Drawn in the year 1740, by Benja. Eastburn, Surv’r. Gen’l. 21”x33”. Scale: 1 inch = 7/8 mile. Hist. Soc. of Pa., Moravian Archives.

Manuscript map. Shows ownership of various tracts, many belonging to William Allen. The Lehigh River is called the West Branch of the Delaware. "Menakasie" creek, "Leheigh" (Little Lehigh) creek. Map covers area embracing location of present towns of Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, Coplay, etc.

1749

EVANS, LEWIS. A map of Pensilvania, New-Jersey, New-York and the Three Delaware Counties by Lewis Evans, MDCCXLIX.
19”x26”. Scale: 1 inch = 15 miles. Pennsylvania Archives, Third Series, Appendix Vol.

See Gipson, L. H. 1939.

"Grousshall" (generally written Grousehall) (Hunting lodge of Lynford Lardner) is only place named in Lehigh County. Bethlehem is written "Bethlem." South Mountain is called "Leheigh Hills" and the range on the north side of the county is called "The blue mountains or the Kittatinny M." Cedar, Truckers (now Jordan), and Trout creeks are shown.

Different descriptions are printed on margins of map, including a fairly accurate one of the weather.

This map with some revision was republished in 1752.

1750


This is Evans’ map drawn for Peter Kalm. The Lehigh County region is a smaller scale representation of the 1749 map.

1752

ANONYMOUS. Northampton County. Map 17½”x19”. Scale: 1 inch = 5¾ miles.

Original in Amer. Phil. Soc., Phila. Photostat in Hist. Soc. of Pa. Is dated 1752 but contains much later data such as names of counties (Lehigh, Carbon, Monroe, Pike, etc.) erected long after that date. It is possible that this map was later changed.

A generalized manuscript map which includes the entire territory lying north of Bucks County to the New York State line and westward to the Schuylkill River.

1753

ANONYMOUS (Probably C. G. Reuter). Bethlehem Tract with all the Adjacent Lands, 1753 (?).
18½”x30”. Scale 1 inch = about 3.75 perches. Hist. Soc. of Pa. Pen and ink, partly colored. Scale incorrect; area larger.)

Sawmills on Sand Island along Monocacy Creek. Opposite it along Lehigh River "S. (single) Sr’a. washhouse," "S. (single) Breth. washhouse" along Lehigh River to the west about where silk mill now stands.

EVANS, LEWIS. A Brief Account of Pennsylvania, 1753.

Two manuscripts exist in the libraries of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and The Library Company of Philadelphia, neither of which is the original. Published recently by L. H. Gipson. See Gipson, L. H. 1939 in this bibliography.

Contains an interesting description of the Great Valley in which the greater portion of Lehigh County is situated.

"Between the Kittatinni Mountains, & a smaller Chain of Hills, which we call by several names, as Lexit (Evans’ name for Lehigh) Hills, Oley Hills, Flying Hills, & South Mountain etc. there is a fine Valley from 8 to 12 Miles wide, which extends under different Names, from New Jersey to Georgia, above 800 miles, the Stone of it is mostly Limestone, and the Soil very good. A very singular appearance runs thro’ all the little Hills, above mentioned, they seem’d formerly not to have belong’d to the Soil, but to have been laid a top of the Ground: The same Stratum extends under them, from one Side to the other, & where they are broken for the passage of Rivers the Lime Stone & other Strata, are everywhere obvious under them, & The same Phoenomena, attend most other little Hills."