // to Gray filly 3 // 2f // to 5 Swine 4 // 10f	12	10	---
To Suction Shop at 8f 6 a head 6 // 16f // to three Bags 12f	07	17	---
To three pair of sow Graces 6 // to two y blue Thms and single Irons	01	01	---
To a Hair Rake 6 // to Tobacco 2f 6 // to Herring 7f 6		11	06
To 60 Irons viz (viz) Ligres Irons, Mauls, Rings, a 30 edge and a ax		17	06
To fifteen pound and half of wool at 1f 3 per pound		19	04 1/2
To ten pound of woollen yarn at 1f per pound		10	---
To five pound of white at 2f per pound 10 // to six Casks 1f	03	03	---
To sixteen yards of Linen at 1f 10 per yard	03	09	04
To the plantation containing 9 1/2 Acres at 26 // 8f per a Acre	133		---
To Book Debt due to of Estate	26	17	09

Appraised this 25th Day of September 1766 by } Morris Thomas
 } Richard Flower
 in presence of 30th 1766 then the above named
 persons were qualified before Alex Johnson

York County, Pennsylvania - The Marsh Creek Settlement

The most important Scotch-Irish migration to York County was the “Marsh Creek Settlement,” of which the present town of Gettysburg is the centre. As it was the policy of the Penns to push the Scotch-Irish to the frontier, and as the land at the foot of South Mountain resembled to sane extent that of the north of Ireland, it was but natural that many of the early settlers should take up lands in this locality. These early settlers seemed to have crossed the Susquehanna at Harris’s Ferry and came through the South Mountains to what was then the western part of Lancaster County and from 1749 to 1800 embraced in York County. (Now Adams) The Mme of this settlement is taken from Marsh Creek, a small stream. As early as 1736 a goodly number of Scotch-Irish had settled here, upon the invitation of the Penns, to take up lands upon “common terms.” During that year the proprietaries had determined on surveying for themselves a manor in this territory. They did not look with favor, for sane reason, upon the first Scotch-Irish settlers. Finally, in 1741, an order was issued for the survey of a manor to be called “Manor of Manske.”

This Manor of Maske takes its origin from an estate in Yorkshire, England, of Anthony Lowther, who married Margaret, sister of William Penn. The order to survey was issued in 1741. The manor as then surveyed was nearly a perfect oblong. The southern boundary line was 1,887 perches; the northern 1,900 perches; the western line, 3,842 perches; the eastern 3,954. The manor was nearly six miles wide and about twelve miles long. The southern boundary was Mason and Dixon’s line and the northern was about midway between Mummasburg and Arendtsville, skirting a point marked on the county as Texas, on the road from Gettysburg to Middletown. It did not quite reach the Conewago

Creek, the manor included the western fringe of Strahan Township. It was principally located in Cumberland Township. The term “Marsh Creek Settlement” has been applied to all the settlers within the Manor of Maske. There was, however, another Scotch-Irish settlement known as the “Great Conewago Settlement,” which was some miles to the east and north of Gettysburg, and near the town originated by Captain David Hunter, which bears his name (Hunterstown). So closely and intimately were the people of these two settlements connected in all matters of historical interest that in speaking of the Marsh Creek the Great Conewago settlement is included.

Taken from “History of York County” by C.R. Prowell Vol I 1907

York County, Pennsylvania

The following is a list of names of such persons that settled and made improvements in the Manor of Maske between the years 1736 and 1741. Many came to this region direct from the north of Ireland

Settled: Oct 1736: Duncan Evans, Robert Gibson, Samuel Gibson, William Gibson, Benjamin McCormick. March 1738: The heirs of Robert Black, decd, David Frasier, Alexander McKeen, Hugh McKeen, Alexander McKeen, Hugh McKeen and Samuel Edie Esq. guardians in trust for the minor children of John McKeen, deceased and Joseph Wilson. Aug 1738: James Reed. April 1739: The heirs of John Craige, decd, or Col. Hance Hamilton in trust for said children, Hugh Davis. The heirs of Henry McDonogh, decd, Moses McCarley, James Ort and Alexander Poe, June 1739: Robert Creighton, John Fletcher and Henry Rowan. Sept. 1739: Robert Brumfield, Walter Buchanan, James Erwin, William Erwin, John Leard, and Robert Long. Mar 1740; John Boyd, William Boyd, James McDowell a Charles McMulling, guardians in trust for the minor children of Jan Darby, decd,, Thomas Hossack, John Hossack, John McNeit, Joseph Moore, B. Smith, Apr 1740: John Armstrong, Andrew Herron, John Linn, Robert Linn, William McCreary, Duncan McDonnell, James McGaughy, Robert McNeil, Alexander Walker. May 1740: James Biddle, Robert Black, John Buchanan, Margaret Buchanan, widow, Matthew Dean, Thomas Douglass, Samuel Gettys, near Rock Creek and also Middle Creek, James Innis, Moses Jenkins, Thomas Latta, Andrew Levenston, Thomas McCleary, Jaacob McClellan, William McClellan, Robert McKinney, James McNaught, Charles McMuller, Archibald Morrison, William Ramsey, James Russell, John Scott, John Simple, Thomas Tedford, James Walker, Sep 1740: Heirs of John Beard, decd., Thomas McQacken, Daniel McKennan, Mary Reed, Hugh Scott, Thomas Shanon, John Steel, Oct 1740: George Kerr. Nov 1740: John Reed. Mar 1741: Samuel Edie Esq, Edward Hall, Thomas Nealsor, John Paxton, Samuel Paxton Jr., Samuel Paxton Sr., Thomas Paxton, Heirs of Thomas Boyd, decd, John Parke, David Parks, John Stuart an Marsh Creek, Myles Sweeney, Hugh Woods, David Moore, Apr 1741: John McDowell, Alexander Stuart, Robert Smith, Robert Johnston, Alexander McNair, John Miller, Henry Pearson, Quintin McAdams, Joseph Clugston, John McGaughy, Henry Cotton, George Sypes, William Scott, John Stuart, John Kerr, John Cishinger, Hugh Dunwoody, David Dunwoody, James Hall, William Quiet Sr., William Quiet Jr., Quintin Armstrong, John Murphy, William McKinley, Margaret Young, Hannah Leslie, Gabriel McAllister, John McNee, Elizabeth Thompson, Col. Hance Hamilton, John Carson. May 1741: Samuel Pedian, Samuel Agnew, James Thompson, William Stevenson, Rev. Robert Anan, Jean Gibson, John McFerren, Robert Fletcher, William McFerren, Samuel McColock, Thomas Martin, James Agnew, Mary McMullen, John Little, John Brown, Samuel Brown, James Craige, James Wilson, John Russell, Samuel Stevenson, Adam Linn, Andrew Thompson, Sep 1741: James Ferguson, Hugh Ferguson.

The area known as the Manor of Maske was settled by the Scotch-Irish starting in 1736. In the 1760's many of those removed to the Carolina area, never dreaming that their grandsons and great grandsons would return to that very same area on 1 Jul 1863 and engage in a famous battle. As destiny would have it, some of the fiercest fighting occurred between the Scotch-Irish brethren of Pennsylvania and the Carolina's. tvb

Byers in Colonial America Pennsylvania

David and Mary Byers of Donegal Township, Lancaster County.

David died 20 May 1743 and Mary afterwards. They had children, David, John, Martha and Jane. Martha wed Patrick Campbell, Jane wed 1st a Mitchell and 2nd, Thomas Smith. Letters of Administration were signed by David Byers, John Byers, James Mitchell and Patrick Campbell.

In 1747 son David married Elizabeth Byers, the daughter of John and Florence Byers of Downingtown, East Caln Township, Chester County. They had three children, David, John and Mary Byers. David died 26 Apr 1762 in Reading Township of York County. Elizabeth, the widow, then married John Byers of Cumberland Township, York County.

John, son of David Mary, wed the widow, Rebecca Galbraith nee Work, about 1748. They then moved five miles west of Carlisle in Cumberland County. John was a Colonel in the Rev. War and was in charge of storing provisions west of the Susquehanna for the Patriot forces. His son, James, had no male issue and thus the male line failed. Col. John Byers died 13 Feb 1788 leaving daughters, Mary, Jane, and Elizabeth and son, James,

John and Florence Byers of East Caln Township, Chester County.

On 20 Oct 1741 John, a miller, purchased land from James and Sarah Eldridge. They had children: Samuel, William, Joseph, Elizabeth, Ann, Florence and Mary.

He made a Will on 31 May 1766 and it was probated 7 Feb 1767. His wife, Florence died afterwards. Joseph Byers, a grandson of John and son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Caldwell) Byers, wed 1st Elizabeth Blair in Augusta county, Virginia and wed 2nd Elizabeth Blakely. He made application for a Rev. War pension but it was denied for insufficient proof of service, There is documentation proving his service. Joseph died Oct 1815 in Augusta County, Virginia. Joseph and his first wife had two sons, James and Samuel C. Byers. James wed Letitia Dixon Bawcutt and Samuel C, wed Nancy Patterson.

Samuel and Andrew Byers owned land in East Nottingham Township, Chester County. Both are listed in the Index of the Churchman Papers which can be obtained from the Chester County Historical Society in West Chester, Pa. Samuel is listed on pages 167-173 and Andrew on pages 179-21. These pages show drawings of land locations, These families removed to Washington County, Pa. and have been researched by Raymond M. Bell of Washington, Pa., Dr. Marion S. Craig of Little Rock, Arkansas and William Tucker of Ellenwood, Georgia.

John Byers of West Nottingham Township, Chester County.

In 1734 he settled on a plot of land and on 3 Oct 1737 was granted the 150 acres. Warrant #45 was issued and a return made on 8 Jun 1844 and recorded in Vol H Page 458. His land joined that of John Luckey.

6 Feb 1746 near Thomas Lewis, Samuel Evins and David Lusk.

24 Feb 1746/7 Vol 1 Page 217 Chester Co. Wills. John witnessed the Will of William Lusk with John Lusk, brother of William, as Executor.

20 Oct 1748 John was a neighbor of William Kennedy.

19 Nov 1748 Living near Joseph Collins, Samuel Ewing & Thomas Ewing.

16 Feb 1753 Living near James Campbell, William Brown, William Kennedy.

20 Feb 1753 His land joined that of James Byers who received a Warrant #112 for 25 acres. Vol P4 Page 485. No return given.

In 1757 a letter for John Byers was held in the Philadelphia Post Office.

Byers in Colonial America

Virginia

David and Rosanna Byers of Augusta County.

Gwathney Historical Register of Virginia in Rev. War Page 118.

David Byers in Capt. Rankins Company, Augusta County Militia. The area in which he served was north of Old Stone Church (Augusta Stone) to the Naked Creek area near the North River.

20 Aug 1780 Rockingham County, Virginia Minute Book 1778-1792 Part 1 by Constance A. & Louise C. Levinson. David Byers & Rosanna, his wife, acknowledge Deed of lease and release to Frederick Myer. A year later they were buying land north of Waynesboro near the South River.

David and Rosanna had children, John - married Mary; Mary - wed Jacob Coiner; and Elizabeth wed John Daugherty. David Byers made Will 9 Jan 1811 - Book 11 Page 340 Augusta County and Proved 28 Mar 1814. Executors, son John and wife, Rosanna. Witnesses William Sprowl, David Fulton and Hugh Fulton

William Byers in Augusta County.

Feb 1754 Augusta Deed Book 6 Page 46. William Byers purchased 160 acres on Tom's Creek from Col. James Patton, a land agent. This land joined John Cook, Conrad Kinder's line and other land owned by William Byers. Tom's Creek is a branch of New River. (This area is now in Giles Co. Va.).

3 Feb 1768 Augusta Deed Book 14 Page 261. Jacob Harman and Sarah to Joseph McDonald. Land on Tom's Creek corner of William Byers. Copy of Indenture is on file.

John Byers of Augusta, Botetourt and Montgomery Counties.

In 1781 his family was living in the Catawba Creek area of northern Botetourt County and was in Capt. Mays Militia Company. He was there in 1783 but then moved to Montgomery County and was there in the 1787 Virginia Census/Tax List "C". I have no record of John Byers after 1793. He had children, William, David, Elisha, Ruth, John Jr, Sarah, Isaac and Catherine. William, his eldest son, was born 5 Jul 1764 in Augusta County, served in the Rev. War from Botetourt County (S8130), was present at the surrender of Cornwallis and discharged at Fincastle. William wed Susannah Fry, daughter of George Fry Sr whose Will was probated in Montgomery County. After the war William moved to Montgomery County, to

Powell Valley (now in W. Va.), to Gallia, Ross, Preble and Darke Counties, Ohio. He died 24 Nov 1834 and is buried in Darke County, Ohio. Much more information on file.

James and Elizabeth Bias (a variant) of Amherst County.

10 Mar 1762 James was granted 230 acres on Huff Creek near Balcony Falls on the James River. They had children, Jonathan, Larkin, Obediah, Roland, Lucy and other unknown daughters. He sold their land in 1783 and 1784. He died before the 1787 Virginia Census. Sons Obediah and Roland moved to what is now West Virginia and descendants habitated in Cabell, Logan and Boone Counties.

Seventy two pages of information and Bias only Index on file.

Byers in Colonial America

North Carolina

Rowan and Iredell Counties

Robert Byers

The Robert and Margaret Byers family of Rowan and Iredell Counties, NC.

20 May 1772 Robert Byers was granted 600 acres in Mecklenburg County on north branch of Davidson's Creek including own improvements joining Creswell's line Paul Cunningham. 5 Nov 1712 Rowan County NC. Court, on Petition, ordered that Robert Byers be recommended exempt from taxes being old, poor, and infirm. Margaret died April 22, 1772 and Robert died May 2, 1775 in Rowan County,

David Byers

20 Sep 1764 David Byers and Hugh Berry witnessed the Will of Hugh Lawson Sr. Rowan Co, Book A p87.

10 Nov 1764 David Byers with John Armstrong and John McCulloch of Rowan Co. witnessed a deed for land given by John McKnight to David Byers of York County, Pennsylvania. This land is now in York County, South Carolina,

26 Sep 1777 David Byers with Alexander Poor and Florence Poor, witnessed the Will of Alexander Work Sr. Rowan Co. NC Book A p 252.

David Byers served in the Rev. War from Rowan Co in 1780 in Capt. James Houston's NC Rangers, He attended the Centre Presbyterian Church, now in Iredell County, NC. His wife was Esther and he died in 1783. Wife, Esther, and William Roseborough administered the estate,

Robert Byers

Was born in 1757 and served in the Rev. War in Capt. James Houston's Company. In 1949 a list by the DAR published in the Government Pamphlet "Serial Set" Serial 11395 Vol. Apr 1948 - Apr 1949, Robert Byers of Iredell Co NC. died May 3, 1846. 89 years of age. Buried in Centre Cemetery. Stone not found.

Joseph Byers Sr.

Son of Robert and Margaret Byers

Was born 1748 and never married, He died 29 Oct 1828 in Iredell County, NC. and is buried in the Centre Presbyterian Cemetery; Stone is in place.

James Byers

Son of Robert & Margaret Byers

Was born in 1742 and married Margaret Smith. He was a Captain of Militia in the Rev. War. He died November 23, 1807 in Iredell County, NC and is buried in the Centre Presbyterian Cemetery in Iredell Co., NC, at the junction of NC I-77 and Highway 21.

Much more information on file.

A Bible Record

Published in Family Puzzlers No. 450 - 3 Jun 1976

Submitted by Mrs., Floyd Williams Anahuac, Texas

Bible belonging to Mrs., Oveta Wright Splendora, Texas

From the entries it appears the bible was in the household of Joseph Byers Jr., a grandson of Robert and Margaret Byers. After the decease of Joseph the record was kept by his daughter, Jane Julia Ann (Byers) Simonton. Between 1851 and 1854 Jane Simonton and her husband moved to Fort Bend Co., Texas.

Children of James and Margaret Byers

Thomas Smith Byers	born August 8th 1772	Wed Frances L. McCleary (Will)
Robert, Sr. Byers	born November 28th 1773	Wed Ann Allison (Will)
Joseph, Jr, Byers	born November 24th 1775	Wed Martha Locke (Bible)
Esther Byers	born December 2nd 1779	Wed John Falls (Will)
James Smith Byers	born January 7th 1782	Wed Nancy Cecelia Osborne-Bible
Margaret Byers	born June 9th 1783	Never married (Will)
Polly Byers	born February 15th 1785	Wed Henry Smith Simonton (Will)
Jane Byers	born March 10th 1787	Wed Adam Ross Simonton
Amelia Kerr Byers	born August 10th 1789	Wed William White MD (Will)
Charles Byers	born in 1791	
Washington Byers	born June 3rd 1795	Wed AM Chambers Locke

For a historical movements of spouses families see Carolina Cradle by Ramsey.

Some Deaths In Bible Record

James Byers departed this life November 23rd 1807 between 7 & 8 in the morning. Margaret Byers departed this life 22nd of April 1772

Robert Byers departed this life May 2nd 1775.

Grand Father and Mother.

Infant brother Charles Byers departed this life June 3rd 1791.

Washington Byers departed this life 17th of July 1832 at 6 o'clock PM.

Robert Byers, Sr. departed this life November 26th 1833.

Joseph Byers, Jr. died 14th July 1844.

Thomas S. Byers died May 3rd 1846 (Will)

James Smith Byers died in 1863.

Margaret Byers died June 15th 1857 (Will)

Rowan County, North Carolina

25 Feb 1778 William Byers filed for 118 1/2 acres called Pleasant Hill. Warrant issued 27 Apr 1792.

1790 Rowan Co NC Census William Byers with 2 males over 16, including head. 3 males under 16, five females including spouse.

Maury County, Tennessee

In 1809 William Byers laid out a road and had neighbors **Luckey and Roseborough.**

In 1811 William Byers served on the grad jury. William Byers was the Administrator of David Pickens estate. Pickens had married Susan Byers 16 Apr 1810 in Maury County.

In 1811 William Byers served in Capt. Henry's Militia Company in Davidson Co, Tn. Henry was the brother of Jane (Henry) Byers, [See 14.8]

James F. Byers, was born in 1790 in NC.

James F. Byers was a Captain of Militia in 1812.

James F. Byers served on a jury.

In 1809 he was a bondsman for Gossett and Edwards.

James F. Byers on the Tax Roll in 1816

On August 21, 1815 he married Cassandra Overton. She was the daughter of John Overton who moved to Williamson Co., Tn. from North Carolina in 1805. James and Cassandra Byers had children:

Marshall Byers, born in 1816 and was a farmer.

Nelson Byers, born in 1818 and was a doctor. He died 10 Feb 1871 and lived on Rutherford Creek.

William M. Byers, born in 1821 and was a teacher.

Isaac Byers, born in 1824 and was a coach maker. He died 18 Sep 1903 and is buried in the family cemetery at Mallard.

Other Byers of record in Maury County in 1811, Isaac and William.

Revolutionary War - North Carolina

Microfilm Roll 79 Misc. Page 16

List of Capt. James Houston's Co. (North Carolina Rangers)

May 22 to June 22 (1780) - 34 names

Journal of Ramseurs
Capt James H
Willi Davison Liut
David Evins Liut
David Byers
Robt Byers
Nat. Ewing
Alex Work
Willi Caswell
Willi Growin
John Hovis
John Thomson
John Beard
John Boston
Robt Boston
Ball Lunningham
John Cuninghame
John Mc Connall
Hoses White

*Others from May 22th
Jun 22*
Willi McCawn
Robt Brevard
Adam Torrrens Sen
Adam Torrrens Junr
Charles quigley
Jas Gulick
Benjamin Brevard
John McCawn
Thomas Tempelton
John Callwell
Joseph McCawn
James Yong
James Gray
Philip Logan
William vint 33 men
David Bryson

These men attended the Centre Presbyterian Church in Iredell Co., NC. Robert Brevard, born 2 Jan 1747, wife Nancy, and children, Albert and Della, are buried in the Jackson city cemetery, Cape Girardeau Co., Mo. William Caswell (Creswell), son of John, came from Chester Co., Pa. Alexander Work, son of Alexander, came from Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania. David Byers was a witness to the Will of Alexander Work, Sr. David Byers' Executor was Wm. Rosebrough from Lancaster Co., Pa.

Byers & Neighbors in Colonial America

Samuel Carson of London Grove Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania wed Jane Pattersan, About 1741 their daughter, **Margaret Carson**, wed **David Byers [Family I]** in Chester County. See the Will of Samuel Carson.

Thomas Carson was in East Nottingham Township, Chester Co., Pennsylvania. In 1744 he moved to Lancaster Borough, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He then moved to the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. In 1748 a notation concerning delinquent tax payers said, “gone to Carolina.” His family settled in Rowan County, North Carolina,

Robert Luckey of Martin Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, made his Will in 1754. He named children, Hugh, John, Andrew, James, Robert, Samuel, Isabel, and Ann. Ann married Samuel Hillis. On October 3, 1737 **John Byers** was granted a Warrant for 150 acres in West Nottingham Township in Chester Co., Pa. He moved there in 1734 (As per the Churchman Papers) and his next door neighbor was John Luckey.

[From the Maryland Gazette - Thursday 18 April 1754]

James Evans, living in West Nottingham, Chester Co., Pa. reports two runaway Irish servant men, Joseph Byers (Scottish, about age 19) and William Gore about age 19. “Has a little of the Brogue”.

William Sleven was on the waters of the Octoraro Creek (divides Lancaster and Chester Counties). He married Isabel Luckey. Among their children was Sarah Sleven.

James Roseborough lived in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania and later moved to Rowan County, North Carolina.

The Allison family lived near Octoraro Creek in Chester Co., Pa. as per the Tax Lists of the 1730's. In 1742 John Allison was living on Whistle Creek in Orange (later Augusta) County, Virginia. This was in the south area of Borden's Grant. (Now in Rockbridge Co., Va.) Living next door was David Bires and both were in Capt. John McDowell's Militia Company. In 1755 John and Jane Allison sold this land and [Capt] William Byers and William Hall were witnesses for the transaction. Other Allison's moved to Rowan Co., NC and what is now York County, South Carolina.

On October 9, 1762 James Byers, son of Robert and Margaret Byers, and living among several of the above families, was a witness for Andrew Allison of Craven Co. when he sold land. On November 10, 1764, David Byers of Rowan Co., NC was a witness for David Byers of York Co., Pennsylvania [Family I] when he purchased land in Mecklenburg Co., NC (Now York Co., South Carolina.) David Byers of Rowan was a witness to the Will of Alexander Work, formerly of Lancaster Co., Pa. Work had a daughter named Esther. David Byers had a wife named Esther. David Byers died in Rowan County in 1783 and Esther Byers and William Roseborough were the Administrators of the Estate.

Robert Luckey settled on Sills Creek in Rowan Co., NC and his nextdoor neighbor was **William and Isabel Sleven**. Samuel, John and Joseph Luckey settled on the South Fork of the Yadkin River just north of the 3rd Creek entry into the Yadkin. John Carson wed Sarah Sleven and they lived two miles south of the Luckey brothers on the South Fork of the Yadkin.

John Carson died in Rowan County and his widow, **Sarah (Sleven) Carson** wed David Byers [Family I] of York County, SC. Is this clear?

York County - 1762

**Manuscript book in custody of Pennsylvania Historical Society.
 "Census of York County, 1762"
 Reading and Strabann Townships
 Two of eleven townships now in Adams County.**

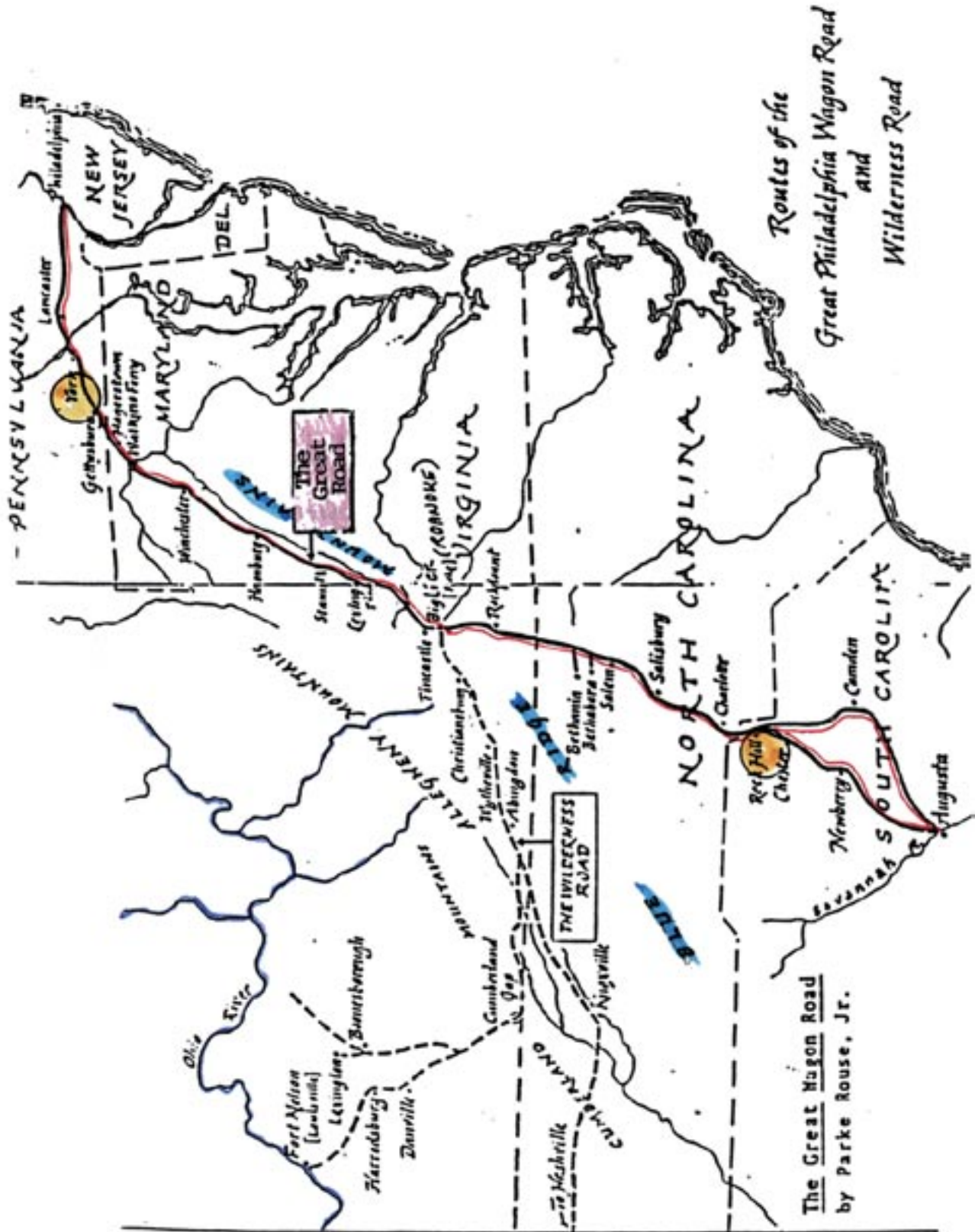
Reading Township		Strabann Township	
Asper, John	Kemble, Philip		Hogh, Samuel
George	Michael		Hamilton, William
Frederick	Knisely, Abraham	Armstrong, James	James
Arnest, George Sr.	King, Michael	Anderson, Michael	James per Hd
Arnist, George	Lave, Philp per Hd	John	Houlsworth, Samuel
Arehart, David	Logan, Mathew	Brown, Richard	Haas, Samuel
Booker, Daniel	And to Rent	Beaty, David	Huckil, John
And to Rent	Least, John	Barter, William	Johnston, Andrew
Biers, Elizabeth	Latey, John	Blaue, Milhal per Hd	King, James
Baley, Samuel	Lutts, Leonard	Boyers, David	Kenady, Willm
William	And to Rent	Black, James	Love, Alexander
Brown, George	Least, Leonard	George per Hd	William
Joseph	Liddel, Moses	Bole, John	Leviston, George
James	And to Rent	Croan, Robert	Latimore, Robt
And to Rent	Lerew, Mary	Carrel, John	Lyn, John per Hd
Booker, Honical	Latchaw, Isaac per Hd	James	McBroom, James
Beaty, Walter	Lamer, William	Camaska, James	Miller, Samuel
Beard, Andrew	McElhaney, William	Cooper, Samuel	McWilliams, James
Boyd, William	Metsaler, Vendil	John	McCans, David
Booker, Conrad	Moler, Henry	Calwell, John per Hd	Samuel
And to Rent	Jacob	Joseph	McCance, Willm per Hd
Claudy, Martin	McElber, Edward per Hd	William	Murphey, John
Clark, Daniel	Millhouse, Henry	Campbell, William	McCush, Nathaniel
Corrent, George	Miley, Abraham	Robert	Meens, John
Corswell, Thomas	John	Cample, Cornelius per Hd	Maxwell, David
Chamberlain, Jeremiah	McCanse, Andrew	Carson, John	McCall, James
Davison, James	And to Rent	William	McCrerery, William
William	McCarty, Abraham	Dickson, Samuel Sr.	Neley, Thomas
John	McDonal, Andrew	John per Hd	Neely, Jackson
Deardoff, John	McGurdy, Robt.	James	Neeley, Robert per Hd
Donnis, Machan per HD	McConnell, Abram	Samuel	Patterson, John
Ervin, Joseph	McFarley, Willm	Robert	Ross, William
Elliot, John	Mathias, Malone	James	James per Hd
Elison, James	Neley, John	Donely, Henry	Reed, John
Forlorton, Robert	Orson, George	Douglass, Willm	Thomas per
Fox, Henry	Ox, Leonard	Derby, George	Ramsey, Robert
Furney, David	Adams	Ensley, Alexander	Rodgers, widow
Fry, John	Ockerman, Michael	Eakeman, Willm	Stevenson, Mathew
Grove, John per Hd	Porter, James per Hd	Forginson, Andrew	Sinclair, George per Hd
Glan, Joseph	David per Hd	Geerey, Joseph	Scott, widow
Groves, John	Mathew	Green, Joseph	Shannon, Richard per Hd
George, Mathew	Nathaniel	Joseph per Hd	Andrew
Hodge, Samuel	Posk, James	Guffey, James	Samuel per Hd
William Jr.	Prisel, Valentine	William	Turner, William
John	Patterson, William	Galbreath, John	Thompson, Samuel
Francis	And to Rent	Giffen, Stephen	William
William	Rommel, George	William per Hd	Wilson, John
Hill, Robert	Rose, George	Husband, Vizey	Watson, Hugh
Hendricks, James	Sealy, Henry	Hunter, William	Gilbert
Hanna, William	Shriver, Philip	Daivd	Wiley, Robert
Hineman, Philip	Straley, Andrew		Weems, John
Hartman, Philip	And to Rent		William, David per
Henry, Conrad	Section of Page Torn		
Havise, Philip	Troup		
Jeamison, Samuel	Thompson, Willm		
Jeamison, Samuel per Hd	Twina, James		
Johnston, William	Vance, Nicholas		
Jones, James	Weaver, Courad		
John, George per Hd	Willson, William		
Kemble, Jacob	widow		
Philip Sr.	Wakely, William		
	Wompler, Peter		

**Elizabeth Biars the daughter of John Byers of
 Downington - Chester County, PA.**

David Boyers is our subject - David Byers

Per = Per Head

The Great Philadelphia Wagon Road



Also known as the "Indian Path" in part of Virginia.