

ruary 12, 1805 on the land east of the 'Sock which is now the property of Melvin Lewis, whose mother was Emeline Huckell, a daughter of Joseph Huckell.

Chas. Snell evidently came to Hillsgrove about 1800, he located at the mouth of Elk Creek, built a saw mill and the old Lewis grist mill. E. Wallis, B. F., Wm., Luther C., and Chas. Snell were his sons and became the progenitors of the Snell family which at times had many descendants in the Loyalsock valley. The present survivors of this hardy race noted through four generations for their wit and happy dispositions are Samuel and Merton Snell who are cousins.

Richard Green, descendant of Geo. and Nathaniel Green of Revolutionary fame came to Hillsgrove from New Jersey about 1800. He located on the land now occupied by E. McBride, who is a great grand son, and Reno Green of the fourth generation. Richard's son, Wheeler and his daughters, Sarah and Harriet are ancestors of the Yaw and McBride families. Wheeler Green's daughters are the mothers of the Randall, Starr and Vroman clans.

Samuel K. McBride, a Revolutionary soldier came to Hillsgrove in 1852, bringing twelve children with him, four of his sons were Union soldiers in the Civil War and became the ancestors of men and women bearing the names of Bryan, Speaker, Galough and Plotts. Edward McBride, a son, who at the age of seventy-eight, lives near the scene of his birth is the only survivor in the valley.

Jonathan Lewis came from England and located in Hillsgrove in 1845 on the site of the Moses Lewis farm which is now vacant. His sons and daughters were; Aaron, Moses, Miriam, Robert, Cyrus, Elizabeth and Ann. Elizabeth married Sam Williams, thus adding the name of Williams to the descendants while Ann married the youngest Ben Lewis, a cousin some generations removed. Miriam never married. The Lewis survivors in the valley are; Maude Lewis, (Mrs. Lillian Hewitt,) Mrs. James Davis and Melvin Lewis with

their children and grandchildren.

Isaac K. Lippincott of Freehold, New Jersey purchased two tracts of land containing four hundred acres each, below Hillsgrove in 1840. His son, Augustus built a mill near the site of the three story house which was occupied by Henry Brown for many years. He built a log house and cottage near a spring which gushed from the mountain and early Sullivan County pioneers, who walked, carrying grain to Muncy on horseback or in canoes from Elkland was known as Mamie's Spring. This spring supplied water to the first country store in the valley built by Mr. Lippincott in 1850.

John Plotts came from New Jersey in the forties, he was the grandfather of A. L. Plotts of Elkland who was one of sixteen children. Gus was born at Hillsgrove in 1853 and is hale and hearty the eighty years young.

The coming of Hoyt Brothers and increased opportunities for steady work together with the depression in other sections of the country within a radius of two hundred miles brought a number of men, the majority of whom had large families, to the Grove. They occupied company houses and soon became leaders in the social, business and religious life of the village. They introduced the new national game, baseball, having originated with the army officers at Cooperstown, N. Y. in 1863.

Some of those who came at this time were; J. H. (Dock) Hoffman, his son, Walter, Peter Huffsmith, Joe Speigle, A. J. Sheeley, Homer Peck, Jacob and Henry Gilbert, Henry Holtzower, Stephen Harrison. Among the later arrivals who came from Gould's Boro, Monroe County, from Sullivan County N. Y. and Wayne County, Pa. were Lewis Wager, Wm. Moulthrop, John and Geo. Darby, Billy Haynes Mike Brisco and Horace Green these families averaged nine children each.

Montoursville and Williamsport gave the Chapman families, Dan Graffius, and the Morean family. Wm. Hull came from Herkimer County, N. Y., Dock P. W. King came from Laporte, Dr. Christian from Columbia, Pa. Dr. Gamble from Leroy, Billy