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Robert Naylor's
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In pursuance of the several Acts of Assembly directing the recovery of the Principal and interest due to the Commonwealth from Persons holding Lands by Virtue of Locations or other Office Titles issued from or under the Proprietary Government and for other Purposes, I have this day located and surveyed Warrant issued 16th May 1745 to John Neely for 50% of Land on Big Conowago Joining Land of John Brown, on Lands situate as aforesaid in Reading Township Adams County, and have found the Interferences as represented in the enclosed Diagram. ~ Witness my hand. ~
 Sept: 22^d 1837.
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 Henry Hoover
 Secretary of Internal Affairs.

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John Neely on Big Conowago in 1745

WHEN dealing in a time about 250 years ago, and trying to connect up ancestors with your known line, it is not only scary but somewhat frustrating. The number of tests to apply becomes fewer and more circumstantial. The spelling of the name is definitely deceiving. Now we are seeing it spelled, Nely and Neely. Chances are these Neeleys didn't know how to spell the name and certainly had no preferences. After all, they knew who they were, themselves. We do not think John Neely knew how to write or spell, with the possible exception of the signature on the Robert Neely administrative bond. The spelling is not too important as yet. When the Will of David Neeley (his son) was transcribed in 1818 we see the name consistently spelled with "ley."

The land warrant as shown is the first legal step toward land ownership. John Neely did not obtain a patent on this land or later land in Middleton Township, Cumberland Co. It is our belief that he did not stay on it too many years. That is to say, he may have been on it a year or two before the date on the warrant. If Robert were his brother and/or partner in this venture, then Robert's death could have provided the reason to move westward to the Big Conowago.

The distance from the land on the Big Conowago Creek to the land next to North Mountain in Middleton Twp. is about 22 miles as the crow flies. There was a tendency for these early settlers to move on to "greener pastures" whenever they heard stories from travellers about the availability of better land beyond. We do not believe John Neeley had met Isabella yet, which would indicate he had no ties to stay on the 50 acres.

Between 1745 and 1747 would be our estimated time of meeting Isabella. We would think the possibilities for meeting a potential bride would be greater in the more populated areas such Middleton Township. But remember, the Scotch-Irish kept together and they probably had older women and mothers who helped in the matchmaking. Whichever came first, the move or the marriage, we have the estimated marriage date of 1747. From this we estimate the birth of David Neeley in 1748, with the feeling that the family was in place at this time. The Tax List confirms the date of 1750 when Cumberland County was organized. We have been unable to find Tax Lists before this time for Lancaster County where the land on the Big Conowago was located in 1745. The Land Warrant shown for John Neely is not essential in proving our Neeley lineage. The document itself could have been printed in the Ben Franklin Printshop in Philadelphia.

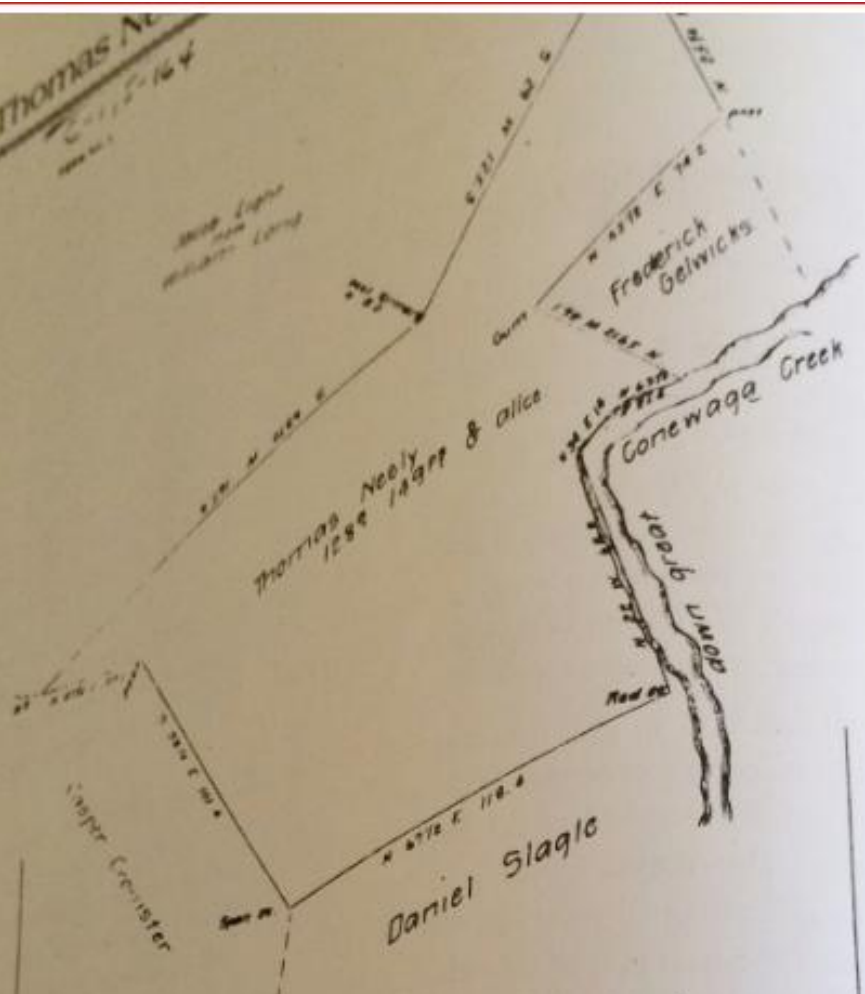
History of Adams County, Pennsylvania on page 367 states: "Col. James L. Neely, deceased, was born in Tyrone Twp., Adams Co., Pa., on the 23rd of April 1863. He was of Scotch-Irish parentage. His grandfather Samuel Neely having come from North of Ireland in 1730, settled in what is known now as Tyrone Twp. took up large quantities of land and raised a large family." Samuel Neely died in 1775 just three years after our John Neeley of Middleton Twp. We would also point out that Samuel Neely and a Thomas Neely obtained warrants in the same area on March 1st, 1744, while John Neeley obtained his warrant in 1745. We assume it to be a different Thomas Neely who obtained a warrant in 1746 which included the John Neeley land on Big Conowago. Note the upper part of the two maps. Also note the John Neeley Land Warrant which allows six months in which to pay for the land and obtain a patent.

The foregoing leads us to believe there may be some relationship between these Neeleys but none affecting our direct lineage. It is possible that some came on the same ship and some may have been as close as brothers. Samuel Neely in his Will of 1775 refers to a property line agreed upon when Thomas Neely, "now in Carolina," sold his land to Joseph Walker.

We also confirm our speculation that John Neeley moved on from Big Conowago in 1746, relinquishing his 50 acres to Thomas Neely.

THOMAS NEELY

1000 Acres
William Long



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 a tract of 1467 3/4 & all Surveyed this day in purs-
 uance of an entry in the Secretarys office for 1000 dated
 February 20th 1746 and divided off this 22nd day of Decem-
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By Saml Sloan D.S.

Saml Cochran Esqr
 Surveyor General.

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 this eight day of May 1906

[Signature]
 Secretary of Internal Affairs.

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By the Proprietaries:

WHEREAS *John Nely* of the County of *Lancaster* hath requested that we would grant him to take *Fifty* Acres of Land *adjoining the Land of John Brown Situate on Big Conwage on the West Side of Sasquehanna*

Said County of *Lancaster* for which he is agreed to pay to our Use at the rate of *Fifteen Pounds Ten Shillings*, current Money of this Province, for *One* Hundred Acres and the yearly Quit-Rent of *One Halfpenny Sterling* for every Acre thereof.

THESE are therefore to authorize and require you to survey or cause to be survey'd unto the said *John Nely* at the Place aforesaid, according to the Method of Townships appointed, the said Quantity of *Fifty* Acres, if not already survey'd, and make Return thereof into the Secretaries Office, in Order for further Confirmation, for which this shall be your sufficient Warrant; which Survey, in Case the said *John Nely* fulfil the above Agreement within *Six* Months from the Date hereof, shall be valid, otherwise void. GIVEN under my Hand and Seal of the Land-Office, by Virtue of certain Power from the said Proprietaries, at *Philadelphia*, this *Sixteenth* Day of *May* Anno Domini 1745

William Parsons, Surveyor General.

W. Parsons

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Lancaster

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Anno Dom. 1740

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To *William Parsons*, Surveyor General.

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Neeleys Arrival in America About 1732?

OUR original objective in this book was to trace our Neeley lineage back to their arrival in America and broaden our knowledge of those ancestors and their descendants to present. We are close but have not found the actual record of ship passage or other evidence of arrival time. Consequently, we are using a date of about 1732 when the Scotch-Irish began arriving in great numbers primarily at the port of Philadelphia. They were quite poor but had great energy to put forth to earn a livelihood on the free land awaiting them. They didn't understand the negotiations to purchase land from the Indians by the Proprietaries nor the procedures for their obtaining title to the land in their own right. Nor the payment of quit rents. And furthermore, many of them never did comply, including our Neeley ancestors (to their own loss).

Some of the early settlers brought tools with them for farming, or crafts with which to earn cash for purchase of livestock or other necessities for getting started. Why use their meager cash to pay for land, unused and unoccupied? Those who desired land could select some location which pleased them, fix upon it some marks (on trees, stones, streams, etc.) which would indicate their choice, pace off with as much accuracy as possible the portion of land which was to be claimed, and if possible erect upon it some cabin or other structure which would imply that they had selected it. The next step would be to obtain a land warrant and after a survey purchase a patent. The warrant probably triggered the quit rent, which was very unpopular and was abolished after the Revolutionary War.

The opening of lands for settlement in Pennsylvania occurred after treaties had been signed. Note the maps showing the evolution of counties. Counties were formed as the need developed from growth in the westward movement of the people. The three original counties were organized in 1682 and were Bucks, Philadelphia, and Chester. Chester was westernmost, and in 1729 was split in half and with additional western lands, Lancaster County was formed. It was possible for persons to be in several different counties without moving. It complicates family history searches.

We are reproducing here some documents concerning Robert Neely and John Neely which may or may not involve our first ancestors in America. The timing is right, the names could fit, and the situations take place in the right area. Search of other wills, probates, or land documents for the period in the Neeley name are lacking in any connection.

Unfortunately we have no age for Robert Neely. He could be father, uncle, cousin or brother to John Neely. We are sure of some relationship, since John Neely is shown as administrator of Robert's Estate. Although the Administrator's Bond is not too legible, it is in the amount of sixty pounds. There may be pages missing. There may be no expenses or debts as they may have had to pay cash, especially if an arrival of a few years. Expenses may have been paid by John and items taken in exchange. Who would know, if they lived together during this early period as they saved and accumulated in anticipation of moving westward for more and better lands?

Of course you note the spelling of Niely and Neely. It makes me very uncomfortable. It is quite common for me to wonder which spelling to follow as I do this book or write a check.

The land warrant and survey of 50 acres for John Nely(Neely) in 1745 on the Big Conowago are interesting because they also fit into our time frame. John Neeley could have moved on after the death of Robert in 1743 from whatever the cause. We fully believe that John Nely on the Big Conowago Creek is the same John Neeley of Middleton Township, Cumberland County, Penn.

Neeleys of Tyrone Twp., Adams Co., Pa.

We are including in our book copies of papers of people in the Tyrone Twp., Adams County area of Pennsylvania because we feel there is some connection with our John Neeley who we find went thru this same area before he moved North into Cumberland Co. Someone else with a Neeley line may find a direct connection into one of the offspring of Samuel Neeley or even Thomas Neeley who went "to Carolina."

We will first show a comparison of Land Warrants and dates granted.

Thomas Nilly	Tyrone Twp.	March 1, 1744
Sam'l Nilly	Tyrone Twp.	March 1, 1744
John Nely (Neely)	Reading Twp.	May 16, 1745
Thomas Neely	Reading Twp.	Feb. 20, 1746

Reading Twp. and Tyrone Twp. are adjacent to each other in present Adams Co., Pennsylvania.

The Land Survey Maps that follow and the maps on page 10 and 12 are the locations noted above in the Warrants. The Thomas Nilly map shows Sam'l Nilly adjoining. Also note on the Sam'l Nilly map the upper right hand portion and the names entered. This print was made after land had been recorded in his son's names. Isn't it interesting that they are spelled "Neeley?"

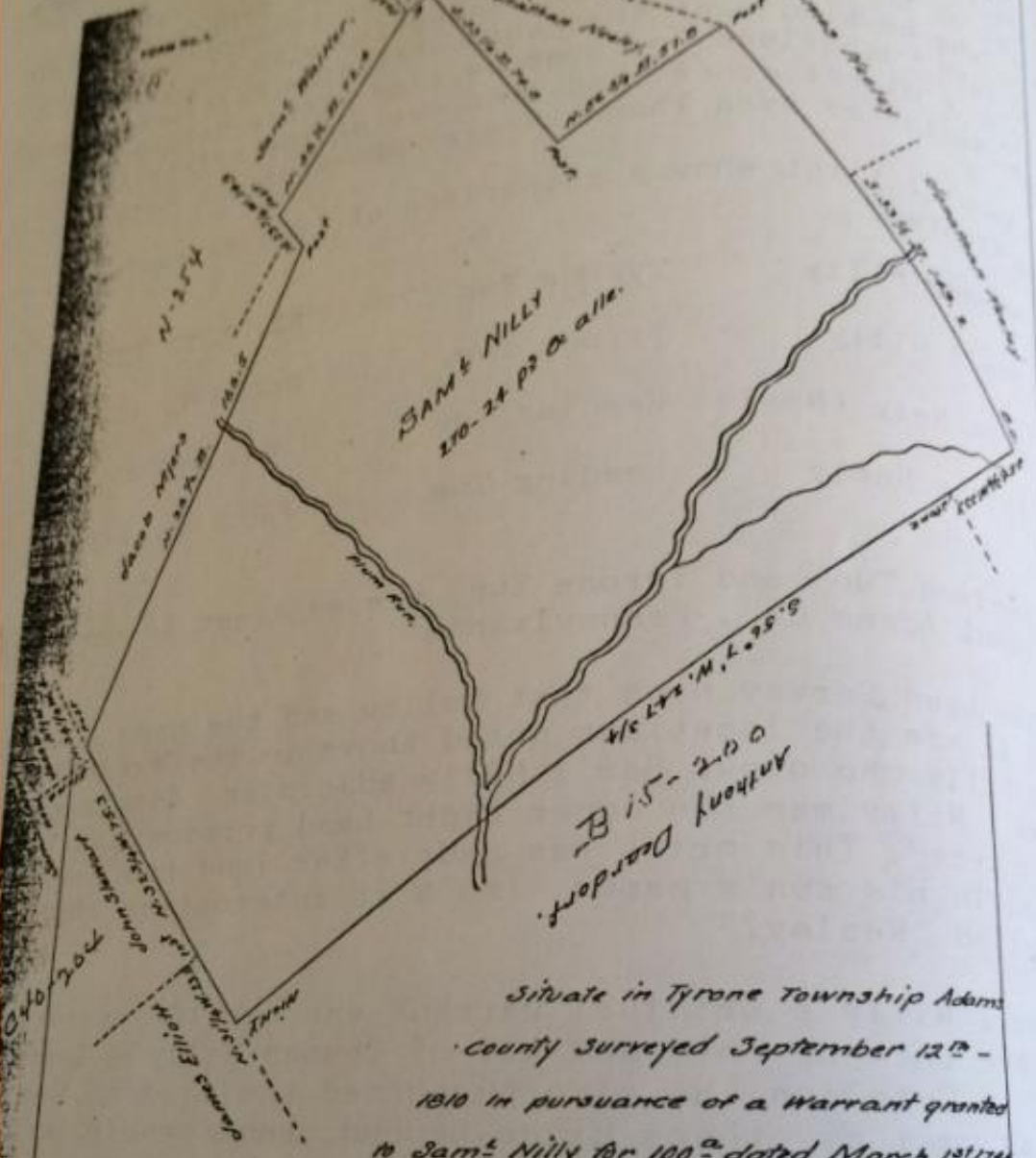
Sam'l Nilly's original warrant was for 100 acres and we do believe that he obtained all of Thomas Nilly's land when he went to Carolina. He also purchased the land of Sam'l Carson as well as others since he had considerable holdings at the time of his death in 1775.

Of course we do not know the time of death of Thomas Neely, but we know that Margaret Neely who's will is reproduced here died in 1774. Our John Neeley died in Middleton Twp., Cumberland Co. in 1772.

Samuel Neely

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Situate in Tyrone Township Adams
 County surveyed September 12th -
 1810 in pursuance of a Warrant granted
 to Sam^l Nilly for 100^{ac} dated March 12th 1794
 By Sam^l Sloan, D.S.

To Andrew Porter Esq^r
 Surveyor General.

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 the Seal of said Department to be affixed at Harrisburg,
 this eleventh day of June 1906

Margaret Neely's Will-1774-Tyrone Twp., Pa.

On the next pages we have reduced and reproduced the Will of Margaret Neely of Tyrone Twp. written on April 26, 1774. We find this interesting because of her name and the time and her location. A witness on her Will is Thomas Neely who we believe to be the son of Samuel Neeley. We cannot determine her relationship to others because of the way she uses the term brother and sister which we are unable to untangle. She gives no indication as to ever having a husband or children, which would lead one to believe she could be a sister of Samuel Neeley. When she refers to brothers Samuel and James Patterson it could mean brother-in-law, and when she refers to Eleanor Thompson and Sarah Montgomery as sister, she could mean sister-in-law. Further she refers to her sister Eleanor Thompson's children and names them Margaret Walker and Sarah Walker. Her sister Sarah Montgomery's children are James Montgomery and Margaret Montgomery which appears to be understandable. She apparently had some land to which "a proper right" was to be made to a Hugh Scott.

We do feel Margaret Neely is worthy of inclusion in our book because someone may someday find a solution to the puzzle by our making this information available here.

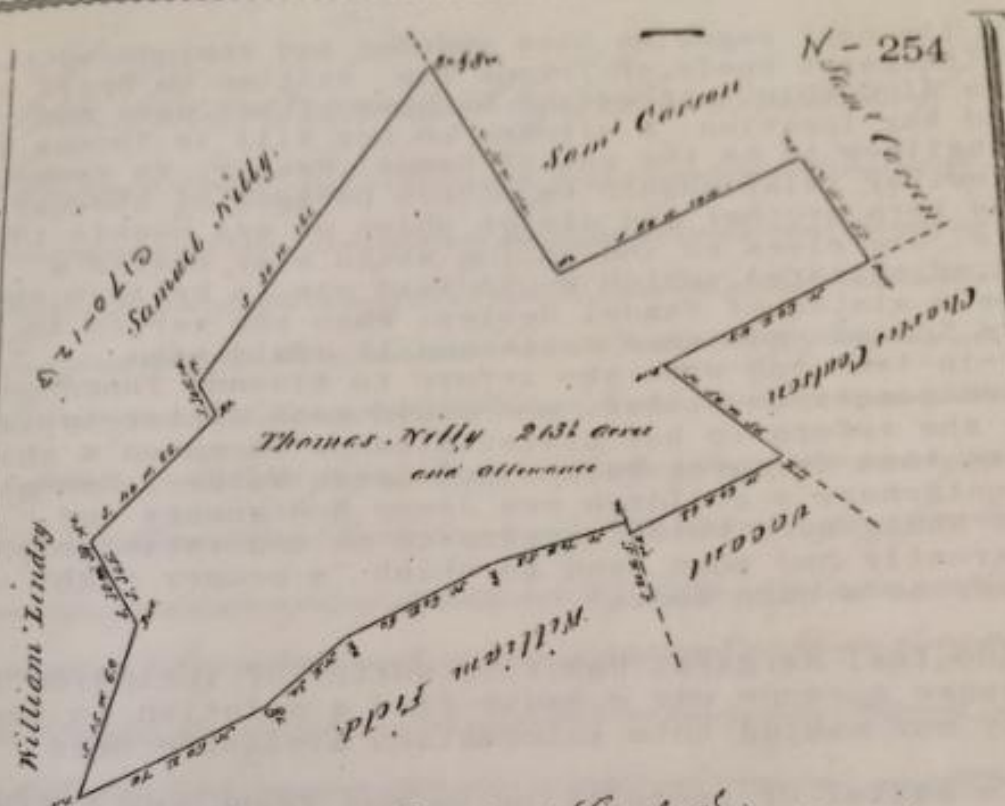
As a matter of speculation we put forth the following possibility. Our John Neeley could have been the brother of Samuel Neeley, Margaret Neely, and Thomas Neely who went to Carolina.

John Neeley d. 1772
Margaret Neely d. 1774
Samuel Neely d. 1775
Thomas Neely d. ?

On page 12a note the relatively close location of the land warrants.

On page 7 we show John Neely's Administrative Bond of the Estate of Robert Neely, Chester Co. in 1743. Would Robert Neely possibly be the father of this group?

Neelys of Tyrone Twp., Adams Co., Pa.



A draught of a Tract of Land Situate in Tyrone Township in the County of York (late part of the County of Lancaster) containing Two Hundred and thirteen acres & half an acre and the allowance of six acres for cent & for Roads and High. Surveyed for Thomas Nelly the 1st day of April 1744 by Thomas Corron (late Deputy Surveyor of Lancaster County) in pursuance of a warrant bearing date the 1st day of March 1744.

Wm M. H. L. Co.

Corrected from Mr. Cookson's Field Book & Calculated.
 By Wm. Parsons Esq. }
 Surveyor Genl. }
 J. C. Sturmon, one of the
 Clerks of the Field Book, &c.

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Fifth day of February, 1877

Wm. M. H. L. Co.
 Secretary of Internal Affairs

In the Name of God Amen

I Margaret, Widow of James Neely, first County and Province of Pennsylvania, Being sick of Body but of perfect and sound memory, do hereby give forth the saying, do this Twenty sixth day of April in the Year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and seven by force and

Make and publish this my last Will and Testament in the manner and Terms following, That I do give and Grant of all I have after my decease my Body to be Buried in a Christian manner at the discretion of my Executors secondly I order all my lawful debts to be paid, Thirdly I order and be it is my Impower my Executors to make a proper right such as I hold of my self of that land to be sold as if I myself were personally present, and that to his heirs and assigns for ever

Fourthly I order all my money to be equally divided among my Brother Samuel Paterson's Children, and Sister Eleanor Thompson's Children,

And Two of my Sister Sarah Montgomerie's Children, namely James and Margaret Montgomerie, Likewise my part of my Brother James Hallam's Estate when paid by my Executors to be equally

Divided among the above named parties, Likewise I do bequeath to the Above named Margaret Montgomerie one Bed and 3 Coverlets, and

Two shirts and one pillow, and one Blanket, a woman's Big coat, a blue cloth Gown, a blue half petticoat, a Calico gown, a pair of

Thread Stockings, and a woman's waddell, Bridle and whip, and a Beavers hat, Fifthly I allow Sarah Paterson my Sister's Brother Samuel

Paterson's Daughter, deceased, Six Yards of Blue Taffety, a pair of Women's Shoes,
 Given under my hand and seal this 26th day of April 1774

Margaret Neely

Samuel Neely of Tyrone Twp.

We are reproducing on the following pages the Will of Samuel Neeley of Tyrone Twp., Adams Co., Pennsylvania written April 14, 1775.

On the fourth page of the Will is the comment concerning the land purchased from "Thomas Neely now in Carolina . . ." which we believe this is the same "Thomas Nilly" on the land warrant and possibly a brother to Samuel Neeley. Thomas Neely, a son and William Walker were named executors of Samuel Neeley's Will.

Children of Samuel and Jean Neely as named were:

Thomas Neely
John Neely
Agness, wife of James Caruthers
Sarah, wife of Alexander McCurdy

Minor sons:
Samuel Neely
Jackson Neely
James Neely
Jonathon Neely
William Neely

Minor Daughters:
Margaret Neely
Mary Neely
Jean Neely
Elizabeth Neely

There were a total of 13 children with 9 of them under legal age. They are listed in the order given in the will.

The Pennsylvania Archives Fifth Series lists most of these sons as seeing service in the County Militia and some may have served in the Continental Line in the Revolutionary War.

Further information may be found in the book, "History of Adams County, Pennsylvania."

We will list tax information gained from the above named book.

- p.287 Assessment of Huntington Twp., Dec. 1798 & 1799
John Neely, William Neely, Thomas Neely, Samuel Neeley
p.331 Assessment of Reading Twp., 1798
John Neely, Sr., James Neely, Thomas Neely
p.334 Assessment of Straban Twp., 1799
Samuel Neely (not Taxed), John Neely
p.342 Assessment of Tyrone Twp., 1801
James Neely, Jonathon Neely, Jonathan Neely, Samuel Neely, Widow Jackson Neely, William Neely

The land records, etc. of Adams County would undoubtedly be full of information on this family.

Neeley Data in Pennsylvania, 1730-1800

THE following dates put in order happenings and movements of our Neeleys from about 1730 to 1800 in Pennsylvania. We started with known facts and dates. Children are usually listed in documents in the order of their birth. Generally they are estimated at two years apart except the first. In cases of estimated dates an "e." appears in front of the item.

1715 e. birth John Neeley in Northern Ireland.

1720 First Scotch-Irish families come into the valley of present Cumberland County.

1731 e. birth of Isabella, possibly in America.

1736 Completion of purchase from Indians of valley now Cumberland County.

1730-1740 e. John Neeley arrival in America possibly Philadelphia, with a brother ?

1747 e. John Neeley and Isabella are married.

1748 e. David Neeley born to John and Isabella Neeley.

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1750 e. Mary Neeley born to John and Isabella Neeley. Cumberland County formed.

1751 John Neely listed on first Tax List in Middleton Township.

1752 e. Rebecca Neeley born to John and Isabella Neeley.

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1754 e. Jennet Neeley born to John and Isabella Neeley.

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1756 e. John Neeley born to John and Isabella Neeley.

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1758 e. Rachel Neeley born to John and Isabella Neeley.

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1762 Taxed Middleton Twp., Neely, John; 50 acres, unwarranted, 2 shillings.

1763 Taxed Middleton Twp., Neely, John; 100 a, unw. Indian troubles subside.

1764 Taxed as in 1763.

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1768 Taxed as Freeman, of age but unmarried, Neely, David, Middleton Twp.

1769 Taxed Middleton Twp., Neely, John, 2h, 1c; 50 a, unw, 20 a cleared.

1770 Taxed Freeman David Neely, Armagh or Derry Twp.;
Middleton Township Neely, John, 1h, 2c, 50w, 30c.