PLACE NAMES

Forks North; see Mount Bethel.
Forks-of-the-Delaware; a term in common use in the early settlement of
the region. It included the entire area bounded by Blue Mountain, the
Lehigh and Delaware rivers. The Lehigh River was called the West
Fork of the Delaware. The Indians called the area Lechawanwitan (also
Lechauwake or Lechau-hanne) meaning "where there are forks."
Forks Township; includes the region lying north of the Lehigh and west
of the Delaware River formerly known as "The Forks of the Delaware."
At one time before the establishment of Northampton County, the
Township, then a part of Bucks County, included all of the present
Northampton County with the exception of Lower Saucon and Williams
townships. Was incorporated in 1754.
Foul Riff; named for rapids in the Delaware River; the upper rift near
Belvidere, the lower and larger one about two miles below. In 1772 a
passage was cut, making it possible for boats to pass. Ferry across
the Delaware River at this place was called Foul Riff Ferry.
Foucht’s Ferry; located near present boroughs of Coplay and Northampton.
Family name.
Fox Gap; named for Christopher Fox who was residing in that section
in 1776.
Freemansburg; named for Jacob Freeman who settled there on the comple-
tion of the Lehigh Canal. He was a son of Richard Freeman who
settled opposite (on the south side of the Lehigh) about 1763.
Friedenheim; means “valley of peace.” Was located on the Bushkill Creek
near the present site of Tatamy. Moravians erected a mill here in
1749. A stockade about the mill afforded protection to the settlers
during the Indian troubles.
Frya Run; family name. Originally called Kleinhans’ Run and so designated
on early maps. Also called Frya Run.
Fuch Hill; family name.
Caffney Hill; family name.
Georgetown; named for the George family, early residents of the region.
Glendon; village named for the Glendon Iron Works established there
in 1857.
Gwladenthal; a settlement about 2 miles west of Nazareth established by
Moravians in 1735 for the “Married Brethren.” In 1837 it was sold to
the Commissioners of Northampton County as the seat of the County
Alms House.
Grand Central; railroad station humorously named.
Granite Hill; hill composed of hard crystalline rocks.
Green Pond; a small pond with green trees and other vegetation about, in
Bethlehem Township. Also said to have received name from the green
scum on the surface during periods of drought. At an early date it
was known as Drylands Pond.
Greenwalk Creek; probably refers to attractive path along creek.
Grubs Berg (Grubbibsberg); the hill lying to the southeast of Iron Hill,
where low dwarf oak trees grew. Also see Flint Hill and Iron Hill.
Gruvertown; family name applied to a small settlement about one mile
north of Mt. Pleasant.
Hanover Township; named for Hanover, Germany, the former home of many
of the early residents. Was erected in 1798 from part of Allen Town-
ship. When Lehigh County was erected in 1812 most of Hanover
Township was taken into the new county.
Hanoverville; same derivation as Hanover. The post office at one time was
called Hanover.
Harmony Ferry; a ferry across the Delaware River to Harmony, N. J., about
five miles above Easton. At an early date (1752) was called Hunter’s
Ferry.
Harpers; named for the Harper family.