

*William Graham
Early Cumberland County Pennsylvania
1719 - 1805*

*Present Day Surrounding Areas of Cumberland, Franklin, Perry, Juniata,
and Mifflin Counties of Pennsylvania*

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William Graham
Shippensburg Cumberland County Pennsylvania

~ Introduction ~

My Great-Grandfather, William Graham, was born in May 1872 in the Southampton and Lurgan Townships and Shippensburg within the Cumberland and Franklin County PA region. From many records and family memories and stories, William was raised in the adjoining townships between the Franklin and Cumberland County lines; mostly in and around the vicinity surrounding Shippensburg PA. (Parts of Shippensburg is split between Cumberland and Franklin County) William's 1st marriage license indicated he was from Shippensburg and his parents were William and Mary Graham, and we know from my family that my great-grandfather was not raised by his biological parents. I could not confirm this with his 2nd marriage license, which might suggest that William and Mary may not be his biological parents. It may also mean his parents are not from the Shippensburg vicinity where my Great-Grandfather was raised. According to my family and other records he is by birth a Graham and was raised and lived his entire life in this area.

With this information, and conferring with the Cumberland county historical documents preservationist, and other historians, I came to the conclusion that my great-grandfather's biological parents are named William and Mary. However I can not factually determine my great-grandfather's birth origins, or if his parents are from the same area my great-grandfather was raised. I'm still researching all court dockets, and other records as time permits. But since I started backward into time, I decide to alter course and come forward in time. I see this as an effort to meet in the middle of my research, and to further unravel whose who of the Graham families.

A few are of interest: 1.) John and Lydia (Devor) Graham of Hopewell Township area - circa 1810; and his reported family of William and Agnes Graham of Cumberland County - circa 1805; 2.) There are two brothers from Lurgan Township, Francis and William Graham - circa 1780; and 3.) There is also a Jarred Graham from Chester County and his son James of West Pennsboro circa 1735. Over time various family members from these Graham have intersected in present day Perry and Franklin County. I then decided to start in present day Perry County, and promptly came across two other Graham families; William Graham of Sherman's Valley, and William Graham of Tuscarora Valley.

This paper is trying to distinguish if the William of Sherman's Valley is the same person as William of Tuscarora Valley, and father to the brothers John and William Esq. Once I get a firm map of these two families and their respective children, I should be able to separate the other Graham family members, and move back into Cumberland and Franklin Counties, and closer to identifying my great grandfather's birth origins and his family. It's a work in progress.

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~ Discrepancies, Interpretations, and References ~

Discrepancies: There are always discrepancies, so I have identified three primary points of potential discrepancies, which I will attempt to clear up: 1.) who are the parents of what children; 2.) keep similar, like, or variations of members names separated from each other; 3.) to trace the actual timelines of where these folks are and the events of their lives; and 4.) from what location to what location did parents and their children move or migrate to.

Here is what I found essential in understanding our timeline and naming conventions of people. Examples; Polly is a variant for Molly, which comes from Mary, or Margret and Maggie. Then there's the common practice of using middle names as opposed to using given first names. The other key element to understanding timelines in the progression geographical descriptions of that period, the formation and development of Juniata, Perry, Mifflin, and Cumberland counties and their townships, naming and spelling, tracking migrations, main trails and routes, and even frontier forts and early settlements.

There are many references that are important to avoid any discrepancy between Wiiliam of Tuscarora and William of Sherman's Valley from being further mixed. I did my best to provide as much insight into this assessment as footnotes. I provided a brief timeline synopsis on these counties, their township formations, and other details at the end of this document. I also provide as many source documented references as footnotes.

Source References: This paper will have many interpretations of source documents. I will paraphrase or quote using an in text reference. This will permit me to outline my interpretations of the source. However, I have also included a reference page located at the end of this paper, so the reader can to view the source and make their own interpretation. This is intended to help distinguish between the Graham's that populated early Cumberland County, and which William Graham is father to the brothers John and William Esq. of Tuscarora Valley

~ Graham ~
Early American Pioneer

The origin of the Graham name is a matter of history, and their arrival in America is well documented. I believe that the father of William Graham most likely came to America from Ireland, landing in the Philadelphia ports at around the turn of the 17th century. I have not driven any deeper into his arrival to the American Colonies. What we do know is William of Sherman's Valley, came to Cumberland County by way of Chester County where he was born. (Hanna 1985)

During this time the new frontier was known for agricultural purposes as the Valley of the Susquehanna, opposite Harris' Ferry. It was known by its Indian name Kittochtinny, or Endless Mountain. There were no records of settlers in this region before 1729. Shippensburg was started about 1730. With the exception of York City, Shippensburg became the second oldest town west of the Susquehanna River, and the oldest in the Cumberland Valley. Around 1736 William Penn authorized the purchase of Cumberland Valley from the Indians, and to grant the settlers licenses to buy the land. On October 25, 1736, the land was purchased from the Indians, and in January 1737 the Land Office was opened in for sale of land.

The town was not formally laid out until 1737 when Edward Shippen was granted patent rights. The town as it now stands is upon a part of the Shippen tract of over 1,200 acres. "... In a letter written from Shippensburg by James Magaw, May 21, 1733, he describes the new settlement, saying, "We have now eighteen cabbins built here now, and it looks like a town, but we have no name for it. I wish you would see John Harris at the ferry and get him to write to the Governor to see if he can't get some guns for us; there's a good number of ingens about here; and I fear they intend to give us a good dale of trouble and may do us a grate dale of harm. We was three days on our journey coming from Harrises Ferry here. We could not make much speed on account of the children. They could not get on as fast as Jane and me." (Kendall 1966)

~ William Graham ~
Cumberland County

I think its safe assumption to agree on that William came from Chester County to Cumberland County by the same route as everyone else at that time, and first settled in Shippensburg or Carlisle area. It's time to see if I can distinguish this William Graham from the other William Graham's. We know that there were two brothers, John and William Graham. Family accounts, biographical sketches, and other records are used to help me make this distinction. Before I get going, I want to thank Jeffrey Graham, a direct decedent of this William Graham. Without his help, and the help of other distant cousins and descendents, I would have never been in a position to unraveled the Graham's in early Cumberland County.

William – Property Owner: In Text References

- "...In 1766 Rev. Charles Beatty traveled through the Tuscarora Valley and preached, August 20th, at a house three miles after crossing the Tuscarora Mountain by the Traders' Path; after service he traveled three miles farther and lodged at William Graham's, now near David Esh's in Spruce Hill..." (A. L. Guss Pages 791-801)
- "...Stephen Cochran warranted three hundred and thirty-five acres September 28, 1767, west of Rogers, which he sold to Matthew Henderson, which he sold to William Graham June 10, 1774; now owned by Samuel Graham's heirs, Jonathan Swartz and Allison Hench. There is a cave back of Widow Graham's house, which has never been explored." (A. L. Guss Pages 791-801)
- "...An account dated February 3, 1755 regarding a land warrant for George Armstrong involving 100 acres on the south side of the Tuscarora Mountains, next to a settlement of the Lacken Indians. William McCaly conducted the survey, which was added to the William Graham surveys..." (A. L. Guss Pages 791-801)
- "...Another important fact connected with the history of this place, is that it was on the line of *traders path* from Harris Ferry westward, to Fort Bingham, in Juniata County, located at the base of the north side of the Tuscarora Mountain. From the best information obtainable, it is certain that this path extended from the Conococheague settlement, through Croghan's Gap, into Shearman's Valley, thence westward, leading to a point at Bingham's Fort, in Juniata County." (Darlington Fort Robinson, Pages 611-618)
- "... Trader's Path began at Harris Ferry and the, passing through thence to Fort Bingham, through Sherman's Valley, and then over the Tuscarora Mountain. (Weiser 1892).
- William Graham, a pioneer in this section, warranted a tract of one hundred acres September 20, 1762, adjoining James Kenney, Robert Hogg and his other lands. He also warranted one hundred acres "on south side Tuscarora creek, in Lack Township, including his improvement," March 2, 1763. His house on this property was burned by the Indians July 11, 1763. It stood on Benjamin Hertzler's lot, near a spring in front of Mrs. Isabella Graham's house. He purchased the tract of John Armstrong, already named as being opposite Lackens, and the three surveys added together made four hundred and nineteen acres, and are known as the "Graham lands." The lines have been very much changed. Parts of the survey of Armstrong, John Graham and the two William Graham tracts were patented, March 12, 1839, by Joseph Yoder, two hundred and thirty-nine acres; now owned by David B. and Noah H. Esh. John Patterson, Esq., patented one hundred and fifty-four acres April 12, 1827, parts of Armstrong and the two William Graham tracts. On this tract, on a mountain-stream, William, son of William Graham, erected grist and saw-mills in 1813, which were continued by his sons, then by Yost Yoder, John Esh; now Benjamin Hertzler; but the mills have been abandoned for several years. (A. L. Guss Pages 791-801)
- On March 25, 1763, the court made the following appointments: Lack, John McClelland constable, Robert Campbell and Robert Houston supervisors, William Graham and John Erwin overseers, James Williams's collector. (Guss 1886)
- According to the tax-lists for Milford Township on slaves and servants within the present limits of Juniata County, William Graham is listed as having a servant in 1775 and 1776. No value was listed. (Ellis and Hungerford 1886)

There are land grant records for Cumberland County; there was one for John Graham, for 100 acres, and one for John Grymes, which may be a misspelling, for 50 acres. More needs done here to determine any significance, but the point is that William Graham had property, prior to the arrival of the name William Graham Esq. who also had property and businesses in present day Spruce Hill Township Juniata County. Direct decedents of the brothers, John and William, indicate their parents were William and Ann Graham. (Graham 2006)

However, there is no documented family source that indicates if this William is or is not William Esq. or any other details on William's and Ann's known children. This distinction is important to help differentiate between the two Williams. The following cursory accounts are what I used to see if there was a distinction between William Graham and William Graham Esq.

John's brother, William, was born in 1752, which would have made him 2 years old in obtaining and executing a 1755 land warrant. The movement of Rev Beatty was North West out of Carlisle, passing through the ¹ Conococheague settlement, over the Blue Mountain Sterrett's Gap to Fort Robinson in Sherman's Valley, continuing through Raccoon Valley to cross over the Tuscarora Mountains, and onto William Graham's home located in present day Spruce Hill Township Juniata.

After reviewing all historical and geographical maps in relationships to estate locations, I have determined that in 1755, just after the birth of John's brother William, their father William purchased property on the south side of the Tuscarora Valley. This area is present day Raccoon Valley Perry County, directly adjacent to Sherman's Valley, in and around the route of Trader's Path. It is very important to note this same area of Raccoon Valley is where William Graham of Sherman's Valley had his estate. (Wills 1805) This route is current day RT 34 out of Carlisle.

There are only two recorded Graham's who settled Sherman's Valley and the Tuscarora Valley that could have been the father to the brothers; John and William; one William Graham and one Henry Graham. I also now believe that both men arrived to this area from the Carlisle or Shippensburg vicinity, using the only known route to the region; Trader's Path.

Until I find evidence to the contrary, I now believe that William of Sherman's Valley is William of Tuscarora Valley. They are the same person.

*~ William Graham of Sherman's Valley ~
1st Generation*

I'm all but convinced that William Graham of Tuscarora Valley migrated to this area from Chester County; making him the 2nd generation Graham, and not the brothers John and William Esq. "William Graham 1766 Sherman's Valley: Some years ago, prior to 1789, William Graham came from Chester County to live in Raccoon Valley, near Bull's Run." (Hanna 1985)

¹ Conococheague is pronounced; K o n i k a h j i g)

I would not be surprised if William's son, William, came to Cumberland County just prior to its formation out of Lancaster County in 1750. As did another Graham family from Chester County, James Graham. Whose father Jarred Graham of Chester County received one of the first land warrants in West Pennsboro Cumberland County. These men would have traveled to present day Harrisburg. There they would have taken the Harris Ferry Road, or Great Road, which was opened in 1744 from Harrisburg by way of Carlisle, Shippensburg, and Chambersburg to the Potomac and points west through Pitt.

It is here where Trader's Path pointed toward Sherman's and Tuscarora Valleys. During this opening, when Cumberland County was still part of Lancaster. Then on January 27, 1750 Cumberland County was erected as a separate county. Not to much later, on September 9, 1784, Franklin County was erected from the southwestern part of Cumberland, and it was this area that was known as the Conococheague Settlement.

I started with William and Ann, who were early settlers of the Cumberland County region; present day Juniata and Perry County, and the parents of two brothers, John and William Esq. Esquire (Esq.) was used to reference William in many documents I researched, so I will continue the practice.

The following profile of William and Ann is from family records and many other historical accounts and records.

We have a 1790 Mifflin County censuses records for Francis and unknown wife, no children. We also have a William Grimes listing 2 male over 16, 5 males under 16, and 3 females; husband and wife, 6 sons, and 1 daughter. There is also an Ann Grimes wife 1 female living with her. This William and Ann live within 2 census entries of each other.

1. ² William Graham's birth and origin are unknown; his death is unknown; but we do have biographical accounts of his locations and other accounts within the area of Cumberland County and surrounding Townships. He owned a number of tracts of land on the south side of the Tuscarora creek Lack Township, later known as Milford, then Turbett, and much later Tuscarora and Spruce Hill Juniata County Townships. He was enterprising, having tanneries and gristmills. Family records indicated he was married to Ann, and their children were:

2. John: born prior to 1753 in that part of Cumberland County now included in Juniata County; died July 11th 1763, killed by Indians near Buffalo Creek which runs through Sherman's Valley Tyrone Township Cumberland County, known today as Jackson, Northeast Madison, and Saville Townships of Perry County. It also is the same location of Raccoon Valley. This area is also directly adjacent to the south side of the Tuscarora Mountains; Lack, and Milford, and Spruce Hill Townships Juniata County, where most of William Graham's property holdings

² Jeffrey Michael Graham, 2006, Stinson Beach, CA, mikhoyel@earthlink.net; MILLIKEN, Michael, Date: 13 Jun 2005 Rkohler3@comcast.net; Cumberland County Presbyterian Church Records; and Estate and Will Records.

were. John Graham also had a warrant for one hundred acres, "including a Deer Lick at the foot of the Tuscarora Mountain," September 20, 1762. He was a son of William Graham. His tract is now partly the property of Noah Esh, one hundred and seventy-two acres. John Graham had also warranted one hundred and seventy-two acres March 1, 1763. The deer-lick is on Noah Esh's farm.

2. Ann: Married ³ James Black, my friend is a descendent of this family, who is a professional genealogist

2. William Esq.: born 1753 in that part of Cumberland County now included in Juniata County

2. Mary: Most like another name for Margaret

2. George: There is some information on George, but dates from these sources don't match this George.

2. Christopher: There are revolutionary records on this person, but I have not read them yet.

2. Alice: married 1st to William Stewart (Jr.). William died in 1805, and he and Alice had these children;

2. William who married Peggy Copeland; Annie who married William Wharton; Margaret; James who lived above Johnstown; George who went to Chillicothe; John who went to Indiana County; Thomas, who married Elizabeth Rice; Robert a tailor who married Margaret Groce; Rebecca who married Nicholas Arnold; Mary who married Peter Hench. Alice (Graham) Stewart then married John Williams, and their children were John; Benjamin; a daughter who married Robert Patton; a daughter who married William Jacobs, a daughter who married George Jacobs, and a daughter who married Jesse Packer, who was grandfather of the PA ex- Governor Packer.

***William Graham
Sherman's Valley – Present Day Perry County Pennsylvania
1st Generation***

This part of the paper draws the profile of what we know of William Graham of Sherman's Valley. It is believed his wife is Susannah Miller who was born about 1720 in Germany or PA.

⁴ When William Graham of Sherman's Valley died in 1805, he had 3 sons and 5 daughters. The obituary is retyped at the end of this document.

⁵ William of Sherman's Valley was buried in Loysville, Tyrone Township Perry County, and he had an estate in Raccoon Valley, which is in the south side of the Tuscarora Valley region,

³ Wills: Abstracts 1803-1809: Will Book G: Cumberland Co, PA, BLACK, JAMES, Juniata Co., January 12th 1809, G. 359-361

⁴ Obituary, Tuesday December 3, 1805, Cumberland Register Carlisle

⁵ Wills: Abstracts 1803-1809: Will Book G: Cumberland Co, PA, GRAHAM, WILLIAM. Tyrone. December 13, 1805. G. 130

located in the Tuscarora and Juniata Township areas of Perry County. I've seen a reference that their residence was 1-1/2 miles west of Bull's Mills.

⁶ William Graham: Some years ago, prior to 1789, William Graham came from Chester County to live in Raccoon Valley, near Bull's Run.

Born: about 1719 in Chester County PA

Died: November 30th 1805 at the age of 86 in Sherman's Valley

Occupation: unknown

Burial: Centre Presbyterian Cemetery, west of Loysville, Tyrone Twp. Perry Co

Locations: Sherman's Valley, Tyrone Twp Perry Co., about 1-1/2 miles west of Bull's Mills

Married: It was proposed, but not factually determined; Susanne Ann Miller

⁷ Will: Created August 28th 1805, Executed December 13th 1805.

Estate in Raccoon Valley - James Robinson of said place – meaning James lives on the estate

Executors: James Black of Juniata and Robert Robinson of Tyrone Township

Witnesses: Richard Jameson, Charles Elliott, Robert Elliott.

The obituary indicated he had 3 sons and 5 daughters. The obituary and will extract has been retyped and is located at the end of this document. The following is a profile of William's and Susanne children, reconstructed from the obituary and an abstract will, and I still have not read the full will.

3 Sons:

- Unknown: the obituary says oldest son died unmarried, the will makes no mention of his name.
- James: the will was made on August 28th 1805, which indicates James, eldest son
- William: the will mentions, Son William, and most likely the youngest of the 3 boys.

The obituary also indicated; His 2nd son was first 1st married after being in the Revolutionary war, and has had 12 children who are still living by 1805, 2 sons and a daughter have married by Nov 30th 1805, and the daughters had 3 children, and 1 son had a son – all by November 30th 1805. Except for the 12 children part, this William is similar in profile to William Graham of Tuscarora Valley.

NOTE: The obituary indicated 2nd son married first after being in the revolutionary war. (I believe this is a reference to the remaining son's, after the 1st son died unmarried; the 2nd son of the remaining two sons living. I do have revolutionary war records on James graham, but I have not read these documents.

5 Daughters: ⁸ Marriage Information

⁶ William Graham 1766 Sherman's valley: The Scotch-Irish, Vol2, by Charles Hanna, 1985, PA State Library, page 73, R929, 3411, V2

⁷ Abstracts 1803-1809: Will Book G: Cumberland Co.,PA, Graham, William, Tyrone, December 13, 1805, G. 130.

⁸ Marriages by Reverend John Linn, Centre Presbyterian Church, Sherman's Valley, Perry (Then Cumberland) County, PA

- Elizabeth: the will mentions, eldest daughter, Elizabeth Marshall. Her birth and origin is undetermined, most likely Cumberland County PA; Death is unknown. She was from Rye Township when she married John Marshal June 26th 1781, who was born in 1758 Rye Township Cumberland County, present day Rye Township Perry Co PA
- Sarah: the will mentions; 2nd daughter, Sarah Robinson. Her birth and origin is undetermined, but most likely Cumberland County PA; death is unknown; 1st Marriage was with David Marshall in 1786; 2nd Marriage: Robinson – Could be James Robinson who is living on William’s Estate in 1805
- Susanna: the will mentions; 3rd daughter, Susan Robinson. Other records indicate her birth was in 1760, but most likely Cumberland County PA; Other records record she died about 1827 or 1834 in Perry Co; Married: Robert Robinson who was born: about 1767 in Cumberland Co and died in November or December 1834 in Raccoon Valley, Tuscarora Twp Perry Co.
- ⁹ Margaret, the will mentions; daughter, Margaret Black. Other records indicate birth and origin undetermined, but most likely Cumberland County PA. Other records indicate she may also go by the name of Agnes or Ann. She was born: about 1767 most likely Cumberland County PA; married James Black of Big Spring June 12th 1792 who may have been born about 1765 - probably in Cumberland Co.

NOTE: Family records on William and Ann Graham of Tuscarora listed Ann Graham married James Black. There is only one James Black found in any record in this area. This further indicates problems with nick-names or mix-ups of whose children belong to which William Graham. A fiend of mine is a direct descendent of the Black family, and his work on James Black will be further scarified.

- Jane (Jennie): the will mentions; youngest daughter Jane Milligan. Other records indicate she was born about 1767 or 1769 in Cumberland County and was from of Rye Township; died March 12th 1850; married John Milligan on August 11th 1791 who may have been born about 1765 in Cumberland Co

Other Graham’s From This Area:

By all accounts there was one other main Graham family living within the present day Juniata and Perry County Areas, which over many years, but who all may be related to other Graham Lines.

- ¹⁰ Rebecca: William Lyon married Rebecca Graham, sister of William Graham, Esq., of Tuscarora, and did surveying under Armstrong in Juniata. This has yet to be validated

⁹ Historical Society of Perry County, Catalog Index for Margaret Graham

¹⁰ History of that part of the Susquehanna and Juniata valleys, embraced in the counties of Mifflin, Juniata, Perry, Union and Snyder, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Edited by F. Ellis and A. N. Hungerford, Published in Philadelphia by Everts, Peck & Richards, 1886, Pages 791-801, Chapter XII, Spruce Hill Township, Part I, by A. L. Guss

by family descendents. If true it would add to the problems with family records relating to William and Ann Graham.

- ¹¹ William Graham born about 1750s, from the Kishacoquilla Valley who married Jean White of Rye Twp on April 5th 1784. Rye was part of Cumberland County, which is today Rye Township Perry County. Kishacoquilla Valley is to the North West of the Tuscarora Mountains through Derry Township, adjoining Lack and Fermanagh Townships Cumberland County. Today this Valley runs through Armagh, Derry, Brown, Union and Grandville Townships of Mifflin County, from Milroy to Lewistown. Its center is located in Brown Township Mifflin County. The valley runs from Milroy to Lewistown. Armagh Township was created in 1770 from part of Cumberland County by a court order to permit people who lived in the Kishacoquillas Valley at that time to have their own township separate from Derry Township. See Francis Graham 1734-1777 Lurgan Township.
- Peter Graham: 1772 records of other early settlers of Lack Township included Peter Graham, Single Freeman. I take this reference as a "Single Freeman", that this individual was free from being indentured to anyone, but could have he been black?
- Henry Graham: Henry is in the 1763 and 1767 Lack Township Tax Assessments, located in the History of that part of the Susquehanna and Juniata Valleys, embraced in the counties of Mifflin, Juniata, Perry, Union and Snyder, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Pages 733-738. Henry has the only other Graham profile to be the father to the brother s John and William Esq. ¹² See Henry Graham Dauphin Co.
- **William Cunningham came to the Partner place in 1762. He came back, in 1763, to cut grain and pull at flax. He and his daughters took alarm and fled over the Tuscarora Mountain on the night of July 10th, and escaped the Indians. He returned in 1766, and died, and was the first person buried in the grave-yard at Academia. His resting-place is unmarked, but is in the middle of the yard. His wife, Elizabeth, took up a tract of three hundred and twenty-three acres, October 29, 1766, in trust for his heirs. From them the several tracts have descended to Cloyd Horning, William C. and William M. Partner and Charles Waream. There was a man once living on this farm who raised Beans six feet long and upwards; his name was John Bean. Henry Wills, two hundred and sixty-four acres, and was owned by John Cunningham, Samuel Mettlen, Joshua Shuman; now John Wetzler, Mrs. Zimmerman and others. Here the Fort Granville path crossed Licking Creek.**

In her application Mrs. Cunningham says that her husband made "an improvement" on this tract five years before the date of her application, which would be in 1761, and we know of no older settlellent on the creek. The survey made in 1767 calls the mountain to the north the "Shade." The house stood one hundred yards east of the present brick, was built of unhewn logs, had a split-log floor, a floor of poles above, and a roof of rude clapboards. Mrs. Catharine, wife of Jacob Partner, who long lived on this place, had a most remarkable memory. She told a curious story of the escape of the Cunninghams, in 1763. They fled because of a warning given by a rooster, which persistently came inside of the door and crowed so lustily that they became alarmed. The children were William, died 1836, ancestor of all of the Cunninghams in the county; John, married Sarah Robison, of

¹¹ MARRIAGES BY REV. JOHN LINN, CENTRE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1778-1793, Sherman Valley, Perry County (then Cumberland) Pennsylvania, United congregations consisting of Centre & Upper (Blain) The Perry Historians. Unless otherwise stated, names given are usually part of the Centre Presbyterian Church Congregation.

¹² Pages 755-762, Chapter IX, Milford Township, Part II, By A. L. Guss

Alexander, and ancestor of those in Huntingdon County and A. B. Cunningham, of Philadelphia; Richard, moved to New Jersey; David, moved to New York; Sarah (Carson); and Mary (McDonwel). William, Jr.'s, children were David, Richard, John, Sally (Phillips) and Elizabeth (Jeffries). They have all been very excellent citizens.

John Partner, who got the Cunningham mansion, came to Juniata with Henry Aughey. He served during the Revolutionary War, and his grandson, Abraham G., still has the old musket which he carried in the war. His name appears as "Portner" in Benjamin Weiser's company of the Pennsylvania German Regiment. His children were Jacob, Catharine (Robison), Elizabeth (Hardy), Mary (Nipple). John married Margery Mettlen and moved to Deep Cut, Ohio, wither his father went, and died there.

Above Wills came in Henry Graham, warrant October 27, 1766, for two hundred and ninety-six acres. Pat McCahan and Fred Nipple held this tract in 1812. There was formerly a pretty rough set of people in the upper end of this valley, and it was a common saying that Sunday never got up Licking Creek farther than the residence of Alexander McCahan. At the school-house here the Methodists formerly had an organization and stated services. On the upper end of this tract was located the great tannery of Singmasters, Miller, Lippencott & Co.

Above Graham, Andrew Douglass, who was wounded at Kittanning under Armstrong, warranted a tract of one hundred and eighty acres, October 23, 1766. In 1770 it belonged to John McClellan. The factory dam was on the lower end of this tract. On the upper end Norton & Selheimer erected a paper-mill.

Above Douglass, next the so-called Black Log Mountain, was Jacob Pigsler; but before this in 1812, Pigsler was on the Douglass tract. (Road from Pigsler's on Licking Creek, to river opposite Mifflin, six and one-half miles and fifty one perches, from Pigsler's to Lytle's mill, say seven miles. - Wm. Beale's Notes.)

- ¹³ Hamilton Graham: The 1st record of Hamilton is of his marriage to Sara Hogg sometime after Sara's 1st husband died from a rapid dog bit in 1783, and the birth of Her and Hamilton's 1st child in 1788. A 1922 interview of William Graham of Spruce Hill by a descendants of Robert Hoge or Hogg of Tuscarora Valley, Pennsylvania was documented. The following is the results of this work. Sarah (Hogg) Graham was born May 1763; 1st to George McCullough, 2nd to Hamilton Graham. Sara died June 26th 1828 at 65 years old. Sarah is buried in the McKee Graveyard in July, 1921...” Sarah Graham, d. June 26, 1828, aged 65...born about 1763...George McCullough is buried beside Sarah Graham in an unmarked grave....In 1922 I interviewed Mr. Wm. Graham of Spruce Hill, Juniata Co., Pa., and he stated that he was not related to Hamilton Graham but knew George McCullough was a Revolutionary soldier and that he was buried in an unmarked grave beside his wife Sarah in the McKee Cemetery. - ¹⁴William Graham, a pioneer in this section, warranted a tract of one hundred acres September 20, 1762, adjoining James Kenney, Robert Hogg and his other lands.
- Daniel Graham: On March 15th 1781 Daniel Graham married Christiana McLeod by Reverend John Linn, Centre Presbyterian Church, Sherman's Valley, Perry (Then Cumberland) County, PA

¹³ A Genealogy of the Hogg - McKee Family of Juniata County Pa, The Descendants of Robert Hoge or Hogg of Tuscarora Valley, Pennsylvania, Including the families of Lytle, McCullough, McKee, Sturgeon, Dunbar, Graham, Stitt, Harnish, Vance, Robinson, Potts, McBride

¹⁴ History of that part of the Susquehanna and Juniata valleys, embraced in the counties of Mifflin, Juniata, Perry, Union and Snyder, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Edited by F. Ellis and A. N. Hungerford, Published in Philadelphia by Everts, Peck & Richards, 1886, Pages 791-801, Chapter XII, Spruce Hill Township, Part I, by A. L. Guss, pages 791 to 801

- Enos (Enes) Graham: July 5th 1785 Enos Graham married Agnes McDonald of Tyrone Township by Reverend John Linn, Centre Presbyterian Church, Sherman's Valley, Cumberland County, PA. There also Revolutionary Records on this person, but I have not read them.
- Margaret Graham – died Oct 20, 1803, at 40 years old, Juniata Twp, had 6 children - Source: Perry County Historical Society, Catalog Index

Conclusions:

Of the Graham's old enough in 1760's to have children being born during the 17402 to 17602, only Henry and William Graham stand out in early Cumberland County in and around present day Juniata and Perry County. Is Henry the patriarch to the other local Graham's? The mess gets deeper.

After researching the William Graham's in this area, I believe that previous identities of the children between William Graham of Tuscarora Valley and the William Graham of Sherman's Valley have been mixed. This may be the case with the William Graham from the Kishacoquilla Valley, who may be part of another family line, or cousin of William of Tuscarora Valley.

Finally, it is hard to rectify the James Black who married, either an Ann or Margaret, and is listed on William Graham of Sherman's Valley will as living in Juniata, and other records that have a Margaret married to a James Black. The geographical patterns of family land purchases, locations, and biography depictions still puts both William Graham's in the same area. William Graham of Sherman's Valley obituary is also supportive of these two William's as being one in the same person.

In reviewing other family documents, and other documented sources, from all the families that migrated to Cumberland County, I believe these Graham's are the same William Graham's, but that their families have been mixed with other Graham families of that area; starting with Henry, and stretching out to the Jared Graham family (Jared lived in Chester County but provided land to his oldest son James Graham in West Pennsboro, current day Big Springs area.) This is the purpose of my work; weeding through the other family member's and locating their relationships, so I may clear up who is who in and around 1850 Perry County. For now this paper is just interetd in William Graham of Sherman's valley and Tuscrora valley.

My focus on the 2nd generation will be all the men carrying the Graham surname. I will include the following, in no particular order:

- John died in 1763

- William
- Christopher
- George

The following represents the most current and documented information. ¹⁵ It is collaboration with Jeffrey Michael Graham, the 7th generation son to William Graham, and other interested distant relations. Most all the current records for these brothers start in present day Juniata County, Spruce Hill, Turbett, Tuscarora, Milford, Fermanagh, and Greenwood Townships.

¹⁵ Jeffrey Michael Graham, 2006, Stinson Beach, CA, mikhoyel@earthlink.net

William Graham
2nd Generation

John Graham:

John died before marrying, so there is no record before or beyond his death in 1763. "...John Graham had a warrant for one hundred acres, "including a Deer Lick at the foot of the Tuscarora Mountain, September 20th 1762. He was a son of William Graham, and was killed by the Indians on July 11th 1763, over the mountain at Buffalo Creek. When last seen he was sitting on a log near the place of attack, with his hands on his face and the blood running through his fingers. His tract is now partly the property of Noah Esh, one hundred and seventy-two acres. John Graham had also warranted one hundred and seventy-two acres March 1st 1763. The deer-lick is on Noah Esh's farm. (A. L. Guss Pages 791-801)

This is many documented chronological accounts that conflict with family records, but which all other historians and researches agree on. To own considerable land in 1763, would have put John at about 20 years old, or older. His birth date would have been at least circa 1742. Given this information is why I believe that William and John first originated closer to the Carlisle and Franklin County.

William and John first settled in Milford Township, Cumberland County, which is now Spruce Hill Township Juniata County. They both owned large tracks of land. William's tracts were eventually divided up into five farms, owned by the Esh brothers, W. Washington Hench, J Swartz, and the Graham family. ¹⁶ "...William erected a log house and barn, and cleared a considerable portion of his extensive farm. He was one of the first settlers of the Tuscarora Valley having, for years, wolves, bears, and other wild animals as almost daily visitors. (Richards 1886)

¹⁶ History of that part of the Susquehanna and Juniata valleys, Chapter IX, Milford Township, Part II, by A.L. Guss, Edited by F. Ellis and A. N. Hungerford, Published in Philadelphia by Everts, Peck & Richards, 1886, Pages 755-762

~ *Jeff Graham Notes* ~

¹⁷ Thank you for the information. I have most of it already though it is disorganized in my mind & you are right that it is quite confusing. One thing your attachment made me realize is that "Fanny" Graham, the aunt who took in the twins Isabella & Nancy, must be Frances Lyon who married William Graham. I had never thought of Fanny as a possible nickname for Frances. This solves one confusing thing for me. (My mother's mother Fannie's name comes from a completely different source so it never occurred to me).

My great uncle William Henry Graham born in the 1870s did extensive research even into the 1930s on his Graham family as well on his mother's side the Reinschmit/Rhinesmith family & has quite an extensive tree. It starts with "William Graham & John Graham, brothers of whom William was in what is now Juniata County, Pa. as early as 1750-55."

He notes that brother John was killed by the Indians at Buffalo Creek July 6, 1763. Even the oldest record gives 2 different dates, the other being July 11. I have no other information as to other siblings or William's & John's parents but conjectured that their father might have been a William also due to so many through the generations with that name.

There is some confusion between your attachment & my uncle's information. According to my information, if it is correct & from my uncle's exhaustive research & thoroughness & his having grown up in the ancestral area it probably is, some of the info. In your attachment seems as though 2 generations have been mixed up. I find no Rebecca Graham in my tree. I do have an Alice Graham married to William Stewart.

Here is my information:

1st known generation

Brothers William & John Graham, Wm. in Juniata as early as 1750-55, John killed by Indians 1763

[I contest that William Graham of Sherman's Valley is the father of this William and John Graham, and that John is the older of the two did die 1763. John's brother, William, went on and married Francis Lyon.](#)

This William Graham married Ann (surname unknown). Their children:

William 1753-Apr. 1813 m. Frances Lyon daughter of John Lyon & Margaret Armstrong (Margaret was the sister of Maj. Gen. John Armstrong) Ann m. James Black Mary not married in 1786 George in Milford Township from 1782-1786 Christopher in Milford 1785 & 1786 Alice m. William Stewart

This last William Graham born in 1753 m. to Frances Lyon had children:

John 1780-1866 m. Mary Turbett

James died before 1813

William 1785-1864 m. Martha Patterson

¹⁷ E-mail dated November 26th 2007, Jeff Graham, descended from John Graham and Mary Turbett's son, Col. William James Graham, the brother of Dr. G.M. Graham. Col. William James is Jeff Graham's great-great grandfather.

George born 1787
Samuel born 1789 m. Isabella Patton
Nancy born 1791 m. James ?
Alexander born 1795 m. Mary Duncan

I am descended from John Graham & Mary Turbett's son Col. William James Graham who was the brother of Dr. G.M. Graham mentioned in your attachment.
Col. William James was my great great grandfather.

I was in PA this past Sept. on an ancestral hunt. I went to the Lower Tuscarora Presbyterian Cemetery in Academia, PA & stumbled at the last moment upon Dr. Geo. W. Graham's gravestone with his wife, 2 of their young children & some of his wife's family. His great grandfather John Lyon had been granted the original 22 acres (I think 22) for the church & graveyard.

An old man whose family has lived there forever showed me around. He said the present church is the 3rd building & pointed out the general area where they are pretty sure the original log church was located further down. He said the Indians burned down the first church. When he was young he used to dig the graves with his uncle & he said they often found bones which they would rebury. He said he thought they buried people on top of each other "in those days" & doesn't think they even used boxes to bury people in in the 1700s.

How are you related? I am very curious. I did a DNA test through Family Tree DNA & joined the Graham surname project but have found no matches in that project group but one very close match from the familytree.com site itself. Unfortunately his Graham ancestor left northern Ireland at least 60 years after mine were already in America & he never gave me any further information as to where exactly in Ireland his ancestor was from.

Pardon such a long email. I thought to give you what info. I have for you to compare if we are related.

Thanks again.
Jeff Graham

~ The Lay of the Land ~

The purpose of this paper is to document and separate William Graham of Tuscarora Valley family line from the other two Graham lines. To do this I broke my research into two distinct timeframes, working backwards; 1890 to 1850, and 1850 to 1800. At some point between 1800 and 1850 all three of these Graham lines intersect in the areas of my interest. Specifically; about 1820 to 1840, they all intersected in current day Tyrone, Saville, Jackson, Madison, and Tuscarora Townships of Perry County.

In order to separate these family lines, I had to understand the early development of Perry County, so I trace their movement in and around my area of interest, particularly within Perry County. So, we start with a chronological order of how the early PA Counties were formed. We start by getting a lay of the land, the formation of the counties, townships, and adjoining vicinities.¹⁸ They are:

- 1682 – Bucks, Chester, and Philadelphia were formed as the original Counties
- 1729 – Lancaster was formed from Chester
- 1749 – York formed from Lancaster
- 1752 – Berks formed from Bucks, Lancaster, and Philadelphia Counties
- 1750 – Cumberland formed from Lancaster in 1750
- 1752 – Northumberland formed from Berks County
- 1785 – Dauphin formed from Lancaster County
- 1800 – Adams formed from York County in 1800
- 1784 – Franklin formed from Cumberland
- 1789 – Mifflin formed out of Cumberland and Northumberland
- 1820 – Perry formed from Cumberland
- 1831- Juniata formed from Mifflin County

Cumberland Co.: Formed in 1750 out of Lancaster. Its original Townships and Towns included everything that made up Franklin, Perry, Juniata, and parts of Mifflin, Bedford and Northumberland-Now part of Snyder. History of Earlier Cumberland Townships

- 1735 – Hopewell, Original Township, Part of Lancaster County,
 - Part of original area went to Franklin County in 1784
- 1735 – Pennsborough, Original Township, Part of Lancaster County
- 1741 – Antrim, created from Hopewell, and is now part of Franklin County formed in 1784
- 1743 – Lurgan, separated 1760/61, and is now part of Franklin County formed in 1784
- 1745 – West Pennsborough, formed from original Township, Part of Lancaster County
- Prior 1751 – Peters, and is now part of Franklin County formed in 1784
- 1751 – Guilford, now part of Franklin County formed in 1784
- 1752 – Hamilton, now part of Franklin County formed in 1784
- 1754 – Fannett, now part of Franklin County formed in 1784
- 1754 – Fermanagh, now part of Mifflin County form in 1789
- 1754 – Lack, now part of Mifflin County form in 1789
- 1754 – Tyrone, now part of Perry County form in 1820
- 1754 – Air, formed from Bedford County form in 1771
- 1761 – Letterkenny, formed from Lurgan Township, now part of Perry County form in 1820
- 1763 – Tobyne, (Upper Tyrone), formed from Tyrone, now part of Perry County form in 1820

¹⁸ The Handy Book for Genealogists, United States of America, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [County Courthouse Book, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.

- 1766 – Rye, formed from Tyrone, now part of Perry County form in 1820
- 1767 – Dublin, formed from Bedford County form in 1771
- 1767 – Greenwood, a portion became part of Mifflin County formed in 1789
 - Remainder became part of Perry County formed in 1820
- 1767 – Penn(s) – was assigned to Northumberland in 1772, but in now part of Snyder County
- 1767 – Derry – part of Mifflin County formed in 1789
- 1767 – Cumberland, part of Bedford County form in 1771
- 1767 – Bedford, , part of Bedford County form in 1771
- 1767 – Coleraine, , part of Bedford County form in 1771
- 1767 – Newton, formed from original Township Hopewell
- 1767 – Baree, disputed between Bedford and Cumberland 1771-79
 - Assigned to Bedford County in 1779
- 1768 – Milford, part of Mifflin County formed in 1789
- 1770 – Armagh, formed from Lack, part of Mifflin County formed in 1789
- 1779 – Washington, formed from Antrim, part of Franklin County formed in 1784
- 1781 – Montgomery, formed from Peters, part of Franklin County formed in 1784
- 1782 – Shippensburg, formed from Hopewell, separated in 1819
- 1782 – Wayne, formed form Derry, part of Mifflin County formed in 1789
- 1783 – Middleton, Carlisle Area, Laid out in 1751
- 1783 – Southampton, formed from Hopewell and Lurgan,
 - ½ went to Cumberland County and ½ went to Franklin County formed in 1784
- 1785 – Dickinson, formed from original Township West Pennsborough
- 1793 – Juniata, formed from Rye, part of Perry County formed in 1820
- 1795 – Frankford, formed from original Township West Pennsborough
- 1799 – Buffalo, formed from Greenwood, part of Perry County formed in 1820
- 1817 – Saville, formed from Tyrone, part of Perry County formed in 1820

Mifflin Co.; Formed in 1789 out of Cumberland and Northumberland, and it included former Cumberland County Townships of Derry, Lack, Fermanagh, Milford, and Turbett which was formed out of Milford, and Greenwood.

- 1767 - Derry was previously part of Cumberland County.
- 1770 - Armagh was previously of Cumberland County, and was named from County Armagh in Northern Ireland. Part of the Kishacoquillas Valley. A court order permitted those people who lived in the Kishacoquillas Valley at that time to have their own township separate from Derry Township.
- 1782 – Wayne was formed from portions of Derry. It is believed Barnabas Barnes was first settler to live on land that is now Wayne Township.
- 1790 – Union was formed after Mifflin County was established in 1789. Originally called Greenwood, but renamed for the new union of the Thirteen Colonies, with the adoption of the U. S. Constitution. The largest settlement is Belleville, named by a local blacksmith, because it meant “beautiful village.” This is the area where the first settler of the Kishacoquillas Valley, James Alexander, is believed to have settled in 1752.
- Decatur Township was carved from Derry in 1813 and is named for Stephen Decatur, naval hero of the War of 1812.
- This township was formed in 1834 from part of Wayne.

Perry Co.: Formed 1820 out of Cumberland County, and included seven townships. Because the families intersected in Perry, it's critical to lay out the Perry Counties early formations for our timeframes. There were 7 original Townships affiliated to Cumberland County prior to Perry being establishment in 1821.

- 1754 - Tyrone formed and included all land lying west of the Juniata River.
- 1763 - Toboyne formed from a portion of Tyrone Township. (Toboyne is later used to form Madison and Jackson. Toboyne is the only township in Perry County that borders on 3 other counties: Franklin on the west; Juniata on the north; and Cumberland County on the south.
- 1766 - Rye formed from a portion of Tyrone Township (Rye is later used to form Juniata; Wheatfield; portions of Centre and Carroll; Oliver; Penn; Miller; Tuscarora.
- 1767 - Greenwood was formed in 1767 from a portion of Fermanagh Township (Fermanagh was an original Cumberland County township which is now Juniata County.) It included the portion of Perry County, east of the Juniata River and south of Cocolamus Creek. The township had 2 valleys: Pfoutz and Perry (Wildcat).
- 1791 - Juniata was formed from a portion of Rye. (Juniata is later used to form Tuscarora; Oliver; and portions of Miller and Centre.
- 1799 - Buffalo was formed from lands of Greenwood. (Buffalow later was used to form Watts and Howe.
- 1817 - Saville was formed from Tyrone. (Saville was later used to form Centre and Madison.

Juniata Co.: Formed in 1831

- 1750 - Lack and Fermanagh Townships (of current day Juniata County) were erected as part of Cumberland County, and on July 6th 1754 the Townships were purchased from the Indians.
- 1767 - Milford and Greenwood Townships were established out of the northern portion of Lack and the southern portion of Fermanagh.

By 1790 Cumberland County Census for the area:

- Hopewell, Newton, Tyboyne, and West Pennsboro. Some records spell Tyboyne as Tyborn, but I have later determined through the Land Grants in the area, where their divisions of the area, and other census records are for; Hopewell, Newton, Tyboyne, and West Pennsboro.
- Eastern Part of Cumberland County, which was later determined to include all the other known townships of Cumberland County, which would have include Tyrone, Rye, and Greenwood.

By 1790 Mifflin County Census for the area:

- Derry, Armagh, Lack, Fermanagh, Milford, Turbett, and Union (Greenwood was renamed to Union in 1789.

~ *Historical Points* ~

“...Fort Robinson...Another important fact connected with the history of this place, is that it was on the line of traders path from Harris Ferry westward, to Fort Bingham, in Juniata County, located at the base of the north side of the Tuscarora Mountain. From the best information obtainable, it is certain that this path extended from the Conococheague settlement, through Croghan's Gap, into Shearman's Valley, thence westward, leading to a point at Bingham's Fort, in Juniata County.” (Darlington 1892)

“...Many years ago Native Americans established the confluence of the Potomac River and one of its western tributaries as an important meeting place. They called this tributary the Conococheague. As in those times, it continues to be a popular meeting place which locals pronounce Konikahjig. At that time the settlement in the county were known in the aggregate as the "Conococheague Settlement." Owing to the peculiar condition of land arrangements, settlers occupied certain tracts by virtue of a sort of "squatter possession," each one choosing a site according to his taste. Hence, families lived, often for a series of years on tracts before they received proper legal authority for the same.” (History of Franklin County, Chapters I-II)

“...Cumberland County remained a part of Lancaster until January 27, 1750 when it was erected as a separate county. On September 9, 1784 Franklin County was erected from the southwestern part of Cumberland, and it was this area that was known as the "Conococheague Settlement... Many years ago Native Americans established the confluence of the Potomac River and one of its western tributaries as an important meeting place. They called this tributary the Conococheague. As in those times, it continues to be a popular meeting place which locals pronounce Konikahjig. At that time the settlement in the county were known in the aggregate as the "Conococheague Settlement." Owing to the peculiar condition of land arrangements, settlers occupied certain tracts by virtue of a sort of "squatter possession," each one choosing a site according to his taste. Hence, families lived, often for a series of years on tracts before they received proper legal authority for the same....” (History of Franklin County, Chapters I-II)

“...The Ulster-Irish, then settled (often just squatting without legal right) the lands beyond them which pushed them over the first ridge of hills into the Juniata, and Cumberland and Conococheague valleys....” (Klees 1950)

“...The Harris Ferry Road, or Great Road was opened in 1744 from Harrisburg by way of Carlisle, Shippensburg, and Chambersburg to the Potomac and points west through Pitt.” (Cupp 2000)

“... After the establishment of this strong stockade fort, John and James Gray, and Robert Hogg settled with Samuel Bingham on Bingham's land, as a place of refuge and protection for themselves and families. They were Scotch-Irish, and came from East Pennsboro, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania... The location of this fort was on the famous Traders' Path leading from the Conococheague settlement in Cumberland county, through Sterrett's Gap and Fort Robinson, in Perry county, extending through Bingham's Gap to the location of this fort, and extending westward to Fort Shirley at Aughwick. This settlement was made in the famous Tuscarora Path Valley, as it was formerly called, and is one of the most fertile and beautiful within the Juniata range. It embraces an extent of probably thirty miles in length, beginning in Franklin County, and ending at the river at Perrysville, in this county.” (Weiser 1892)

“There was another path mentioned by the Provincial authorities, that began at the Conococheague settlement, in Cumberland county, passing through Sterrett's Gap to Fort Robinson, in Perry county,

thence to Fort Bingham in Juniata county, and thence to Fort Aughwick or Fort Shirley, from which latter point the means of communication to Standing Stone or Huntingdon borough were quite easy. Fort Bingham, in present day Juniata is from Port Royal to East Waterford, and eleven miles from Port Royal...” (Darlington 1892)

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William Graham Surveys: There was a representative of Pennsylvania's Provincial Government, Col William Graham, who had a role in the surveying activities within these regions. I wondered if the reference; “added to William Graham surveys” was a statement that the surveys were included in surveys of the area, referencing Col Graham's surveys, or to the collection of William Graham's group surveys for many properties. My research with historians indicates that this statement refers to a particular person who may have a number of properties within a particular area. We have recorded and documented that this William did own numerous other properties. Any involvement with Col Graham through the provincial government of the time was for purposes of state to state land disputes and purchase transactions, and other Pennsylvania County and Township formation transactions and disputes. Not local civil property purchases and transactions.

~ *William Graham of Sherman's Valley* ~

Obituary: William's obituary from the Carlisle Cumberland Register, Carlisle, Dated Tuesday December 3rd 1805:

GRAHAM, William Died in Sherman's Valley the 30th ult (30th of the last). William Graham, about 80 years of age, who had 3 sons and 5 daughters; eldest son died unmarried, by the rest there were more than 50 grandchildren, and a number of great-grandchildren. His second son was first married, after the American revolution (in which he took part), and by Oct, 1804 has had 12 children, 12 of who still live, 2 sons and a daughter have married, the daughters has 3 children and one of the sons a son.

Here is the key point in the obituary:

- Born about 1719
- Lived in and around Sherman's Valley
 - Which extends west of New Germantown in Toboyne Township, through Jackson, Tyrone, Spring, Carroll, Rye, and Penn Township areas, and is adjacent to Raccoon Valley and the Tuscarora Mountains and Valley.
- Oldest son died unmarried
 - Similar to John Graham who died in Raccoon Valley in 1763, which is outlined in the document of William Graham of Tuscarora Valley.
- 2nd son married 1st after being in the Revolutionary war, and has had 12 children who are still living by 1805, 2 sons and a daughter have married by Nov 30th 1805, and the daughters had 3 children, and 1 son had a son – all by November 30th 1805.
 - Except for the 12 children – this son is similar to William Graham of Tuscarora Valley.
- Nothing on the 3rd son
- Nothing on the 5 daughters

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GRAHAM, WILLIAM, Tyrone.

August 28, 1805. December 13, 1805.

Eldest son James Graham

Estate in Raccoon Valley.

James Robinson of said place.

3rd dau. Susanna Robinson.

2nd dau. Sarah Robinson.

Dau. Margaret Black

Eldest dau. Elizabeth Marshall.

Youngest dau. Jane Milligan.

Son William.

Exs: James Black of Juniatta and Robert Robinson of Tyrone Township.

Wit: Richard Jameson, Charles Elliott, Robert Elliott. G. 130.

~ Other Grahams ~

From the marriages performed by Rev. John Linn, at the Centre Presbyterian Church between 1778 and 1793 - July 5th 1785, Enos Graham married Agnes McDonald of Tyrone Twp. This church is in Sherman Valley, Perry County (then Cumberland County Pennsylvania.)

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