Ballietsville, North Whitehall Township; for Paulus Balliet who settled there in 1749 and later opened a hotel. A post office established there in 1826 was called North Whitehall; in 1876 was changed to present name of village.

Bauer’s (Bowers) Rock, Upper Saucon Township; also called “Big Rock.” Large rock on the top of South Mountain named for the Bauer family. In Davis’ Atlas (1876) is called Prospect Rock.

Bear Rocks, Lynn Township; three large rocks on top of Kittatinny Mountain standing in a row near the junction of Lehigh, Schuylkill and Carbon counties. Said formerly to be the habitat of bears.

Best(s), Washington Township; a family name.

Bethlehem; partly included in Lehigh County. Original Moravian settlement, named on Christmas Eve, 1741, from birthplace of Christ in Judea, by Count Nicholas Ludwig von Zinzendorf. The Indians called the site of Bethlehem “Menagachsink” meaning “at the bending creek” probably with reference to the sharp turn of Monocacy Creek where it joins the Lehigh River.

Bethlehem Island; see Calypso Island.

Biery’s Port; see Catasauqua.

Big Rock; see Bauer’s Rock.

Big Spring; see Schantz’s Spring.

Billig; family name. See Litzenberg.

Bittners Corner, Lowhill Township; for the Bittner family who operated a mill there (on Mill Creek) for about 100 years (until 1890). The first of the family was Andrew (or Andreas) Bittner.

Blue Mountain, Lynn, Heidelberg, and Washington Townships; so named because of its bluish color when seen at a distance through a light haze. Also called Kittatinny Mountain, which see.

Bobst’s Manor House; see Hynemansville.

Bogert Bridge, Salisbury Township; family name.

Breinig Run, Upper Macungie Township.

Breinigsville, Upper Macungie Township; for George Breinig who settled there in 1789.

Bridgetown, Hanover Township; name originally applied to East Allen-town, located east of the Lehigh River bridge.

Buckhorn, Lower Milford Township; a hotel operated by George Stahl, prior to 1800, displayed a pair of elk antlers on a signpost to attract attention. See Hosensack.

Bull Head, Heidelberg Township; a prominent hill of Martinsburg sandstone and slate that vaguely suggests a bull’s head.

Calypso Island, Salisbury Township; an island in Lehigh River at Bethlehem, famous resort in early days. Originally called Catalpa Island because of the abundance of catalpa trees. Was later changed to Calypso probably because of its popularity for various kinds of diversions. In Greek mythology, Calypso was the daughter of Atlas and queen of the mythical island of Ogygia. There she entertained Odysseus for seven years. In Davis’ atlas (1876) is spelled Calypso (probably a typographic error). About 1908 the south channel of the river was filled in and converted into a Lehigh Valley R. R. yard. On one map has been called Bethlehem Island.

Catasauqua Borough.

Catasauqua Creek, Hanover Township; a corruption of a Delaware Indian word, “Gottshacki” or “Gottoschacki,” meaning “the earth thirsts for water,” “parched land,” or “dry ground” or “burnt ground.” Name was