

# EARLY SETTLERS IN EAST DONEGAL.

John Bayly was a son of Thomas and Mary Bayly, who resided a mile or more west of Mount Joy. In 1757 he purchased from the estate of John Galbraith about 400 acres of land on the west side of Donegal Run, where the turnpike leading from Marietta to Mount Joy crosses. He established an ordinary and dry goods store, which he conducted until his death, in 1794. John Bayly was a member of the Supreme Executive Council at the time he wrote the letter about the riot in Maytown. On account of ill health he resigned before the expiration of his term. He owned the land at the mouth of Conewago Creek, which he gave to his son, Thomas.

Thomas and John Greer, a son-in-law, and James Hopkins, Esqs., laid out a town on this land called Falmouth; the venture was a failure. Mr. Hopkins built a canal around the falls. It is said he spent \$100,000 on it. A son of John Galbraith resided where John Bayly lived. He died before his father. His widow, Hannah, married Mr. Byers, who owned the Jonas Mumma farm, adjoining the farm of Col. Alexander Lowry, afterwards Brice Clark. Mrs. Galbraith's daughter, Rebecca, married Col. Ephraim Blaine. Col. Wm. Clark was born in Londonderry township, Ireland, in 1736, and died March 4, 1818. Moved from Leacock township, Lancaster county, to Cumberland county

prior to the Revolutionary War, and took a prominent part in the struggle for independence. He was a member of the Provincial Convention, as a delegate from Cumberland county, held at Carpenter's Hall, Philadelphia, June 18, 1775, and again represented the same county when the convention was in session from June 18 to June 25, 1776; lieutenant Colonel of the Third Battalion at the convention of Associated Battalions to elect a Brigadier General in Lancaster, July 4, 1776. Made Paymaster of the Militia, August 20, 1777, after serving two years he resigned, and Ephraim Blaine was appointed in his place. He removed to the home of his brother, Brice Clark, in Donegal township, where he died, and is buried in Donegal Churchyard. He never married. After his brother, Brice Clark, bought the Lowry farm he came to reside with him. Brice Clark was the great-grandfather of Miss Martha Bladen Clark. James Bayly, brother of John Bayly, was the Magistrate of Donegal township. He owned and resided on a farm adjoining Duffy's Park, now owned by Mrs. A. W. Cassel. He died in 1793. His son, John, sold the farm to C. Graybill and moved to Adams county. I am sorry my health will not permit a more extended sketch of Donegal township and its early settlers, who took the text-oath before James Bayly, which is on record in the Recorder's office. Rev. Colin McFarquhar's name is not among them.

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## ALEXANDER LOWREY.

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In Donegal, in Erin's Isle  
Stern Scotia's children dwelling,  
Grew restive 'neath oppression's hand  
Their souls with freedom swelling.  
While often o'er the western waves,  
From out the land of wonder,  
Bright visions of the great New World  
Had rent old ties asunder.

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