



THE CUBBAGE POND MILL SITE

SUSSEX COUNTY, DELAWARE

An Archeological Journey

The earliest known deed for the Cabbage Mill Site is dated May 9, 1700. On that day, Wm. Penn granted 400 acres on Cedar Creek to William Fisher, and the property was described as:

“situated, laying, and being in ye forks of the branches of Cedar Creek which said tract or Parcel of land was surveyed unto William Fisher of the County of Sussex aforesaid by the virtue of a Proprietor’s Warrant and Bearing Date at Philadelphia the Ninth Day of the Fifth Month, one thousand seven hundred and null.”

Almost 300 years later, portions of the mill and historical documents were pieced together by archeologists and historians. This is the story of what they found and what they learned.

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Mr. Clarke

I am writing to you because I have recently perused Cabbage Pond Mill Site, Sussex Co, Delaware, an Archaeological Journey. There is an error repeated throughout the publication, which I would like to see corrected, if possible. The error is in the name of an early owner John Cornwell. His name was actually John Conwell – no r after the o. I understand that there may have been a document or two where the name may have appeared, or actually did contain, that pesky r. There are also a multitude of land, probate, and other records with the correct spelling. John Conwell lived on what is now the Primehook Wildlife Refuge in Broadkiln Hundred. Headstones from some of his family are still there. He died in 1782, leaving a will. He was my 6th-g-grandfather.

Sincerely,

Sandra Conwell Wincek

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