

side of the route of the National Road, at or near the foot of the hill which has since been known as Hawkins Hill. The land on which the Hawkins home stood is or was recently owned by John Conner. The old Hawkins cabin was demolished, and the logs from it were used to build a stable on the other side of the road (national road). William Hawkins did not long occupy and enjoy the farm obtained on the Virginia certificate as above mentioned. In Sept. 1781, the Indians made an excursion, attacking the house of Jonathon Link, on Middle Wheeling Creek, and taking prisoners the inmates (except Jacob Fischer and Frank Hupp, whom they killed) proceeded to the Hawkins cabin, where they captured Miss Elizabeth Hawkins, daughter of William Hawkins, who himself already had been taken prisoner by the same party at the house of Presley Peak (or Peck) on the Dutch Fork. Mrs. Hawkins the wife of William and the mother of Elizabeth, avoided capture by hiding (with an infant in her arms) in the bushy top of a fallen tree near the cabin. On their journey west the Indians barbarously murdered Link and William Hawkins. His daughter Elizabeth became the wife of a Shawnee chief, and though she afterwards visited the settlements, and could have remained had she elected, chose to return to live among the savages, and did so.

Jacob Miller who was captured with Link and William Hawkins, made his escape from the Indians, and returned to his friends on the Dutch Fork of Buffalo.

Capt. Jacob Miller received a Virginia certificate for four hundred acres of land in Donegal Twp., which was surveyed to him Sept. 23, 1785, under the name of Wildcats Forest. He married Ann Lefler, and there family was a large one 4 boys and 5 girls. Adam Miller married Miss Hewitt and for many years live on Ten Mile Creek. Being left a widower Adam married again to Miss May Hootman, and they removed to Ohio. Isaac Miller married Catherine Kelly, and they lived and died in Licking County Ohio. John Millers wife was Margaret Miller, and they lived on Buck Run in this Twp. Jacob Miller Jr. fourth and last son of Capt. Jacob Miller, married Rebecca Miller. Mary the Capt. oldest daughter married Nicholas Clemens. Ann married Christian Horn, and Catherine became the wife of Jacob Winter, who in those days was a minister of considerable celebrity. Jacob Winter of Ohio, a politician of note and popularity is a descendant of theirs.

John Hupp was one of the early settlers in Donegal Twp., coming here from the east before 1780. An account of the manner in which he was killed by Indians at Millers blockhouse mentioned- in 1782 is given on page 112 of this volume. The blockhouse mentioned stood on the farm now owned by Clinton Miller. Two miles distant, on Buffalo Creek, was another called ---- block house. This was on the farm now owned by Charles Burrick. The locality where Hupp and Miller were killed is between West Alexander and Middletown, in Donegal Twp.

Isaac Cox might properly have been termed one of the pioneers of Donegal Twp., as well as of Washington County. In 1776 he held the military rank of Capt., and was afterwards Colonel. He took part in Crawfords campaign, with Colonel ----- and many other prominent people in the county. On Nov. 3, 1786, Col. Cox took up one hundred acres of land in this Twp., to include his previous improvement on the waters of Buffalo Creek, James Clemens, James Russell and James Williams being the adjoining owners.

Robert Humphreys took up the tract of land upon which West Alexander is built, and on it he laid out the town as elsewhere mentioned. He was a Virginian, and lived nearly on the state line between Virginia and Penn. Robert Humphreys was a Rev. war soldier, and also took part in many expeditions against the Indians. He was a farmer afterwards, and for 50 yrs. was an elder in Seceders Church. He died Aug. 10, 1834 nearly 83 Yrs. His son Robert owned his farm after his death, and it is now the property of William Rice. The descendants of Robert Humphreys Sr. are few. Miss R. Humphrey, Thomas Patterson Esq. are said lineal descendants, as is Robert Humphreys of W. Virginia.