





**DESIGNATION OF HISTORIC LANDMARKS AND HISTORIC DISTRICTS
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**
(as per Section 4, Municipal Ordinance No. 00-1142, March 2, 2000)

Documentation for Individual Property as Historic Landmark:

1. Property Name:

Common Historic Name: **Enos Titus Farmstead**

Other Historic Names:

Other Nomenclature (e.g., present name, site number):

2. Property Location:

Block: **45** Lot: **1.02**

Street Address: **340 Pennington – Rocky Hill Road**

Mailing Address: **Lucash Montgomery, LLC**
340 Pennington – Rocky Hill Road
Pennington, NJ 08534

3. Previous Designations and Evaluations:

Property ___ is **X** is not listed in the National Register of Historic Places [NRHP]

Date Accepted:

Property ___ is **X** is not listed in the New Jersey Register of Historic Places

Date Accepted:

Determination of Eligibility for NRHP:

Property ___ is eligible ___ is not eligible for inclusion in NRHP

Date:

NJHPO Opinion:

Property ___ meets ___ does not meet NRHP criteria

Date:

Hopewell Township Historic Sites Survey Evaluation:

Property ___ meets ___ does not meet NRHP criteria

Property ___ has **X** has not been previously evaluated for NRHP eligibility

Other Evaluation Data:

4. Property Ownership:

- private (individual)
- private (corporate)
- private (institutional)
- public (local)
- public (state)
- public (other)

Name and Address of Current Owner (as per tax rolls):

Lucash Montgomery, LLC
340 Pennington-Rocky Hill Road
Pennington, NJ 08534

5. Classification:

Property Category:

- building(s)
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property:

	contributing	non-contributing
buildings	<u> 2 </u>	<u> 1 </u>
sites	<u> 1 </u>	<u> </u>
structures	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
objects	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total	<u> 3 </u>	<u> 1 </u>

6. Function/Use:

Historic Function/Use: **Farm Residence and Buildings, Historic Blacksmith Site**

Current Function/Use: **Construction Company Headquarters**

7. Physical Description:

Brief Summary (25 to 50 words; address site, architecture, materials, date):

The site is comprised of a circa 1805 farm residence of two attached volumes, a mid 19th century barn, a non contributing metal shed, and a supposed 18th century blacksmithing site. The house faces west, toward the colonial road. Its higher volume is a four bay, single pyle, two story Federal frame structure. At the northern end of the first structure is attached a lower two story frame structure, the northern end of which contains a large cooking fireplace. Interior exposed framing seen during reconstruction suggests the possibility that the kitchen portion may have been built at an earlier date. The two portions of the house are of the same width yielding flush facades on both the east and west. Both gables are parallel to the road. The four bay portion of the house has Federal detailing. Its siding is beaded on all facades, and there is a federal frieze board on the front (west) side under the framed eave overhang. On the rear in the same position is a simpler crown molding. In the second bay from the north on the front of this section is the entrance, which is surrounded with reeded casings.

Windows are vertically aligned and shorter by a pane on the top, i.e. 6/6 above and 9/6 below. The rakes and eaves are flush to the building walls, with the exception of the main volume's attic joist overhangs, designed to protect the frieze detail.

The barn is of a mid 19th century vintage with its threshing floor a full story above grade, and accessed by an earth ramp on the west side. The metal shed is of an early 20th Century vintage. There is no obvious indication of the probable blacksmith shop location on the property.

Append additional descriptive materials as appropriate (e.g., National Register documentation; Hopewell Township Historic Site Survey documentation)

8. Statement of Significance:

Property possesses one or more of the following attributes (elaborate briefly as applicable):

1. Character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage of cultural characteristics of the Township, State or Nation:

2. Association with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history:

3. Association with the lives of persons significant in our past:

Enos Titus (1768-1840) was a leading citizen of Hopewell Township, primarily in his role as Ruling Elder of the Pennington Presbyterian Church for several decades. He was a blacksmith as well as a farmer, and the father of a large family who were active in the development of Pennington. He occupied this property as early as 1797, while it was still owned by his brother Samuel, and he made the purchase from Samuel in 1802, doubtless foretelling the construction of the house soon after. He sold the property in 1822. It was originally a small farm of 53 acres, well suited to a tradesman, such as a blacksmith, with additional income. Enos purchased a another, larger farm in 1818, but lost it in the depression of the mid 1820's. His son Charles purchased a Pennington lot in 1823, and built the same two parlor plan on South Main Street, where he took over the blacksmith business for the village. Enos' grandson Charles Blackwell built the large store and residence building on the northwest corner of Main and Delaware in Pennington about 1880, where he was the town's leading merchant for several decades.

4. Embodiment of the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction, architecture or engineering:

The house is a fine example of mid Federal architecture and the two parlor plan without passage. Built at a time when large cooking fireplaces were still the scene of traditional colonial cooking methods, the house is divided into the two typical portions. The interior of the two parlor section, has the doors in the second bay, both front and back, and the stair immediately inside the door. It is a closeted winder stair next to a fireplace. The parlor to the south is accessed through a large opening. At the rear corner of the first parlor are steps down to the attached kitchen volume. The edges of the raised panels are the three part typical of the higher style seen in Hopewell township in the early and mid Federal period. The condition of original fabric in this farmhouse is high on both the exterior and interior.

5. Identification with the work of a builder, designer, artist, architect or landscape architect whose work has influenced the development of the Township, State or Nation:

6. Embodiment of elements of design, detail, material or craftsmanship that render an improvement architecturally significant or structurally innovative:

7. Unique location or singular physical characteristics that make a district or landmark an established or familiar visual feature:

Because of the preserved land and tracts of private open land surrounding this house and barn, the farmstead ornaments a large area of the rural landscape. Preserved agricultural land surrounds the complex on the north, east and south. On the west lies the sewer authority farmland with a barn remaining, and the open farmed land of Bristol Myers Squibb, protected under its Township-approved master plan. The Thompson-Welling farmstead owned by BMS, and the iconic McDougal barn on Old Mill Road demonstrate, along with this property, the historic density of farm complexes in the landscape. Preserving the appearance of the Enos Titus farmstead, helps preserve a nearly two square mile segment of the Township's historic rural landscape.

8. Ability or potential ability to yield information important in prehistory or history:

It may be possible to locate and study an 18th and 19th century blacksmith's operation on this property.

Append additional narrative or materials relating to property significance as appropriate (e.g., National Register documentation; Hopewell Township Historic Site Survey documentation)

9. Major Bibliographic References:

Itemize here or append separate sheet

Hunterdon and Mercer County deed abstracts are attached that demonstrate the chain of ownership of the property. Owned in 1775 by Reuben Armitage, whose

large farm was across Pennington Rocky Hill Road, the property was in the hands of Samuel Titus by 1797, but occupied by his brother Enos. Enos Titus doubtless built the farmhouse after his 1802 purchase from his brother. Enos Titus sold the property to Daniel Furman in 1822. He was probably also a blacksmith. Furman sold two years later to Achsah Van Kirk, widow of the adjacent farmer and miller on Old Mill road. She retired to this property to make way for her daughter on the mill farm. For most of the balance of the 19th century, the property seems to have been leased by various owners to tenants.

**Pioneers of Old Hopewell, Ralph Ege
Hopewell Valley Heritage, Alice Blackwell Lewis
Historical Discourse, Rev. George Hale**

10. Geographical/Boundary Data:

Description of Limits of Designated Property (note if coincident with tax block & lot):

Same as Block 45, Lot 1.02

Acreage of Designated Property:

USGS 7.5' Topographic Series Quadrangle:

UTM References: Zone 18; Easting _____; Northing _____

11. Additional Required Documentation:

Photographs - append one or more recent photographs of the designee property

Mapping - at a minimum append copy of current tax map showing the designee property and its boundaries; append other maps as appropriate (USGS maps; historic maps)

Documentation prepared by:

**David Blackwell, Chair, Designations Subcommittee.
Moira Lawrence**

Date of Receipt of Documentation by Historic Preservation Commission: **August 19, 2008**

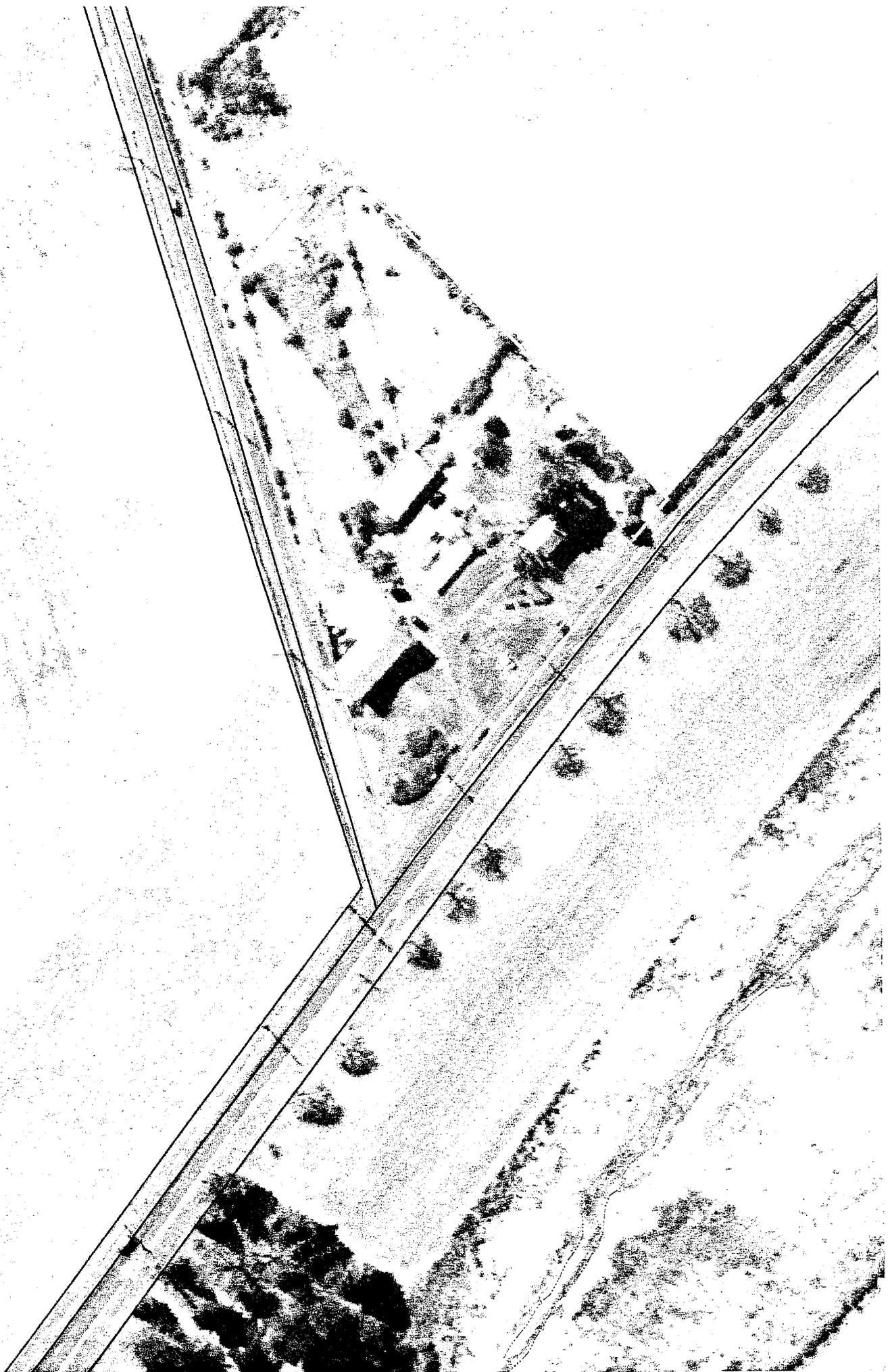
Date Scheduled for Public Hearing: **September 16, 2008**

Date of Owner Notification of Impending Designation Process:
Certified Letter **August 28, 2008**

Date Public Notice of Hearing Published in Official Newspaper of the Township:
Hopewell Valley News August 28, 2008
Trenton Times August 27, 2008

Date Landmark Nomination Forwarded to Township Committee: **September 16, 2008**

Date Designation of Historic Landmark Adopted by Ordinance of the Township Committee:



Block 45 Lot 1 (part of)

Samuel and Mary(w) Titus of Hopewell Twp.
to
Enos Titus of Hopewell Twp.

1 March 1802
19 April 1802
L 500
3 August 1802
Book 6- 461
John Hunt
Stephen Hunt

All that lot of land in Hopewell Twp.

Beginning at a stone in the Great Road leading from Pennington to Rocky Hill
in a line of Josiah Vankirk's land; thence along Vankirk

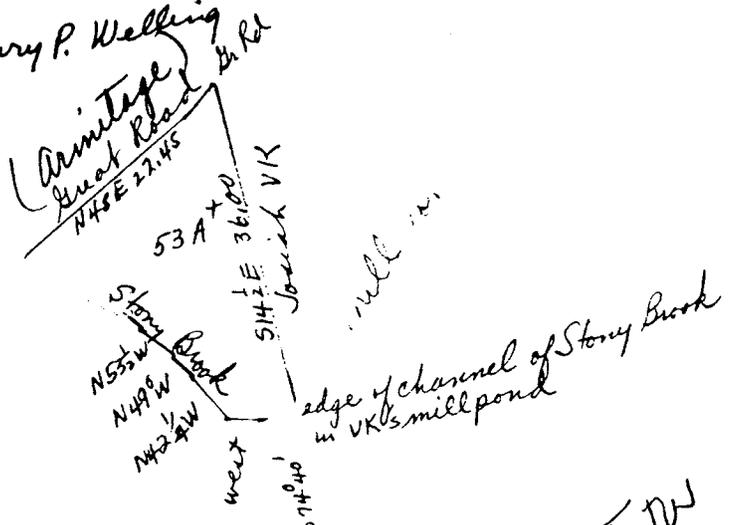
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S 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ °E	36.00	to the edge of the channel of Stony Brook in Vankirk's mill pond; thence up the brook several courses
S 74° 40'W	4.28	
Then due west	4.00	
N 42 $\frac{1}{2}$ °W	5.55	
N 49°W	2.69	
N 53 $\frac{1}{2}$ °W	4.70	
N 52 $\frac{1}{2}$ °W	1.79	
S 77 $\frac{3}{4}$ °W	3.00	
N 59°W	2.23	
N 55 $\frac{1}{2}$ °W	3.44	
S 64 $\frac{1}{2}$ °W	5.26	
- 61°40'W	2.15	to a dogwood bush in said brook standing in the road above mentioned; then by same
N 48°E	22.45	to a stone in middle of road; then by the same
N 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ °E	4.59	to the beginning

containing 53 acres and 9 perches of land

1843 Peter S. Schenck ~~land~~ 51.39A
to Geo. W. Coryell by Trustee Henry P. Welking

1849 J. Cornell (Coryell)
 1852 deed Heir of Coryell (Virginia S.)
 to Wm J. Award
 1875 J. A. Frisbie
 1903 M. J. _____

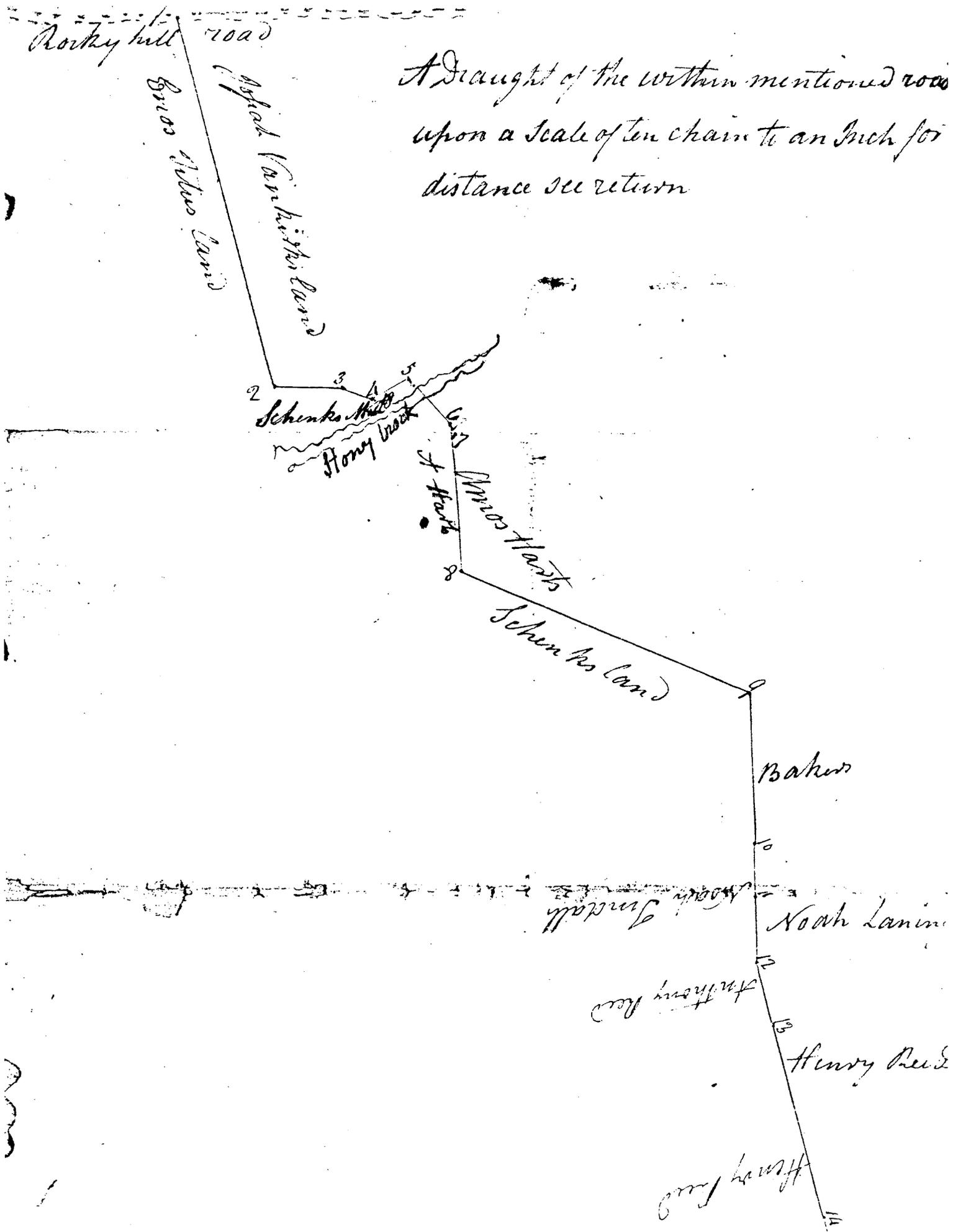


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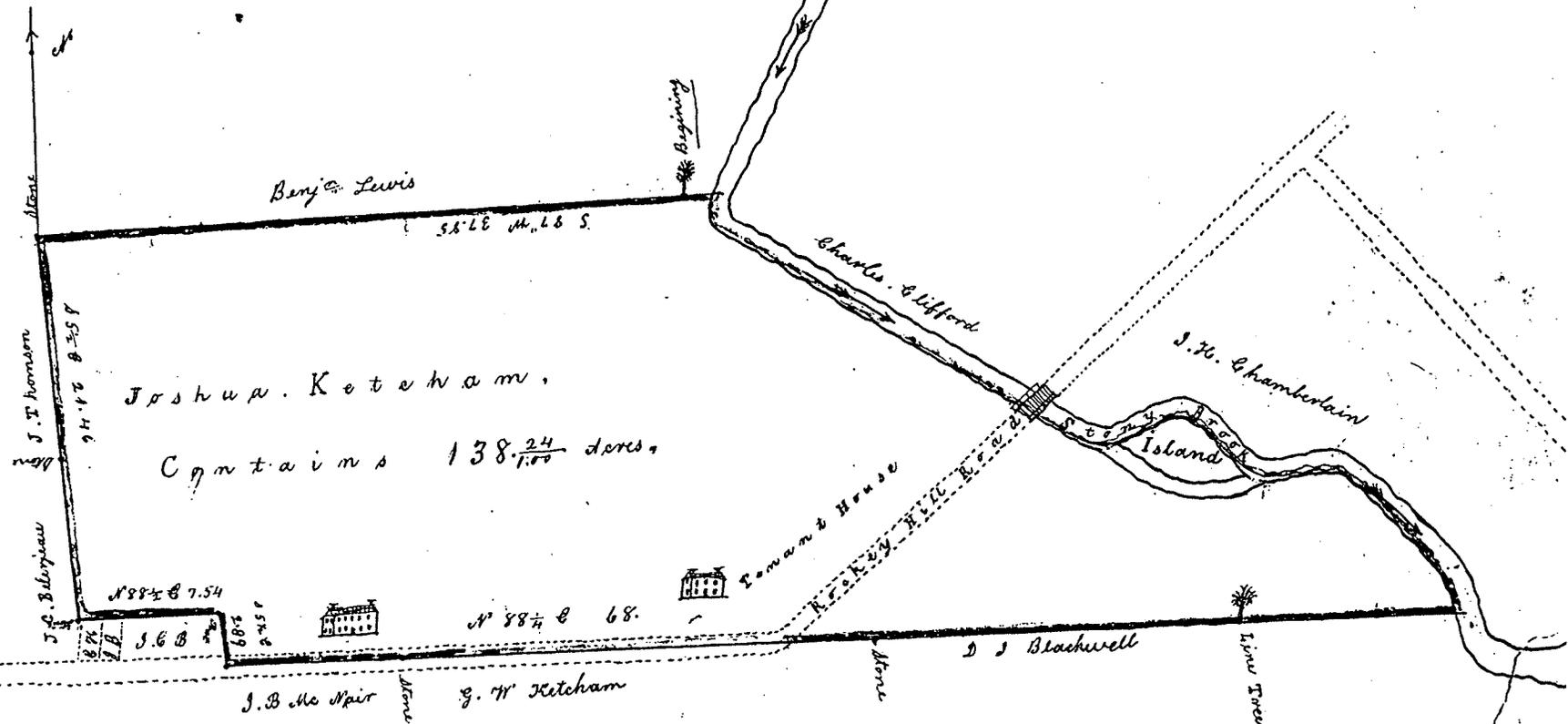
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John Titus
Enos
Samuel

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 distance see return





Flamington Road



Surveyed Feb 23rd 1852

By

Wm. B. Mearns



By Orren Jack Turner

Alice Blackwell Lewis

Hopewell Valley Heritage



by

Alice Blackwell Lewis



Alice B. Lewis

THE HOPEWELL MUSEUM
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old-fashioned bed, with its yellow homespun linen curtains. To be sure I was put to bed much too early to suit my convenience. But 'Dill,' Grandmother's servant and faithful bodyguard, said I must go when Grandmother did, so that she would not be disturbed. But Grandmother never told how I, hidden behind the curtains, watched with breathless interest the antics of my father's younger brothers, not daring to speak for fear 'Dill' would order me out. Dill spoiled those boys, perhaps because their mother died when they were so young. (My father the oldest not being fourteen, and Uncle Ben the youngest only two weeks old.) There were seven boys and then when Grandfather married again there was another boy who was only three years older than myself. His name was Guild.

These three younger boys used to make poor old Dill's life a burden to her sometimes. I remember one night when they were dancing what seemed a perfect war dance to me, in and out of that great fireplace trying to torment Dill by getting as near the great blaze and over the coals, as they could without getting burned. Dill was popping corn for them on a huge griddle over the coals. Finally two of them sat on either end of a log that was almost burned through. When it broke in the middle up flew the griddle and the corn went flying in every direction. The boys flew too, for that was a little more than Dill could stand and she ordered them out of the room on account of the noise they made. I don't think Dill ever complained of them in any other way but that was sufficient, I suppose, as Grandfather Reuben would not have his mother disturbed.

Dill used to let those boys come there in the evenings and crack nuts on the hearth and bake cakes on the griddle. She scolded all the time because they made such a racket. I can see her now in her linen homespun gowns. She used to stand silhouetted between me and in front of the fire, looking for all the world like a bolster with a string tied in the middle, and then her grey short hair, and such a black face. And when Dill was scolding those boys, Grandmother Susannah would be undisturbed. I suppose she thought Dill was capable of most anything or else she was so old she was indifferent."

Concerning Enos Titus, Brother of Solomon - Fifth Generation

Enos Titus, b. 1768 near Pennington, d. 2/17/1810 at Pennington, N.J. eighth child of Samuel and Rebecca Johnson Titus, m. 1st to Mary Reed. After her death he married second, 12/19/1797 to Elizabeth Hill, dau. of James and Rachel Coles Hill. Elizabeth was born 2/7/1781. She died at Hopewell 10/17/1845. Child of Enos Titus and Elizabeth Hill Titus, his wife—

6th Generation

Steven H. Titus, b. 1/26/1801, d. at Hopewell 1/3/1873. Married 1st to Rachel R. Parke, 1/25/1823. She was born 12/5/1804, d. 4/7/1851. He married second Zeuriah Labaw Hunt. Child of Stephen H. and Rachel R. Parke Titus:

7th Generation

Cornelius L. Titus, b. 10/17/1840 at Hopewell, d. at Pennington 3/6/1901 He married 11/17/1863 to Adelia Dilts, b. at Larison's Corner 6/13/1843, d. at Lambertville 4/20/1900 Child of Cornelius L. and Adelia Dilts Titus:

8th Generation

William A. Titus, b. 5/20/1871 in Ewing Township, d. Lawrence Twp. May 1959. He married 1/1/1901 to Frances Layton Arrowsmith, b. 3/14/1868 in Lawrence Twp. d. 1953.

9th Generation

Helen A. Titus

Concerning Benjamin Titus, Brother of Solomon-Fifth Generation

Benjamin Titus, b. on the old farm east of Pennington, January 15, 1770, c. Dec. 8, 1844, on the mill property at Rosedale where he had been a miller. He married June 27, 1798 to Anna Lee, b. December 15, 1780, dau. of David Lee. She died October 18 1864.

Their Children - Sixth Generation

1. Randolph Titus, b. August 15, 1799, d. May 18, 1845
2. Furman Titus, b. July 3, 1801 (his Militia plumed hat is in the Museum d. April 3, 1862.
3. Liscomb R. Titus, b. May 14, 1804, d. May 3, 1873
4. David L. Titus, b. May 31, 1806, d. March 13, 1855
5. Nathaniel H. Titus, b. June 22, 1808, d. April, 1889
6. Mary Ann & Eliza Ann (twins), b. October 31, 1810. Mary Updike died January 10, 1865 Eliza Ann Drake died November 9, 1896
7. Andrew R. Titus, b. May 8, 1814, d.
8. Rebecca Louisa Titus, b. Oct. 25, 1816
9. Benjamin U. Titus, b. April 12, 1820, d. Feb. 13, 1881



FEDERAL CITY



FEDERAL CITY ROAD winds around the southeastern portion of Hopewell Township. It is the only memento surviving that bears the name of what might have been the famous city. A portion of that road is in Lawrence and Ewing Townships, but the writer is featuring only the section that is in Hopewell Township. Roads constructed under the King's reign were called "the great roads." One of these great roads begins at Pennington and runs northeasterly. It passes through the hamlet of Mount Rose and leads on to Rocky Hill. The district southeast of that road had many farm dwellings built toward the Maidenhead or Lawrence section, but there was no road to aid the people who lived so humbly tilling the soil. They used the drift-ways that followed the fence lines of their lands and the lands of their neighbors. Therefore horseback was the easiest means of travel.

Road Built in 1817

Finally the authorities of the Township of Hopewell deemed it necessary to run an improved road through that section. A deed bearing the date of November 14, 1817 shows that the new road was built. It began about a mile out of Pennington on the Great Road leading to Rocky Hill, on the line between the property of Enos Titus and Josiah Van Kirk (Alec Schaafsma's corner today). The road ran southeasterly to a chestnut tree* by Stony Brook. The deed states that the road crossed the brook, but no mention was made of a bridge. It ran on and soon it joined what is now Federal City Road

*Sometime later a mill was built near that tree. It stood for over one hundred years serving the community. In 1941 it was torn down as its functioning power was obsolete.

at William Bruce's Corner. It followed the fence lines between the different properties and ended at Daniel Cook's corner, on the road leading from Pennington to Lawrenceville, a distance of about two miles. Later the 1817 road had an extension added going toward Pennington. It passed over Hannah Moore's Creek that flowed into Stony Brook and on past Daniel Hart's property (now the farm owned by Roy E. Cook). It ended at East Delaware Avenue in Pennington.

The Naming of Blackwell Road

Other roads of importance in the Federal City area are the aforementioned Lawrenceville-Pennington Road and the Blackwell Road. The Blackwells settled early on the northern side of Stony Brook. That family had many descendants, some of whom crossed over to the southern side of the brook and there purchased land and built their homes. Daniel J. Blackwell married Penelope Van Cleve in 1806. He purchased the land where Ernest Johnson lived for many years. Daniel J. raised his family of eleven children on that land which lay across the brook from land belonging to his father, John Blackwell. The eleven children all attended Federal City School.

Enoch Blackwell, son of Thomas J. Blackwell and nephew of Daniel J. purchased the farm property that is now owned by Benjamin Hart, Sr. Enoch Blackwell married Elizabeth Pierson in 1831 and they had four children: Joseph P. Blackwell, T. Augustus Blackwell, John Blackwell and Hannah Blackwell.

Joseph Pierson Blackwell purchased the farm adjoining the land of his father, Enoch. It lay to the west of Benjamin Hart's land as that property is known today. There Joseph raised his family of eleven children. The eldest was Rev. Alvin Blackwell of Coolbaugh, Pennsylvania, the youngest son Enoch Blackwell, Jr., studied medicine and became an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist. He set up practice in the Trenton Trust Building, Trenton New Jersey and was successful as long as he was able to practice. His brother Fernando (Ferd) Blackwell married Jennie B. Cornell and they purchased the farm in 1898 from the Enoch Armitage Blackwell estate. That land was acquired from Enoch A. Blackwell's father, Daniel J. Blackwell before 1848

The oldest son of Ferd was A. Cornell Blackwell. He acquired the Stever Hunt farm (situated east of his father's property). The three farms, all being owned by Blackwells over long periods of time, were sold in 1968 to the Mercer County Park Commission. Thus over 400 acres of choice land is being developed. Sections on two brooks have been made into lakes and the natural beauty of the land will triumph if the project is carried out successfully. The writer is proud to have grown up on the land that is developing into park land in the southeastern section of Hopewell Township. Blackwell Road was named a number of years ago. The road maps showed the property owner:

Content Titus and Elizabeth Moore were married about 1665. Their children were:

1. Robert Titus -- removed to New Castle, Delaware.
2. Silas Titus -- remained in Newtown, married Sarah, dau. of Edward Hunt. He was an elder in Presbyterian Church there. Their children were Ephriam born 1696, Edward, John, Sarah and Susanna.
3. John Titus -- removed to Hopewell Township early. Married Rebecca.
4. Timothy Titus -- came with his brother John and nephew Ephriam to Hopewell Township. He married Mary. His will was probated 1757.
5. Hannah Titus -- died unmarried.
6. Phoebe Titus -- married Johnathan Hunt of Newtown. They removed to Hopewell Township early in 1700.
7. Abigail Titus -- married George Furniss.

Third Generation

John Titus the third son of Content and Elizabeth Moore Titus, came early to the Township of Hopewell, New Jersey. They purchased land along Stony Brook (east of Pennington) adjoining the land of Robert Blackwell, a good friend. Their first house was built of logs and plastered with clay. Long ago that disappeared, as a newer and more modern structure was built. The house survived in the Titus family at least seven generations until Elwood Titus, a bachelor, died there in 1931. It is situated east of Honey Brook which flows into Stony Brook at the southwest corner of the property.

John Titus, born Newtown, Long Island. Died along Stony Brook in 1761. He married Rebecca ? who died in 1762. Their children:

1. Joseph, born 1721, died 1797. Owned a farm above Titusville. Had sons Uriel and Samuel
2. Andrew, married Hannah Burroughs, had three sons: Jessie, Stephen and John.
3. Samuel, born Feb. 14, 1727. Married Oct. 10, 1753 Rebecca Johnson. Rebecca was born Oct. 10, 1737. They had four sons and three daughters.
4. Benjamin, married a Miss Moore and had children.
5. John, lived on farm that was sold to Andre Muirheid in 1744.
6. Phillip, lived on farm that was later owned by Wm. Atchley.
7. Thomas

8. Rebecca
9. Mary, married Josiah Hart
10. Susannah married Thomas Blackwell, lived near Mt. Rose.

A list of Hopewell's tax payers in 1722 shows that John Titus owned 200 acres of land. He, with forty-nine others (from places in Long Island), bought land called "Ye Thirty Thousand Acres above Ye Falls of the Delaware, Lying, in Ye Township of Hopewell, Hunterdon Co., N.J." They had bought it fair and square, but somehow with surveying and changing hands, the title did not prove valid and he with the rest of the unfortunate land holders, was ejected. However, he liked the place well enough to buy it again.

A memorandum made by Dr. Hale in "In Memoriam Rev. George Hale, DD." was published in 1889: "John Titus, ruling elder, and Rebecca, his wife, from whom fourteen ruling elders, seven deacons and two ministers of the gospel have descended." This verifies the fact that the Tituses were ardent workers in the Presbyterian Church at Pennington.

Fourth Generation

Samuel Titus, third son of John and Rebecca, was born Feb. 14, 1727. He married Rebecca, daughter of John Johnson, son of Rut. Samuel was one of the leading supporters of the Presbyterian Church of Pennington. He inherited the family homestead from his father and died there in 1778.

The children of Samuel and Rebecca Johnson Titus are:

1. Catharine, born Nov. 1, 1754
2. Johnson, born Jan. 1756, was in the Revolution, d. Sept. 1, 1817.
3. Solomon, born Oct. 8, 1757 was in the Revolution, d. Dec. 19, 1833.
4. John, born Dec. 9, 1759
5. Samuel, born Dec. 1, 1761
6. Nathaniel, born May 12, 1764
7. Andrew, born June 16, 1766
8. Enos, born May 22, 1768, m. Mary Reed (1st) d. 2/17/1810
9. Benjamin, born March 22, 1770, m. Anna daughter of David Lee
10. Rebecca, born Dec. 12, 1772, m. Charles Merrill
11. Mary, born March 22, 1774, m. Elijah Hunt
12. Jermina, born Jan. 10, 1776, m. Daniel Stout, d. Dec. 28, 1831.

Fifth Generation

Solomon Titus, second son of Samuel Titus, was born October 8, 1757. He enlisted as a soldier of the Revolutionary War, at the age of eighteen. He served five months as a private in the New Jersey Troops in Captain Houghton's Company and was in the battle of White Plains. He served

HISTORICAL DISCOURSE.

BY

Rev. GEORGE HALE, D.D.

RULING ELDERS OF THE CHURCH AT PENNINGTON.

Enoch Armitage, born November 27, 1677; died January 28, 1738-9.
 Reuben Armitage, born November 3, 1705; died November 18, 1783.
 Ephraim Titus.
 Joseph Titus, Sr., born May 30, 1722; died December 4, 1797.
 Nathan Hunt, born March 22, 1727; died April 10, 1808.
 Thomas Baldwin, died June, 1791.
 John Smith, Esq., born April 13, 1747; died October 29, 1819.
 John Hunt, born April 13, 1747; died March 18, 1827.
 John Muirheid, born October 18, 1750; died March 19, 1830.
 Abraham Pittenger, born July 12, 1743; died July 30, 1821.
 John Carpenter, died September 15, 1831.
 Nathaniel Burrowes, born May 5, 1767; died July 19, 1839.
 Major Stephen Burrowes, born 1755; died July 8, 1812.
 Jacob Hoff, born June, 1767; died December 12, 1812.
 Israel Hart, born 1772; died May 24, 1828.
 John Hoff, born March 2, 1782; died April 1, 1839.
 Enos Titus, born 1769; died February 16, 1840.
 Daniel G. Howell, born October 23, 1777; died February 28, 1852.
 Aaron Hart, born 1768; died August 14, 1853.
 Charles Welling, born February 10, 1777; died October 15, 1857.
 Enoch Ketcham, born July 4, 1774; died March 5, 1850.
 Theophilus Furman, born June 17, 1773; died October 28, 1850.
 Joab Titus, born 1780; died October 3, 1866.
 Edmund Roberts, ordained February 6, 1829.
 Isaac Welling, ordained February 6, 1829; born January 27, 1784; died
 February 29, 1868.
 Nathaniel R. Titus, ordained February 6, 1829; died October 21, 1863.
 Joseph Titus, ordained 1829; died 1853.
 John Guild Muirheid, ordained March 24, 1850; born June 25, 1789;
 died November 17, 1866.
 Azariah Hunt, ordained March 24, 1850.
 John Smith Hunt, " " "
 Benjamin S. Holt, " " "
 John Ellis Burd, " " "
 Enoch A. Titus, " " "
 Wilson Blackwell, " " "
 William J. Titus, " " "
 George R. Cook, " " "
 Wilson Atchley, " " "
 John V. Terhune, " " "
 Ralph Ege, " " "
 Jacob Dilts, " " "
 Reuben C. Titus, " " "

DEACONS OF THE CHURCH

Titus Hart, born November 12, 1717
 Solomon Titus, born October 8, 1717
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 Daniel G. Howell.
 Aaron Hart.
 Enoch Ketcham.
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 Andrew Titus, born 1788; died I
 Reuben Titus.
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 Daniel C. Titus, " " I
 John S. Vancleve, " "
 Augustus Frisbie, " "
 Jonathan V. Blackwell, "
 David G. Baldwin, "

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 ship of Hopewell, met at the M
 ceeded to elect Trustees for s^d
 following men were chosen, viz.

Oct. 4th the aboves^d Trustees
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 directed by an Act of the Legis
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 John Welling, Jr., was unanim

John Titus

John Coxe of Trenton, surviving ex. of
Col. Daniel Coxe (Will dated 1737)

to

John Titus of Hopewell, yeoman

Unrecorded; vellum

11 January 1750

Ack: None

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Rec: None

Princeton Hist. Society *Vellum*

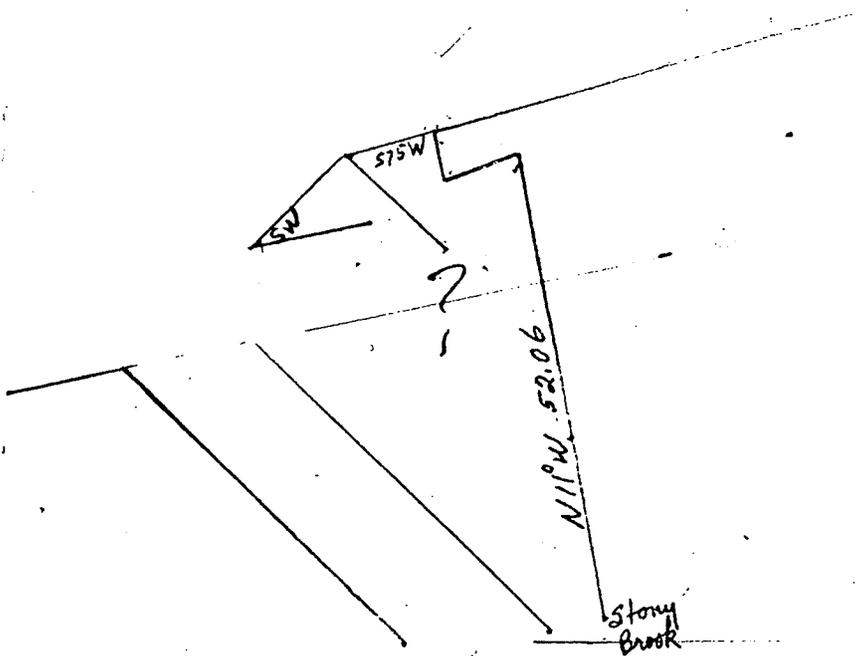
William Pidgeon

Thomas Kennedy

A tract of land part of 30,000 acre tract in Hopewell

Beginning at Stony Brook

N 11°W	52.06	to a corner
S 69°W	8.34
N 9°W	5.38
S 75°W	10.09	to a stake
Southeast	14.70	to a stake
N 79°E	13.00
Southeast	43.85	to an ash
	2.11	thence down Stony Brook
	6.49	to the beginning
		containing 52 acres

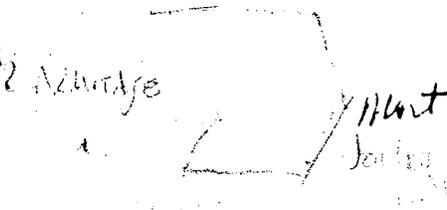


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John Vankirk and Elizabeth, his wife,
and Josiah Vankirk, all of Hopewell J V K
to
John Rozell of Maidenhead;

2 May 1775
3 June 1775
L 500
3 June 1775



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Nathan Moore and
Benjamin Slack

For two certain lots or pieces of land
Situat in Hopewell Township

One lot whereon the grist mill and saw mill stand

Beginning at a white oak being corner to Samuel Moore's land; thence by
Samuel Moore's land

- N 20° 45' E 5.00 to Stony Brook; thence along Reuben Armitage's line
- N 13° 45' W 12.45 to a stone in Reuben Armitage's line being also a corner
for Joseph Vankirk; thence along Joseph Vankirk
- N 83° E 11.75 to a stake
- S 13° 45' E 12.32 to a stone in the Road being a corner for John Baker;
thence along the Road
- S 20° 45' W 8.00 to a stake being a corner of said Baker's and Sam Moore
thence along Samuel Moore's line
- S 88° W 10.00 to the beginning
containing 17 and 3/4 acres and 9 perches

Other lot:

Beginning at a stone being a corner of Francis Blackwell's line in the
Great Road and thence

- N 76° E 10.65 to a stake in the said Blackwell's line being also a
corner of Joseph Vankirk; thence along Joseph Vankirk's
line
- S 14° E 3.00 to a stake near a maple bush
- S 76° W 10.65 to a stake
- N 14° W 3.00 to the beginning
containing 3 acres and 31 perches

L 500 according to condition of certain bond in said deed recited.

No date of payment.

No cancellation.

index card Book 16 John Vankirk & Eliz (w)
to
Josiah Vankirk
8 May 1797

Benjamin Slack

John Vankirk & Elizabeth(w), farmer of Hopewell Twp.
to
Josiah Vankirk of Hopewell Twp., miller

8 May 1797
8 May 1797
L 475
27 Feb. 1810
Book 16-356
Joseph Stout
Charles Hoff

Whereas Joseph Vankirk late of Hopewell Twp. by will dated 24 March 1784 bequeath to his two sons above 97 acres lying on north side of Stoney Brook bounding on lands of John Blackwell, the widow of Francis Blackwell, Enoch Armitage, Enos Titus, the mill lot at Stoney Brook to be equally divided between them

and Whereas John Rozell of Maidenhead and Anna by deed dated 1st May 1775 did sell and convey unto above named John Vankirk and Josiah Vankirk two lots, grist mill and saw mill in Hopewell Twp.

Said two lots:

No. 1 being the mill lot

Beginning at a white oak, being a corner to Samuel Moore's land; then by said land

- N 20 3/4° E 5.00 to Stoney Brook; then along Titus line
- N 13 3/4° W 12.45 to a stone corner to first described plantation then along a line of first described plantation
- N 83° E 11.75 to a stake
- S 13° 35' E 12.00 to a stone in road, corner to land formerly John Baker's; then along said road
- S 20 3/4° W 8.00 to a stake corner to Samuel Moore; then along Samuel Moore
- S 88° W 10.00 to the beginning containing 17 3/4 acres and 9 perches

No. 2 lot Beginning at a stone in Great Road, being a corner to widow Blackwell

- N 76° E 10.65 to a stake in said Blackwell's line, being also a corner of first described plantation; then along said plantation
- S 14° E 3.00 to a stake near a maple bush
- S 76° W 10.65 to a stake
- N 14° W 3.00 to the beginning containing 3 acres and 31 perches

John Vankirk selling his 1/2 of plantation and lots excepting thereout two small lots of land on south side of Stoney Brook lately sold by said John Vankirk to Amos Hart, including mills, running gears, tacklings, etc.

Cards

Block 44 Lot 11

Peter S. Schenck of Hopewell Twp. & Sarah(w)
to
Peter Higbee of Trenton

14 April 1830
Ack:
\$1000.00
Rec:
Mortgage Bk. 13-122
Wit:

Three several lots of land

1. Plantation of 97 acres lying on north side of Stony Brook bounded by Wilson Blackwell, Jonathan and Nathaniel Blackwell, Enoch Clifford, Achsah Vankirk, the mill lot and Stoney Brook
Same tract of land devised by Joseph Vankirk 24 March 1784 to his sons, John and Josiah Vankirk, which said John Vankirk sold and released to his brother (his interest) Josiah 1797 May 8; Josiah died intestate leaving land to dau Sarah wife of Peter S. Schenck, his sole child and heir-at-law
2. Mill lot
3. 3 acres lot which butts plantation

Cancelled 30 April 1844

3 May 1830
Mortgage Book 13-148
Ack: 3 May 1830
Rec: 5 May 1830
\$500.00

Same property mortgaged to Charles Higbee

having been conveyed by deed dated 1 May 1775 to Josiah & John Vankirk
part of real estate of Josiah Vankirk, died seized.
Cancelled 27 April 1849

Ken Cem
Joseph d 20 Aug 1821 68-2-15 b 1753 June 5
wife Achsah d 10 Feb 1841 75-0-15 c. 1766

No John in cem
89 Joseph d 5 Feb 1847 57-7-28 da (1789-1847)

Joseph VK
Josiah m Achsah Hunt
John m Elizabeth

Sally 1768 — sole heir in 1821
Joseph 1769 —
Cornelius
Eleanor 1773
Cornelius 1779

Henry Vankirk
Joseph Vankirk (1729-
John ca. 1751 —

753-1821 Josiah m Achsah Hunt
sole heir, Sally, m Peter S. Schenck

Block 46
Lot 19, 21 +

Enoch Armitage, dec'd., of Hopewell Twp.
Will: 12 November 1825
by executor, Enoch Clifford, Esqr.

3 July 1847
3 July 1847
\$7493.64
Book M p 193 Mercer Co.
Evan Evans
Charles M. Evans

Charles Clifford of Hopewell Twp.

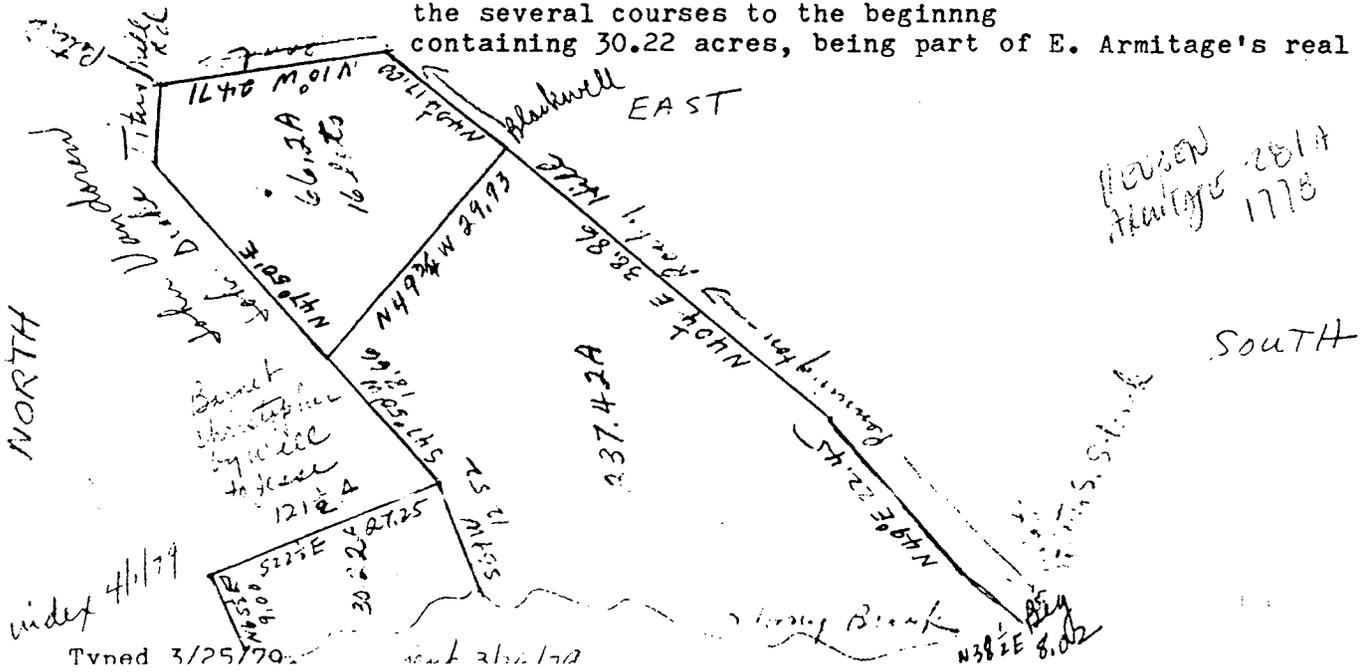
All those two certain lots/tracts of land in Hopewell Twp. being part of the homestead farm of said Enoch Armitage, dec'd., the first being the part with the mansion house and other improvements

Beginning at a corner in middle of Stony Brook where the Great Road leading from Pennington to Rocky Hill crosses the same, being also a corner of land late Peter S. Schenck, dec'd. thence running along said road

- N 38°30'E 8.02 to a corner in middle of said road
- N 49°E 22.45 to another corner in the middle of said road; still along road
- N 43°E 4.45 to another corner in the middle of said road; still along road
- N 41½°E 2.92 to a stone on the NE side of said road
- N 40¼°E 38.86 to a stone on the NE side of said road in said Blackwell's line; thence running along a line of a number of lots sold by executor
- N 49 3/4°W 29.93 to a corner of the wood lots in a line of land late of John Drake, dec'd.; then by said line
- S 47°50'W 18.66 to a corner of said Drake's farm
- S 69°W 12.52 to a corner in middle of Stony Brook opposite to a red oak on the NE bank of Stony Brook; thence down the middle thereof to the beginning containing 237.42 acres

Also: Beginning at a corner of late John Drake, dec'd., now John Vandoren in middle of Stony Brook; then along his line

- N 65¼°E 9.00 to a stake, another corner of said Joseph Vandoren (as is) by another of his lines
- S 22½°E 27.25 to another of his lines and also a corner to first described lot
- S 69°W 12.52 to a corner to first described lot in middle of aforesaid brook the several courses to the beginning containing 30.22 acres, being part of E. Armitage's real estate.



Block 45 lot 1

Virginia D. Coryell, minor under 21, by
court action Trustee of premises, heir to
George W. Coryell, dec'd.

1 April 1852
1 April 1852
\$3500.00
REc:
Book W p 317
Wit:

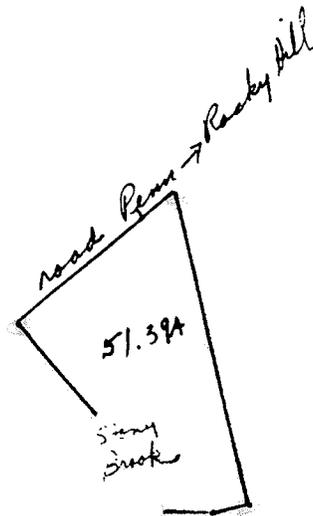
to
William J. Avard of Hopewell Twp.

Same land as from Trustee, Henry P. Welling of Peter and Sarah Schenck
to George W. Coryell 18 July 1843 Book F p 73 + 74

Parcel in Hopewell Twp.

Beginning in middle of road leading from Pennington to Rocky Hill; then
along middle of said road

N 50°E	18.00	to a stone in middle of road; then along middle of road
N 50°E	4.59	to a stone corner and in a line of lands formerly Peter S. Schenck
S 14½°E	36.00	to the channel of Stony Brook in the mill pond, formerly of said Schenck; then up brook several courses
S 74 3/4°W	4.28	"
West	5.00	
N 42¼°W	5.55	
N 49°W	2.69	
N 53½°W	4.70	
N 75°W	1.00	to corner in middle of Stony Brook
N 32°E	2.79	to ironwood tree
N 41 3/4°W	12.85	to the beginning containing 51.39 acres



cards

Typed 9/10/81

Sealed and delivered
In presence of
J. Barnes

Mark Thompson

State of New Jersey

Joseph Broadhurst of Sunderland Jt.

On the first day of June 1802 before me for

giving one of the Judges of the Court of common pleas in said County personally appeared
James Barnason of the subscribing Witnesses to the within Instruments who on his
oath and affirmation did declare that he saw mark Thompson the within grantee
sign and seal the same and that he did deliver it for the purposes therein
mentioned and that Joseph Broadhurst the other subscribing Witness was pre-
sent at the same solemn and signed his name and a large together with the affi-
davit.

affirmed at Trenton
in said County the day
and year above before me

John Barnes

Recorded this 25 day of August 1802

Samuel Titus & wife
vs
Enos Titus

This Indenture made and concluded upon this first
day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and two 1802 Samuel Titus of the township of

Howell in the County of Sunderland & western division of the state of New Jersey
and Mary his wife of the one parts and Enos Titus of the township of County of
State aforesaid on the other part Witnesseth that whereas the said Samuel
Titus and Mary his wife do for the consideration of the sum of five hundred
pounds gold or silver money Cash in hand paid & secured to be paid at and
before the signing sealing and delivery of the within presents the receipt of
the said Samuel Titus and Mary his wife do hereby acknowledge and them-
selves fully satisfied contented and paid and thereunto of every part and
part thereof do legally execute and discharge and discharge the said Enos
Titus his heirs and assigns forever by these presents have given granted bargained
sold alienated conveyed conveyed and confirmed and by these presents he
fully fully and absolutely give grant bargain sell alienate convey and
confirm unto the said Enos Titus his heirs and assigns forever all that certain lot
of land lying and being in hope well aforesaid belonging to the said Samuel
Titus and Mary his wife which is bounded and bounded as follows to wit
beginning at a stone in the great lead landing from Pennington to rocky hills
in the line of Josiah Funks land thence along the line of the said Funks land
South fourteen degrees and thirty minutes east thirty six chains to the edge of the ch
nel of Stony brook in Funks mill pond thence up the rocks the usual course