PLACE NAMES

Weis(s)enberg, Weisenberg Township.

Weis(s)enberg Township; named in 1753 for a fortress and town, Weisenberg (white castle), in Alsace from which place many of the early residents came. Also see New Smithville. Also spelled Wisenburgh, Weissenburg and Weissenburgh.

Wellington, Whitehall Township; family name.

Welshtown (Welchtown); small settlement north of Slattington along Slattington-Rextown road. Originally occupied by Welsh slate workers.

Wennersville, South Whitehall Township; located on the farm of George Wenner. His son William opened a hotel there in 1837.

Wereleys Corners (Werleysville, Wereleys), Weisenberg Township; for Elias Wer(e)ley, who operated a store there.

Wescoville (Wescoeville, Wescoesville), Lower Macungie Township; for Philip Wesco(e), who kept a wayside inn here in 1828, or for his son, Israel Wesco(e), who kept the tavern and was appointed the first postmaster in 1844.

West Catasauqua, Whitehall Township; across Lehigh River from Catasauqua. See Catasauqua.

West Coplay, Whitehall Township; see Coplay.

Whitehall; see Cementon.

Whitehall Township; Lynford Lardner owned a tract of land between Cedar and Jordan creeks on which, about 1740, he erected a residence, which he named Grouse Hall. Painted white, it became known as White Hall. This name was adopted for three townships. Roberts states that the name was selected in 1753 by English officials after Whitehall, England.

Wilbur, Salisbury Township; family name.

Williamstown, Washington Township; for Henry Williams who built a Welsh Baptist church here in 1862.

Willow Run, Lower Hill and Weisenberg Townships; probably named because of willow trees growing there. See Lyon Creek.

Ziegler (or Ziegel) Knob (or Hill), Upper Macungie and Weisenberg Townships; a family name given to the shale ridge north of Newtown.

Woodrings; see Leather Corner Post.

Zionsville, Upper Milford Township; a new village started after the building of the railroad. See Old Zionsville.