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Montrose, Pa., November 17, 1853.

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New Milford, Nov. 21, 1858.-6m

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Montrose, Sept. 16, 1858.-tf

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Montrose, Pa., April 14, 1858.-tf

Dr. G. Z. Dimock,

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, has permanently located himself at Montrose, Susquehanna county, Pa. OFFICE over Wilson & Searle's Store, Lodgings at Searle's Hotel.
Montrose, March 19, 1856.

Dr. Wm. L. Richardson

WOULD respectfully tender his professional services to the inhabitants of Montrose and its vicinity. OFFICE over Mulford's Store. LODGINGS at the Kempton Hotel.
Montrose, Oct. 14, 1858.-tf

Dr. E. F. Wilmot,

GRADUATE of the Allopathic and Homeopathic Colleges of Medicine, is now permanently located in Great Bend, Pa. Office, corner of Malbe and Elizabeth Sts., locally opposite the M. E. Church. May 1st, 1857.-1y

Dr. H. Smith,

SURGEON DENTIST. Residence and office, opposite the Baptist church (North side,) in Montrose. Particular attention will be given to inserting teeth on Gold and Silver plate, and to filling decaying teeth.
Montrose, January 15, 1858.-tf

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PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, MONTROSE, PA. Office in the Farmer's store. v7n28

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ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW. Office over S. B. West's Drug Store, SUSQUEHANNA DEPOT, Pa.-11y1

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WHOLESALE and Retail Dealers in Flour, Salt, Pork, Fish, Lard, Grain, Feed, Candles, Cheese and Timothy seed. Also, West side of Public Avenue, one door below J. Ellsbridge's.
Montrose, Oct. 31, 1856.-tf

Cobb & Rogers,

DEALERS IN GROCERIES, &c., at the store recently occupied by Cobb & Rogers, Montrose, Pa.
Also have opened a BUTCHER SHOP in the basement of Reed & Webster's new Store, corner of Main and Turnpike Streets.
Montrose, Oct. 21, 1857.-tf

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COME see me, MY OFFICE is grand and SUPERB,
HEADSTRONG Hats, OH, come, and see me, comeha! HA!
All Spanish : RECEIVED, (less the discount,) as PAY,
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THE CHILD AND THE WIND.

"FATHER, father, are you listening,"
Said the shepherd's little child.
"To that wind so hoarse and hollow,
As it howls across the wild?

When I hear it in the chimneys,
When it sweeps along the ground,
'Tis to me as if deep voices
Mingled strangely with the sound.

Now they louder swell and nearer,
Now they fall and die away;
Can you tell me, dearest father,
What it is the wild winds say?"

"Nay, my child, they are not speaking,
Not a word the winds impart,
But each sound the Almighty sendeth
Hath a message to the heart.

And that murmur deep and awful,
Couldst thou catch its voice aright,
It might whisper, 'Child be grateful,
Thou art safe at home to-night.'

While for thee the red fire burneth,
Sitting by thy father's knee,
Many laden ships are tossing,
Far away on the salt sea.

Many mothers, sitting watchful,
Count the storm-gusts one by one,
Weeping sorely as they tremble
For some distant sailor son.

They might tell of Him who holdeth,
In the hollow of His hand,
Gentle breezes and rude tempests,
Coming all at His command.

He provideth our home shelter,
He protecteth on the seas,—
When the wild winds seem to whisper,
Let them tell thee things like these."

Thus replied the shepherd father,
And the child with quiet mind,
Had a thought of God's great mercies,
As he listened to the wind.

For the Independent Republican.

Susquehanna County.

ITS OFFICIALS, &C.

I HAVE long thought that the annals of Susquehanna County, or at least some sketch of its early settlement and subsequent history, ought to be written before all its early pioneers, most capable of furnishing the requisite facts and incidents, are gone from among us. It is now nearly half a century since this county was organized, and considerably more than that since the first settlers penetrated the then wilderness to try the experiment of making it habitable. Those brave and hardy adventurers have already dwindled away till the remnant left is but few and far between;—while a second, a third and even a fourth generation in part are taking their places, among vast numbers of later emigrants; and even now there are many interesting incidents connected with its early history, which, unless soon compiled for preservation by some antiquarian, must rapidly pass into oblivion.

Whether anyone competent to the task would be likely to find a warrantable remuneration for the enterprise, may be considered as yet somewhat doubtful. But there is one undertaking of less magnitude, to which at the suggestion of some friends I have given some attention for the edification of the public; and that is, with a brief sketch of the organization, to compile a list of all the officers elected or appointed to serve in the various official stations in and for the county since its organization. This may prove not only interesting to many of the present generation, but really useful to preserve as a matter for convenient reference in time to come. Many of our youth may here see the names of their sires and grandsires, who have filled honorable posts in the service of the county, and be stimulated thereby to study, acquire, and treasure up useful information connected with our county's history. Besides, the names and dates may assist materially in determining various other events and incidents connected therewith, which it may be found desirable from time to time to ascertain and perpetuate. Born within the limits embraced by this county, and having resided here from infancy, with but brief intervals of absence, I am able from my own recollection to furnish much of the requisite materials. For such as are too early or minute for my unaided memory, I am indebted to the records of the public offices, &c. If my labors in preparing this sketch shall contribute anything to the utility or interest of the public, it is hereby made a welcome offering, by the public's humble servant,

JAMES W. CHAPMAN.

Susquehanna County was set off from Luzerne by an act of the Legislature passed February 21, 1810. But it was not fully organized with county officers elected, till the Fall of 1812. (Luzerne had been taken from Northumberland in 1786.) This county extends from the 6th to the 40th milestone, (counting from the Delaware river westward on the New York State line,) being 34 miles east and west by near 25 north and south. It included when organized the following ten townships:

Rush, then extending 18 miles north to the State line, by 8 miles east and west, embracing besides its present limits, as may be seen by the late county map, all of Middletown and Choconut (with Apolacon taken from the latter,) and the western parts of Jessup and Forest Lake.

Bridgewater, then embracing besides its present limits, all of Brooklyn and Lathrop, Springville and Dimock, the east part of Jessup and Forest Lake, all of Silver Lake, and the south part of Franklin.

Lauretville, embracing Liberty and the greater part of Franklin.

Willingborough, afterwards called Great Bend.

New Milford, pretty much as it is.

Harford, as it is—formerly called "*Nine-Partners.*"

Harmony, embracing besides its present limits, Oakland, Jackson, Thomson, and the northern part of Ararat.

Clifford, embracing besides its present limits, Gibson, Herrick, and the southern part of Ararat.

Nicholson, being that part of old Nicholas cut off from Luzerne by the county line, afterwards called *Lenox*.

Braintrim, being that part of old Braintrim cut off from Luzerne by the county line, afterwards called *Auburn*.

The County Seat was located at Montrose by three Commissioners appointed by the Governor. States were set at first at several places proposed. One in Brooklyn, one in Harford, one in New Milford, and one at Great Bend, I believe. But besides greater *political* influence existing here at that time, a stronger pecuniary interest was brought to bear for its location here. Dr. R. H. Rose, whose extensive tracts of land reached this vicinity, was enabled to make more liberal offers for this location than could be made elsewhere.

The old Court House first erected here, was built by Oliver C. Smith. Though now so diminutive in size and appearance, compared with our new one, it was (then considered quite a magnificent edifice—an ornament to this region of the State. Besides the court room in the second story, the jail and jailor's residence was in the first story, and the corner rooms in front, above and below, were made to accommodate all the county offices.

But the first Court was held in January 1813, in the chamber of Isaac Post's old tavern house, which stood on the corner where Searle's hotel now stands. The same old-fashioned, sharp-roofed building removed and repaired or a dwelling house, now stands next west of the hotel on Owego street. The first jail was the *Cellar* of I. P. Foster's house, now Keeler's hotel, where *Obadiah Green* and his son David were confined for some time, in the Winter of 1813.

On the Docket records of that first Court, the first case in the Sessions was, *Commonwealth vs. Obadiah Green, David Green, and Charles Matteson*—Surety of the Peace. The first suit in the Common Pleas was *Obadiah Green vs. John Bennett.*

The first Commission recorded in the Recorder's office (after those of the county officers—the Prothonotary's, Register and Recorder's, Sheriff's, &c.,) is that of *Asahel Avery, Esq.*, (father of Charles Avery, Esq.,) as a Justice of the Peace. The first Deed recorded was from Wm. Mitchell and wife to Elias Whitmore, for a tract of land now in Lathrop township, formerly called the "Tarbell place."

Judges of the Courts.

Hon. JOHN B. GINSON, (since Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania,) was the first President Judge of the district to which this county was attached. It embraced old Luzerne, Bradford, and Tioga, and if I mistake not, Wayne and Pike. He presided here about four years.

Hon. THOMAS BURNSIDE succeeded him in Sept., 1816, presiding here two years. He too has since been a Judge of the Supreme Court.

Hon. EDWARD HERRICK first presided here in Aug., 1818, being appointed for a new district embracing Susquehanna, Bradford, and Tioga counties. He presided here 21 years lacking one Term of Court, when he was superseded by the adoption of the new Constitution limiting the terms of all the Judges, and—

Hon. JOHN N. CONYNGHAM succeeded him in May, 1839, continuing 2 years.

Hon. WILLIAM JESSUP, who had previously been appointed for the district embracing Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, and Wayne counties, first presided in our county in April, 1841—Susquehanna being added to his district, and Luzerne put with Bradford and Tioga in Judge Conyngham's district for the mutual accommodation of both. Judge J. presided here 10½ years.

Hon. DAVID WILMOT was first *elected* Judge for Bradford, Susquehanna, and Wyoming in the Fall of 1851. He presided near 6 years, and on his resignation in the Summer of '57—

Hon. DARIUS BULLOCK was appointed to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the year. The district embraced only Bradford and Susquehanna.

Judge WILMOT was appointed to preside again in Jan., 1858, and reelected for 10 years, last Fall.

DAVIS DIMOCK and WILLIAM THOMSON were appointed Associate Judges for this county at its organization in 1812. The terms of all the Judges were then "during good behavior;" but the resignation of Judge Thomson (after serving 25 years) created a vacancy which was filled by the appointment of—

ISAAC POST in October 1837, who served a little over 5 years. The limitation imposed by the Constitution, terminated Judge Dimock's services after nearly 28 years, and—

JABEZ HYDE was appointed in his place in March, 1840. His death some 18 months afterward created a vacancy, and

BENJAMIN LATHROP was appointed in his place in November, 1841. He served 5 years.

Dr. CALVIN LEET succeeded Judge Post in February, 1843, for 5 years.

MOSES C. TYLER succeeded Judge Lathrop in March, 1847, for 5 years—nearly.

CHARLES TINGLEY succeeded Judge Leet in March 1848. His term lasted only 3½ years, as the amendment to the Constitution for the election of Judges cut him off, and—

JOHN BOYLE and DAVIS D. WARNER were *elected* Associate Judges for 5 years in the Fall of 1851.

URBANE BURROWS and CHARLES F. READ, present Judges, were elected in the fall of 1856.

At the first Court held in this county, January 1813, we see by the records that the following attorneys were admitted to this bar: Ebenezer Bowman, Garrick Mallory, David Scott, Nathan Palmer, Putnam Catlin and Henry Wilson. The first four were from Luzerne, Wilson from Lycoming. Soon after, John Evans and Thomas Graham also came from Luzerne, and B. T. Case, (now the oldest surviving member of the bar here) Almon H. Read, Charles Catlin, and Wm. Jessup, located here, and became active practicing attorneys.

Sheriffs and Coroners.

The election for Sheriffs and Coroners has always been for 3 years each. They have been as follows:

	SHERIFF	CORONER
1812,	Edward Fuller,	Stephen Wilson,
1815,	Austin Howell,	Philander Stephens,
1818,	Samuel Gregory,	Chapman Carr,
1821,	Philander Stephens,	Daniel Trowbridge,
1824,	Samuel Gregory,	Charles Chandler jr.,
1827,	Charles Chandler jr.,	Benjamin J. Dimock,
1830,	Joseph Williams,	Davis D. Warner,
1833,	Charles Avery,	Hiram Finch,
1836,	William Hartley,	Walter Follet,
1839,	Walter Follet,	Thomas Johnson,
1842,	Thomas Johnson,	Jonas Carter,
1845,	Nelson C. Warner,	Wm. B. Handrick,
1848,	Christopher M. Gere,	John Baker,
1851,	Gabriel B. Eldred,	William H. Boyd,
1854,	Fred. P. Hollister,	Benjamin Dix,
1857,	John Young,	Dr. J. Blackman,

On the death of Chapman Carr, Nicholas McCarty was elected Coroner in 1819. No vacancy ever occurred in the office of Sheriff. All but the first, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth names (counting Samuel Gregory twice) are still living. ☞ At the first election Asa Dimock, sen. was the chief competitor of Mr. Fuller for Sheriff; and as the two highest were returned to the Governor, who had at that period the power to commission either of the two, Mr. D., presuming his *political* standing would commend him to the Governor's favor, notwithstanding he stood second best in the popular vote, actually gave bonds, had them recorded here, and forwarded to Harrisburg in hopes of getting the commission. But Gov. Snyder did not like to "take the responsibility." So in due time Mr. Fuller got *his* bonds executed, recorded, and sent on, and finally received the commission.

Prothonotary, Clerk of Courts, Register and Recorder.

Dr. Charles Fraser held all these offices by appointment of Gov. Snyder from the organization of the county in 1812, four years.

Jabez Hyde held all these appointments under Governors Snyder and Findley from Dec., 1816, four years; and Judge De Hart, who had been clerk for Dr. Fraser a part of his time, did *all* the writing as deputy, for Mr. Hyde during his term.

Asa Dimock, jr., was Prothonotary and Clerk of the Courts, doing his own work, from January, 1821, under Governors Heister, Shulze, and Wolf—in all 15 years.

David Post was Register and Recorder (A. H. Read and others deputy) under Gov. Heister three years from Jan. 1821.

William Jessup was Register and Recorder under Governors Shulze and Wolf nine years from Jan. 1824. Did the work mainly himself at first, E. Kingsbury and others, students at law, were deputies some of the time.

Christopher L. Ward was Register and Recorder under Gov. Wolf three years from Jan. 1833. Seeku Meylert deputy a part of the time.

George Walker was Prothonotary &c. under Gov. Ritner three years from Jan. 1836. Did his own work mainly.

Simon Stevens was Register and Recorder (S. Meylert deputy) the first year of Gov. Ritner's term, and Charles Avery was appointed for the remainder of the term, and did his own work.

George Fuller was Prothonotary, and Hiram Finch Register and Recorder under Gov. Porter in 1839.

George Fuller and Hiram Finch *elected* in		1839.
John Blanding "	" "	1842.
" " "	" "	1845.
Fred. M. Williams and Charles L. Brown,		1848.
Fred. A. Ward and J. T. Laugdon,		1851.
Sidney B. Wells and James W. Chapman,		1854.
Geo. B. R. Wade and Charles Neale,		1857.

Note.—All the Registers and Recorders since 1839 and all the Prothonotaries excepting Messrs. Ward and Wells, did their own work mainly, so far as one person *could* do it all. F. M. Williams served as deputy for the former exception, and J. T. Langdon, F. Fraser, and W. B. Wells for the latter.

Commissioners, Auditors, and Treasurers.

County Commissioners have always been elected annually—after the first board one each year to serve three years each, and so following each other out in succession. Auditors in the same manner, after 1814. None elected till 1813, and then three for one year each. Treasurers were appointed annually by the Commissioners till 1841, since which they have been elected once in two years. The following are the names of those who have been elected to these offices in October of each year, or appointed in January following:

COMMISSIONERS.—1812, Bartlet Hinds, one year, Laban Capron, two, and Isaac Brownson, three; '13, Jonah Brewster; '14, Hosea Tiffany jr.; '15, Stephen Wilson; '16, Sylvanus Hatch; '17, Daniel Ross; '18, Philander Stephens; '19, Samuel Warner; 1820, Joseph Washburn; '21, Philo Bostwick; '22, Hosea Tiffany jr.; '23, Simon Stephens; '24, Edward Packer; '25, Charles Avery; '26, Walter Lyon; '27, Ansel Hill; '28, Joseph Williams; '29, Wm. Hartley; 1830, Joseph Washburn; '31, Calvin Summers; '32, Arad Wakelee; '33, Jonathan C. Sherman; '34, Cyrus H. Avery; '35, Charles Tingley; '36, Robert Griffis; '37, John Comfort; '38, Edward Heald; '39, Thomas Burdick; 1840, Nathaniel Norris; '41, Wm. G. Handrick; '42, Abel Hewitt; '43, Alonzo Williams; '44, Isaac Reckhow; '45, Jonas Carter; '46, Nathaniel West; '47, Elisha P. Farnam; '48, David O. Turrell; '49, John Murphy; 1850, Shubael Dimock; '51, John Hancock; '52, Amos Williams; '53, Amherst Carpenter; '54, Joseph Smith; '55, Wm. T. Case; '56, Perrin Wells; '57, Orange Mott, jr.; '58, Levi S. Page.

AUDITORS.—1813, Dr. Park, A. Dimock, and H. Tiffany jr.; '14, D. Aldrich, J. W. Hill, B. Moore; '15, Seth Taylor; '16, Benjamin Lathrop; '17, Wm. Ward; '18, Philo Bostwick; '19, Edward Packer; 1820, Myron Kasson; '21, Spencer Lathrop; '22, Bela Jones; '23, Hiram Finch; '24, Isaac Brownson; '25, S. S. Jowett, Jas. Smith; '26, Josiah B. Bill; '27, N. Trowbridge, E. Dawson; '28, Orange Mott jr.; '29, E. Dawson, S. Hatch; 1830, Jesse Lane; '31, Sabin Hatch; '32, Henry Drinker, Asher Peck; '33, Josiah B. Bill; '34, Martin Hall; '35, Frederick Stephens; '36, Abel Hewitt; '37, Charles Dimon; '38, Wm. C. Ward; '39, Joseph L. Merriman; 1840, John Young; '41, D. B. Sneeden; '42, Joel Turrell; '43, Benjamin Thomas; '44, Loren T. Farrar; '45, Ira N. Hawley; '46, Francis Quinn; '47, John Smiley; '48, George Baldwin; '49, Almon Spoor, 1850, Martin J. Munsford; '51, James E. How; '52, Norman Foot; '53, John W. Cargill; '54, Orin S. Beebe; '55, David D. Brown; '56, D. P. Tiffany; '57, Geo. T. Frazier; '58, John F. Deans.

When two Auditors were elected in one year, the last named was to fill a vacancy.

TREASURERS.—1812, Isaac Post; '13, David Post; '14, Justin Clark; '21, Charles Avery; '24, Mason S. Wilson; '25, J. W. Raynsford; '26, Hiram Finch; '28, Davis Dimock jr.; '31, C. L. Ward; '32, Wm. Foster; '34, Davis Dimock jr.; '35, George Fuller; '37, Henry J. Webb; '39, Moses C. Tyler; '41, M. C. Tyler *elected*; '43, Davis D. Warner; '45, Walter Follet; '47, Harvey Tyler; '49, O. G. Hempstead; '51, Wm. K. Hatch; '53, D. R. Lathrop; '55, S. A. Woodruff; '57, C. W. Mott.

COMMISSIONERS' CLERKS.—Jonah Brewster was appointed for the first year, and Dr. Asa Park for the second.

Almon H. Read was Clerk five years from Jan. 1845. Bela Jones deputy part of the time.

William Jessup six years from Jan. 1820.

George Fuller three years and two months from Jan. 1826.

E. Kingsbury jr. one year and ten months from March 1829.

B. Streeter eight months and J. W. Chapman four months of 1831.

Davis Dimock jr. for 1832.—Charles Avery, 1833.

Secku Meylert seven years from Jan. 1834.

Asa Dimock for the year 1841.

Robert J. Niven eleven years and four months from Jan. 1842.

William A. Crossmon from May 1853 up to this time.

REMARKS.—For the information of those who desire to know what townships have furnished Commissioners for the county, and how many each, (for it is desirable that *these* officers should be somewhat distributed,) it may be seen that—

Bridgewater, (having them so frequently at first,) has had eight in all, counting Mr. Sherman who was afterwards cut off into Jessup; viz: Messrs. Hinds, Brewster, Wilson, Stephens, Warner, Jos. Williams, Sherman, and Wells.

Harford, 5—Capron, Tiffany twice, Tingley and Carpenter.

Rush, 3—Brownson, Ross, and Griffis now in Jessup.

Gibson, 2—Washburn twice, and Case.

Great Bend, 2—Hatch and Reckhow.

Springville, 2—Stevens, (afterwards in Dimock,) Wakelee and Amos Williams.

Middletown, 2—Bostwick and Handrick.

Brooklyn, 2—Packer and Hewitt.

Herrick, 2—Lyon and Dimock.

Silver Lake, 2—Hill and Murphy.

Lenox, 2—Hartley and Farnam.

Auburn, 2—C. H. Avery and Carter.

Jessup, 2—Handrick and Smith, (besides Sherman and Griffis.)

—And the following towns have had one each—Montrose, Charles Avery; New Milford, Summers; Harmony, Comfort; Choconut (afterwards Apolacon) Heald; Clifford, Burdick; Jackson, Norris; Franklin, Alonzo Williams; Liberty, Turrell; Thomson, (since Ararat) West; Forest Lake, Mott; and Susquehanna, Page. Oakland and Lathrop have neither ever had a Commissioner, nor has Choconut or Thomson, within their present limits.

Col. Thomas Park was a Commissioner for Luzerne county before this county was set off; and if I mistake not, Hosea Tiffany sen., was once also.

* Benjamin Lathrop was appointed Commissioner by the Court, to serve out the last year of Joseph Williams, who resigned on being elected Sheriff.

Jabez Hyde was Sheriff of Luzerne county at the time of the division, and served out the last year of his term there, while residing in Susquehanna.

The first assessment of taxes for this county was for 1813, and the following is the list of Collectors appointed for the ten townships, with the amount of their duplicates:

Bridgewater, Jonah Brewster,	$1,265,04
Clifford, Walter Lyon,	442,22
Rush, Philo Bostwick,	418,97
Harford, David Aldrich,	273,71
Willingboro', (Gt. Bend) Silas Buck,	220,61
New Milford, Benjamin Hayden,	194,99
Lawsville, Titus Smith,	151,80
Harmony, Isaac Hale,	71,22
Braintrim, (Auburn) Wm. Cooley,	58,77
Nicholson, (Lenox) Solomon Millard,	57,27
	$3,154,00
Tax assessed for 1858—45 yrs. after,	17,182,27

—Almost six to one—and yet Bridgewater, exclusive of Montrose, cut down to her present limits, pays only $41,31 higher tax than then.

☞ I glean the following items from the first journal kept by the County Commissioners after the organization. Here is the first entry made:

"At a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Susquehanna on the 22d day of October, Anno Domini, 1812—Present, Bartlet Hinds, Laban Capron, and Isaac Brownson, Esq's, Commissioners. Jonah Brewster, Clerk.

"Ordered that the Clerk receive as a compensation for his services one dollar per day, calculating six hours per day."

The first three County orders issued, were to Cornelius Lucc, Walter Lyon, and David Aldrich, for election expenses. The fourth to Darius Bixby, jr., for wolf scalp.

It may astonish some of the present generation to learn that so prevalent were the beasts of prey in this then wilderness country, that during the first year of their organization, the Commissioners of this county paid for 36 wolf scalps and 7 panthers. Among the slayers of these "varmints," I find the names of Bixby, John Holman, Riel Brister, Dyer Lathrop, John Oakley, B. Milbourn, Samuel Wright, Alfred Tiffany, Thomas Tiffany, Tingley Tiffany, Preston Titus, B. Millard, P. Rynearson, Warren Dimock, Marshal Dimmick, Charles Chandler, John Ellsworth, Isaac Hale, Daniel Westfall, Jonathan Tredwell, &c.

Soon after the organization of the Board, Isaac Post, the Treasurer, was charged with the subscription papers of donations made towards building the Court House, &c. By the following list of subscribers, with the sums given by each, it will be seen that the amounts were graduated somewhat by the nearness of their property to the new county seat, as well as by the length of their purses. Robert H. Rose, whose lands reached so near the village, gave $200. Stephen Wilson, whose farm was a little south of here, gave $100. Abinoam Hinds, Conrad Hinds, and Isaac Peckins gave each $50. David Harris, Jonathan Wheaton, and *James Trane* gave each $25. Simeon Tyler, Cyrus Messenger, Samuel Quick, Jos. Hubbard, and Samuel Cogswell gave each $20. Jos. Chapman, Edward Fuller, Joseph Butterfield, Henry Post, Levi Leonard, John Bard, Zebulon Deans, and Edmund Stone gave each $10; and Freeman Fishback, Thomas Scott and Samuel Scott gave each $5. Bartlet Hinds, Esq., and I. and D. Post, on whose lands the county seat was located, gave sundry village lots.

It may be news to those who recollect poor "*Old Trane*," who never had a family, and who died some years ago, a *pauper* of this borough, that he was actually one of the *Fathers of the town.*

On the 13th of January, 1819, (forty years ago,) we find on the Commissioners' journal the following entries:

"*Note.*—On settling with D. Post, Treasurer, there were $13,22 in counterfeit notes and bad tickets, which were sold at auction for *one dollar.*"

"*Memorandum.*—This day there were found in the Treasury one hundred forty six dollars in depreciated Bank notes, and some of them not worth anything. The Commissioners, by and with the advice of the Auditors, exposed the same to sale at public auction and sold them to Benj. Lathrop and Wm. Ward for $30,25—one year's credit without interest.

Representatives.

For Luzerne and Susquehanna, 1812, Chas. Miner, Benjamin Dorrance; '13, *Jabez Hyde, jr.*, Joseph Pruner; '14, *Putnam Catlin*, Benjamin Dorrance; '15, Redmond Conyngham, Benjamin Dorrance; '16, *Jonah Brewster*, George Denison; '17, *Brewster* and James Reeder; '18, *Brewster* and Reeder; '19, *Brewster* and Benj. Dorrance; '20, Cornelius Cortright and Dorrance; '21, *Jabez Hyde, jr.*, Andrew Beaumont; '22, *Hyde*, Beaumont, and Jacob Drumheller; '23, *Hyde*, Drumheller, and Elijah Shoemaker; '24, *Philander Stephens*, Drumheller, and Geo. M. Hollenback; '25, *Stephens*, Hollenback, and Sam'l H. Thomas; '26, *Stephens*, Thomas, and Garrick Mallery; '27, *Almon H. Read*, Mallery, and George Denison; '28, *Isaac Post*, Mallery, and Denison. For Susquehanna alone, 1829, '30, '31, and '32, *Almon H. Read*; '33, *Bela Jones*; '34, *Joseph Williams*; '35, *Bela Jones*; '36 and '37, *Asa Dimock*; '38 and '39, *Charles Chandler, jr.*; '40, *Franklin Lusk*; '41, *Dr. Calvin Leet*; '42, *Franklin N. Avery.* For Susquehanna and Wyoming, '43, *Lewis Brush*, John Morley; '44, *Brush* and Morley; '45 and '46, *David Thomas*, Schuyler Fassett; '47 and '48, *Samuel Taggart*, R. R. Little; '49, *Sidney B. Wells*, E. Mowry jr. For Susquehanna, Wyoming and Sullivan, 1850, *Isaac Reckhow* and Mowry; '51, *Reckhow* and Michael Meylert; '52, *Ezra B. Chase*, John W. Denison; '53 *Chase* and James Deegan; '54, *Charles J. Lathrop*, John Sturdevant; '55, Thos. J. Ingham, John V. Smith; '56, *Simeon B. Chase*, Alfred Hine. For Susquehanna alone, 1857 and '58, *S. B. Chase.*

State Senators.

For Northumberland, Union, Columbia, Luzerne, and Susquehanna, 1812, William Ross; '14, Thomas Murray, jr.; '16, *Charles Fraser*, 4 years; '18, Simon Snyder—died; '19, Robt. Willet, to fill vacancy; '20, Redmond Conyngham succeeded Fraser. For Susquehanna, Bradford, and Tioga, 1822, *Jonah Brewster*; '25, John Ryon; '29, Sam'l McKean, resigned; Jan., '30, Reuben Wilbur, to fill vacancy; '33, *Almon H. Read*, 4 years. For Susquehanna and Bradford, 1837, Elihu Case; '41, *Asa Dimock*, 3 yrs. For Susquehanna, Wayne, and Wyoming, 1844, Wm. H. Dimmick; '47, *F. B. Streeter.* For Susquehanna, Bradford, and Wyoming, 1850, Geo. Sanderson; '53, Wm. M. Piatt; '56, E. Rood Myer.

Gen. McKean resigned on being appointed Secretary of the Commonwealth by Gov. Wolf.

☞ The Senators and Representatives whose names are in *italics*, were from this county.

☞ The years standing against each name refer to the time of their election in