

Respecting the place of first settlement of Jacob,<sup>1</sup> or at what port he landed, nothing definite is known,—not improbably Baltimore or Charleston, the two principal ports south of Philadelphia;—this belief is founded on the fact that the name is not found in “Rupp’s Thirty Thousand Names of Emigrants into Pennsylvania,” who for the most part landed in Philadelphia. As stated, we find the family in the neighborhood of the Host Church in 1749. This Church is located in Tulpehocken township, Berks County, at that time Lancaster County.

In 1852 Berks was erected; all that part of the County lying west of the Schuylkill was taken from Lancaster—Tulpehocken township at that time taking in all the western end of this strip, now subdivided into a number of townships. In the Colonial Records all the region round about was called “Tulpehocken,” without reference to county lines, which indeed were quite indefinite. It was also known as the “Back Country,” and “Border Settlements,”—and at the time Jacob<sup>1</sup> settled here the Blue Mountains or Kittatinny Range, as it was then known, formed the boundary line between the white settlements and the Indian territory. The Host Church is distant eight to ten miles from this range. The Indians being unfriendly at this period much suffering and loss was occasioned the settlers in the Tulpehocken Country from their frequent predatory incursions; buildings were destroyed, fields despoiled of their crops, and many of the settlers killed by the savages. In many respects the early history of Tulpehocken is the counterpart of the Wyoming Valley,—its full history remains to be written.

It is not surprising, therefore, that educational matters were almost entirely neglected. The only schools were those belonging to the churches,—the parish schools. These schools were maintained until the full introduction of the free schools, the school-master resided on the parish farm, teaching school in Winter and working the farm in Summer; his further duties were that of chorister, and having the general care and preservation of the Church.

The Host Church naturally became the centre and rallying point for a large surrounding district, the Church having been established at an

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Deed from Jacob Dundore, (spelled so throughout the whole Deed), Bern Township, Berks Co., to Valentine Heberling, signed by him in German—Jacob Dunder, thus I find it spelled in the Grantor’s Index Dundore up to 1832 when I find it spelled Dunder.

In the Grantor Index I find Deed from Ad. Schower to Jacob Dundore’s Exor. Bern Township, spelled Dundore.

It appears that Dunder and Dundore are the same persons, as it appears on our records. In the Grantee Index it seems to be spelled Dunder from 1790 to 1814 when it is spelled Dundore again. It is spelled now generally Dundore. Hoping the above may be satisfactory, I remain,

Yours, &c.,

CHARLES HILL, Recorder.