

prior to the Revolutionary War, and took a prominent part in the struggle for independence. He was a member of the Provincial Convention, as a delegate from Cumberland county, held at Carpenter's Hall, Philadelphia, June 18, 1775, and again represented the same county when the convention was in session from June 18 to June 25, 1776; lieutenant Colonel of the Third Battalion at the convention of Associated Battalions to elect a Brigadier General in Lancaster, July 4, 1776. Made Paymaster of the Militia, August 20, 1777, after serving two years he resigned, and Ephraim Blaine was appointed in his place. He removed to the home of his brother, Brice Clark, in Donegal township, where he died, and is buried in Donegal Churchyard. He never married. After his brother, Brice Clark, bought the Lowry farm he came to reside with him. Brice Clark was the great-grandfather of Miss Martha Bladen Clark. James Bayly, brother of John Bayly, was the Magistrate of Donegal township. He owned and resided on a farm adjoining Duffy's Park, now owned by Mrs. A. W. Cassel. He died in 1793. His son, John, sold the farm to C. Graybill and moved to Adams county. I am sorry my health will not permit a more extended sketch of Donegal township and its early settlers, who took the text-oath before James Bayly, which is on record in the Recorder's office. Rev. Colin McFarquhar's name is not among them.

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## ALEXANDER LOWREY.

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In Donegal, in Erin's Isle  
Stern Scotia's children dwelling,  
Grew restive 'neath oppression's hand  
Their souls with freedom swelling.  
While often o'er the western waves,  
From out the land of wonder,  
Bright visions of the great New World  
Had rent old ties asunder.

Then up rose Lazarus Lowrey bold,  
His wife and bairns beside him,  
Resolved to seek for Freedom's home  
Whatever fate betide him.  
God-trusting heroes, on they came,  
As fed with heavenly manna,  
And bought from Penn their Canaan  
fair

Upon the Susquehanna.

The lads grew kingly with the breath  
Of freedom, only fearing  
Their father's God, their brother man.  
His every right reserving.  
Nor deemed the simple forest child,  
The Red man, less than brother,  
For noble natures recognize  
The noble in another.

And when the days of trial came,  
Of which we know the story,  
No Erin son of Scotia's blood  
Was ever found a Tory.  
Upon the Constitution's page  
Of Penn's blest land is written  
Brave Alexander Lowrey's name  
As foe to King and Briton.

By Susquehanna's and beyond  
The Juniata's waters,  
The many thousand acres lie  
He left his sons and daughters.  
And lest the infant nation should  
In freedom's battle falter,  
A thousand acres more he laid  
Upon his country's altar.

In his old age, at Brandywine,  
Undaunted by war's rattle,  
The men of our own Donegal  
By him were led to battle.  
Brave, generous, true in every trust,  
The King of Terrors found him  
Still dauntless, when his country had  
With many honors crowned him.

His princely wealth with generous  
heart

He gave in bounteous measure.  
And quick relief from woes of want  
Flowed freely from his treasure.  
"God has been good to me," he said  
As shades of death enthroned him,  
"I go content, no man can say  
That Lowrey ever wronged him."

Peace spread her wings above the  
homes

Unmenaced by war's dangers,  
But Alexander Lowrey's lands  
Are owned by many strangers.  
Yet, ye descendants, every drop  
Of blood so priceless cherish,  
Shun every act that he disdained,  
Though every hope should perish.

Revere him in yourselves and live  
Such lives as will not shame him;  
His lofty spirit emulate  
That ye may justly claim him.  
A nobler heritage is yours  
Than acres rich and flowery—  
Be worthy, children, of the blood  
Of Alexander Lowrey.

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