

William Graham (1753- 1813)
Cumberland - Juniata County Pennsylvania

~ *Introduction* ~

My Great-Grandfather William Graham (1872-1948)¹ was born and raised in Shippensburg and its surrounding townships of Cumberland and Franklin Counties in south central Pennsylvania. He was over two years old in 1874 when his mother Mary Oliver-Graham died, presumably giving birth to another child. He was given to his father's sister Catherine, and raised in the Roxbury area of Lurgan Township Franklin County Pennsylvania. Later during his young adult life he would live and work within the Hopewell, Lurgan, Southampton, and Shippensburg Township county lines between Franklin and Cumberland Counties of Pennsylvania.

My Great-grandfather's parents were William Albert Graham and Mary Oliver of Hopewell Township and Shippensburg Borough areas of Cumberland County Pennsylvania. William Albert was the first son and second born to John Graham and Lydia Devor of Tyrone Township area of Perry County. Tyrone Township was created from Cumberland County in 1820. Tyrone Township was later used to create present day Jackson, Madison, Saville, Tyrone, and Toboyne Townships of Perry County.

John had a brother Robert², who married Ann Devor; Lydia's older sister³. It is not clear who the parents of John and Robert were. Some genealogists place them as sons to William and Agnes Graham of early Cumberland County.⁴ Two other well documented Graham families arrived in this region at its earliest formation; James Graham⁵ and Arthur Graham.⁶ Other Graham families also arrived during migration west from Lancaster and York Counties through present day Adams County Pennsylvania, and north out of Maryland and Virginia.

As I continue to research the Graham lines in an effort to locate and verify John and Robert's parents. I will be developing genealogical reports, such as this one. During my research effort two William Graham families became intertwined, linked as father and son; William Graham of Sherman's Valley and William Graham of Tuscarora Valley.

Although this report links these two William Grahams into one family, it will remain your view and feedback of my work that will validate this father son association. In doing so, I would ask that source documented and cited references support your perspectives.

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³ Biographical Annals of Franklin County Pennsylvania, Chicago, The Genealogical Publishing Company, 1905 Page 696,

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Early Cumberland County

Cumberland County Pennsylvania was not officially established until 1750. Up until that time it was explored and settled as part of Lancaster County. This new area of the western frontier was known for agricultural purposes as the Valley of the Susquehanna, opposite Harris' Ferry. It was also known by its Indian name Kittochtinny, or Endless Mountain. In the 1710 to 1775 era, over 200,000 people emigrated from Ulster to the 13 Colonies, from New Hampshire to Georgia. The largest numbers went to Pennsylvania. From that base some went south into Virginia, the Carolinas and across the South, with a large concentration in the Appalachian districts; others headed west to western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and the Midwest.⁷

There were no records of settlers in this region before 1729. Shippensburg and Carlisle both started about 1724 to 1730. "... In a letter written from Shippensburg by James Magaw, May 21, 1733, he describes the new settlement, saying, "We have now eighteen cabins 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 Indians about here; and I fear they intend to give us a good deal of trouble and may do us a great deal of harm. We were three days on our journey coming from Harris's Ferry here. We could not make much speed on account of the children. They could not get on as fast as Jane and me." ⁸

Shippensburg was not formally laid out until 1737 when Edward Shippen was granted patent rights. The town as it now stands is on an original part of the Shippen tract of over 1,200 acres. 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 25th 1736, the land was purchased from the Indians, and in January 1737 the Land Office was opened to arrange for the sale of land. These land grants were known as the Blunston Licenses. Francis Grimes (Graham) was the only Graham known to have made a purchase of land under the Blunston Licenses. ⁹

"...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..." ¹⁰

⁷ Hanna, Charles A., *The Scotch-Irish: or the Scot in North Britain, North Ireland, and North America*, G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York, 1902, pg. 163

⁸ *Early History of Shippensburg: Cumberland/Franklin Counties, PA, Chapters I and II of the "History of the Messiah Evangelical United Brethren, Church, 1866-1966, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania"*, by Rev. D. Homer Kendall, Pastor, 1966

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¹⁰ *The Frontier Forts in the Cumberland and Juniata Valleys*, By Jay Gilfillan, Pages 611-618, Fort Robinson, Juniata County, *Historical Map of Southwestern Pennsylvania*, by G. D. Albert & L. W. Fogg of the Old Forts' Commission Report, Volume II, *Darlington's 1755 Map from "Fort Pitt and Letters From The Frontier"*, edited by Mary C. Darlington, 1892.

William Graham (1753 – 1813)
William Graham of Tuscarora Valley
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”...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...”¹¹ “...The reverend Charles C. Beatty, a graduate of Tennent’s Log College at Neshaminy, paid a visit to the Presbyterian settlements in the three counties last named during the summer and fall of the year 1766. That part of Beatty’s narrative relating to the white settlements through which he passed as follows: Carlisle August 18th 1766, Monday.....20th Wednesday. This morning after travelling about seven miles we crossed the Tuscarora Mountain. In riding three miles on the other side of this mountain, we came to a house where a number of people were convened, whom I preached to. After sermon, we rode to Mr. William Graham’s, about three miles hence, and lodged at his house...”¹²

The movement of Rev Beatty in 1766 is West out of Carlisle, passing through the Conococheague (Conococheague is pronounced; K o n i k a h j i g) 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.

“...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...”¹³

William Graham of Tuscarora Valley had property and status prior to what would have been an acceptable age in obtaining this status with what we know of William Esq. (1753-1813). This William Esq. later in 1780 and 1790 had property and businesses in present day Spruce Hill Township Juniata County. The reference to John and William as brothers, indicate John’s brother was not William (II or Esq.).

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. Henry was warranted land in the Tuscarora Valley in 1766. I also now believe that both men arrived to the Sherman’s and Tuscarora Valley’s from Chester County via Carlisle or Shippensburg 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 the William of Tuscarora Valley. They are the same person, and I don’t know if Henry and William were related.

¹¹ Ibid.

¹² The Scotch-Irish or The Scot In North Britain, North Ireland, and North America, Volume 2, by Charles Hanna, G. P. Putnam’s Sons, New York and London, The Knickerbocker Press, 1902, Page 73

¹³ Chapter IX, Milford Township, Part II, by A. L. Guss, Ellis Hungerford 1886 Pages 755-762, 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

1. ¹⁴ 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 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 ¹⁵ James Black

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;

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.

¹⁴ 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.

¹⁵ Wills: Abstracts 1803-1809: Will Book G: Cumberland Co, PA, BLACK, JAMES, Juniata Co., January 12th 1809, G. 359-361

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.

- ¹⁶ 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 by family descendents. If true it would add to the problems with family records relating to William and Ann Graham.
- ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ 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,

¹⁶ 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

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ Pages 755-762, Chapter IX, Milford Township, Part II, By A. L. Guss

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 settlement 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 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, with 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.)

- ¹⁹ 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. - ²⁰William 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
- 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

¹⁹ 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

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~ Jeff Graham Notes ~

²¹ 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

²¹ 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

~ *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)

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“...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.

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 - Peter Graham Juniata and Mifflin County Pennsylvania
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