

PETITION OF SUNDRY CITIZENS OF COCALICO PRESENTED TO
THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN 1782, REPORTING THEIR
DISTRESS FROM TEMPEST AND FLOOD

The following interesting petition of certain inhabitants of the county in ancient times was read to the Society and will be of interest to the members and friends of the Society living in the northeastern section of the County.

To the Gentlemen the Commissioners and

Assessors of the County of Lancaster.

The petition of sundry freeholders of Cocalico Township.

Humbly Showeth.

That your Petitioners hereafter mentioned and subscribed, had on the Twenty-first day of May last the misfortune to be visited by a great tempest, when besides other damages the hail ruined all their rye and the most part of their wheat then in the ground also that for this year they have lost their bread.

That as it is our ancient custom amongst all civilized nations not to burden such unhappy persons with any rents or taxes we, your petitioners confidently lay these our deplorable circumstances before you hoping and begging that you will according to your known wisdom and equity deal with us concerning the tax of this present year, and make our share in the public burdens so much lighter as you will think consistent with the misery which Providence has directed to come upon us. And we shall remain.

Gentlemen,

Cocalico Township
the 14th of August
1782
Adam Ness

Your humble petitioners
and fellow citizens of
Lancaster County

Matthias Ream
George Merkel
Abraham Groff
John Mohler
Joseph Groff
Isaac Hershberger
John Mohler
Michael Frantz
Batzler Getz
Donald Meider
Jacob Mohler
Jacob Prigel

Peter Eichenberg
Henry Mohler
Samuel Grove
Hanz Landis
Jacob Martin
Wendell Hibshman
John Hefei
Adam Moser
Wills Shoemaker
Jacob Roland
Tobias Ream
Michael M. Kreisley

Heinrich Hershberger
Nicholas Schneider
Petter Meyer
Rosina Gundle
George Westhafet
Abraham Siem
Jacob Sontag
John Ream
John Ream, Jr.
Daniel Bowman
Samuel Bowman

Einer ist im blatz des Michael Kneisley gelerut hat als executor des Ioseph Harshberger blatz.

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from tempest and flood.

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