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LIDDONFIELD

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Liddonfield was a prominent name on the 1848 map of Haverford, at present-day Eagle and Lawrence roads.

LIDDONFIELD. By Sarah Pennock Sellers – Liddonfield Farm, near the West Chester Pike, adjoining the Eagle [Hotel] property, was owned and occupied in Revolutionary times by Abraham Liddon and Isabella Shepherd, his wife. A silver tankard, which was buried at Liddonfield to keep it from the soldiers, is still in the possession of their descendants.

Abraham Liddon and wife were in the dry goods business in Philadelphia. They spent most of their lives there, dying on Third Street, near Arch. They were the maternal grandparents of Abraham L. Pennock. He grew up in their family, his mother, Mary Liddon, dying when little over twenty years of age. His father was George Pennock, of Philadelphia, who afterward married Sarah Wistar. Dr. Caspar W. Pennock, of Howellville, Edgemont Township, Delaware County, was the child of George Pennock and Sarah Wistar.

Abraham L. Pennock [1786-1868, see separate biography] inherited the Liddonfield property from his grandparents. The small house, with hip-roof, still standing on the farm they had lived in, but when he reached middle life he built another house on the land, and moved from Twelfth Street, near Market, to it. At that time Haverford Township was much more country-like than now, and it was said that "Abraham L. Pennock builded on the backbone of old Harford." ["Haverford" was often pronounced "Harford" or "Hauford," dating back to the Welsh settlers.] Here he lived for some years, but eventually moved to Hoodland, some miles nearer Philadelphia. I add to the Pennock narrative that William Perot, a member of the first Board of Trustees of Girard College, resided at Liddonfield for a time.

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