Offset Knob; offset in Blue Mountain.
Old Saw Island; reason for name being applied is not known.
Oquinston (Oquacokton) Creek; see Richmond Creek.
Ottis Hill; family name.
Oughkughton Creek; formerly known as Oquacokton or Oughkughton. Is derived from a Delaware Indian name "Ockhnoquannahne" meaning a bend in a stream in the shape of a hook. This bend is near its mouth.
Palmer Township; erected on May 8, 1857. Named for George Palmer who was a State surveyor.
Paxinosa Heights; settlement on top of Chestnut Hill north of Easton. Named for an Indian chief Paxnous (Paxinosa).
Pen Argyl; incorrectly said to have been named for William Penn and the Duke of Argyll. Founded in 1868 by Welsh slate laborers. Name suggested by Rev. Sylvester Wulfe, President of the Pennsylvania Slate Co. who combined the Welsh word Pen meaning mountain and the Latin word Argylla meaning clay or slate (being clay converted into slate). Pen also carries the meaning of head or chief.
Pennsville; named for the Penn family. On Hopkins' map (1830) the place is called Newhartsville P. O. Also called Newharts, a family name.
Petersfield, Petersville; for Peter Miller who, with Nicholas Kern, built a grist mill here in 1805. Originally called Kernville or Kernsville, which see.
Pine Top; named because of pine trees on the hill.
Plainfield Township; so named because when organized in 1762 most of it was an open field with very little timber except along the streams. Earlier the section was called "The Plains." The early Dutch settlers north of Blue Mountain are said to have given the name of Blanveldt (plain field) to the district as it had only small trees and shrubs owing to the fact that the Indians repeatedly burned the underbrush which drove the game through the Wind Gap where the hunters lay in wait.
Point Edward; see Belfast Junction.
Point Phillip(s); for a Mr. Phillips who was proprietor of a hotel just south of point where a prominent early road forked. At an early period humorously called Chubsville because of a small fish (chubb) having been found in a bottle of liquor served by the proprietor of the hotel, who had diluted the liquor with water from a nearby spring.
Poecokunn (?) see Offset Creek.
Poke Valley, Poke Valley Run, Polk Valley; said to have been named because of the number of small green herons (shite pokes) Butorides virescens that one time frequented the region. At an early day was called Schnippe Thal because of the snipes (herons?) common there. Also said to have been named because of the abundant growth of the poke berry plants. Erroneously at times designated Polk Valley in honor of President Polk.
Pomfret; for the Earl of Pomfret (Pumpfre), Thomas Penn's father-in-law.
Poplar Grove; see Indianland.
Portland; the borough was originally known as Dill's Ferry, from Henry Dill who kept a tavern and operated a ferry there in 1817. Later it was called Columbia Station from town of Columbia across the river in New Jersey. On an 1830 map by M. S. Henry it was called New Market. The post office there at one time was called Dillsferry P. O. Probably given present name by Capt. James Glenn from Portland, Maine.
Prince Hendrick's River; see Delaware River.
Quaker Hill; name erroneously applied to Cames's Hump. Presumably named because of some Quaker residents in the vicinity.
Rasleytown; for the Rasley family. Conrad Rasley, a German settler, came to this country before the Revolution.