Haines Townshir.
Interesting Notes or tus Earrier Days and
setlitement.
Haines towship takes up an inter Haines township takes up an inter
esting part in the History of Centr County. We gather therefrom the following:
Amon
Among the early surveys was the
John Chandler survey, Oct John Chandler survey, Oct. 10, 1766 ,
and sold to John Motz, April 20, 1785. Philip Musser bought the north half of 272 acres, of the Thomas Poe survey,
Nov. 20,1787 ; Jacob Musser owned the Nov. 20, 1787 ; Jacob Musser owned the
south half in 1800. Above surveys ran along Pine creek.
Tract of 376 acres purchased in western portion of Haines, by Henry Mil-
ler, June 4, 1790, of Reuben Haines, Winkelpleck, Kreamer's est. Haines etc., are on the run. Immediately no,
and including the run James Work warrant, 310 acres, surveyed Oct. 10 , 2774. Jacob Bower was owner in 1800 ,
in recent years Michael and William Bower lived on it.
1774, takes in the furvey Oct. 10 Jackson Stover and J. H. Musser. John Keen got the McBeth survey
in 1809 , and Weaver, Werts, etc. ed it in later years.
Aaronsburg was laid out by Aaron Levy, Oct. 4, 1786 .
The David Dunc
Penn tp., in 1774; later farms of J. P. Gephart and D. A. Musser were on it.
Adam Harper, the elder, Adam StoAdam Harper, the elder, Adam Sto-
ver and Jacob 5 tover settled in Haines tp. as early as 1775. The Harpers and
Stovers now living in the valley are descendants of the aforesaid. Jacob
Hubler was a settler at that time farBarbara Stover, grandmother of the Miller family, carried a small apple-
tree as a switch when they came thro the Narrows which she planted; the
tree was standing yet a few years ago. They fled in the early spring and overturned their sugar-kettles, leaving
them in the woods. David Miller stated as tradition that the settlers had quite a contest with the Indians near
the fort, on John Bowersox's place, and the graves of the killed we
marked by quite a row of stones Jacob Hubler erected a grist and saw
mill in 1786 ; in 1791 John Motz is asessed with two mills.
People went to Selins
to Lewistown to mill. It is said that at one time, in the fall of the year,
very nearly all of the male residents of ed ta Selinggrove to have t to win-
ter's supply of flour ground. During their absence an immense fall of snow their homes until the following spring.
Their families are said to have lived in the mean time almost entirely apon
Among early residents was David Webed the land on which Jacob Stover, Philip Stover, and George Wolf
reside. Andrew Harter, a cabinet maker of Reamstown, Lancaster co., set-
tled on the Philip Wensch place. His children were John, Jacob, Andrew, George, William and Julia.
Peter Flory was a resident of Haines tp., born in 1755 . He enlisted in the
fall of 1777 , and was in several battles. John Orndorf, of York county, set-
tled where his son lived. He came in 1790 ; his sons were Jacob and Henry Voneida were early settlers. Matthias Hess emigrated
from Germany and bought the farm afterwards owned by John C. Stover ; his sons w.
and Jacob.
Jacob Condo's father was killed in
the Revolutionary war : Jecob's were John, Jacob,
Joseph and Daniel.
Jacob Bower eame from York coun-
ty in 1791. His children ty in 1791. His children were Jacob,
Michael, Adam, Henry, Elizabeth, Catherine and Valentine.
The oldeet
The oldest burial place in the town-
ship, is the one at the school house on the pike 2 miles east of Aaronsburg, school house (known as Wolfs s ) is the the first one established in our county, the ground was donated by Jacob Stover,
on 15 Dec. 1789. The earliest teachers were Samsell, Geistweite, Musser, and Rockhouse;:
The first store-keeper, in the valley,
was James Duncan at Aaronsburg in Was James Duncan at Aaronsburg, in
1799, and the first post office established there. Aaronsburg was the centre for all trade in Penns, Brush and Sugar
vallies. vallies.
prominent eitizens of Aaronsburg: be
was born was born in Hamburg, Germany, and
came to Anaronsburg in 1799, and kept
a hotel. His wife was Chrint
 of the peace in the county, His ehil-
dren were Matthias, Daniel, William, dren were Mathias, Daniel, William,
Samuel, Elizabeth Ettinger, and Mary
Homan,

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