

he writes of it that it had "advanced to three hundred and fifty seven houses, divers of them large, well built, with good cellars, three stories, and some with balconies."

By 1698, its population must have been 5,000 or more, the number of houses in it being placed by various writers at from 700 to 2,000—either of which estimates is believed by John R. Young (author of "Memorial History of Philadelphia, 1895) to be extreme.

- (8) By deed of 7 mo. (Sept) 10, 1700, William Swafer conveyed to George Ashbridge a tract of 70 acres in Edgmont Township. This deed was acknowledged in Court and a memorandum made on the minutes but not otherwise recorded.

(Gilbert Cope.)

The land was situated in what is now Middletown Township, touching the line between the present townships of Middletown and Edgmont and forming at that date a part of the latter, and lay beside a large 370 acre tract of Thomas Minshall, adjoining the Edgmont Great Road leading to Chester, from which town it was distant about eight miles, and close to Rocky and Dismal Runs. (See Plate II.)

- (9) Second day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifteen, BETWEEN *Robert Baker* of the Township of Middletown County of Chester and Province of Pennsylvania and wife *Susanna* of the one part and *John Cheyney*, late of Ashton in the aforesaid County, Tallo chandler, of the other part.

WHEREAS, *George Willard*, late of said County, Yeoman by his deed Poll duly executed bearing date about March sixth, 1687, for the consideration therein mentioned did grant and convey unto *Roger Jackson* of the said County Yeoman his heirs and assigns, a certain parcel of land situate in said County Containing 220 acres, as by said deed Poll acknowledged in Court at Chester and Recorded in the Roll Office at Philadelphia 5/22/1690 in E vol 5 p. 137 as may now more fully appear. And WHEREAS the said *Roger Jackson* by his deed Poll executed, dated 6/3/1690 for the Consideration therein mentioned did grant and convey unto one *William Swafer* his heirs and assigns a certain piece or parcel of land hereinafter described situate in the Twp of Edgmont . . . Containing by estimation 70 acres, 2/25/1713.

and WHEREAS the said *William Swafer* by deed Poll bearing date 9/10/1700 for the consideration therein mentioned did grant and convey the said 70 acres of land with the appurtenances unto one *George Ashbridge*