

## APPENDIX 1

# PROPERTY DESCENTS

### Delaware Technical and Community College Terry Campus

#### 144.9 Acres

August 16, 1971: Jacob Zimmerman and Charlotte Zimmerman his wife, to the State of Delaware, 151 acres, excepting a parcel sold to Trailer Village, Inc., and subject to a right-of-way to John C. Witcher. \$240,000. Deed Book G-27, page 185.

April 30, 1953: Jacob Zimmerman, Inc., to Jacob Zimmerman, tract that Frank D. Wright and Mary E. Wright his wife conveyed to Jacob Zimmerman, Inc. Deed Book N-16, page 219.

January 1, 1944: Frank D. Wright and Mary E. Wright his wife to Jacob Zimmerman, Inc., on Fork Branch and the slag road opposite Denney's Corner, bounded on the east by the southbound highway; north by Fork Branch and the slag road; west by a continuation of the slag road and a small stream known as Dover River, separating this from lands of Charles T. Jackson, also by White Marsh Ditch separating this from lands of Annie and Mary Leonard, also by lands of Robert and Margaret Bounds; south by land of Lewis Leonard. \$8,000. Deed Book N-16, page 219.

December 15, 1936: Walter P. Moore and Mary Moore his wife, Mabel A. Warrington and Irving Warrington her husband, and J. Denney Moore and Mary Moore his wife, to Frank D. Wright. \$4,200. Deed Book Z-14, page 230.

July 6, 1936: Allie P. Moore died, leaving three children: Walter P. Moore, J. Denney Moore, and Mabel Warrington, as well as a grand-daughter, Gladys P. Nissen, daughter of Annie Moore Nissen, deceased. Will Book V-1, page 136.

July 21, 1890 [probate date]: John P. M. Denney died testate, leaving the subject property to his daughter Allie P. Moore, wife of Joseph Moore. "My farm which I purchased of Charles Denney ...situated at Denney's Cross Roads... also the farm adjoining the farm at Denney's Cross Roads on which I so long resided" for life and then to her children. Will Book X-1, page 136.

#### *John P. M. Denney Home Farm:*

September 20, 1845: Letters of Administration on the estate of James Denney were issued to John P. M. Denney. Matilda M. Denney was one of the sureties. Will Book R-1, page 359.

February 11, 1828: James Denney, eldest son of Thomas Denney, petitioned the court to grant him parcel "E" of the estate of Thomas Denney, containing 155 acres, part of Irons's Range. Plot of Thomas Denney's land, Orphans Court Plot Book 1, page 31. Orphans Court Book K, pages 90, 91, and 94 (FIGURE 6).

May 15, 1824: John Ganoe and Nancy Ganoe, of Easton, Pennsylvania, two of the children of Lewis Ganoe, to Thomas Denney, 158 acres 60 square perches that Lewis Ganoe had received by order of the Orphans Court

in 1806. John and Nancy were each entitled to a one-quarter share of the farm. Deed Book X-2, page 139.

March 25, 1805: After John Gano died intestate and without issue, his property was surveyed and found to contain 90 acres cleared land, 24 acres of woodland, and three acres of meadow. The commissioners determined that it could not be subdivided. His brother Lewis became the owner of the property. Orphans Court Book F, page 197 (FIGURE 5).

February 11, 1756: Emanuel Stout and Lavinia his wife to Lewis Gano, 125 acres, in exchange for the farm where Gano had been living. This later was to be known as parcel "E" in the 1828 division of Thomas Denney's estate. Deed Book O-1, page 319.

February 13, 1752: Stokeley Sturgis, John Clark, John Chance, John West, Peter Stout, and Elizabeth Stout to Emanuel Stout, their equal shares in the land Benjamin Stout bought from Nicholas Loockerman, William Shearman, and James Mullin, part of Range, and later to be known as parcel "E" in the 1828 division. Deed Book O-1, page 139.

March 16, 1741: Letters of administration on the estate of Benjamin Stout issued to widow, Elizabeth Stout, Will Book I-1, page 31.

*Torbert parts of Concord and Range:*

January 2, 1871: Charles Denney and Mary S. Denney his wife to John P. M. Denney, 181 acres 67 square perches in Dover Hundred beginning at a stone on the west side of the Henry Wilson Road and adjoining land of John H. Hardison and Henry Wilson's land. Part of John Denney's estate, parcel "A" assigned to Charles Denney at the March term of Orphans Court 1868. Also a small tract of woodland on the branch near Campbell's tract, parcel "R" in John Denney's division. Recorded 1936, Deed Book A-15, page 140

October 9, 1867: Return of the partition of John Denney's land, "A farm or tract of land in Dover Hundred in Kent County and State of Delaware," 180 acres with a two-story frame dwelling house and other improvements, adjoining John P. M. Denney, Charles Brown, and John Hardestan. Orphans Court Book Z-1, page 280. Orphans Court Plot Book 4, page 61.

February 11, 1828: John Denney was assigned parcels "C" and "D" of the estate of Thomas Denney Orphans Court Plot Book 1, page 31. Orphans Court Book K, pages 90, 91, and 94.

January 10, 1803: John Torbert and Susan his wife to Thomas Denney of St. Jones Hundred, referring to the Act of Assembly February 2, 1793 to dock entails. A tract Hugh Torbert left to his son Peter, father of the grantor, by will dated December 28, 1757. Also 2 acres called the tanyard in the Range, conveyed to John Torbert by Hugh Torbert. Deed Book G-2, page 271.

April 7, 1798: Hugh Torbert of Duck Creek Cross Roads and Rhoda Torbert his wife, to John Torbert shopkeeper of Camden, a tract on the southwest side of the road from Dover to Duck Creek Cross Roads at the head of the hundred which the Hugh Torbert, grandfather of the grantor, left to John, father of this Hugh, in tail. Deed Book F-2, page 67

July 21, 1760 [probate date]: Will of Hugh Torbert of St. Jones Hundred, names three sons and three daughters. To John Torbert, a parcel late of John Housman called Concord on the upper side of the King's Road, and two acres of [Irons] Range, except 6 acres given to his son Peter in tail. To Peter Torbert, 100 acres of Range except ten acres where the tanyard stands, and the remainder of Concord [the 6 acres]. To Simon a parcel in

Duck Creek, Islington, bought from Simon Vanwinkle. Will Book K-1, page 233-234.

April 11, 1750: John Housman of Dover to Hugh Torbert, tanner, 2 parcels lying on the north side of Dover River in Dover Hundred. First parcel, 252 acres on the north side of the main branch of Dover River and on both sides of the King's Road from New Castle to Dover, part of Concord, confirmed to Simon Hiron February 25, 1691. Second parcel 100 acres on the north side of the main branch of Dover River, and joining the first parcel, part of Range, later to be known as parcel "C" of the 1828 Denney division. Deed Book O-1, page 45 (FIGURE 4)

*The original Concord tract:*

February 25, 1691: Concord tract, 670 acres, was confirmed to Simon Hiron. Deed Book O-1, page 45.

*The original Range tract:*

Fifth Month, 30th, 1688: Simon Hiron received a patent for 1000 acres called the Range on the north side of Dover River. Deed Book O-1, page 319.

Ninth Month, 12th, 1686: A thousand-acre tract was surveyed for Simon Hiron. Deed Book O-1, page 319.

Fourth Month, 20th, 1682. Simon Hiron, an old renter, received a warrant to lay out a thousand-acre tract. Deed Book O-1 page 319.

## **Ford Farm**

### **175.75 Acres**

February 16, 1982: Estate of Florence E. Ford to Anita F. Baynard and Marian F. Smith, lying on both sides of the Delaware Railroad and on the east side of McKee Road, adjoining lands of William H. McKee, land formerly of David W. Moseley, land of John B. Aiken, and others, excepting five acres conveyed to Ralph C. Baynard and Florence Anita Baynard his wife. Deed Book U-36, page 95.

December 11, 1979: Florence E. Ford died intestate, leaving daughters, Anita F. Baynard and Marian F. Smith.

October 5, 1973: Medford B. Ford died, leaving the property to Florence E. Ford his wife.

April 24, 1936: Ella Scotten, widow, to Medford B. Ford and Florence E. Ford his wife. Deed Book U-14, page 320.

June 5, 1915: Nettie S. Moore, George Busch and Clara his wife, Walter Rash and Mary L. Rash his wife, Henry Busch and Sara Anna Busch his wife, Edward Dixon and Helen Dixon his wife, and Medford Ford and Florence E. Ford his wife, to Ella Scotten, widow of Emory Scotten, six-sevenths interest in 175.75 acres on both sides of the Delaware Railroad adjoining William H. McKee, David Moseley, John B. Aiken, and others. Deed Book V-10, page 118.

June 5, 1915: John B. Hutton, trustee for Amy E. Scotten, minor, to Ella Scotten, widow, one-seventh interest in 175.75 acres on both sides of the Delaware Railroad adjoining William H. McKee, David Moseley, John B. Aiken, and others. Deed Book V-10, page 122.

- December 24, 1888: William Denney and Annie D. Denney his wife, to Emory Scotten of Sussex County, 172 acres on both sides of the Delaware Railroad adjoining Henry Neville, Lewis Geiser, others, and the Shakespeare Mill Pond, Tract #3 on the return of the commissioners to partition the land of Mary P. DuHamel, except four acres conveyed to Jacob Moseley, now consisting of 172 acres. Also an adjacent tract adjoining Lewis Geiser, Samuel P. Mifflin and others, being 3.75 acres Jacob Moseley conveyed to William Denney September 24, 1884, and recorded in Deed Book B-6, page 33. Deed Book B-7, page 311.
- September 24, 1884: Jacob Moseley of Little Creek Hundred to William Denney of Dover, a triangular tract on the northeast side of the new public road from Henry N. S. Reville's farmhouse to William McKee's dwelling, adjoining other land of Moseley, land of Lewis Geiser, and land of William Denney, containing 3.75 acres. Deed Book R-6, page 33.
- September 24, 1884: William Denney to Jacob Moseley, a triangular tract on the west side of the new public road from Henry N. S. Reville's farmhouse to William McKee's dwelling, adjoining other land of Moseley, land of Henry N. S. Reville, and land of William Denney, containing 4 acres, 18 perches. Deed Book R-6, page 35.
- July 25, 1882: William Denney bought parcel #3 at public sale from the estate of Mary Pleasanton DuHamel. Annie D. Denney was a daughter of Mary Pleasanton DuHamel. Chancery Partition Docket F, page 442; Orphans Court Plot Book 4, page 247 (FIGURE 7).
- May 12, 1881: The Court laid out a road known as the McKee and Geiser Road to connect the present Denney Road with the present College Road. Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Gaol Delivery road book, pages 244- 248.
- December 14, 1877 [probate date]: Will of Mary Pleasanton DuHamel, widow of William DuHamel, July 15, 1875, with codicil June 23, 1877. Will Book U-1, page 456.
- April 9, 1867 [probate date]: Will of William DuHamel, February 25, 1867. Will Book T-1, page 352.
- March Term 1840: Order of the Chancery Court to divide a parcel identified as the eighth item in the will of John Pleasanton. Mary DuHamel was to receive part of the tract outright. The remainder had been left to Mary and other heirs as tenants in common. Her total share was to be 136 acres 86 square perches, except the lot lately in the tenure of Nathan Williams, free Negro. Chancery Partition Docket B, page 175. Orphans Court Plot Book 1826, page 290.
- September 10, 1838 [probate date]: Will of John Pleasanton, July 14, 1838, mentions his three daughters and deceased son Samuel. The eighth tract, which had been bought of Thomas Davy, was to be granted in part to Mary DuHamel outright. The remainder had been left to Mary and other heirs as tenants in common, except the lot lately in the tenure of Nathan Williams, free Negro. Will Book R-1, pages 112, 118.
- December 19, 1818: Thomas Davy to John Pleasanton, 286 acres in Dover Hundred. Thomas Davy's wife, Elizabeth, had been a daughter of Vincent Loockerman the younger. This tract had been assigned to Elizabeth in the division of the estate of her sister, Susanna Stoops. Deed Book J-2, page 251.
- May 11, 1804: Orphans Court ordered division of the land of Susannah Stoops, deceased, eldest daughter of Vincent Loockerman the younger, deceased. Elizabeth Loockerman was awarded 286 acres between Fox Hall Branch and the main run of Dover River, beginning in the line of the tracts Virgin's Choice and Fox Hall. The

property included a one-story weather boarded log dwelling, two or three old outbuildings in the tenure of Samuel Burkalow. Orphans Court Book F, page 137. [Note: Scharf states that Virgin's Choice and Fox Hall were two names for the same property, but this document clearly states that they were different tracts.]

January 25, 1796: Commissioners issued a valuation of the rents of Susannah Loockerman, daughter of Vincent Loockerman the younger, deceased. The property included two farms: First, 100 acres cleared arable land with a dwelling house and sundry old outbuildings "very much wrecked" in the culture of William Farmer, Negro, adjoining the dwelling of Vincent Loockerman, deceased. Second, a farm near Fox Hall containing 50 acres cleared arable land with an old one-story house and twenty acres cleared land nearby. Orphans Court Book E, page 235.

February 12, 1782: Vincent Loockerman the elder granted his son Vincent several properties in which he had previously granted only a life estate. One of the properties was described as 500 acres beginning with Spring Branch of Dover River and bounded by the river and the land of Charles Ridgely [Fox Hall], then occupied by James Dunnifin, James Wilkison, Henry Collins, and Richard Brown. Deed Book X-1, page 1.

November 1, 1773: Vincent Loockerman the elder granted to his son Vincent all his land in Dover Hundred for his natural life only. Deed Book U-1, page 234.

## **Geiser Farm remaining parcel**

### **44.9 Acres**

November 15, 1988: Harold Remley and Frances Remley his wife, Calvin Boggs, and John A. Krieger and Carol Krieger his wife, to John T. Beiser and Janis W. Beiser his wife, 31.0172 acres west of the railroad and 9.9137 acres east of the railroad. part of the lands conveyed from Ches-Del Corporation. Deed Book Z-45, page 17.

October 17, 1986: Ches-Del Corporation by Calvin Boggs, President, to Harold Remley and Frances Remley his wife, Calvin Boggs and Valerie Boggs his wife, and John Krieger and Carol Krieger his wife, 75.5 acres west of the railroad and 6.7 acres east of the railroad, except land granted to the State of Delaware October 11, 1974. Deed Book Q-42, page 86.

September 23, 1958: Walter P. Allen, Jr., and Myrtle Allen his wife of Broomall, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, to Ches-Del Corporation, 75.5 acres west of the railroad and 6.7 acres east of the railroad, containing a bungalow, stable, barn, sheds. Deed Book Y-21, page 129.

June 22, 1951: Walter P. Allen died, granting the property to Walter P. Allen, Jr. Will Book H-3, page 220.

January 6, 1942: John Edward Allen and Freda Helen Allen his wife of East Dover Hundred, to Walter P. Allen of New York City, 80 acres subject to a mortgage held by Thomas C. Frame, as well as other obligations. Deed Book V-15, page 489.

November 18, 1939: Margaret E. Downs and Robert F. Downs her husband of Philadelphia to John Edward Allen of Long Island, New York, 80 acres more or less with a "nearly new" bungalow, stable, barn, sheds, and other outbuildings, agricultural machinery, and tractors.

October 2, 1933: Herbert W. Savage of Poland, Clay County Indiana, to Margaret E. Downs of Philadelphia, 80 acres including farm and orchard machinery.

March 27, 1930: Arthur R. Heggan and Annie C. Heggan his wife of East Dover Hundred to Herbert W. Savage of Poland, Indiana, 80 acres subject to a 1915 mortgage now held by the Farmers Bank. Deed Book T-13, page 435.

February 3, 1920: Leroy A. Eikenberry and Vernie C. Eikenberry his wife of East Dover Hundred to Arthur R. Heggan and Anna L. Heggan his wife, of Waterford, Camden County, New Jersey, 80 acres, subject to four mortgages. Deed Book T-11. page 143.

February 3, 1920: Elmer Outten and Orah V. Outten his wife of Dover, to Leroy Eikenberry, 80 acres subject to two mortgages. Deed Book T-11, page 140.

February 14, 1917: James E. Vaughn of Little Creek Hundred to Elmer Outten of Dover, the "Geiser Farm." Deed Book E-11, page 356.

May 28, 1917: Joseph T. Vance and Emma F. Vance his wife of East Dover Hundred to James E. Vaughn of Little Creek Hundred, the "Geiser Farm." Deed Book D-11, page 293.

November 1, 1915: David W. Mosley and Lucinda Mosley his wife to Joseph T. Vance, formerly of Bison, Oklahoma, now of Kent County, 80 acres. Deed Book X-10, page 175.

October 13, 1911: Louis Kesselring and Christina his wife of East Dover Hundred to David W. Mosley of East Dover Hundred. Deed Book D-10, page 6.

February 28, 1908: Joseph R. Neville and Jessie Neville his wife of East Dover Hundred to Louis Kesselring of East Dover Hundred, subject to a mortgage of Amos Nolt. Deed Book N-9, page 199.

January 25, 1908: Amos Nolt and Fannie Nolt his wife of East Dover to Joseph R. Neville and Jessie Neville his wife of Ontario, Canada. Deed Book M-9, page 384.

October 1, 1906: Charles Gruner and Eleanore Gruner his wife of East Dover Hundred to Amos Nolt of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Deed Book G-9, page 214.

September 7, 1903: Pennell Emerson and Emma Emerson his wife of Wyoming to Charles Gruner of New York City, 80 acres on the east side of the new public road. Deed Book U-8, page 364.

October 27, 1900: John B. Wharton, Sheriff, to Pennell Emerson of Wyoming, refers to a Superior Court suit of Emory Scotten against Anna M. Gregory on a mortgage, on the east side of the new public road, with a two-story frame dwelling, apple and pear orchards. Deed Book S-8, page 269.

May 4, 1899: John B. Wharton, Sheriff, to Anna M. Gregory of East Dover, refers to a suit of William Taylor Hood against Anna M. Gregory, administratrix of William H. Gregory, deceased, 80 acres, with a two-story frame house, barn, and stables, part of the tract conveyed to Louis Geiser by Alexander Miller and now divided by the new public road.

May 22, 1894: Louis Geiser of East Dover and Anna Maria Geiser his wife to William H. Gregory of New York, part of the larger tract, east of the road. Deed Book P-7, page 345.

March 6, 1880: Alexander Miller and Catherine Miller his wife of Allentown, Pennsylvania, to Louis Geiser of Dover, 213 acres, 12 square perches. Deed Book D-6, page 20.

September 23, 1878: Walter Cummins of Wilmington to Catherine Miller of Dover, 213 acres 12 square perches named in an indenture of trust to Clayton Cowgill as #IV. Deed Book Z-5, page 185.

December 29, 1877: Margaret Stuart of Wilmington to Walter Cummins of Wilmington, 213 acres, 12 square perches, named in an indenture of trust to Clayton Cowgill as #IV. Deed Book X-5, page 330.

November 13, 1877: Benjamin Blackiston, Sheriff, to Margaret Stuart, 213 acres 12 square perches, named in an indenture of trust to Clayton Cowgill as #IV. Deed Book X-5, page 327.

March 20, 1860: Zadock Townsend and Rebecca Townsend his wife of New Castle Hundred and William Bright and Sarah Bright his wife of Wilmington to George R. Townsend, son of Zadock, 213 acres 12 square perches, named in an indenture of trust to Clayton Cowgill as #IV. An equal third part had been conveyed briefly to George G. Lobdell between July 28 and November 1, 1859. Deed Book Q-4, page 507.

March 25, 1857: George Jones and Anna Maria Jones his wife of Wilmington, George McCorkle and Mary McCorkle his wife, to Zadock Townsend Sr. and George R. Townsend of New Castle Hundred, 213 acres 12 square perches, named in an indenture of trust to Clayton Cowgill as #IV.

June 7, 1855: Daniel Cowgill and Elizabeth Cowgill his wife to Clayton A. Cowgill, granted power to convey a tract, named in an indenture of trust to Clayton Cowgill as #IV, to George Jones and George McCorkle. Deed Book I-4, page 124.

December 7, 1853: Daniel Cowgill, Jr., son of Ezekiel, and Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of John Reed, of Dover Hundred, to Clayton A. Cowgill, indenture of trust, mentions #IV, beginning at the boundary of the Fox Hall tract, and running down Maidstone Branch, 213 acres, 12 square perches. Deed Book F-4, page 165.

March 4, 1846: Orphans Court granted Elizabeth Reed a tract of 213 acres, 12 square perches, part of the estate of her father John Reed, who died in 1844. Kent County Orphans Court Plot Book 2, page 95.

October 13, 1815: Nicholas G. Williamson and Sarah Williamson his wife of Wilmington to John Reed and Arthur Johns, 191 acres 122 square perches on Fox Hall Branch beginning at the dividing corner of Elizabeth Loockerman's land and this tract. Arthur Johns died intestate in 1823; his widow Catharine renounced her right to administer the estate in favor of her father, Captain Jacob Furbee, and Thomas Stevenson. There was no recorded conveyance of his share from Johns or his administrators to John Reed. Deed Book Q-2, page 205.

September 12, 1809: Joseph Grubb and Hester Grubb his wife of Wilmington to Nicholas G. Williamson of Wilmington, releasing 191 acres 122 square perches. Deed Book L-2, page 238.

August 2, 1807: Nicholas G. Williamson and Sarah Williamson his wife of Wilmington to Joseph Grubb of Wilmington, mortgage on land formerly of Vincent Loockerman, the Younger, and his daughter Susannah Stoops, allotted to Sarah Loockerman, who married Nicholas G. Williamson. Deed Book L-2, page 236.

May 11, 1804: Orphans Court ordered the division of the land of Susannah Stoops, deceased, eldest daughter of Vincent Loockerman the younger, 746 acres. Parcel A, 191 acres, was allotted to Sarah Loockerman; it contained two log cabins occupied by the Negro Abraham.

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