

language. She delighted, however, in frequently entertaining her children by singing Dutch songs to them. She was Pennsylvania Dutch, and proud of it.

1867 Mrs. James Mills, nee Christina Hesse, died at Hamilton, in the Homestead, Tuesday, December 3rd, 1867.

1816 The following is the text of a deed of land, dated June 12th, 1816: Margaret Rousseaux, of Ancaster, executrix of the estate of Jean Baptiste Rousseaux, conveys to James Mills, tailor, of Ancaster, and Peter Hess, yeoman, of Barton Township, 500 acres of land, described as "lots Nos. 17 and part of 16 in the first concession, and lots Nos. 16 and 17 in the second concession, and lot No. 17 in the third concession in the Township of Barton." The above land was conveyed by the Crown on 15th December, 1796, to one Caleb Reynolds. On February 16th, 1803, Caleb Reynolds conveyed same to J. B. Rousseaux.

Peter Hess was a brother-in-law of James Mills, the latter apparently being a resident of Ancaster in 1816. The lands mentioned above are now a large part of the western section of the present city of Hamilton, and extend from Bay street to Locke street, and from the mountain to the bay.

These lands, twelve days later, 24th June, 1816, were divided, James Mills retaining all west of what is now known as Queen street, about 240 acres in all.

The consideration mentioned in the deed from Margaret Rousseaux to James Mills and Peter Hess is £750 provincial currency, or about \$7.50 per acre.

James Mills, with his family, moved to several localities before finally settling down on the above lands. In 1819 it is on