

Susquehanna Islands in Lancaster County

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There is glamor, romance and even tragedy connected with the story of the many river islands along the Lancaster County shore.

Time was when the Indians inhabited the larger islands, farming, hunting, fishing, cooking, and even interring their dead thereon. Rival tribes battled to gain undisputed possession.

Here the Susquehannocks, Conestogas, Pequehans, Shawnees, Nanticokes, Ganawese or Conoys, found a veritable paradise for their way of life. This was enjoyed until the encroachment of the white man spoiled the abundant hunting and fishing, and forced the Redmen to seek happier hunting grounds to the west.

Here numerous petroglyphs on the river rocks give us enduring messages carved by the ancient Indian tribes—messages waiting for the intelligence of the white man to interpret them.

Opposite Tucquan, indentions in the rocks forming a firm hold for footing, bear the appropriate name of "Indian Steps," for here, approaching the water's edge, the native Redmen did their fishing. Beyond the now submerged Steps, in from the shore, stands a museum dedicated to the preservation of the memory of these children of nature. Articles of Indian warfare, hunting, cooking and farming are displayed in a handsomely constructed and beautifully designed building, erected in 1912 by John Edward Vandersloot of York, Pa. The last remnant of the once powerful and numerous tribes on the river bank was exterminated by the brutality and wantonness of the white man.

Following the wave of emigration, squatters seated themselves upon the vacant river islands, especially if the same were opposite to their holdings on the main land. Legal and uncontested rights were not gained until 1793, when the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania took over all islands in public streams and sold the same; preference being given to the holders who had made improvements thereon.

ISLANDS SOLD BY THE COMMONWEALTH

To gain information how the islands were secured, it is necessary to read

AN ACT OF ASSEMBLY

An Act directing the sale of Certain Islands in the river Susquehanna, passed March 6, 1793.

There are certain islands in the river Susquehanna, and the several branches thereof, the property of this Commonwealth, and it appears convenient to dispose of the said islands.

SECT. I directs "that upon application made by any person to the land-office for a warranty to survey, to cause any island lying in the river Susquehanna, or in any of its branches, so far as such branches have been declared public highways, to be surveyed for the use of such applicant, it shall be lawful for the officers of the land-office, and they are hereby directed to issue such a warrant, upon the conditions, and under the restrictions and limitations herein after mentioned: *Provided, however,* That no such warrant shall issue, directing any of the aforesaid islands to be surveyed and returned in the surveyor-general's office for the use of the late proprietaries, prior to the fourth day of July, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six."

SECT. II. *Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That when any person shall apply, as aforesaid, for any such island, he shall state whether any improvement has been made upon the same; and if any improvement has been made, he shall also state the nature of such improvement, and when, and by whom, made; and no warrant shall issue, directing any island thus improved to be surveyed, except in favor of the person who has made such improvement, or in favor of his heirs or assigns, for the term of two years after the passing of this Act; after the expiration of which term, warrants of survey may issue for such improved island, in favor of such person or persons who shall first apply for the same; and if any such warrant shall issue otherwise than aforesaid, it shall be deemed to have issued by surprise, and shall be of no avail in law, and the monies paid for the same shall be forfeited forever to the Commonwealth.

SECT. III. *Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That any such person, who may claim any such island or islands by virtue of his improvement, or of any other right, may enter a caveat, in the usual form, against any person or persons claiming the same, which caveat or caveats shall be decided upon by the board of property, in the same manner as in other cases where the said board have power to judge and to determine.

SECT. IV. *Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the board of property shall, with the approbation of the governor, ascertain the just value of the islands, whether improved or not, that may be applied for as aforesaid, having regard to the soil, wood, and distance from the main land, and to the advantages that may be derived from the same in regard to fisheries: *Provided,* That the lowest price by them fixed shall not be less than eight dollars by the acre.

SECT. V. *Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That no warrant of survey shall issue for any of the said islands, unless the same is susceptible of cultivation, nor to any person whatever, unless he shall have paid the whole amount of the purchase money to the receiver-general of the land-office nor shall any such warrant issue for any less quantity of land than the whole of any such island; and all sand-bars and islands, not susceptible of cultivation, and not surveyed and returned into the surveyor-general's office, for the

use of the late proprietaries, prior to the fourth day of July, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, shall be and remain common highways for ever.

SECT. VI. *Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That when the purchaser shall have made full payment of all the purchase monies of any such islands, it shall be lawful for the governor to grant him a patent, in the usual form of the land-office, vesting the same in him, his heirs and assigns, for ever.

. . . Passed 6th March, 1793.

SHELLY'S ISLAND

Because of the exciting and thrilling episodes connected with them, we begin our story with the three large islands, now in Dauphin County, but until 1785 in Lancaster County; they were Three-mile Island, Hill Island and Shelly's Island.

Rivaling the analogous story of Aaron Burr on the Blennerhassett Island in the Ohio River, we find one Daniel Shelly with his confederates concocting a plan to embarrass and hinder the cause of the American Revolutionists. Rowing from the York County shore silently and secretly at night, they gathered on the isolated island to hatch out a plot by which all stores, arms and magazines in this vicinity would be seized or destroyed.

Fortunately for the cause of liberty, the plot was discovered before any plans could be put into effect. In the Colonial Records we are told that:

"Some information by affidavit and verbally, being given to Council by George Stevenson, Esq., of Carlisle, of divers treasonable and dangerous intentions and designs of levying men and destroying the Public Stores at York, Lancaster, and Carlisle and elsewhere, in which William Willis, of Newberry, and James Rankin of Manchester in York County, John Ferree of Lancaster County, Yoemen, and divers other persons, are said to be actually concerned; and it appearing that Daniel Shelly, of Shelly Island, in Lancaster County, Yoeman, hath been actively concerned in the Treasonable designs aforesaid, and that he is now in Custody on a charge on Oath, as one of the persons actively concerned in the Treasonable designs aforesaid, and that he is willing and offers to discover and give evidence in the Premises against the accomplices and all others concerned in the said Conspiracy and every one of them, as he knoweth, so as to convict his said accomplices.

"The Council promised Daniel Shelly 'that if he shall fairly reveal and make known the designs of said persons . . . he will thereby merit his Pardon for anything he may have acted or done of a Treasonable nature, and may be assured of receiving it'."¹

Among the "divers other persons," above referred to, were Rev. Daniel Batwell, David Copeland, Thomas Bennet, Dr. Norris, and a Mr. McDonald.²

Christopher Marshall tells us, "James Rankin ran away from York County and was captured about 16 miles from our enemies' camp."³ His estate was attainted.⁴

When the plans reached the ears of the authorities, the plotters were forced to flee, with a price put upon their heads. Unfortunately for the Con-

¹ Colonial Records, vol. 11, p. 307.

² Pennsylvania Archives, 2d series, vol. 3, pp. 126, 136. Carlisle, Sept. 22, 1777.

³ Christopher Marshall's Diary, p. 128, Sept. 1777.

⁴ Papers of the Lancaster County Historical Society, vol. 12, p. 272.

tinental cause all escaped across the river, excepting our dashing Daniel, who was apprehended and incarcerated at Carlisle, and there repenting of his misdeeds or lamenting his confinement, turned State's evidence, and exposed all concerned. The others were never brought to justice, and the name of Daniel Shelly in local annals reeks with the odium of a Benedict Arnold. Daniel's promised reward—a British colonel's commission and acres of land—turned to ashes.

But be it said that his progeny, numerous and honorable, have atoned for the past by lives of uprightness and patriotism.

But the groundhog-and brier-infested island later found happier days, for on its elevated acres camped happy, care-free Girl Scouts of York, and melodious choir boys from St. James' Episcopal Church of Lancaster, who explored from end to end the island and the mysteries woven about it; wondering how the tons of grain from its fertile acres, stored in the spacious barn, ever reached the main land; wondering what the gravestones could tell about their forgotten dead in the two ancient cemeteries—one restored by the campers, the other abandoned to a guard of poison ivy. The island bore an unusual appeal to the writer, for here in 1873 his father was schoolmaster in the little frame building, still standing and now used as a summer cottage. Children from this and adjoining islands accounted for an attendance of twenty-five.

The sagacious Simon Cameron, enthralled by the beauty and productivity, bought the island of more than two hundred acres in 1882 for \$25,000. And for a neighbor he had none other than Colonel James Duffy on the adjoining Three-mile or Greenawalt's Island.

Long before Duffy owned the island we find the first burgess of Lancaster Borough, Thomas Cookson, writing this letter to Thomas Penn, Esq.:

Lancaster, 4th Decr. 1749.

Theres an Island of abt. 200 acres just fronting my land & near this side the River which would be of great advantage to my Lands & cannot be of equal Benefit to any other person. I would beg the favour of being admitted to purchase the Island on ye Common Terms

While devoting so much space to the other islands something did happen on Hill Island in the year 1844. Being convinced that the world would now come to an end, a group of believers of the sect called Millerites gathered on the island firmly believing that they would soon be transplanted into a heavenly home. The Millerites have gone naturally, the Hill Island remains, and the Susquehanna flows onward to the sea.

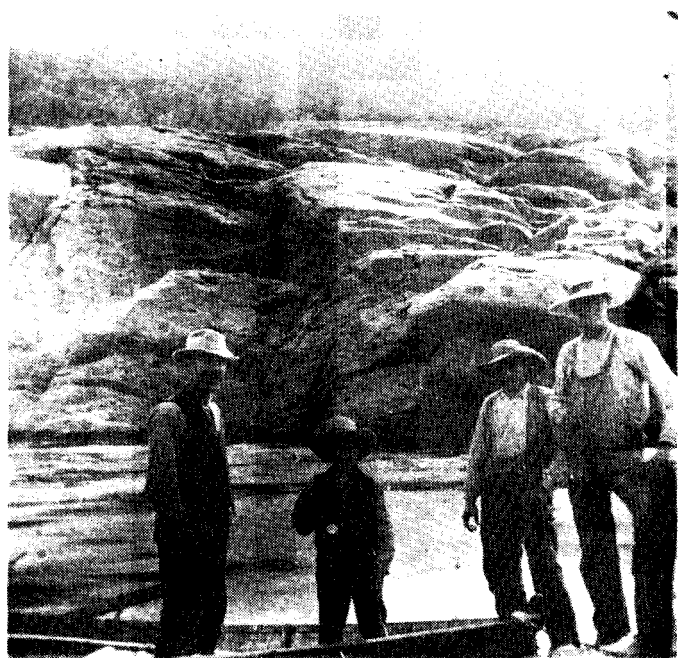
DOWN THE RIVER

With tense trepidation we push our mental craft through the treacherous Conewago Falls, the same now as when, over one hundred years ago, Eli Bowen gave this vivid description of them:

The channel is surrounded with bold jutting rocks, which form a great impediment to its navigation. The descending rafts of the Susquehanna pass through these falls with the rapidity of a railway train. The fall of the river, within a distance of little more than a mile, is probably not less than seventy feet. As the raft descends, it plunges, creaks, and bends in every direction—the high waves rolling and splashing frightfully—rendering the adventure at



Mount Johnson Island



Rivermen at Indian Steps
(The lad proudly displays a watch)

once exciting, novel, and perilous. . . Gracefully sank down the front platform, and furiously swept the eager water over our thirsty boards! That plunge over, another and another followed in quick succession.

Sturdy men at the oars battled against sturdier rocks, which they with desperate effort avoided. And yet Bowen thought he had a "pleasant trip!"⁵

When the water in the river is low, myriad pot holes can be seen near the Falls opposite Falmouth. The unusual low water, with the exposed pot holes, drew thousands of sight-seers here in October 1947.

The famous families of Haldemans and Galbraiths had island possessions along Conoy's shore. As a boy, Prof. Samuel Steman Haldeman, from his home at Locust Grove, observed eagles nesting on their island, which was a mile above their home. Galbraith's Island has an extent of 125 acres, with a good house and barn, fisheries, and a well of never-failing water.

Concerning the Susquehanna flood of 1865 a newspaper had this to say:

"An amusing incident is connected with this flood. A sale was being held on an island opposite Bainbridge. Scores of persons were present, but not one knew of the trials and tribulations they would endure before they would again see their families and friends. The sale continued; so did the water in the river rise, and by evening it had attained so great a height that communication with the main land was not to be thought of. They were kept prisoners on the island for nearly a week, when finally they were rescued by persons from the main land."⁶

There were a few small islands near Columbia. Below the old dam at the river borough we find Mifflin Island, where John Mathiot, mistaken for a muskrat as he lay in the bushes, was fatally shot by a fellow-hunter in 1802. His sons, John and Jacob, owned Frog and Rush islands .

CRESAP, THE TROUBLE-MAKER

Continuing our voyage we come to the familiar "Isles of Promise," near Washington Boro. Their only promise in the days of Thomas Cresap, was apparently that of strife. This adventurous and contentious invader from Maryland would make a stirring character for a modern novel. He became a boatbuilder at the mouth of the Susquehanna. In 1725 he married Hannah daughter of Thomas Johnson, owner of Mount Johnson Island. In 1736, Governor Ogle of Maryland gave Cresap a deed for the Isles of Promise, opposite Washington Boro, for which he was to pay at the city of Saint Mary's the rental of four shillings annually.⁷ Here began "Cresap's War," the first strife between white men along the Susquehanna. This stream, browned by the clayey influx from the streams of Lancaster and York counties, blackened by the coal silt from the upper counties, fortunately was never reddened by the blood of the white inhabitants; saved from such a fate at one time by the withdrawal of the Southern armies occupying the west bank in June 1863.

By-passing the Isles was the busy Blue Rock Ferry, whose starting point was expected to grow into Blue Rock Village in 1814, when building lots were sold by the usual method of a lottery.

⁵ Pictorial Sketch Book of Pennsylvania, by Eli Bowen, Philadelphia, 1852.

⁶ The Intelligencer of March 10, 1885, p. 4.

⁷ History of Pennsylvania, W. H. Egle, p. 824.

MUNDORF-WISE ISLAND

First called Mundorf's, but known to us as Wise's Island, of 121 acres, located above the mouth of Pequea Creek, we find this island large enough to support a hotel, always attractive to fishermen and campers. The island had many tales to tell. Shelley's Island had its stories, while Mundorf's sheltered draft dodgers in the days of the Revolution, until an armed detachment from Lancaster found them, and impressed them into service. It can be said for them that they served faithfully until honorably discharged.⁸ Some of the island occupants, feeling remotely detached, were determined to evade their civic responsibilities, so they dodged the tax collector, until one such more energetic and resourceful, made off with an evader's hogs, driving them to Lancaster, and there the islanders and their sympathizers later gathered and engaged in a pitched battle to prevent any sale of seized goods.⁹

MOUNT JOHNSON ISLAND

In the days when Maryland claimed land that reached almost to the doorstep of Lancaster Borough, and gave Thomas Cresap title to the Isles of Promise, there was down below Fisihng Creek an island of seventy-five acres, appearing like a dark sugar loaf, claimed by the County of Cecil in Maryland. Now the permanent abode of a pair of bald eagles, we are convinced that the birds were not there until the land became the undisputed possession of the peaceful Quaker, William Penn.

Here is Maryland's claim in legal form (see plate on p. 33) :

June the 2d, A. D. 1726

Cecil County

By Virtue of a Warrant Granted unto Thomas Johnson, Jun., of Cecil County for the quantity of Three Hundred acres of Land bearing Date the 24th Day of March 1725, I William Rumsey, D. Sur. of Cecil County under Michael Howard Esq. his Lordship's the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary his Land Surveyor General of the Eastern Shore of the Province of Maryland Do humbly Certife that for and in the Name of him the said Thomas Johnson I have surveyed and laid out a certain Tract or Island Called Mount Johnson Lying and being in the East Side of Susquehanah River in Cecil County above the Land Called Poplar Valley taken up by Nicholas Hyland Beginning at the West Side of a Great Rock which Lyeth on the West Side of the Island at the foot of the mountain and Shelveth over at the South West Side thereof in Such Manner that it is a good Shelter for falling Weather And Running from thence [here the various bounds are described] to the Place of Beginning thereby Closing this Survey Containing and Laid Out for Seventy-five Acres of Land More or Less. To be held of the Mannor of Baltimore

Surveyed by me

Wm. Rumsey, D. Sur. Cecil County

Deed Book DD, p. 530, Lancaster County Courthouse, recites further transfers of this island. The above Thomas Johnson, and his wife Milicent, on June 10, 1731, sold same to Henry Sniggers, then on June 22, 1737, Robert

⁸ See L. C. H. S. scrap book #81, p. 96; Beers' Biographical Annals of Lancaster County, p. 518.

⁹ Sunday News, January 31, 1932.

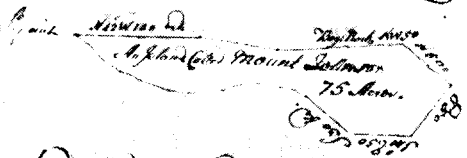
Cecil County, Md.

June the 2^d: Anno d^o 1726

By Virtue of Warrant Granted unto Thomas Johnson

Sheriff of Cecil County for the quantity of Three hundred Acres of Land bearing Date
 the 24th day of March 1725. I William Penning Deputie Sheriff of Cecil County and
 Michael Howard Esq^r his Deputie in the Right of the Honorable the Lords Proprietors
 his said Surveyor or General of the Eastern Shores of the Province of Maryland. Do hereby
 Certifie that for and in the Name of their Honor Thomas Johnson Thos^d
 Surveyor and Deputie of certain Tract of Lands on Island of said Cecil County
 Lying and being in the East Side of the Aqueduct as is said in full County a Part
 above this said Cecil County being taken up by Nicholas Hyland the Beginning
 At the West Side of a great Rock which lyeth on the West Side of the Island at
 the foot of the Mountain and the ball over at the Top the West Side thereof in
 such Manner that it is a good Shot from any Direction. And the Survey from
 thence N 50° E 50° p. 1/2 E 20° p. 1/2 S 30° p. 1/2 E 98° p. 1/2 S 18° E 12
 S 86° S 10° p. 1/2 S 168° p. 1/2 S 33° E 17° p. 1/2 S 58° E 10° p. 1/2 S 47° E 12° p. 1/2 S 41° E 66° p. 1/2
 S 61° p. 1/2 S 38° E 8° p. 1/2 S 27° S 2° E 17° p. 1/2 S 25° E 16° p. 1/2 S 18° E 8° p. 1/2 S 23° E 9° p. 1/2
 S 10° E 20° p. 1/2 S 7° W 6° p. 1/2 S 4° E 10° p. 1/2 S 15° E 8° p. 1/2 to the said point of the Island on
 the N 42° W 100° p. 1/2 N 35° W 62° p. 1/2 NW 52° p. 1/2 then a Right Line to the
 Place of Beginning thereby being this Survey containing and said Land for
 Sixty five Acres of said Cecil County. To be had of the Manner
 of Baltimore Survey of Md.

Wm Penning Deputie Sheriff



Survey'd the 5th Day of June Anno d^o 1726. And I sold of a Tract of
 80 p^{er}ches in a Tract of Md
 Wm Penning Deputie Sheriff Cecil County, Md.

Morgan pays £50 for it. Morgan gives it to his daughters—Sarah and Susanna. Sarah married James Burford, and they conveyed their half of the island to Stephen Cooper on May 14, 1767. Stephen married the younger daughter, Susanna, and she, when Stephen died, married John Hamilton. On September 27, 1785, John Cooper of Faun Township, York County, bought from John Hamilton his half and also one-third of the late Stephen Cooper's half, for £100. Mount Johnson, 75 acres. Witnesses: Isaac Nelson, Robert Morgan and Moses Irwin.

Back-water from the Conowingo dam has considerably shrunk the island, but the eagles remain, under the protecting care of the Audubon Society and Dr. Herbert H. Beck.

The river islands are havens for other birds in their migratory flights north and south. The whistling swans, canvasbacks and Canadian geese, by the hundreds, come under the harmless binoculars of the enthusiastic local ornithologists. We find glee in their camp when local naturalists discover a rare or unusual type of feathered friend.

Quite pertinent to our story should be the recital of the futile efforts to make the unnavigable Susquehanna a useful stream. The numerous islands diverted the river currents into devious and treacherous channels, the submerged and protruding rocks—not worthy of the name of islands—were harmful hazards, and the dangerous falls, eddies, whirlpools and riffles militated against safe boating. But hardy pilots and steermen,¹⁰ as early as 1795, braved all perils, and took their rafts through to waiting markets. True, there were losses often in life and lumber, and even the very last raft coming down the river, purely as a commemorative and exhibitory run March 20, 1938, suffered the loss of seven men by drowning.

The turbulent, uncontrollable flood waters in the spring overwhelmed even the larger islands, forcing the occupants to flee, and tearing away houses and barns; the powerful ice movements often obliterated small islands, pushing trees and soils beneath the waters. Staunch bridges in the path met destruction.

But there were men, undaunted by obstacles, who had a dream of a navigable Susquehanna. A steamboat, coming from tidewater, reached Columbia on June 11, 1825, to the amazement of an excited populace.¹¹ As a diversion, pleasure trips were taken the next day to Big Island, Goose Island and other points. Three steamboats, the *Codorus*, the *Pioneer*, and the *Susquehanna*, made futile efforts on the river.¹²

Men at times have been held involuntarily on the islands. In 1904 fish wardens rowed to Kauffman's Island below Columbia on an inspection tour. There was no love between them and the rivermen, so the latter stealthily removed the wardens' boat, forcing them to remain virtual prisoners for a day or two. Fishermen, caught by a sudden and rapid rise in the water, found it too dangerous to row ashore, and were forced to stay island-bound for days. In modern days of high water and ice floes the helicopter played an heroic role, dropping food to destitute families on the larger islands, or picking up marooned fishermen and taking them to shore. In 1830, no such relief could

¹⁰ For names of raftsmen see L. C. H. S. scrap book #81, p. 50.

¹¹ Ellis and Evans' History of Lancaster County, p. 574.

¹² For a complete story see the Monthly Bulletin of the State Department of Internal Affairs, January 1954.

be obtained by the party of gay picnickers from Columbia caught in a heavy storm on Goose Island.

With the advent of late spring and a full summer season, the prospect along the majestic Susquehanna brightens, the temperature is pleasant, the water warmed for bathing, the vegetation green and gorgeous. The teeming, sweltering occupants of cities and towns close by long for a life in the open amid the wonders of nature. Every island of considerable size became the camping ground of organized clubs.

Over seventy years ago the Sicily Island Club, with their guests, ladies and children to the number of two hundred and fifty, left Lancaster for Columbia and entrain on the old "Port" road. They were taken to the island in row boats and in large flat-boats whose capacity was eighty persons a trip. Under the umbrageous (!) trees they enjoyed dancing, to the music of Taylor's orchestra, and boating, fishing and card playing. It was reported that Dr. Davis and William A. Wilson, Esq., caught fourteen bass and four catfish, while Jake Porter, Christ. Rine and Ed. Rathvon pulled in a dozen and a half fine bass. One man fell into the river while looking over his field of wild rice which he had planted for wild ducks. The party returned to Lancaster by 9:30 P.M. on a special train "all loud in their praises of Sicily Island as a resort."

Near the turn of the century this resort retained its enviable reputation for the Lancaster Commercial Travelers traveled by train to Fite's Eddy, and there embarked for the island.

Farther up the river, near the mouth of Tucquan Creek, the Dead Gamers Outing Club found an ideal spot for their type of vacation at Hartman's Island. Walter Schlott presided over the "music tent," Ed Trissler dispensed food and drink, and the officers were John Leinbach, Billy Conn and Elmer Mehaffey.

The above are typical examples of the many camping clubs, large and small, which abounded on the river islands every summer. They insured isolation without desolation, fellowship with little formality, and recreation with a minimum of perspiration.

Here was the profitable and pleasureable occupation of fishing, especially for the desirable shad. Every island of any consequence had a fishery, using seines or fish baskets. Francis Reuss tells us the first shad caught with a seine below the old Ferry course at Columbia was about the year 1760.

SHAD FISHING AT WASHINGTON BORO

We will let Dr. John W. Price, Sr., local naturalist, city fireman, and experienced shad fisherman, give us a word picture of his exploits:

"Mud Island was the closest of the islands to York County. There was a deep channel between it and the York County shore. That side of the river never seemed to have coal dirt, but instead the bottom was muddy. The shad fishing was carried on between this island and the York County shore. The seine was placed in the end of a large flatboat. This type of boat was often used to haul horses and mules to the islands for plowing and cultivating. There were four oars to the boat; one man to an oar. Two men in a small boat would

take the short rope at the other end of the seine, and both boats would go to the head of the island. The two men usually used the flat-bottomed river canoe which was propelled in shallow water with a pole. This poling was an art, and you could spot a native riverman by the way he handled the pole. I came to grief many times trying to learn the art.

"The large boat would row toward the York County shore, while one or two men played out the seine, with its floats and sinkers spaced at regular intervals. When the seine was completely out the boat turned down stream, paying out a long rope attached to the seine. Then the men in the canoe would start down stream close to the island. The men in the larger boat rowed toward the island, making a large half circle from the starting point. When the large boat touched the shore of the island the small boat was already there; then the short rope was tied fast to a stake or tree.

"There was a windlass on the island, mounted in a vertical position. A large spool was at the bottom where the end of the long rope was fastened. A horizontal circular platform was above the spool, while the shaft had a bearing below the spool, and the other bearing was a hole in the platform; four horizontal arms ran off from the shaft at a convenient height. When the long rope was fastened we would run around on the platform, holding onto the arm of the windlass, and in this manner pulling the seine to the island. When the seine touched the island the men would walk into the water, with hip boots or barefooted and start pulling in the seine; as the half circle became smaller you could see the bass flipping gracefully out over the floats; we seldom caught these game fish for they were too clever.

"When the seine was drawn into shallow water the size of the half circle was greatly reduced. You could now see the shad somewhat helpless in the shallows. Each man would walk into the seine and grab a pair of shad by the gills. With finger in gill, he would then walk over to a large box and deposit them. The first one would call "two," the next "four," and so on. Sometimes there were several hundred shad to a haul.

"I was there when the last haul was made at Mud Island. The dam at Holtwood would be finished before the next shad season, thereby ending the industry. It was not an unusually large haul; if I remember correctly less than a hundred were caught. But the last haul was important and few of these shad were sold. Wooden candy buckets, so popular in those days, were collected and scrubbed, and much salt was on hand; the shad were cleaned, scaled and split through the middle. Salt was put in the bucket then halves of shad, then more salt and more shad until the bucket was full; the wooden lid was put on, and we had shad for the whole long winter.

"This shad battery was owned by Isaac Ortman and sons, who owned Mud Island and several other large islands near Washington Borough. The sons were Harry, John, Joseph, Bernard, Jacob and Samuel; the latter is the only one surviving.

"When the shad fishing ended at Washington Borough, a group of these men built a shad battery at Fishing Creek. The rock, seen from Cutler's Point, sticking out of the water, was at the head of the island where they made their

headquarters; the battery was some distance above this rock. Further on, Mount Johnson Island loomed as a big island in those days."

But time and progress march on, and to the Valley of the Susquehanna came the builders of hydro-electric plants and dams. Through the absence of locks, the dream of navigation is gone, and the death knell of shad fishing sounded. The consequent impounding of the waters consigned all but a few of our islands to a watery grave.

And now we give no ear to the scorner who would tell you that planked shad are best—that is, if you throw away the fish and eat the plank.

Gone are the islands and the fisheries, but nothing can take from us our desire for the toothsome, delectable, albeit boney, Susquehanna shad.

So we agreed with Lloyd Mifflin that

"—not the castled Rhine

Is fair as Susquehanna."

LIST OF NAMED ISLANDS

CONOY TOWNSHIP

(This was a part of Donegal Township until 1842.)

July 26, 1796. Samuel Keller's small island of 2 acres, adjoining Shelly's Island, on which is a fishery.

May 5, 1802. Rudolph Spangler, 3 acres. Patented Dec. 1, 1802, *Bald Eagle Is.*, westward of Bartram Galbraith's Island and opposite Mathias Ipe's land in York County, and $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from the York County shore; west of Forge Island.

June 18, 1794. Josiah Galbraith's small island of 2 acres, about 40 perches above the largest island belonging to Bartram Galbraith; one acre fit for cultivation.

June 30, 1802. Solomon Myers and others, *Port Myer Is.*, 1 acre; opposite Falmouth, $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile above Conewago Canal; 300 yards below Daniel Shelly's Is.

Sept. 1, 1802. John Brillinger, 3 acres; patented April 9, 1811; *Codorus Is.*, opp. mouth of Codorus Creek.

Sept. 13, 1802. Sebastian Fink, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. *Goose Is.*, opp. land of John Haldeman, one mile above the mouth of Codorus Creek; east of Forge Is.

Oct. 4, 1802. Rob. Hamersley and William Lewis, 1 acre. *Charybdis Is.* in the Conewago Falls; 2 rods south of Scylla Is., 15 rods south of Elliott's Is.

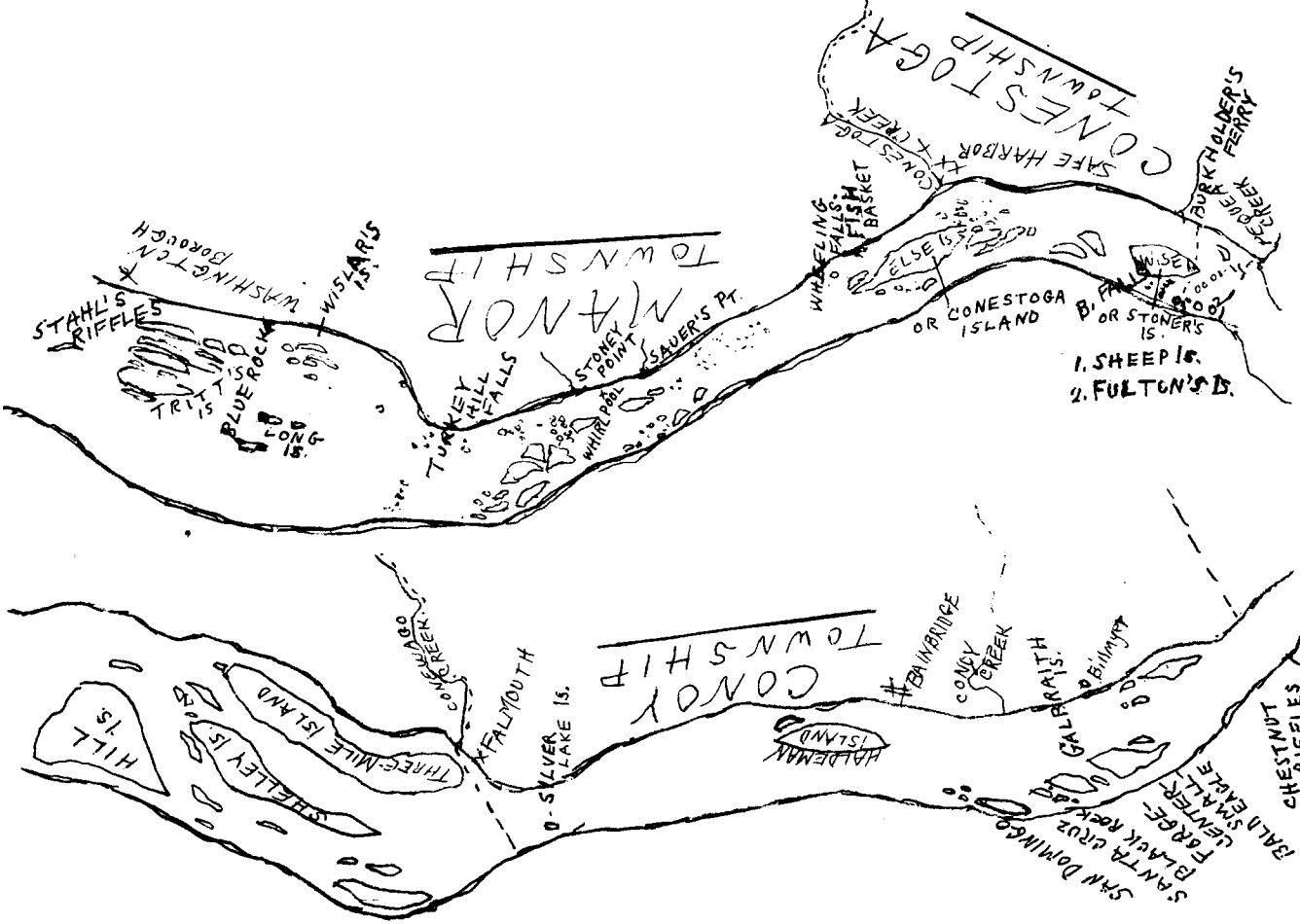
The above names were of ancient, mythological origin. Charybdis was a whirlpool on the coast of Sicily, opposite the rock Scylla on the Italian coast. Scylla was personified by the ancients as a ravenous female monster, encircled by barking dogs. The saying "between Scylla and Charybdis" signified "between two dangers."

July 17, 1810. William Ferree, 1 acre. Warrant issued May 15, 1812. *Cape Lookout Is.*, opp. the village of Falmouth; 80 perches below John Elliott's Is.

July 1, 1811. William Ferree, 1 acre. *Upper Snake Is.*, 10 perches above Little Snake Is., 50 perches from York County shore.

June 28, 1811. Robert Caffey, Will'm Heller, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. *Madaria Is.*, opp. land of John Haldeman, 300 yards northeast of Forge Is.

June 9, 1802. John Bower and others, 2 acres. *Brush Is.*, opp. the mouth of Codorus Creek, and below the mouth of Conoy Creek.



June 28, 1802. Michael Zorger, 10 acres. *Falls Is.*, below the mouth of Conewago Creek, on the east side of the canal, and in the middle of Conewago Falls, opp. village of Falmouth.

Silver Lake Is., opp. Collins Station, below Falmouth, and near the York County shore.

Jones Is., now Galbraith's, 2 miles below the Conewago Falls; for sale by James Galbraith, for the estate of Samuel Galbraith. (Lancaster Journal, April 4, 1812.)

Offered for sale, *Galbraith's Is.*, between Bainbridge and York Haven, 125 acres, with two-story log house, 36 x 40 feet, "well finished, with a well of never-failing water near the door. This island affords a sufficiency of drift timber to supply a distillery constantly with fuel [fuel]." It has three excellent fisheries (and more may easily be made), with the seines and boats belonging to them. (Marietta Pilot, Jan. 18, 1814.)

July 11, 1794. Michael Coble, 3 acres. Island opp. land of Randle McClure, decd.

Samuel S., son of Col. Bertram Galbraith, purchased *Jones' Island*, opp. Bainbridge, from his brothers, William B. and James, for \$10,421. The value of the island decreased very rapidly when shad fishing was unprofitable. (Egle's 4th series, vol. 1, p. 192.)

July 22, 1808. John Demuth, 2 acres. *Rushy Is.*, opp. to Pig landing; 100 perches to the eastward of Forge Is., and 90 perches to the eastward of Bald Eagle Is.

Aug. 17, 1808. Jonathan Hough, John Leman and Jacob Bower, $\frac{3}{4}$ acre. Patented Aug. 21, 1811. *Ark Is.*, 40 perches eastward to the upper end of Galbreath's lower Is., opp. land of John Holdiman.

Sept. 4, 1806. Jacob Brenneman, $\frac{1}{4}$ acre. Patented Nov. 1, 1805; about 25 or 30 perches from shore.

Sept. 11, 1806. Jonathan Haugh and William Ferree, $\frac{1}{4}$ acre. Patented June 3, 1808; 40 perches to westward of Galbreath's Lower Is., opp. land of George Vogan of York County; nearly opp. the mouth of Conoy Creek.

Also $\frac{1}{4}$ acre, patented April 24, 1810; $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile above Lower Snake Is., 100 perches above Lower Fish Pott, $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile below Galbreath's Is., opp. land of Samuel Galbreath.

Oct. 23, 1807. Terrah Jones, 3 acres. Patented Jan. 27, 1810; 20 perches to the northeast of the late Bartram Galgreath's Is., opp. land of Abraham Stoner.

Also 1 acre, warrant issued Nov. 5, 1807; 90 perches to the westward of Jacob Brenneman's Is., opp. land of the late Samuel Day of York County.

Nov. 3, 1807. Jonathan Hough, Daniel Anderson, James Anderson, and Nathan White, 2 acres, opp. land of Frederick Galbaugh, and opp. land of Henry B. Grubb of York County; 150 perches below Stewart's Is.

Nov. 3, 1807. Jonathan, Joseph and John Hough, $\frac{1}{4}$ acre, opp. an island of the late Adam Brenneman and others; 70 perches below Forge Is., and opp. the mouth of Codorus Creek.

Nov. 5, 1807. Michael Coble and Jacob Brubaker, $\frac{1}{4}$ acre. Patented Oct. 6, 1808; 50 perches from the eastern shore, opp. land of the said Jacob Brubaker.

May 19, 1808. Valentine Coleman, $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres. *Muskrat Is.*, opp. land of John Haldiman; 40 perches below Galbreath's Is.

HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP

Feb. 23, 1803. John Eberlein and Samuel M. Neill, 2 acres. Warrant issued Dec. 2, 1811; island 70 yards from the eastern shore, opp. land of George Lutz

Jan. 25, 1805. John Kaufman, 2 acres. Warrant issued Nov. 7, 1811. Patented May 22, 1812; below the upper pitch of the Riffles, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile below the mouth of Crise [Kreutz] Creek, 200 yards from the York County shore.

Also 1 acre. Patented May 22, 1812; below the upper pitch of Riffles, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile below the mouth of Crise Creek, 250 yards from the York County shore.

April 26, 1794. James Ewing and Samuel Wright for two islands; valuation returned March 5, 1802. *Big Is.* and *Bushy Is.*, near Wright's Ferry.

June 7, 1810. John Mathiat, $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres. Warrant issued Aug. 19, 1811. *Rush Is.*, a seine fishery in 1800, 80 perches eastward of Charles Evans' Is., 90 perches below Luck Is., opp. Keyler's tavern.

July 10, 1810. Tempest Wilson, 1 acre. Warrant issued Oct. 23, 1810. *Grape Is.*, 100 perches northwestward of Patience Wright's Garden Is., 100 perches eastward of Mud Is., 70 perches westward of Michael Whisler's Is.

Sept. 14, 1808. Andrew Hershey, 1 acre. Warrant issued Feb. 9, 1809; opp. lands of Thomas Boude, and opp. Frog Is. (Peter Livengood's Is.).

Feb. 15, 1808. Henry Kline and Leonard Rathfon, 1 acre. *Gravelly Is.*, 100 perches below Wright's Falls, 100 perches eastward of Mud Is.

Oct. 24, 1809. Tempest Wilson and Adam Ottstat, 2 acres. *Christopher Kush Is.* Used by them as a seine fishery in Oct. 1808; 30 perches below Scrod Is., 50 perches above Kauffman's Is., opp. village of Columbia.

Sept. 11, 1811. Samuel Bethel, James Wright and James Wright, Jr., 1 acre. Warrant issued Feb. 2, 1814. *Bushey Is.*, opp. town of Columbia; 40 perches from the York County shore.

Also 1 acre. Warrant issued Feb. 2, 1814. *Big Is.*, opp. the town of Columbia; 100 perches from shore.

Sept. 11, 1811. Samuel Bethel, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. *Little Fishing Is.*, 1 mile below Columbia, in the middle of the river.

Oct. 3, 1811. Michael Wissler, $\frac{3}{4}$ acre. *Cooper's Rock Is.*, 400 yards from land of William Wright in York County, and opp. to land of John Hogentogler on Lancaster shore, about 1 mile above Wrightsville.

April 27, 1796. Emmer Jefferies and John Everly, $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres. Valuation returned March 7, 1797. Warrant issued to John Everly, May 29, 1811, "a little above Wright's Ferry," opp. lands of Samuel Bethel, decd.

MANOR TOWNSHIP

Aug. 4, 1799. Amos Eddy and Jos. Gordon, 1 acre. Island 1 mile below Columbia, opp. land of Philip Gallaher, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from eastern shore, near Gallaher's Riffles.

Also an island, 12 acres, 1 mile below Columbia, opp. land of Peter Livengood, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from western shore.

Feb. 28, 1800. John Musser, $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres. *Lower Is.*, about 3 y'ds from the York County shore, and a little below the meadow of John Musser.

Also, $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres. *Beech Is.*, between Walnut Is. and the eastern shore.

May 19, 1806. John Hines, 1 acre; in the Turkey Hill Falls, opp. the point of Turkey Hill, and nearly opp. the mouth of Beaver Run in York County.

Feb. 27, 1802. John Musser, 2 acres. *Green Branch Is.*, 30 or 40 perches from the York County shore, opp. mouth of Green Branch Run.

Also, $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres. *Musser's Is.*, 20 perches northeast of Green Branch Is., and 10 perches north of Shad Is.

May 17, 1802. James Ankram and James Morrison, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. *Shad Is.*, near the Ferry course, and on the west side of Big Is.

Aug. 9, 1802. Israel Nestelroad, 1 acre. Patented Oct. 13, 1813. *Sandy Is.*, 1 mile above the mouth of Conestoga Creek, and between the upper point of Conestoga Is. and the Lancaster County shore.

Aug. 19, 1802. John Musser, 2½ acres. *Upper Shad Is.*, 25 perches from the York County shore, and lying between Green Branch and Muddy Islands.

Nov. 19, 1802. John Musser, 3 acres. *Stony Is.*, 35 perches from the Lancaster County shore, and opp. Sower or Haris plantation.

Also ½ acre. *Little Shephard Is.*, 20 or 30 perches from the York County shore, and opp. said John Musser's meadow.

Also 2 acres. *Long Is.*, between *Stony Is.* and the York County shore.

Also 1½ acres. *Muddy Is.*, 40 perches from the York County shore, 12 perches below Green Branch Is.

Also 1½ acres. *Great Shephard Is.*, 30 perches from the York County shore, and opp. said John Musser's meadow, 6 perches north of Little Shephard Is.

Nov. 8, 1802. Jacob Reinhart, 1 acre. *Sandy Is.*, opp. land of Philip Gallagher on the one side, and Wright's on the other, 10 rods above Big Is.

Dec. 6, 1802. Jacob Ripley, 5 acres. Warrant issued Jan. 8, 1812. *Buttonwood Is.*, west of Conestoga Is., 20 perches from the York County shore.

May 2, 1803. Abraham Steman, 1 acre. Island 50 yards northwest of an island owned by Jacob Tritt. Also ¼ acre, 40 yards east of an island owned by Jacob Tritt.

Also 1 acre. An island ½ mile from the eastern shore, and opp. Steman's mill.

Also 1½ acres. One-half mile east of an island owned by Jacob Tritt.

Oct. 5, 1803. Michael Klepper, 4 acres; 300 yards from the York County shore, and 150 yards from Button Wood Is.

Oct. 5, 1803. Jacob Schock, ½ acre. Patented April 5, 1804. One mile below Blue Rock, ½ mile from islands held by Jacob Tritt.

March 6, 1806. Charles Evans, 1½ acres. Warrant issued Feb. 19, 1809; 300 perches below Garden Is., between land of Philip Gallagher of Lancaster County and land of Peter Livingood of York County.

Aug. 9, 1793. Islands near the Islands of Promise. 8 acres; 5 islands patented to Christian Whisler, May 15, 1807.

Aug. 9, 1793. An island of 5 acres below the Isles of Promise and near Blue Rock, separated from said Isles by the thoroughfare (ferry).

Aug. 9, 1793. Jacob Dritt, 8 or 9 acres. Six small islands opp. the Dritt mill; above the Turkey Hill Falls and below the said Isles of Promise.

Aug. 9, 1793. Jacob Dritt, 3 acres. Three other small islands between the said Isles of Promise.

Jan. 11, 1794. John Bernhart, 2 acres. *Birch Run Is.*, between 2 and 3 miles below Wright's Ferry, and about 70 yards from the shore.

April 25, 1794. John Quickle, 2 acres. Island opp. Manor Township, land of the said John Quickle.

Aug. 31, 1804. Deed Book Q, vol. 3, p. 683, Jacob and Esther Shock, of Manor Township, sold to Christian Nestleroad, of Centre Township in Centre County, one half part of *Grass Is.* in Manor Township, 1¼ acres, for \$36. The island was granted to Jacob Shock by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by patent, Apr. 10, 1804.

Feb. 23, 1807. Thomas Maulson 40 acres. Island opp. Blue Rock.

Also 20 acres. Island opp. Blue Rock, ¼ mile above Christian Whisler's Is.

Feb. 23, 1807. Thomas Maulson, 20 acres. Island opp. Blue Rock.

Feb. 11, 1808. Benjamin Musser and John Mellinger, ½ acre. Island opp. land of Jacob Witmer, about 30 perches above and to the eastward of Otter Is.

Feb. 18, 1808. John Mellinger, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. Warrant issued Aug. 23, 1810. *Brushy Is.*, opp. the mouth of Steman Run.

March 21, 1808. Jacob Berg, 1 acre. Warrant issued Dec. 27, 1808. *Willow Is.*, near the upper end of Turkey Hill Falls, and nearly opp. land of the late Christian Kendig.

May 31, 1808. Peter Kline and Jacob Musser, 1 acre. Warrant issued Dec. 27, 1808. *Fish Pot Is.*, opp. the land of Philip Sower, 50 perches to the northward of the said Jacob Musser's Is., 10 perches above another small island.

June 17, 1808. John Mellinger and Jacob Musser, $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres. *Tree Is.*, south of the mouth of Cuffey's Run, and $\frac{1}{4}$ mile above Sower's Ferry, both on the York side.

June 26, 1808. Jacob Musser, $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres. Island opp. land of Philip Sower, 15 perches above Strayer's Riffles, 100 perches to the southward of Musser's Fishery, 150 perches below Fish Is.

Dec. 12, 1808. Benjamin Kauffman, 1 acre. Warrant issued Dec 21, 1808. *Withe Is.*, 100 yards from the York County shore, half mile above Sower's Ferry, opp. Cuffy's Run.

Dec. 21, 1808. Jacob Berg, Jacob Witmer and Benjamin Kauffman, 1 acre. *Hoop Is.*, in the Turkey Hill Falls, opp. land of the heirs of Christian Hendrick.

Feb. 6, 1809. Issac Kauffman, 90 perches. Warrant issued Feb. 8, 1809. *Little Willow, Is.*, 2 perches from Carp Is.

Jan. 13, 1809. Jacob Omet, 1 acre. *Stream Is.*, 60 perches above Sower's Ferry, 20 perches below Fry's Falls, 50 perches to the eastward of Tree Is.

Feb. 17, 1809. Lewis Wissler, 1 acre. *Brush Is.*, opp. lands of Thomas Boude, 200 perches from shore, 80 perches southward of Livengood's Is.

June 8, 1809. Jacob Musser, $\frac{1}{4}$ acre. *Willow Is.*, 10 rods from Brush Rock towards the York County shore, 3 rods from Top Is., opp. land of Philip Sower, 5 rods below Garlic Rock.

Also $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. *Flat Is.*, 40 rods from the land of the same Jacob Musser in York County, 10 rods from Second Is., opp. mouth of Kendig's Run, 5 rods below Green Branch Rock.

June 8, 1809. Jacob Musser and Peter Kline, $\frac{1}{4}$ acre. *Prussian Is.*, opp. Big Is., and opp. land of a certain Brenner, 10 rods below Quigley's Shad Rock.

May 10, 1809. Adam Vonderan and John Shock, Jr., $\frac{3}{4}$ acre. *Duck Is.*, 50 or 60 perches below Turkey Islands, between Tritt's and Oldwiler's islands.

Oct. 21, 1809. John Lewis, 1 acre. Warrant issued June 19, 1811. Patented July 6, 1811. *Isle of Luck*, 100 yards west from Livingood's Is.

April 4, 1810. Charles Evans, 1 acre. Warrant issued Aug. 6, 1811. *Rock Is.*, opp. land of Patience Wright on the York County shore, 200 perches to the westward of Garden Is., 20 perches below Mud Is.

Also $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres. Warrants issued Aug. 6, 1811. *Mud Is.*, opp. land of Patience Wright on the York County shore, 200 perches to the westward of Garden Is., at the lower end of Murphy's Hollow, 20 perches above Rock Is.

June 7, 1810. George Ludwig and Jacob Sherrick, 1 acre. Warrant issued March 12, 1811. *Sand Bar Is.*, above Shad Is., opp. land of Philip Gallagher and the above named.

July 20, 1810. Peter Eruschweiler, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. *Grass Patch Is.*, between Patience Wright's Is., and the York County shore.

Aug. 10, 1810. Jno. Mellinger, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. Warrant issued Aug. 23, 1810. *Brushy Is.*, opp. mouth of Steman's Run.

July 1, 1811. Archibald Hudders, 1 acre. Patented to P. Hudders, March 9, 1812. *Rush Is.*, opp. land of Isaac C. Kaufman, 30 perches east of Peter Levensgood's Is., 50 perches southwest of Patience Wright's Is.

July 1, 1811. John Stauffer, 1 acre. Patented Sept. 24, 1813. *Rock Is.*, opp. land of the heirs of Jacob Miller, west of Buttonwood Is., 100 yards north of Mary's Is.

Dec. 12, 1808. Isaac Kauffman, 5 acres. Patented April 11, 1810. Abraham Stauffer's *Carp Is.*, opp. land formerly owned by Abraham Stauffer, 50 perches from shore, northwest of Joseph Charles' house.

Aug. 5, 1811. Charles Evans, 1 acre. *Worm Is.*, opp. lands of Patience Wright in York County, 200 perches westward of P. Insweiler's Is., 2 perches northward of Mud Is.

Aug. 6, 1811. Jacob Geib and John Bear, $\frac{3}{4}$ acre. Warrant issued Nov. 21, 1811. *Beaver Is.*, a seine fishery in Turkey Hill Falls, opp. the point of Turkey Hill.

Urban's Is., near Isles of Promise. The owner, Philip Urban, was an innkeeper in 1811 at Safe Harbor (earlier known as Millport).

Also 1 acre. Warrant issued Nov. 21, 1811. *Turkey Is.*, a seine fishery in Turkey Hill Falls, opp. the point of Turkey Hill.

Aug. 12, 1811. Christian Crealy, Fred'k Schmeltzer and Jacob Witman, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. Warrant issued Nov. 22, 1811. *Willow Is.*, 4 perches above Waghtel's Is., 500 perches below Turkey Hill Falls.

Aug. 12, 1811. Peter Kline, $\frac{1}{4}$ acre. Warrant issued Nov. 21, 1811. *Rocky Is.*, a seine fishery, 40 perches eastward of Waghtel's Is., opp. lands of Christian Kendig.

Sept. 3, 1811. Charles Evans, 1 acre. *Duck Is.*, 100 perches from land of Jacob Fry, 60 perches southward of Jacob Musser's Is.

Also 1 acre. Warrant issued Oct. 1, 1811. *Middle Is.*, 40 perches west of Garden Is., 40 perches east of the head of Rock Is.

Sept. 3, 1811. Lewis Whisler, 1 acre. Warrant issued Oct. 3, 1811. *Bush Is.*, 150 perches from shore, opp. land of Isaac Kaufman, 3 perches below Archibald Hudder's Is.

Sept. 6, 1811. Isaac Kendrick, Jr., $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. *Fish Is.*, 40 perches south of Hershey's Is., 40 perches northeast of Hudder's or Brush Is., opp. land of Isaac Kaufman.

Oct. 1, 1811. Isaac Kendrick, Jr., $\frac{3}{4}$ acre. Warrant issued Oct. 3, 1811. *Sun Fish Is.*, 10 perches northward of Michael Wissler's Is., 40 perches eastward of Snyder's Is., opp. land of Jacob Strickler, 20 perches below the Falls; a seine fishery in 1810.

Oct. 2, 1811. David Shultz, 1 acre. *Grass Is.*, a seine fishery in 1801, between Evans' and Mathiot's islands, opp. land of applicant.

Oct. 3, 1811. Isaac Kendrick, Jr., $\frac{1}{4}$ acre. *Cherry Is.*, 30 perches northeast of Sun Fish Is., 10 perches west of John Snyder's Is., opp. land of Jacob Strickler.

Oct. 14, 1811. Isaac Kendrick, Jr., 1 acre. *Cat Fish Is.*, opp. lands of Andrew Kaufman and Joshua Koeler, 10 perches northwestward of Mathiot's Is., 60 perches northwestward of Evans' Is.

Nov. 27, 1811. Jno. Stauffer, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. Patented Sept. 24, 1813. *Little Willow Is.*, opp. lands of the late Jacob Miller, $\frac{1}{2}$ perch below Rock Is., 60 perches westward of Buttonwood Is., 20 perches above Mary's Is.

April 21, 1812. John Wissler and Jacob Schock, Jr., 1 acre. Warrant issued May 28, 1812. *Cabin Branch Is.*, opp. Wissler's Is.

Also 1 acre. Warrant issued July 8, 1812. *Mill Is.*, opp. Dritt's Mill.

Also 1 acre. Warrant issued May 28, 1812. *Canadohola Is.*, opp. Cabin Branch Is.

May 28, 1812. Abram Boettner, 40 perches. Warrant issued July 8, 1812. *Muskrat Is.*, opp. and 100 perches from Blue Rock farm.

Also *Goose Is.*, opp. Dritt's house, southeast of Middle Isle of Promise.

Warrants issued to Jacob Dritt for 4 islands, Oct. 6, 1812.

Warrants to Whisler and Shock for 2 islands, May 28, 1812. The one island contains about two acres cleared; located closer to the York County shore than to the Isles of Promise.

Israel Nestleroad, a tavern keeper in Manor Township, at the mouth of the Conestoga River, secured a patent for *Sandy Is.* in 1813, and in the next year sold it to Martin Stouffer, John Stouffer, John Sourbeer and Christian Kneisly (see item of Aug. 9, 1802).

Warrant granted to Abraham Bittner and Jacob Eshelman, Jan. 11, 1816, for *Otter Is.*, containing 16½ perches.

Offered for sale, Nov. 27, 1818, *Maple Is.*, opp. Jacob Witmer's property, 1 mile below Washington Borough, 1½ acres, "can be used for shad fishery."

Jacob Shock, in his will probated Jan. 2, 1818, stipulates that "all my heirs shall have an equal part or share of the *Grassy Island* and shad fishery thereon erected; I will the same to them, their heirs and assigns forever; they are to fish the same in partnership . . . It is my will that my son John shall have the Eel Fishery or Dam but he must give his mother fish for her house use if there is any caught."

Jacob Eshleman sold to Samuel Scherk, of York County, for \$25, 1/3 part of *Pind Is.*, opp. land of Philip Saur, decd. Recorded May 11, 1820 in Deed Book 21, p. 150.

Henry Eschleman, by application dated Aug. 16, 1820, requested to take up a tract of land of 2 perches on *Pilot Is.*, 1 mile southeast from Christian Wissler's warehouse, ¼ mile southeast from Wissler Is., and 1 mile from the York County shore. The island has been valued at \$50 per acre. Lancaster County warrant #276, Jan. 2, 1821.

In 1758 Michael Atkinson owned the three Isles of Promise, containing 300 acres, which were granted by the Proprietor of Maryland to Thomas Cresap, and by him conveyed to Jacob Miers, who in turn conveyed them to Atkinson.

On Jan. 20, 1822, the descendants of one "Ann Biging," Byron Bigham of Frederick County, Maryland; Samuel Bigham of Richmond, Virginia; Elenor Hughes of Washington County, Maryland; and Ann Witzell of Ohio, sold these three islands to Ephraim Molson for \$8,000. (See L. C. H. S., vol. 11, p. 28.)

From *Lancaster Journal*, Friday, August 7, 1829:

SHAD FISHERIES

In Pursuance of an Order of the Orphans' Court, will be sold by Public Vendue on Saturday, the 5th of September next, at the public house of Jacob Gessler, in the borough of Columbia,

FIVE ISLANDS, VIZ:

Mud Is., consisting of 2 acres and 124 perches; *Shoal Is.*, containing 101 perches; *Middle Is.*, containing 56 perches; *Rock Is.*, containing 105 perches; and *Worm Is.*, containing 113 perches, more or less, all lying in the river Susquehanna, in Manor Township, about 2 miles below Columbia. Mud and Shoal

Islands are improved, and the first rate shad fisheries, late the estate of Charles Evans, deceased. . . .

John Mathiot,
Robert Barber,

Executors of Charles Evans, decd.

(See items of April 4, 1810, and Aug. 5 and Sept. 3, 1811.)

SALE OF ISLANDS IN THE SUSQUEHANNA

Lancaster County, S. S.:

At an Orphans Court held at Lancaster for the County of Lancaster on the 19th day of November, A. D. 1857.

Pursuant to an Order of this Court bearing date the 29th day of August A. D. 1857 directing Joseph Schock, Testamentary Trustee of Dr. Abram. Bitner, decd., late of the Borough of Washington in the County of Lancaster to expose the following described Real Estate of the said decd., viz. the Island of Promise consisting of 9 Islands situated in the Susquehanna River opposite the Borough of Washington, and also in the County of Lancaster, called severally 1st *House Island* having a frame house with Kitchen attached & Frame Barn, and fencing; 2d *Big Island* having a Frame Barn on it; 3d *Middle Island*; 4th One 4 Acre island; 5th *Sheep Island*; 6th Island above the House; 7th *Potatoe Island*; 8th *Muskrat Island*, & 9th *Spice Island*, which is fenced but the preceding numbers 8, 7, 6, 5 & 4 have no fence, but all tillable, to sale by Vendue or out cry, on Saturday October 24th 1857, at 2 o'clock P. M., at the public house of Geo. E. Sener in Washington Borough.

And now September 16th 1857 the Court modify the terms as follows, viz. $\frac{1}{2}$ Cash on the 1st day of April 1858, the balance to be secured by Mortgage or Judgt. on the real Est. sold payable April 1st 1859, with interest from April 1st 1858,

RETURN OF EXECUTOR

To the Honorable The Orphans Court of Lancaster County,

The undersigned Executor of Dr. Abraham Bitner, decd., Respectfully returns, That after giving due legal notice of the time and place, he did at the time and place in the foregoing order prescribed expose to public Sale all of the "Islands of Promise," in number 13, viz. No. 1 on *House Island* to Nathaniel Urban, at and for the sum of one thousand and thirty-six Dollars (\$1036).

No. 2 or *Middle Island* to David Saylor and Cyrus Shartzter at and for the sum of Seven hundred and fifty-one (\$751).

No. 3 or *Big Island* to Jacob B. Shuman at and for the sum of Eight hundred dollars (\$800).

No. 4 or *Spice Island* to George Wall, at and for the sum of Two hundred dollars (\$200).

No. 5 or *Hickory Island* to David Shartzter, at and for the sum of One hundred and forty-five (\$145).

No. 6 & 7 to Adam Hess, at and for the sum of Six dollars or three dollars each.

No. 8 or *Turtle Island*, to Jacob Saylor, at and for the sum of Twenty dollars and twenty-five cents (\$20.25).

No. 9 or *Pole Cat Island* to George Brooks, at and for the sum of Fifty-one dollars (\$51).

No. 10 or *Sheep Island* to David Shartzter Sr. at and for the sum of Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

No. 11 or *Latchem's Island* to Anderson Steiner at and for the sum of Thirty-three dollars and fifty cents (\$33.50).

No. 12 or *Village Island* to Nathaniel Urban, at and for the sum of One hundred and Seventy-three dollars (\$173).

No. 13 or *Maple Island* to Dr. William B. Fahnestock at and for the sum of Thirty-five dollars (\$35.00).

The purchasers above set forth being the highest and best bidders, and that the highest sums bidden for the same, He therefore prays the Court to Confirm the said sales.

Jos. Schock.

And now November 19th 1857, the Court confirm the sales so made and decree the premises to them the said Nathaniel Urban, David Saylor & Cyrus Shartzter, Jacob B. Shuman, George Wall, David Shartzter, Adam Hess, Jacob Saylor, George Brooks, David Shartzter, Sr., Anderson Steiner & Dr. William Fahnestock respectively their heirs and Assigns in fee as fully as he the said Dr. Abraham Bitner, decd., had and held in the same at the time of his death subject and liable to the payments of the purchase money agreeable to the return to the order and the terms therein prescribed.

By the Court

Attest John D. Clinton
for the Court.

About 1930, and before the impounding of the waters of Lake Clarke, we find these islands north of Washington Boro: Chicken Grape, Fox Grape, Fendricks, Corn Cob, Saurbachi, Royes, Hardy's, Sunfish, Mud, Rock, Harry Heiser, Frog Pond, Little Frog Pond, Arm's or Heise's or Vondersmith's Big, Tom Groom, another Fendrick's, Kauffman's or Brush, Keller's, Shultz, Wild Goose, and Shad.

Opposite and slightly below Washington Boro, we have other islands: Little, Tucker's, Funk's, Little Lindeman, Big Lindeman, Sunfish, Manning's, House, Mink or Fishing, Middle, Four-acre or Gorrecht's, Kildeer, Big, Spice, Rod Funk's, Dutch, House, Pole Cat, Stauffer's, Double Shoal, Tice's, Upper Long Patch, and Charles.

Near Creswell Station we find these islands: Witmer's, J. F. Funk's, Aaron's, Shuman's, Parker's, Mill or Big Maple, Detwiler's, Helder's, Abel's, Hoover's, Sherrick's, Green's, Otter, Gehr's, Ann Neffs, Wissler's, Yaley's, Hostetter's, Pappy's, Spider's, Buck, Big Patch, Pig Iron Patch, Tobie's, Beggar Row, Olewiler's, and Pilot.

CONESTOGA TOWNSHIP

June 19, 1794. Jacob Fehl, 2 acres. Island 150 yards from eastern shore, 1 mile below mouth of Conestoga Creek, opp. lands of Benedict Eshelman.

June 19, 1794. George Moore, 2½ acres. Small brush island opp. Benjamin Eschelman's Shad or Seine Fishery, 1½ miles below mouth of Conestoga Creek, parallel with the upper end of Burkholder's Is., 400 yards from shore.

Aug. 6, 1796. Jeremiah Roes, 9 acres. Three small islands near mouth of Conestoga Creek, and near the line of Conestoga and Manor townships.

Aug. 6, 1796. Jeremiah Roes, 6 acres. Another group of three small islands; same location.

Aug. 6, 1796. Jeremiah Roes, 2 acres. A group of three small islands; location as above.

Nov. 16, 1796. Jacob Fehl, 10 acres. Island 1 mile below mouth of Conestoga Creek, about 1 mile above Burkholder's Ferry, opp. to island granted to Jacob Fehl. (See item of June 19, 1794.)

Dec. 5, 1796. Jeremiah Roe, 6 acres. Island at mouth of Conestoga Creek, near Eagle's Is., opp. Jacob Miller's land on the east side, opp. William McDowell's land on the west side

Dec. 5, 1796. Jeremiah Roe. Four small islands, one of which contains about 30 acres, called the *Harraw Is.*, opp. mouth of Conestoga Creek; another called *Jack's Is.*, containing about 3 acres, about 1½ miles below mouth of Conestoga Creek, improved by said Roe in the summer of 1796; another called *Long Is.*, opp. mouth of Conestoga Creek, not improved; another *Potatoe Is.*, containing about 3 acres, improved about 10 years ago (1786) by a certain John Chang.

Dec. 5, 1796. Jacob May, 20 acres, 3 small islands. Warrant issued July 29, 1811, for one of these islands to Jacob Fehl and Michael Reyner for 11 acres and 111 perches. Warrant issued to Jacob Fehl and Michael Reyner, Oct. 25, 1811, for 7 acres and 30 perches. These 3 brush islands were commonly known as *May's Islands*, and were above Burkholder's Is., and about 15 rods from the York County shore. Jacob May had improved them for 9 years.

March 22, 1797. *Grassy Is.*, improved by Samuel Fulton and Hugh Fulton in the spring of 1798, about 30 or 40 perches from the York County shore, between Burkholder's and Fulton's Ferries, opp. lands of the Fultons and John McCready.

June 6, 1797. George Moore, 2 acres. Warrant issued Dec. 20, 1802, patented Jan. 15, 1803. Island 200 yards from eastern shore, called *Cornman Is.*, directly opp. to said George Moore's fishery.

June 7, 1797. Jeremiah Roes, 1 acre. *Cripple Is.*, within 12 or 15 rods of Burkholder's Ferry, opp. land of Joseph Reed.

June 8, 1797. George Moore, 5 acres. *Brushy Is.*, 400 yards distant from the eastern shore and directly opp. to George Moore's fishery, and about 12 or 13 perches from Burkholder's Is.

June 9, 1797. George Mundorf, Christian Shank, Sr., two pieces of *Burkholder's Is.*, valuation returned; one piece of 33 acres in lower end of island, opp. lands of Joseph Reed of York County, and opp. Shank's land on the eastern shore; other piece of land, of 15 acres and 60 perches, on the east side and upper end of island, which has been improved for 30 years; the first improvement having been made by Abraham Burkholder.

June 17, 1802. Jacob Fehl, 10 acres. *Persimon Is.*, 1 mile below mouth of Conestoga Creek, above Mundorff's Is., near Brushy Islands.

Aug. 9, 1802. Israel Nestelroad, ½ acre. Warrant issued Dec. 21, 1802. *Little Bottom Sea Is.*, ¼ mile below mouth of Conestoga Creek, between Conestoga Is. and the Lancaster County shore.

Also 2 acres. *Little Cripple Is.*, 1 mile below mouth of Conestoga Creek, between the upper point of Brushy Is. and the Lancaster County shore.

Aug. 9, 1802. John Mundorf, 2 acres. Warrant issued Dec. 8, 1802. *Gerward's Is.*, opp. mouth of Pequea Creek, and below Burkholder's Is., and above Goose Is.

Dec. 6, 1802. Jacob Ripley, 3 acres. Warrant issued Jan. 15, 1812. *Elder Is.*, on west side of Gaul's Rock, 20 perches from Lancaster shore.

Feb. 10, 1803. John Mundorf, ½ acre. Island 50 perches above Burkholder's Ferry, 200 perches below Brushy Is., opp. land of Joseph Reed in York County.

May 17, 1803. John Yenser and John Kindig, 1½ acres. Island 300 yards from eastern shore, between Conestogoe and Burkholder's Is., near Eshelmans Falls, and "within sight" of Israel Nestelroad's Is., and a short distance from Ludwick Urban and Jacob Rippley's Is.

June 9, 1803. George Moore, Sr., 10 acres. Claimed by Jacob May and Jas. Rees. Island 30 perches from the western shore, and opp. the upper end of Burkholder's Is.

Also 10 acres; another island separated from above island by small stream of water.

Also another 10 acres, in same locality.

July 11, 1803. Thomas McClenechan, 1 acre. Island 400 yards from the Lancaster shore, and 200 yards from Israel Nestelrote's on the west, and adjoining an island belonging to Yensen and Kendig.

Sept. 5, 1803. Jacob Ripley, 2 acres. Island 25 perches from eastern shore, and 2 perches from Big Elder Is.

Sept. 10, 1803. George Stoner, 1 acre. Island 25 perches from eastern shore, and about 25 perches from land of John McCreary, on the west joining Grass Is.

Sept. 16, 1803. George Stoner, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. Island 120 yards from Burkholder's Is., and same distance from Ship Is., held by Joseph Reed.

Sept. 24, 1803. Jacob Ripley, 1 acre. Island about 10 rods below Little Cripple Is., $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from mouth of Conestoga Creek, and $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from eastern shore.

Sept. 26, 1803. John Kindig and Philip Uhrban, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. Patented to Samuel Enslinger, Nov. 28, 1803. Island between Eshleman's Falls and Conestogoe Is., about 250 yards below island improved by George and Lewis Urban and Israel Nestleroad.

Same parties, island of $\frac{3}{4}$ acre.

Same parties, island of $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres, 40 yards below Cripple Is.

Oct. 4, 1803. Jacob Goodman, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. Island 100 perches from Crickmouth Is., and 400 perches from eastern shore.

Oct. 4, 1803. Jacob Goodman, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. Island 100 rods from Mutts fish basket below Mossinger's Falls, 500 rods from Lancaster shore.

Oct. 5, 1803. John Mundorff, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. Island opp. mouth of Pequea Creek and opp. Gerhard's Is., opp. land of Joseph Read, 100 perches above Fulton's Is.

Also 1 acre. Island opp. mouth of Pequea Creek, 70 perches from York shore, 100 perches above Fulton's Is., and nearly opp. Gerhard's Is.

Oct. 5, 1803. Israel Nestleroad, 1 acre. Island 100 yards from Lancaster shore, second island above Benjamin Eshelman's sluice.

Also $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. Island 100 yards from Logan's Is., 50 yards below the mullet basket.

Oct. 5, 1803. Jacob Ripley, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. Island 20 yards below Rockey Is., 50 yards from Birch Is.

Oct. 5, 1803. Michael Klepfer, 4 acres. Island 200 yards from Willow Is., 200 yards from York shore.

Oct. 5, 1803. Jacob Ripley, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. Island 50 yards from Birch Is., 20 yards from Rocky Is.

Oct. 5, 1803. Israel Neshelrote, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. *Birch Is.*, 150 yards below mullet basket, 50 yards from Rocky Is.

Oct. 12, 1803. Peter Kline, Israel Neshtlerote and Peter Kline, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. Island 250 yards from Lancaster shore, and 200 yards from an island claimed by Israel Neshtlerote.

Oct. 12, 1803. Peter Kline, 2 acres. Island near the Big Stream, 80 yards from Lancaster shore.

Oct. 12, 1803. George and Lewis Urban, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. Island 250 yards below the mullet basket in middle of the river.

Oct. 26, 1803. George Bard, $\frac{3}{4}$ acre. Island between the mouth of Conestogoe Creek and Eshleman's Falls, 12 perches to the northeast of High Rock Is., 160 perches from the eastern shore.

Oct. 27, 1803. George Stoner, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. Island 20 perches from the York shore, opp. land belonging to John Reed, 80 perches from Burkholder's Is.

Nov. 3, 1803. Fred'k Mannard, 1 acre. Island $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from Conestogo Creek, and $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from Lancaster shore.

Nov. 7, 1803. Lewis Urban and Jacob Goodman, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. Island on York side of Conestoga Is.

Also $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. Another island on York side of Conestogoe Is., 30 yards below Muskrat Is.

Nov. 7, 1803. Another island, ? acre, on York side of Conestogo Is., 20 yards below Muddy Is.

Also $\frac{1}{4}$ acre. Island on York side of Conestogoe Is., 100 yards from Button Wood Is.

Nov. 23, 1803. George Urban, $\frac{1}{4}$ acre. Island $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from Lancaster shore, 30 yards from Conestogo Is.

Dec. 2, 1803. Martin Eshelman, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. Island between mouth of Conestogoe Creek and Eshelman's Falls, 15 perches south of Frank's Rock, 20 perches above McClinaghan's Is., near the Lancaster shore.

Also $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres; between mouth of Conestogo Creek and Eshelman's Falls, 12 perches from Shadd Is., 20 perches from Lancaster shore.

Dec. 7, 1803. John Sowerbier, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre; 400 yards from the mouth of Conestogoe Creek, 30 yards from Big Creek Is., 150 yards from Fox Grape Is.

Dec. 19, 1803. Jacob Rathfon, 1 acre; 15 perches from Burkholder's Is., 30 perches from Fail's Is.

March 12, 1806. John Good and Abra'm Werfelt, 7 acres; opp. George Moore's fishery, 6 perches to the eastward of Burkholder's Is.

July 1, 1811. Samuel Myer and Peter Mundorff, 3 acres. Warrant issued Jan. 8, 1812. *Mary's Is.*, opp. mouth of Conestoga Creek, between Thomas Wilson's Bottom in York County and Conestogoe Is.

Sept. 28, 1802. Israel Nestelroad, 2 acres. *Creeks Mouth Is.*, opp. mouth of Conestogoe Creek and Conestogoe Is., between that island and Lancaster shore.

Aug. 24, 1803. Abraham Werfell, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. Patented Dec. 2, 1803. *Willow Is.*, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile above Burkholder's Ferry, 50 perches below Eshleman's Falls, 50 perches eastward of Stoner's Is.

Aug. 15, 1805. John Mundorf, 7 acres. Patented Sept. 27, 1805. *Mundorf's Is.*, opp. land of Christian Shenk.

Nov. 27, 1811. Jacob Reyner, 3 acres; island about 100 yards from Frank's Rock on Lancaster shore.

March 27, 1823. Public sale by Jacob Fehl. *Cornman's Is.*, could be converted into an excellent shad fishery; 1 acre, 37 perches. *Little Shad Is.*, 52 perches; "one of the best situations for catching shad and other fish in that whole vicinity."

Jan. 21, 1832. On an island opp. the Conestoga River, improved and occupied by Samuel Wax, the broken ice threatened to reach the roof of the dwelling, forcing the family to flee on solid ice to an island $\frac{1}{2}$ mile below, occupied by Peter Mundorf. Here the buildings were firmer and more elevated, and offered a safe haven.

March 30, 1839. Deed Book S, vol. 6, p. 319. Daniel Kendig and wife Nancy, of Safe Harbor, sold to Adam Miller and Jacob Mellinger, of Manor Township, for \$600, 6 islands in the River Susquehanna, "divided by small

streams of water," and used only for fishing: *Duke's, Pinoak, Beaver, Birch, Maple and Rocky Islands* (which Adam Duke and wife Catherine sold to Daniel Kendig, March 13, 1830).

MARTIC TOWNSHIP

March 9, 1795. John Read, 7 acres. Four small islands between Burkholder's and Ancrim's Islands.

April 23, 1795. Benjamin Pedan, 18 acres, in trust for the heirs of A. McCall; between lands of said heirs and the townships of Chanceford, York County, and Martic.

April 12, 1797. Charles Wm. Porter, 4 acres. Valuation ordered June 4, 1804. Warrant issued March 11, 1807. Island opp. the rock known as Indian Steps.

June 6, 1797. Joseph Reed, Esq., 3 acres. Island 40 or 50 feet from the shore of Chanceford Township, York County, 40 or 50 perches below Burkholder's Ferry, called *Sheep Is.* This island "was improved about ten years ago by George Burkholder."

June 27, 1798. Thomas Ankrim and Samuel Ankrim, 8 acres. Island known as *Stoner's Is.*, lately owned by Henry Stoner.

Dec. 26, 1800. Alexander Leeper, 4 acres. *Tobs Is.*, lying between the upper part of McCall's Is. and Lancaster shore.

Sept. 8, 1801. Alexander Leeper, 9 acres. *Long Pine Is.*, near McCall's Is.

Sept. 23, 1802. John Mundorff, 2 acres. Patented Aug. 8, 1803. *Otter Is.*, 1 mile below mouth of Pequea Creek, opp. Fulton's Is., $\frac{1}{4}$ mile above Goose Is.

March 15, 1803. Alex'r Gordon, 6 acres. Island opp. the mouth of Leiper's Run, 20 perches south of Patton's Is., 50 perches below McCall's Is.

Also 3 acres. Warrant issued August 1806. Island opp. mouth of Leiper's Run, 20 perches southwest of Patton's Is., 40 perches below McCall's Is.

April 29, 1803. Vincent Stubbs, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. Warrant issued Sept. 14, 1803. Island 100 perches west of Williamson's Is., 70 perches west of Cedar and Water Willow islands.

Also $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. Warrant issued Sept. 14, 1803. Island 30 perches to the west of Williamson's Is.

Also $\frac{1}{2}$ acre; 100 perches west of Williamson's Is., 70 perches west of Cedar and Water Willow islands.

Also $\frac{1}{4}$ acre; 20 perches below Cedar and Water Willow islands, 30 perches from Williamson's Is.

May 11, 1803. Samuel Eshleman, 3 acres; island opp. place called the House Rock, 100 yards above Burkholder's Is., 200 yards above Keagey's rocks.

Aug. 23, 1803. John Scott, 3 acres; 30 perches below Patton's Is., and 40 perches above Sandbar Is.

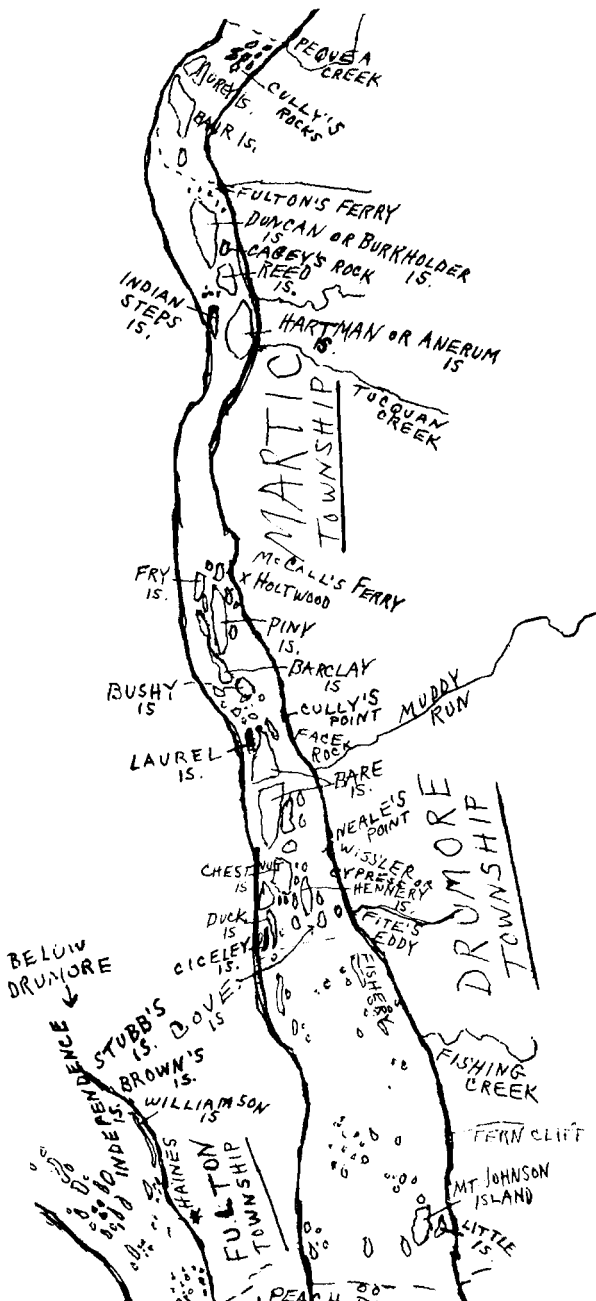
Oct. 5, 1803. John Mundorff, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre; opp. mouth of Pequea Creek, 20 perches below Gerrard's Is., 100 perches above Fulton's Is., opp. land of Joseph Read on the York shore.

Jan. 11, 1804. John Mundorff, $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres; 20 perches from York shore, 20 perches from Lower Is., 50 perches from Indian Steps.

Sept. 4, 1805. Christopher Burkholder, 1 acre; 50 perches above the head of Bear Is., opp. land of Christopher Burkholder, and Henry Burkholder on the York shore.

May 5, 1806. Alex'r Gordon, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. Patented to him on Sept. 12, 1818; 20 perches below the mouth of Leeper's Run in York County, 15 perches to the eastward of Burkholder's Bottom.

- May 12, 1806. Christopher Burkholder, 1 acre. Patented May 17, 1808; 40 perches above Morrison's Rock, 60 perches below the Lower Brushy Is., 10 perches below the Bunch of Rocks, opp. land of the late Thomas Cully.
- May 13, 1806. James Pedan, 2 acres. Patented July 1, 1806; 50 perches below the landing of McCall's Ferry, 10 perches from Lancaster shore, 30 perches to the eastward of McCall's large island.
- June 13, 1806. Christ. Burkholder, $\frac{1}{4}$ acre; opp. land of John Patton, 40 perches to the southeast of Lower Brushy Is.
- Oct. 10, 1806. Alex'r Gordon, 1 acre. Patent issued to Gordon June 14 1811. (Book H, No. 6, fol. 104); 30 perches below Fish Is., opp. Leeper's Run, near York shore, 20 perches north of Upper Landing, known by the name of Locust Bottom.
- Nov. 3, 1806. Nathaniel Scott, $\frac{1}{4}$ acre. Patented Nov. 21, 1806; 20 perches to the southward of Lower Brushy Is., 50 perches above Sandbar Is., opp. land of the late Thomas Cully.
- Nov. 3, 1806. Gawin Scott, $\frac{1}{4}$ acre. Warrant issued Nov. 10, 1806; 20 perches southeastward of Lower Brushy Is., 40 perches above Sandbar Is., opp. land of the late Thomas Cully.
- Nov. 18, 1806. John Scott, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre, opp. land of Thomas Cully, decd.
- May 3, 1808. Gawin Scott, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. *Ricky Is.*, opp. the land of Christian Burkholder of York County, 40 perches to the south of Battle Is., 30 perches below Sandbar Is.
- July 1, 1808. Gawin Scott, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. *Hogson's Is.*, opp. land of John Patton, 50 perches to southwestward of Upper Brushy Is., opp. Leeper's Run, 40 perches above Fish Is.
- Aug. 31, 1808. John Gordon, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. *Green Is.*, below Morrison's Rock, opp. land of Widow Cully.
- Dec. 6, 1808. William Lyle, 5 acres. *Patton's Is.*, above Cully's Falls, northward of Scott's Is., opp. land of John Patton.
- April 3, 1809. James Pedan, 1 acre.; 40 perches below McCall's Ferry, 40 perches to northward of McCall's Is.
- April 18, 1809. George Urey, 3 acres; 100 perches below Burkholder's Is., opp. land of John McCreary.
- May 10, 1810. Alex'r Gordon, 2 acres. Warrant issued Aug. 30, 1810. *Deep Water Is.*, 50 perches below Cully's Falls, 20 perches northward of the upper end of Bear Is., opp. to the mouth of Isabelle Cully's Run.
- Feb. 7, 1811. George Urey, 4 acres. *Grassy Is.* Warrant issued Jan. 14, 1813; 40 perches from land of said George Urey in York County, opp. land of John McCreary on Lancaster shore, 1 mile below Burkholder's Ferry, 70 perches above another island of George Urey.
- April 12, 1811. John Read, 10 acres. Patented Dec. 24, 1813; between Burkholder's and Ankrim's Islands, above the Indian Steps Falls.
- April 12, 1811. John Read, 5 acres. Patented Dec. 24, 1813; 10 perches above last described island.
- April 12, 1811. John Read, 3 acres. Patented Nov. 13, 1813; between Read's first described island and Kilgore's Fishdam.
- April 12, 1811. John Read, 1 acre. *Keagey's Rock.* Patented Nov. 13, 1813; above Read's second described island.
- July 1, 1811. John Robinson, 4 acres. *Patton's Is.*, opp. land of John Patton, 30 perches northward from upper end of Brushy Is., and at upper end of Cully's Falls.
- July 1, 1811. John Dunn, $\frac{1}{4}$ acre. *Little Rockey Is.* opp. land of Widow



Cully, 10 perches north of Morrison's Rock, 40 perches east of Wild Cat Is., 20 perches west of Rockey Is.

May 15, 1805. John Scott, 3 acres. Patented April 7, 1807. *Brushy Is.*, 30 perches below Patton's Is., 40 perches above Sand Bar Is.

March 19, 1794. William Kersey and Co. Patented March 16, 1796; part of *Bear Is.* and four small islands between *Bear Is.* and *McCall's Ferry*. Fishery established.

Jan. 19, 1795. George Moor, 30 acres. Upper end of *Burkholder's Is.*, bounded by lands of George Mundorf on the said island and the river Susquehanna.

July 7, 1909. Christian F. Quade made application for warrant to survey the following: *Battle Is.*; *Basin Is.*, 1 acre, 52 perches, near *Little Rockey Is.*, *Battery Is.*, *Poor House Is.*, 3 acres, 23 perches; and *Crow Is.*, all opp. Face Rock Station. *Wolf Is.*, 4 acres, 63 perches. *Chilly Is.* (Sicily), 4 acres, 27 perches. *Mike's Is.*, 3 acres, 13 perches.

May 15, 1820. John Mathiot, sheriff, sold for the Bridge Company the remains of the bridge, abutment, and a pier, and five small buildings erected on said land; also an island containing 40 acres more or less . . . and an island containing 6 acres more or less . . . to Abraham Baily. (File of the L.C.H.S.)

June 26, 1813. *Bear's Is.* sold by Jacob Lefever and wife to James Patterson.

January 3, 1831. *Chilly Is.* sold by Felix Sweigart estate to Jacob Urban.

DRUMORE TOWNSHIP

Sept. 3, 1794. Christian Herr, 30 acres. Two islands, opp. land conveyed to him by Mackey McCullough, the younger.

Dec. 11, 1795. Christian Herr, 1 acre. Island opp. his lands.

June 13, 1801. Jacob Huss, 3 acres. Island between "*Heers big Island*" and the lower point of *Chestnut Is.*, near mouth of *Muddy Run*.

June 13, 1801. Applied for by D. Wallace. *Turkey Is.*, between *Neel's Fishing Rock* and *Bear Is.*

Sept. 8, 1801. Alexander Leeper, 6 acres. *Long Chestnut Is.* near *Bear's Is.*

Also 2 acres. *Papa (Paw Paw) Is.*, near "*Cold Cabbins*" on York shore.

May 13, 1802. David Wallace, 3 acres. *Little Chestnut Is.*, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile below mouth of *Muddy Run*, opp. land of Thomas Neal, and nearly opp. the lower point of *Bear's Is.*, and between the same and Lancaster shore.

Also $\frac{3}{4}$ acre. *Salix Is.*, between *Bear* and *Little Chestnut Islands*, 3 perches from latter, opp. land of Thomas Neal.

May 13, 1802. Applied for by John Huss, 2 acres. *Turkey Is.*, below the mouth of *Muddy Run*, opp. the land of Thomas Neal, and nearly opp. the center of *Bear's Is.*, and between the same and the Lancaster shore.

May 26, 1802. Daniel Sitler, 3 acres. *Egg Is.*, opp. *Peach Bottom Ferry*.

Aug. 9, 1802. Andrew McCleary and others, 2 acres. *Chestnut Is.*, between the lower end of *Bear Is.* and the Lancaster shore, half way between the two shores.

July 2, 1803. Mathew Gordon, 3 acres; 100 perches southwest of *Doctor Herrah's* and *Hugh Martin's Is.*, 1 mile above *Fishing Creek*.

Also 1 acre; 100 perches from the southwest side of *Doctor Harrah's* and *Hugh Martin's Is.*, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile above *Fishing Creek*, near the Lancaster shore.

May 27, 1803. James Robinson, Jr., 1 acre; 400 yards to the westward of the upper end of *Caldwell's Is.*

May 27, 1803. James Robinson, Jr., $\frac{1}{2}$ acre; opp. mouth of Fishing Creek.

April 18, 1806. Isaac Walton, 1 acre. Patented June 27, 1806; opp. the upper part of Samuel Roger's land, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to the west of Governor's Is., $\frac{1}{2}$ mile below Hare's Islands.

July 8, 1806. Hugh Martin, 1 acre. Patented Sept. 22, 1806; opp. the land of Thomas Furnace, 80 perches from the Lancaster shore, between Governor's Is. and Nixon's Ferry.

Feb. 23, 1807. James Robinson, Jr., $\frac{1}{4}$ acre; 60 yards to the westward of the upper end of O'Harra's and Martin's Is.

May 3, 1810. John Gordon, 1 acre. Warrant issued Aug. 30, 1810. *Little Chestnut Is.*, bounded on the east land of Christly Hare, on the west by Lefebres Is., on the north by land of Thomas Niel, on the south by lands of Henry Billmiers.

Sept. 13, 1811. Ja's Gammill, 2 acres. *Pessussy Is.*, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles above Peach Bottom Ferry, 1 mile above Big Is.

May 23, 1801. Robert Wilson and William Welsh, assignees of Wm. Nelson, sold to Jacob Lefever *Bear's It.* (sassafras tree at lower end of island). Deed Book 18, p. 226, 21 acres.

July 29, 1837. Warrant of survey issued for *Buck Island* by the Land Office of Pennsylvania, John Taylor, surveyor general, to James B. Long and James A. McPherson; they to Benjamin Hammond and John King, all of Drumore Township, for \$200. Island contains 1 acre and 150 perches, and is situated south of the island owned by Samuel Smith, deceased, and north of the island owned by Levi Kilgore and James Fong (?), and west of lands of Jesse Cutler, and east of lands of Thomas B. Coleman, April 4, 1838.

Feb. 1, 1859. Sold to Jacob Shoff, *Cove Is.*, 50 yards from Lancaster shore at Fite's Eddy, containing 4 acres, 80 perches; same sold to Clarkson B. Bostick and wife Catharine E., April 1, 1878; then to Anthony Leckler and William Miller, for \$160, for and in the name of Sicily Island Fishing Club. (See Deed Book H, vol. 11, p. 576.)

July 7, 1909. Christian F. Quade made application for warrant to survey *White Is.*, 50 acres, 30 perches.

July 30, 1897. Theodore L. Urban sold to Charles R. McConkey *Mount Johnson Is.*, of 75 acres, and *High Is.*, of 65 perches, for \$7,000, but litigation arose over payments. The low land of Mount Johnson was good for crops of corn, tobacco, watermelons, canteloupes, etc.

LITTLE BRITAIN TOWNSHIP

(The western portion was formed into Fulton Township in 1844)

Jan. 14, 1795. Jeremiah Brown, 3 acres. Island between a large one called Morgan's Is., and the eastern shore, above Peach Bottom Ferry.

March 2, 1795. Marg't Williamson. Warrant issued to V. Hubler on Jan. 3, 1815, 3 acres. Island opp. her plantation, known as *McDowell's Is.*

May 16, 1796. Timothy Haines, 1 acre. Warrant issued Oct 6, 1810. Island near eastern shore, 2 miles above a large island surveyed last year to Margaret Williamson.

Oct. 8, 1800. Alex'r Cooper and James Ramsey, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. Warrant issued Oct. 21, 1802. *Cooper's Is.*, below the falls at Peach Bottom, within 300 or 400 yards of the western shore, opp. Stephen Cooper's landing on York shore.

Also $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. Warrant issued Oct. 21, 1802. *Sycomer Is.*, about 500 or 600 yards from the eastern shores, opp. Papa Is. of the same size.

Feb. 10, 1802. Jeremiah Brown, 1 acre. Island near eastern shore, below one surveyed to Timothy Haines.

Sept. 4, 1802. Hugh Glasgow, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. Warrant issued Oct. 9, 1802. *Papa Is.*, between Williamson and Heron Islands, opp. Vincent Stub's land.

April 7, 1803. Jesse Cornelius, 2 acres. Warrant issued Dec. 8, 1808. Island $\frac{1}{4}$ mile above Peach Bottom Ferry, 80 perches west of Caldwell's Is., 100 perches east of Persimon Is.

April 29, 1803. Vincent Stubbs, 1 acre. Warrant issued Sept. 7, 1803. *Cedar Is.*, 30 perches west of Williamson Is.

Also $\frac{1}{4}$ acre. Warrant issued Sept. 7, 1803. *Southernmost Is.*, 20 perches below Cedar and Water Willow Islands, 30 perches from Williamson's Is.

June 10, 1803. Jonathan Hough, Hugh Glasgow and John Barber, $\frac{1}{4}$ acre. In middle of river below Peach Bottom Ferry, between Williamson Is. and Stephen T. Cooper's land in York County.

Oct. 4, 1803. Francis Cassaday, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre; near Herring Is. and Cooper's Is. on the west.

Feb. 6, 1804. John Barber and Jonathan Hough, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre; 100 perches to northward of Big Fish Pott, opp. land of Stephen Stubbs, and opp. land of Stephen Thomas Cooper of York County, 1 mile below Peach Bottom Ferry.

March 25, 1806. John Kirk, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. Warrant issued Aug. 20, 1806, opp. land of Stephen Hooker in York County, 80 perches below Jacob's Is.

Also 1 acre; opp. land of Stephen T. Cooper of York County, 80 perches to eastward of Alexander Cooper's and James Ramsey's Is.

July 16, 1806. John Kirk, $\frac{1}{4}$ acre. Warrant issued Aug. 20, 1806; opp. land of Vincent Stubb, 40 perches westward of an island belonging to James Ramsey and Alex'r Cooper.

Nov. 3, 1807. William Ferree, $\frac{1}{4}$ acre; opp. Peach Bottom Ferry, 100 perches to the southward of Caldwell's Is., 70 perches below Egg Is.

July 16, 1806. John Kirk, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre opp. land of Stephen T. Cooper in York County, 100 perches southward of an island belonging to James Ramsey and Alexander Cooper.

July 16, 1806. John Kirk, $\frac{1}{4}$ acre; opp. land of Stephen T. Cooper in York County, 50 perches above Rock Is.

July 16, 1806. John Kirk, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. Warrant issued Aug. 21, 1806; opp. land of Stephen T. Cooper in York County, 80 perches southward of an island belonging to James Ramsey and Alex'r Cooper.

July 17, 1806. Jane Rodney, $\frac{1}{4}$ acre; 15 perches from Caldwell's Is., $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from Lancaster shore, opp. land of Jeremiah Brown.

June 12, 1843. William A. Brown, administrator of Nicholas Boyd, decd., exposed for public sale, a plantation, and "also the undivided half of *Glascow Island* in the river Susquehanna, containing about one acre of land. Also the undivided half of *Bristol Hope Island* in said river, containing about one acre."

Reference: Pennsylvania Archives, 3d series, vol. 3.