Altona (h); said to be a corruption of three German words "all zu nah" (all too near), having reference to a real estate development that proved a failure. A small farm was cut up into small building lots with the idea of establishing a small settlement. The failure to sell the lots was attributed to its nearness to Bethlehem, hence the designation. According to another explanation, the name was given because the church nearby was said to be too near to Bethlehem to be justified. It is also said to have been derived from the Latin word *altus*, meaning "high." Another improbable explanation is that it was named by some of the early German residents for Altona, Germany.

Aluta; formerly known as Mill Grove because of several mills and a tannery nearby. When a post office was established there, that name was denied the residents because of another post office of the same name in the State. Accordingly, a Latin name meaning "soft leather" was adopted because of the local tanning industry.

Anter's Ferry; see Myers Ferry.

Applebutter Street (or Road); much applebutter was made here by early settlers. Originally called "Latwerg (applebutter) Strasse."

Apps; for the App family, early residents.

Arndts; supposedly named for Capt. John Arndt who commanded a company of soldiers during the Revolutionary War, or for his father, Jacob Arndt, who purchased a mill property on the Bushkill Creek in 1760.

Ashland; see Belfast Junction.

Assylum; see Filetown.

Atmine's Ferry; see Myers Ferry.

Augusta; a village laid out on the south side of the Lehigh River near the zinc works by Augustus Luckenbach. Now a part of Bethlehem.

Bangor; named from the slate town in Wales by R. M. Jones, a Welsh slate operator who opened slate quarries about 1865. The town was mainly settled by Welsh slate workers. It was incorporated about 1875. On Hopkins (1860) map, the southern portion of the present town was called New Village and the northern portion Uttsville from the Ut family, early residents.

Bassards Corners; family name. On some maps appears as Buzzard, or Bossard.

Bath; a daughter of William Allen, the original owner of the land, married James DeLancey whose home was in Bath, England, and therefore the settlement was named in his honor by the early Scotch-Irish settlers.

Bear Swamp; place favored by bears.

Beersville; for the Beers family, early residents. On an 1830 map by H. S. Tanner called Palmers, a family name.

Bel(l)fast; at an early date called Bellville or Belleville. Evidently named because of the fine view. The present name seems to have been adopted from Belfast, Ireland, and was chosen because some of the early settlers were Ulster Scots.

Belfast Junction; railroad junction near Belfast. Originally called Point Edward. On atlas published in 1874 the place is named Ashland.

Bell(e)ville; see Belfast.

Belvidere Ferry; a ferry across the Delaware River to Belvidere, N. J., was long operated.

Benders Junction; for the Bender family, early residents.

Benningers P. O.; for the Benninger family, early residents.

Berlinville (also known as Lehighville); for the Berlin family that operated slate quarries here.

Bertsch Creek; family name.

Bethlehem, Bethlehem Township; original Moravian settlement, named on Christmas Eve, 1741, from birthplace of Christ in Judea, by Count Nicholas Ludwig von Zinzendorf. Bethlehem Township, erected in 1746, was