

in 1815 or 1816, were James S. Lewis, David Meracle, Daniel Draper, Joseph Howdeshell, Samuel and James Gibson, James Clark, Joseph McCoy, Lawrence B. Sitton, Robert McNair, Thacker Vivion and Ezekiel Downing. Some of these, as has already been noted, settled in the county before the war. Levi Brown, from Tennessee, settled in 1815 or 1816, and James Porter, from the same State, in 1817. Freeland Rose from Kentucky, settled in 1817, and remained here until his death, April 27, 1885. William Miller, with his family, left North Carolina in November, 1817, and arrived at Clark's Fort, now the Frederick Wing place, June 5, 1818. About this time, and perhaps earlier, James Wilson came from South Carolina and settled on the farm now owned by James Riley, three miles northeast of Auburn. Both of these old settlers are still living—the latter at Auburn, at the age of ninety-four years—the former on his farm near Moscow. Walton Perkins came to this county with his father in 1818, and settled on the farm known as the old "Bickel place," about two miles south of Troy. In 1820 he visited the land office at St. Louis, to make a payment on his father's land. In the fall of 1817 Philip Sitton settled in the forks of Cuivre. He was born in North Carolina in 1772, and died in this county in 1861. John Hudson, born in Washington County, Ga., in 1796, came to this county in the fall of 1818, and with him came Jarot Ingram and James Owens. The latter settled on what is known as the Daniel Kempler place, and Ingram on a place cornering thereto and lying just over the line in Pike County. At this time John R. Gililand was living near the present Sulphur Lick Church, and William Trail on the road where his widow, "Aunt Sallie Trail," now lives, on the road between Troy and Millwood. Capt. Thomas Hammond and his brother, Slade, had also settled in that vicinity. A man named Lowe lived on the Brice H. Wommack farm, and another, named Barnett, lived on the old Beard place near Louisville. The last named settlers, commencing with Philip Sitton, together with George W. Jameson, who has been noted as the first settler in the forks of Cuivre, and a man who lived near the mouth of Lead Creek, were probably all the people living in the northwest part of the county, not including the Auburn settlement, in 1818.

zens had presented a petition to the General Assembly, for the passage of a law for the removal of said seat of justice to the center, or some eligible spot not exceeding three miles from the center.' The Legislature therefore appointed Robert Gay, of Pike. Francis Howell, Sr., of St. Charles, and William Lamme, of Montgomery, commissioners, and empowered them with full authority to select a suitable site in accordance with the petition. The courts were to be continued at Monroe until the erection of a court house and jail at the new county seat. The Legislature also appointed Andrew Miller, Samuel Gibson and Thompson Blanton, all of this county, commissioners of the courthouse and jail to be erected, and empowered them or a majority of them to purchase or receive as a donation such lot or parcel of land, not less than fifty nor more than two hundred acres, as the first named commissioners should have fixed upon for the site of the public buildings referred to, and 'to take and receive to them and their successors in office, for the use of the county, from the person or persons of whom they may receive a donation or make a purchase of land as aforesaid, a warranty deed, in fee simple,' which should be made a trust for the county. And the last above-named commissioners should lay off the same into squares or lots, and dispose of or sell the same, and perform and fulfill the same duties as set forth in the provisions of the act establishing the county. The commissioners were required to take the usual oath and to give bond. It was further specified that any lots or lauds remaining unsold by the commissioners should be by them released to the Governor of the State in trust for the county. This act was approved January 2, 1822. At the February term of the county court, Philip Sitton was appointed commissioner in place of Samuel Gibson, resigned, and William H. Robinson, of Bedford Township, in lieu of Thompson Blanton, also resigned. The court, at the August term, allowed the accounts of the first named commissioners, as follows: William Lamme, \$12; Francis Howell and Robert Gay, each \$10; James Duncan, a magistrate, for administering the oath to them, 31½ cents.

"The last term held in Monroe was in November, 1822. No mention is made on the records of any compliance with the terms

twenty-six years Mr. Meuth has lived on his present homestead, which consists of 620 acres. He is a Democrat in politics, and he and wife are members of the Catholic Church. His first wife was also a member of the same church.

Capt. William Miller was born in Lincoln County, N. C., in 1812, and at the age of six years was brought by his parents, Andrew and Jane (Wilson) Miller, to Missouri. They settled near the mouth of Crooked Creek, in the woods among the Indians and wild animals, and there cleared a good farm. The father died on the 30th of December, 1826. The mother was born near Philadelphia, Pa., and when quite small moved with her people to North Carolina, where they lived during the Revolutionary War, her father, Thomas Wilson, furnishing supplies to the army. He was born in Ireland, and was a weaver by occupation. The grandfather Miller was of Scotch-Irish descent, and his son Andrew was a soldier in the War of 1812, and was captain of militia at an early day. He was instrumental in establishing towns in Lincoln County, and aided to a great degree in settling the county. At the time of his death he weighed 355 pounds, although in his young days he was of ordinary weight. They reared a family of nine children, William being the youngest in the family. He was reared in the wilds of Lincoln County, and received very poor educational advantages, being compelled to walk three miles to school through the woods, which were at that time inhabited by wolves and panthers. His marriage to Emily Foster took place in 1832. She was born in North Carolina, and died in 1854, leaving six children. His second marriage was to Sarah Shults in 1855. She was a daughter of Thompson Shults. Their six children are all grown and married. Mr. Miller has lived on his present farm for seventy years. It consists of about 600 acres, and lies near Moscow Mills. He gave about 400 acres to his children. He served as justice of the peace for nearly fifteen years, and has been prominently identified with the churches and schools in his community. He has been a life-long Democrat, and his first Presidential vote was cast for Jackson. His children by his first wife are: James A.; Lizzie, wife of William Wright, and Josephine, wife of T. H. Harris. By his second wife are:

Alvina Alice, wife of Alex. Miller; Sarah Emma, wife of E. B. Wilson; Lucy Margaret, wife of T. A. Cooper; Martha L., wife of C. M. Wells; Katie, wife of John Carter, and Ida Clay, wife of Hugh Geiger.

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James M. Wilson is a son of John and Mary (Miller) Wilson, who were born in Mecklenburg County, N. C., but were reared in Lincoln County, Va.<sup>1</sup> There they were married and lived until 1818, when they came to Lincoln County, Mo., and settled on the farm where their son, James M., now lives. The father was a wagon-maker by trade, and took an active part in the war of 1812. He was always a Democrat in politics and died in his eighty-fifth year. The mother lived to be seventy-two years of age. Only two of their four children are living, the younger being James M., who was born March 19, 1822, within half a mile of where he now lives. Margaret Hill, who was born in Mecklenburg County, Va., January 14, 1823, became his wife in 1841 and the mother of his twelve children, seven of whom are living. His wife died in 1876 and since that time Mr. Wilson has remained a widower. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and in 1875 was appointed tobacco inspector for the city of St. Louis. He has been quite extensively engaged in the manufacture of tobacco, but has given most of his attention

<sup>1</sup>This should read North Carolina, not Virginia. *E. H.*

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## RUTLIDGE

This is a series of records and documents concerning the Rutlidge family of Elizabeth (Rutlidge) Miller, wife of Andrew Miller (d. 1779).<sup>1</sup> As Elizabeth, the daughter of Isaac Rutlidge and his wife Catherine,<sup>2</sup> probably was not Andrew Miller's first wife and may not have been the mother of all or any of his children, these records may not pertain to our lineage.

It is, however, worthwhile to note that in the will of Mathew Rutlidge written 2 February 1747/1748 acting as a witness, Andrew Miller signed his name "And<sup>1</sup> Miller Jun."<sup>3</sup> This suggests, but does not prove, Andrew's father was also named Andrew.

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<sup>1</sup>Cumberland County, PA, Will Book A:66-67, Isaac Rutlidge, 21 May 1760/30 Aug 1760. Cumberland County Courthouse, Carlisle, PA.

<sup>2</sup>Lancaster County, PA, Will Book A:1:173, Mathew Rutlidge, 2 February 1747/1748, probated 17 March 1749. Archives Division, Lancaster County Courthouse, Lancaster, PA.

<sup>3</sup>Ibid.

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## MAIDENCREEK TOWNSHIP (1746)

When erected, the township included present-day Ontelaunee Township and the borough of Leesport.

### Text of Petition:

To the Honourable Justices of the Court of Quarter Sessions held for the County of Philadelphia, ye 2nd of ----? A.D. 1746. The Petition of the Inhabitants on the Schuylkil Maiden Creek and the Neighbourhood adjacent Humbly Sheweth That your Petitioners are Desirous to have a Township laid out and Regularly Established which may begin at a White Oak at the Corner of the land late of **Nicholas Kindser** on the River Schuylkill Thence North 65 Degrees East Including the Said land and the Land of **Francis Parvin Robert Penrose William Penrose**, and a Considerable part of the Barren Mountain Adjacent 970 perches to a Stone in a Line of the Proprietors Manor of Ruscum Thence Adjoyning ye sd. Manor ye five following Courses (viz) North East 500 perches to a post and South East 116 p. to a Hickery and north East 86 perches to a White Oak and South East 91 per. to a Post and North 65 Deg. East 349 perches to a Post Including the Lands of **Joseph Wily Robert Willson Widow Kaufman and John Wily** Thence North West Including the Lands of **Thomas Kirby Matthew Rutledge John Gracey and Robert Roseborough** 1380 pches to a Post Thence South 65 Degrees West 1370 perches to the Said River Then Down the Same Including the Habitation of **John Barger** etc. About 1400 pches to ye place of Begining which Containeth Near 1300 acres of Land beside ye Usual Allowance. As We know of no material objection to ye above Proposed Limits with regard to ye adjacent Lands your Petitioners Request that You Would be Pleased to Erect the Same into a Township Which May be Named Maiden-Creek and Your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall every Pray

**Moses Starr**

**Jacob Lightfoot**

**Richard Lundy**

**George Rosbaugh**

⇒ **Isaac Rutledg**

**Robert Penrose**

**Jas Barger**

**Robert Wilson**

**John Wily**

**Laurance Pearson**

**Merrick Starr**

**William Wily**

**John Greasey**

**Robert Roseborough**

**Joseph Wily**

**Isaac Starr**

**Joseph Penrose**

**Henry Willits**

James M. Beidler and Florence Kline Heydt, comps.

**The Petitioners: 18<sup>th</sup>-century Actions to Erect Present-day Berks County Townships.**

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To the Honorable Justices of the Court of Quarter Sessions Held for the County of Philadelphia, the 2<sup>nd</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> Term, A.D. 1765

The Petition of the Inhabitants on Schuylkill Maiden Creek and the Neighbourhood Adjacent Humbly Sheweth  
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| Moses Starr      | John Wily         |
| Jacob Lightfoot  | Laurance Bourgon  |
| Richard Lundy    | Merrick Starr     |
| George Rosbrough | William Wily      |
| Isaac Rulloff    | John Gracy        |
| Robert Penrose   | Robert Rosebrough |
| Joe Burger       | Joseph Wily       |
| Robert Wilson    | Isaac Starr       |
|                  | Jerry Penrose     |
|                  | Henry Willets     |

Facsimile of Maiden Creek Township petition

Cumberland County, PA, Will Book A:66-67, 21 May 1760/1 August 1760  
 ISAAC RUTLIDGE, deceased

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN Being the twenty-first day of May in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty I Isaac Rutlidge of the County of Cumberland and township of West Pennsborough being sick and weak of body but perfect mind and memory thanks to God therefore and calling to mind the mortality of my body and that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a Christian decent manner at the discretion of my exers nothing doubting but at the general resurection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and touching such world estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner & form

And first I do order and allow that all just debts that I owe unto any person in conceince or equity be paid & also all funeral charges

Item I do give and bequeath unto Elizabeth my well beloved wife the one third of all my lands tenements mills & inheritance movables all other my property or what term or kind soever whether household goods or any other & over and above a cow & [caves?] & [bull?] as also her bed and furniture her spinning wheel and heckle and the full privilidge of the house wherein we now live during her term of life

Item I do give and bequeath unto my beloved son Robert Rosborrow the sum of two shillings & sixpence sterling

Item I do give and bequeath unto my beloved son Robt Johnson the sum of two shillings and sixpence sterling

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Andr Miller two shillings & sixpence sterling

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved son Thos Eavens [Evans] the sum of two shillings & sixpence sterling and I do allow and appoint John Rutlidge the sole heir of all my worldly goods and estate as also to be my principal and chief executor

Item I do give and bequeath to my grandson David Eavens the sum of twenty shillings currency to be paid out for books for his proper use & behoof at the discretion of Mary Eavens I do also appoint my trusty friend Isaac Sadler of York County as an executor to act in conjunction with John Rutlidge my beloved son aforesaid and I do disannul & revoke all other will and wills testaments and testaments by me made ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament which I do now publish pronounce and declare In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal the day and year above written in presence of

Wm Robinson  
 Wm Dobson  
 Alex McBride

Isaac Rutlidge (Seal)

Original spelling and punctuation has been maintained.

Note: It was not unusual for a man to refer to his sons-in-law as his sons.

