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1729. Lancaster County, Pa., was established.
1752. Berks County was established; and prior to that time was part of Lancaster, as was also Lebanon County.
1785. Dauphin County was separated from Lancaster County.
1813. Lebanon County was separated from Lancaster County and from Dauphin County.
1729. Lebanon township was a large township belonging to Lancaster County until 1739, when the northern part was erected into Bethel township; and when Berks County was formed in 1752 the larger part of Bethel township was separated and included in that County.
1729. Derry Township was erected; and then embraced Derry, or West End, and Londonderry, or East End.
1799. Annville Township was formed from parts of Lebanon and Londonderry townships, and first settlers are given in those townships.
1762. Annville, Annvilletown was laid out by Mr. Abraham Miller.

1757. Heidelberg township was erected.
1732. Indians held title to all within Lebanon County until this year.
1754. French and Indian war broke out. Indians joined the French, and committed many murders; carried away women and children, and burned their homes.
- About 1754 to 1757. Jacob and Henry Bowman, of near Palmyra, young men and brothers, were captured by the Indians and tied in a secluded thicket, with the supposed intention of taking them to Canada. In the absence of their captors they perceived a Mr. Sholley returning from Lancaster to Lebanon, and called to him, he released them and they returned to their homes.
1729. Jacob Bowman, a native and inhabitant of the Palatine upon the Rhine, or adjacent place, with some 70 families, arrived in August, in the ship MORTONHOUSE, from Rotterdam and signed a Declaration of Allegiance to King George the Second.
1735. Johannes Bowman was a Mennonite preacher in the northern part of Lancaster County, now Lebanon County.
1743. JOHN BOWMAN received a land warrant for 200 acres in Lebanon township.
1748. Benjamin Bowman received a land warrant for 190 acres.
1749. Jacob Bowman received a land warrant for 100 acres.

- 1750 and 1755. Henry Bowman was a Taxable in Lebanon Township.
1753. Lorentz Bowman was a Taxable in Heidelberg township.
1753. Valentine Bowman was a Taxable in Heidelberg township.
1759. Henry Bowman was assessed L. 5. O. as a non-associator.
1759. JOHN BOWMAN was a Taxable in Londonderry township, East End.
1772. John Bowman received a land warrant for 25 acres.
1773. John Bowman was an overseer of the poor in Londonderry township.
1766. Abraham Bowman was a private in Captain Grubb's company.
1777. Abraham Bowman was a non-associator in Lebanon township.
1777. Henry Bowman took oath of allegiance to Pennsylvania.
1777. Peter Bowman was a non-associator in Heidelberg township.
1778. JOHN BOWMAN took oath of allegiance to Pennsylvania.
1778. Jacob Bowman took oath of allegiance to Pennsylvania.
1780. Henry Bowman assessed for 238 acres.



1780. Henry Bowman owned a Still in Lebanon township.
1780. George Bowman assessed as freeman.
1782. Henry Bowman overseer of the poor in Londonderry township.
1783. George Bowman was a Captain of the Sixth Cavalry.
1776. JOHN BOWMAN was a private in Captain Joseph Sherer's Company. The company did active service near Amboy, New York. Captain Sherer's farm was near Highspire.
- About 1744 to 1750. Thomas Bowman received land warrant for 150 acres in Derry township.
1772. Thomas Bowman received land warrant for 25 acres in Londonderry township.
1800. John Bowman assessed for 190 acres in Annville township.
- 1814 to 1815. Abraham Bowman was a private in Captain Jacob Achcy's company.
1822. Henry Bowman (Tanner) was an inmate of Lebanon Burrough.
1842. Henry Bowman was Chief Burgess of Lebanon Burrough.
1845. John Bowman was assessed for 165 acres in South Annville township.
1845. Jacob Bowman was assessed for 66 acres in South Annville township.

1785. JOHN BOWMAN (great-great-grand father) of Londonderry township, died April, 1785. His surviving children were Abraham, Veronica (married John Schneider), Jacob, Henry and Magdalene (married George Balsbaugh).
1794. Abraham Bowman (Great-grand father) of Londonderry township, died prior to 1794. (His widow Christina married John Lehman.) His surviving children were John, Magdalene (married John Natzget), Elizabeth (married George Harter), Catherine (married Jacob Lehman), Abraham, Henry (married Barbara Flickinger), Jacob and Christina.
1789. Henry Bowman of Londonderry township, son of Henry, Sr., (1762) and wife Barbara died August 1789. His surviving children were: George, Christina (married George Rislcy), Jacob, John, Barbara, Henry and Katherine.
1802. Jacob Bowman, of Derry township died prior to 1802. Surviving children were: Peter, Jacob, Christine, Elizabeth (married Jeremiah Suether), Madalene. John Bowman (grand father) married Magdalene Ellenberger. Mrs. Betsey Snavely (daughter of David Siegrist, son of John Bowman's daughter, Nancy), says that Jacob and Henry Bowman, captured by the Indians, were sons of Great grand father Abraham Bowman, and she remembers her grand mother showing her *what* they had been tied with. This she kept in her chest. Mrs. Snavely also says that her

grand father went to Indiana, and thinks Abraham went to Dayton (Massillon), Ohio,—of the others, she does not know where they located.

The record of the Bowman family Bible as recorded therein is as follows:

“This Holy Bible was brought from Switzerland to America by John Bowman, in the year 1725. Then it came into the hands of his son, Abraham, then to his son, John, then to John’s son John—all citizens of Lebanon County.” The Bible was printed in 1720. It was buried at one time to be saved from the Indians.

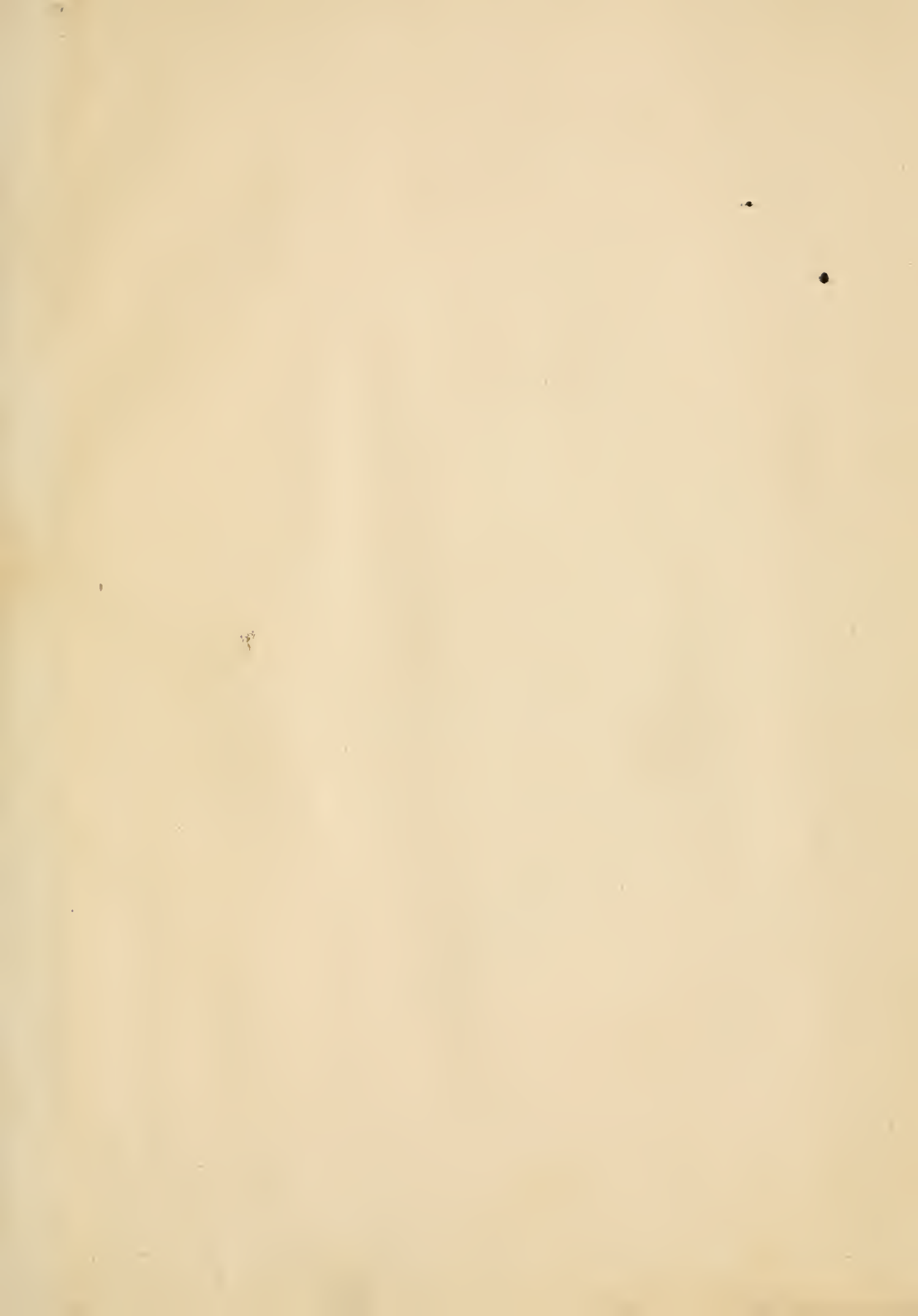
1. John Bowman of Londonderry township died in 1785. Leaving children : Abraham, Veronica, Jacob, Henry and Magdalene.
2. Abraham Bowman of Lebanon township died prior to 1794. Leaving children, John, Magdaline, Elizabeth, Catherine, Abraham, Henry, Jacob and Christina.

John Bowman died leaving children: John, Abraham, Jacob, Henry, Samuel Joseph, Michael, David, Nancy and Moses.

Michael Bowman married Jane Tennis; died August 10, 1855. Leaving children, Israel T., Mary Ann, Amelia, Henry C., John M. and Amanda R.

Israel Tennis Bowman married Harriet Elizabeth Stillman, February 7th, 1862, at Cleveland, Ohio. Children, Frank Tennis, Elizabeth Jane, Florence Amelia, George Henry and Edgar Stillman.

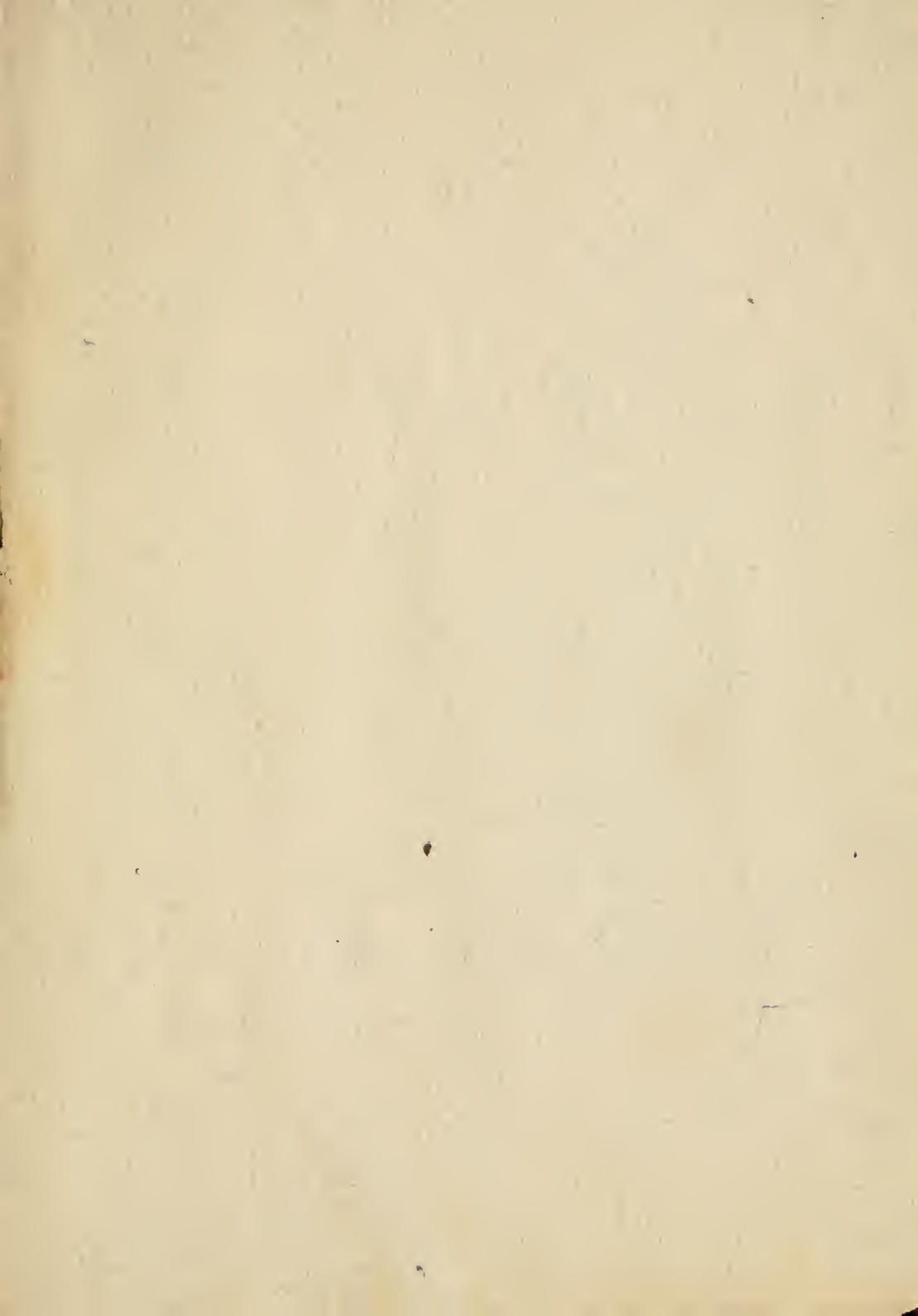
1892. Jane Tennis Bowman died at Cleveland Ohio, November 28th.













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