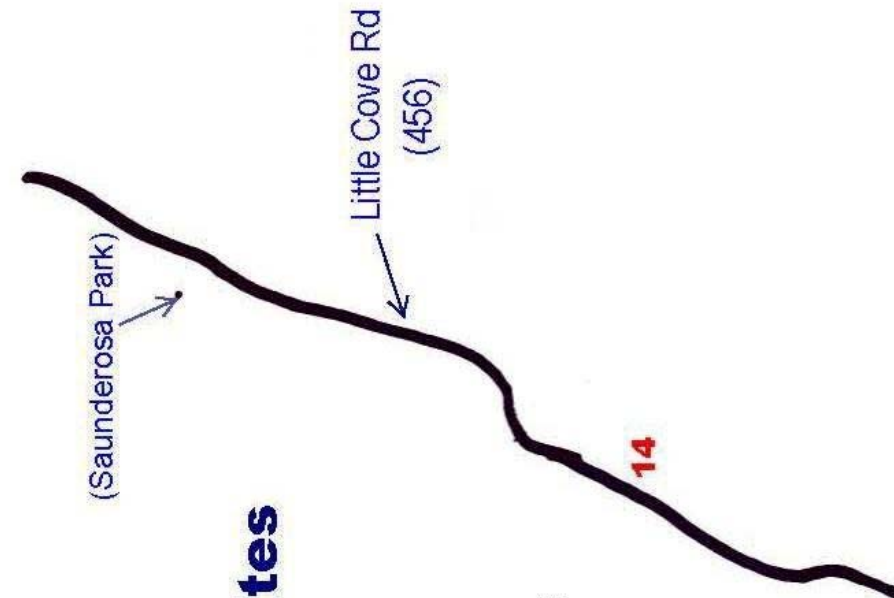


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Little Cove - 1858



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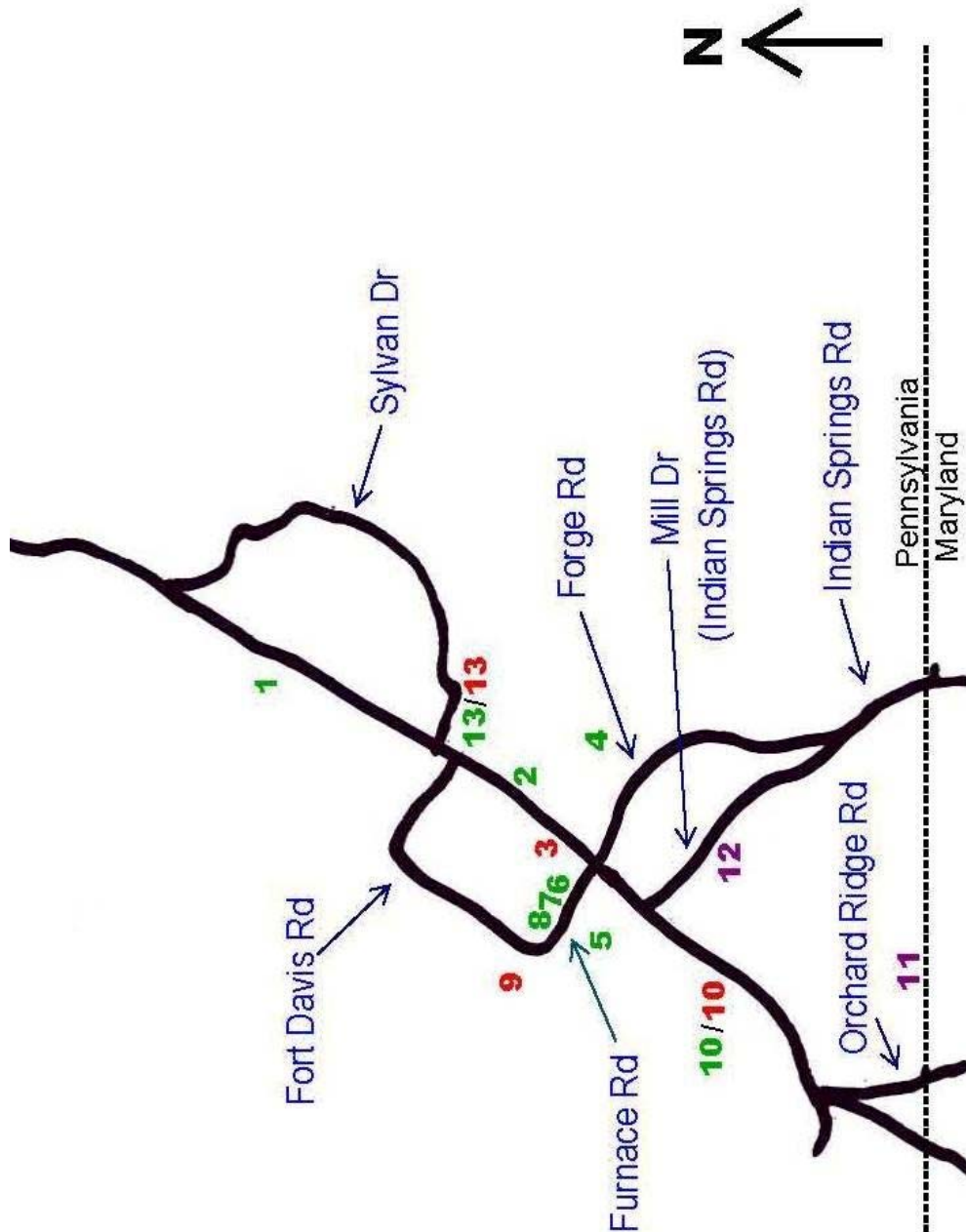
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## INTRODUCTION

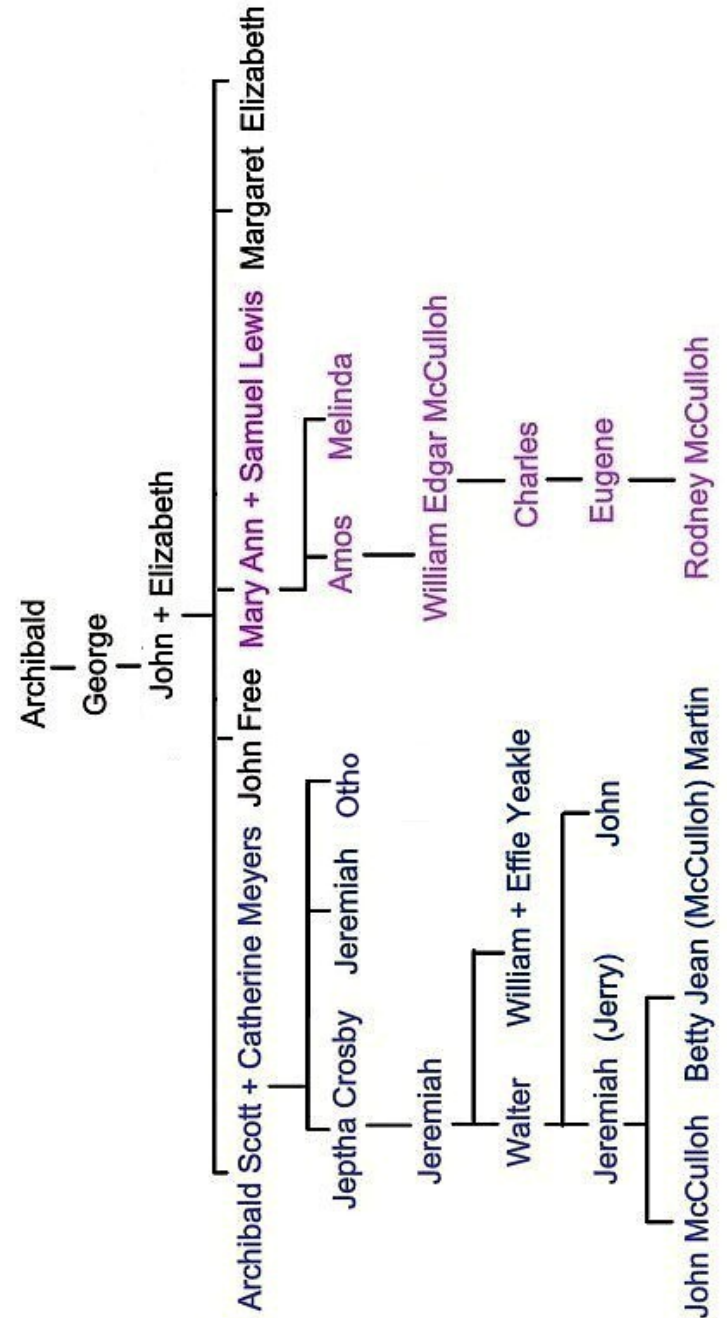
Sometime between 1786 and 1789 our ancestor George McCulloh and his four children settled in the beautiful little valley called Little Cove in Warren Township, Franklin County, Pennsylvania. George was one of the early settlers and the first McCulloh to settle in the Little Cove area. His son John lived his entire life in there. His many children, including our ancestor Mary Ann McCulloh Lewis, lived there. Her son, Amos McCulloh, was the last of William Edgar McCulloh's ancestors to live there. Mary Ann's brother, Archibald Scott McCulloh, lived his entire life in the Little Cove. Many of his descendants lived and died there and even today, over 200 years after George first moved to the Little Cove, three of his descendants, through his grandson Archibald Scott McCulloh, live there still today: John McCulloh, Steve McCulloh and Elise (McCulloh) Cook. A fourth descendant, Louise (McCulloh) Heisey, is a part-time resident.

This tour is intended to give descendants of these early McCullohs an opportunity to see the historic sites and graves that are part of our long McCulloh history in the Little Cove.

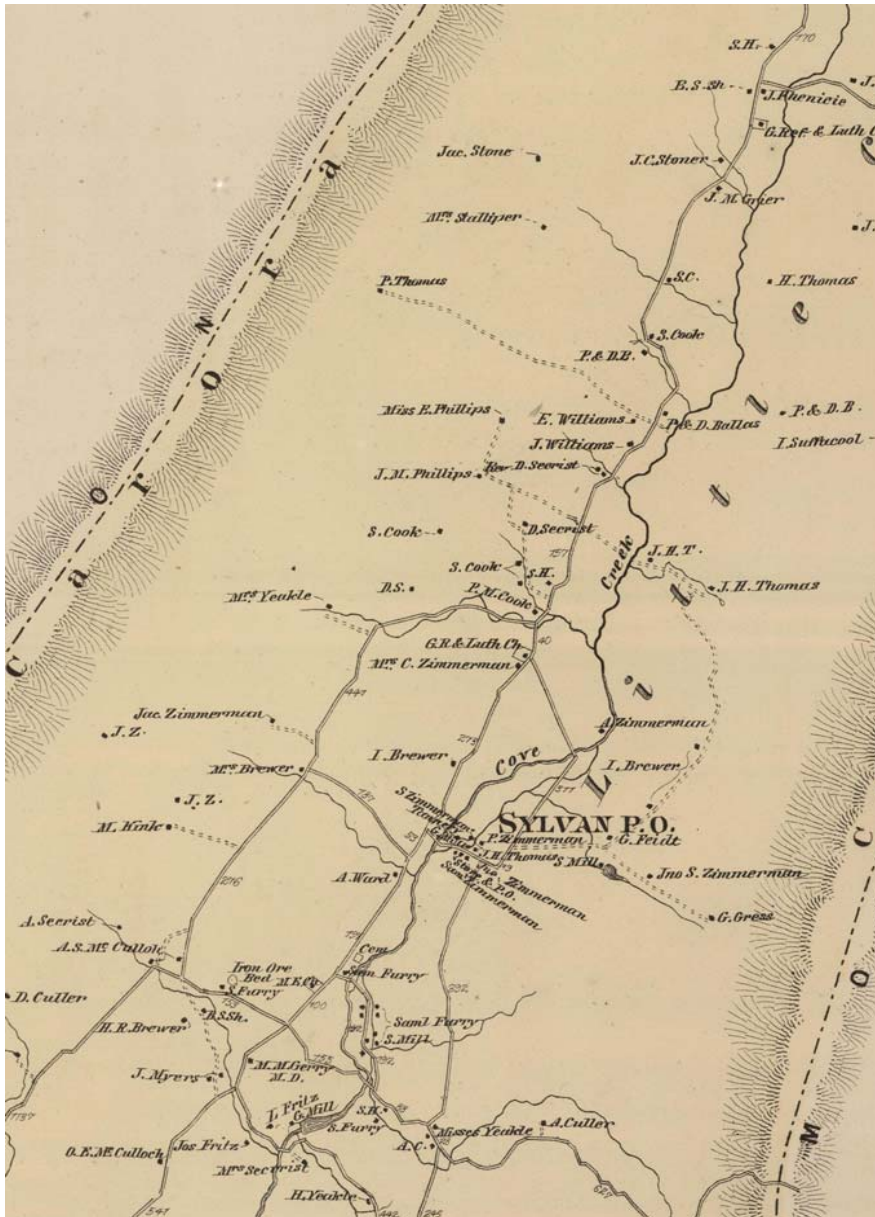
In addition to my own research, much of the information in this guide came from the following: personal interviews with John McCulloh and bj Martin, *Early History and Genealogy of the Anderson - McCullough - McCune Families and Related Lines of Franklin County, Pa.* by Wolff and *History of The Little Cove* by Foreman.

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## Key McCulloh Relationships







1868 Little Cove Map Excerpt with Property Owners.

## LOCATION 1

(Drive By)

### Mount Zion Lutheran Church



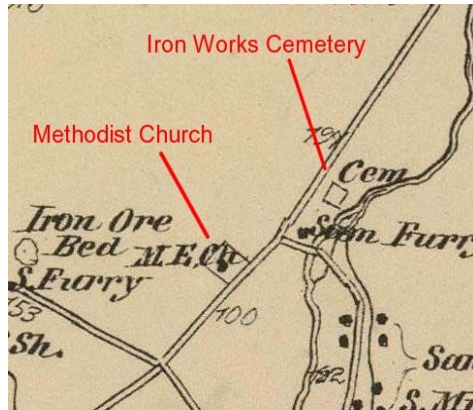
The graves of William E. McCulloch (a descendant of Archibald Scott McCulloch) and his wife Effie Yeakle are in the Mount Zion Lutheran Church graveyard on the north side of the church. They once owned the store in Sylvan (Location 13). They died together in an auto accident on Nov. 27, 1915.

## LOCATION 2

(Drive By)

### “Lost” Iron Works Cemetery

The grave of our ancestor Mary Ann McCulloh Lewis (1802-1857) is lost. If she is not buried in an unmarked grave at the Stone Church (Location 14) then it is likely she is buried here in the Iron Works Cemetery, also known as the Furnace Farm



Cemetery. This cemetery was a common burying ground in the Little Cove, especially for those involved with the Iron Works. Members of both the McCulloh and Lewis families, including Mary Ann’s brother John Free McCulloh, are believed to be buried here and, given the significant involvement Samuel had with the Iron Works, it is likely that he had Mary Ann buried here as well.



Iron Works Cemetery Field  
Looking North along Little Cove Road.

The cemetery used to be surrounded by a black wrought iron fence. Inexplicably, the cemetery was completely destroyed in the 1940s or 50s and today is simply a cow pasture.

## LOCATION 3

(Stop)

### Methodist Episcopal Church



John and Elizabeth McCulloh (William Edgar McCulloh’s great-grandparents) were devout and active members in this church. However, they died before this permanent church building was erected in 1859. The land for the church was sold to five church

members, including Otha E. McCulloh (one of Archibald Scott McCulloh’s sons), on March 11, 1859. John and Elizabeth’s son, A. S. McCulloh, was one of three members of the building committee and his name is engraved in the gable wall dedication stone set into the red brick wall above the front entrance doors of the Church.



Grave of Jeremiah McCulloh

There are many McCullohs buried here; almost all are descendants of A.S. McCulloh. Of special interest is Jeremiah McCulloh who died on March 31, 1863 at the age of twenty near Falmouth, Virginia. He was a soldier in the Union Army and like so many of his brothers in arms he died of camp fever. He was brought back to the Little Cove and buried the following Easter Sunday in the church graveyard.



Mary Ann McCulloh Lewis's sister, Elizabeth McCulloh (1810-1890), is also buried here.

The other McCulloh graves include:

Archibald Scott McCulloh: 1797-1871  
 Catharine McCulloh: 1802-1874  
 Otho E. McCulloh: 1826-1891  
 Mary McCulloh: 1828-1907  
 Jephtha Crosby McCulloh: 1833-1913  
 Martha Ellen McCulloh: 1836-1887  
 Samuel C. McCulloh: 1841-1869  
 Edmund E. McCulloh: 1859-1941  
 Martha E. McCulloh: 1875-1948  
 Jeremiah E. McCulloh: 1862-1944  
 Reuhama E. Zimmerman: 1856-1948  
 Oliver S. McCulloh: 1866-1868  
 Walter Crosby McCulloh: 1887-1954  
 Irene McKee McCulloh: 1887-1937  
 Jeremiah "Jerry" C. McCulloh: 1917-1985  
 John W. McCulloh: 1922-  
 Charlotte N. McCulloh: 1925-1998

(In addition to these, other McCullohs are buried here under their married names.)



Elizabeth McCulloh



Archibald Scott McCulloh



Tombstone engraved with image of the old McCulloh Farm

## LOCATION 4

(Viewed from Location 3)

### Warren Iron Works Furnace



In 1825 Mary Ann McCulloh's brother Archibald Scott McCulloh acquired the David Davis Fort site in the Flaggy Marsh area which is just west of Location 3. In this same year preparations were begun to build a new iron works near here. This became known as the Warren Iron Works and the furnace is believed to have been "put into blast" no later than 1828. Mary Ann McCulloh's future husband Samuel Lewis was a forgerman and at some point he came to the Little Cove to work at the Iron Works.

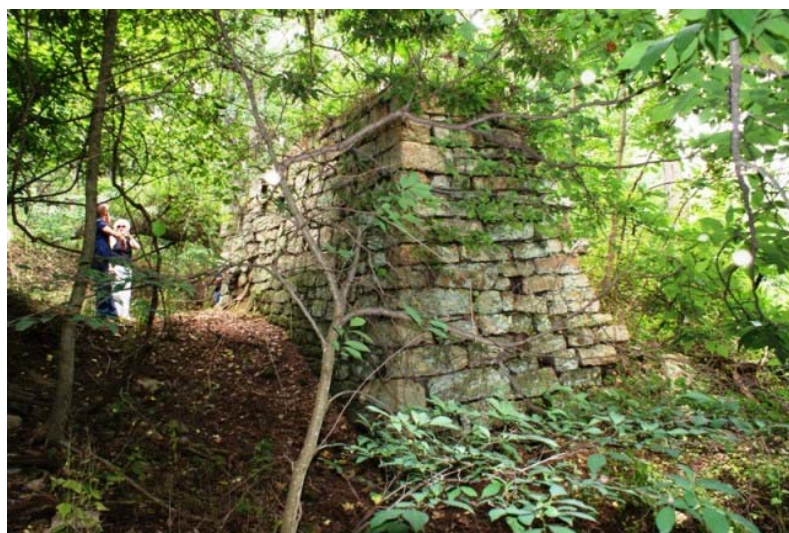
A significant portion of the furnace still exists and is located directly east of the M. E. Church. An 1858 map shows the furnace along with a forge, refining fire, store and other buildings at this location. No trace of these other buildings was visible in 2011 as we walked along the old farm road to reach the furnace. Unfortunately the



Looking West toward the church from in front of the furnace in 2011



furnace is located on private property and we will not be able to get close to it on this tour. The furnace was built on the side of a small hill with a millrace in front of it. Though decaying it is still an impressive sight for being close to 200 years old. The furnace is slightly pyramidal in shape and constructed of well-fitted stones stacked to a height of 15 to 20 feet. The base is approximately 20 feet in depth by approximately 30 feet in length. The upper chimney section is gone but the internal flues are still visible from on top the base.



Warren Iron Works Furnace in 2011

The 1855 tax list shows Samuel Lewis as an Iron Master in the Little Cove. Samuel's occupation is valued at \$900 which was extraordinarily high! Additionally he is shown with 24 horses. An iron works required a significant number of laborers and horses; large quantities of wood had to be cut and hauled to the furnace, ore was dug and hauled to the furnace, ashes and other debris had to be hauled away and, of course the iron itself had to be moved. Twenty-four horses is far above the normal number of horses owned by the average inhabitant of the Little Cove; most owned only one or two. These are significant sums and they leave little doubt that Samuel had become a serious businessman in the Little Cove.

## **LOCATION 5**

*(Drive By)*

### **Jerry McCulloh Farm**



This farm is located in the Flaggy Marsh. I do not know when this farm came into the possession of the McCullohs. The last McCulloh to own it was Jeremiah McCulloh, great-grandson of Archibald Scott McCulloh. He sold the farm in the 1960s.



Former Jerry McCulloh Farm - Photo 2011



## LOCATION 6 (Drive By)

### Ore Pits



Ore for the Iron Works was mined from this bank of iron ore near the A.S. McCulloh farm. There were also ore pits on the south side of the road but these were filled in during the 1950s or 1960s.



Photo taken standing in an ore pit looking south toward Furnace Road.

## LOCATION 7 (Drive By)

### Lime Kiln



This lime kiln was on or very close to Archibald Scott McCulloh's land. The lime produced here was undoubtedly used in the blast furnace as part of the iron making process.



Warren Iron Works Lime Kiln



## LOCATION 8

(Drive By)

# McCulloh School



A school house, known as the McCulloh School and also as the Pleasant Hill School, existed for a time very near the A.S. McCulloh farm, just west of the lime kiln. The school house is indicated by the notation "S.H." on the 1858 Little Cove map. By 1868 the school no longer appears on the map and today there is no trace of it. John Free McCulloh was a brother of Mary Ann and Archibald Scott. He was a bachelor and was said to have been a hot-headed abolitionist. His sister Betty called him her "gentleman brother." He was a teacher of one of the early schools in the Little Cove and it is probable that he taught at this school. He died in 1855 and is buried in the Little Cove, probably in the lost Iron Works Cemetery.



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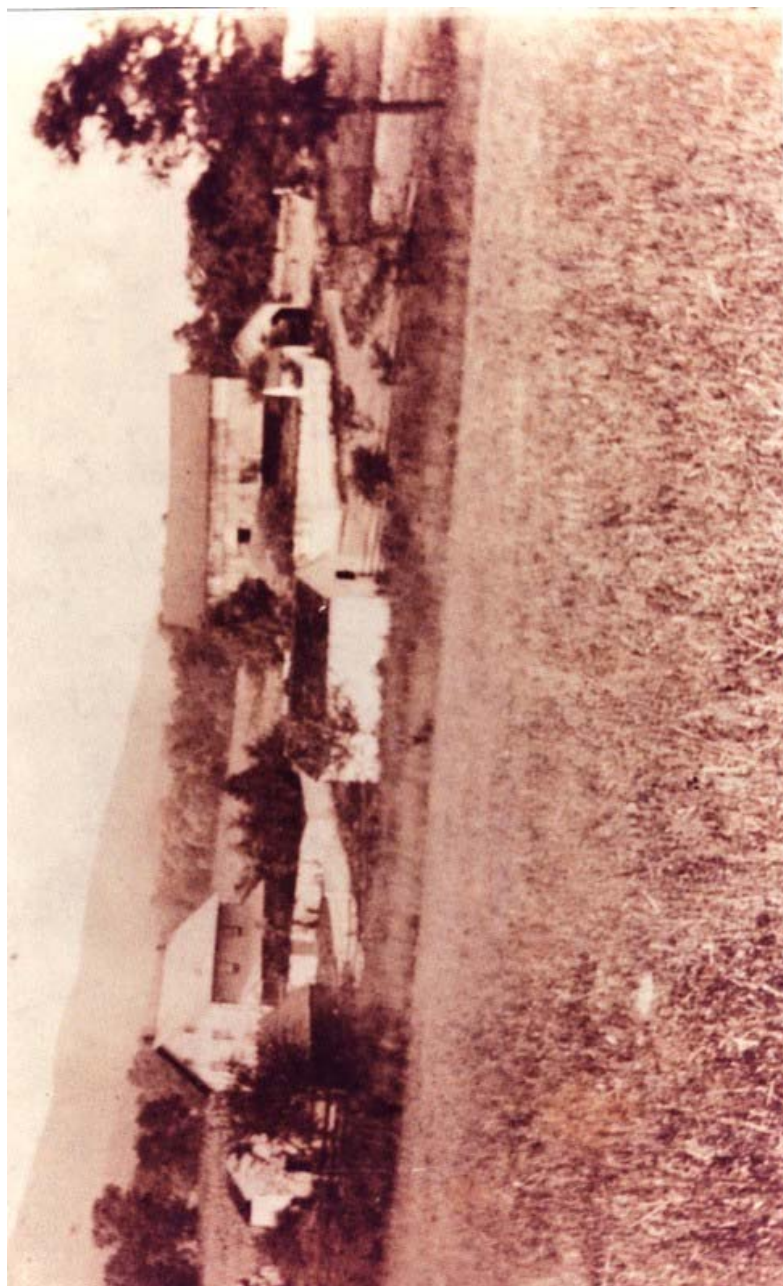
### A. S. McCulloh Farm Site

Archibald Scott McCulloh owned property just west of the ore pits and lime kiln at the intersection of the Fort Davis and Furnace Roads. This property included the old David Davis Fort site. The David Davis Fort was a fortified log dwelling surrounded by a high picket fence; it was attacked by Indians in 1756. Archibald acquired this property in 1825. It consisted of two farms on just over 173 acres. The farm pictured on page 19 stood on the north-west corner of this cross-roads. The farms were owned by McCullohs from 1825 till 1965. They were sold in 1965 to the Pennsylvania Game Commission. Sadly the farms no longer exist, having been completely destroyed in 1966 by the Game Commission after they gained possession of the land.



A.S.McCulloh Farm Site in 2011 (looking north at north-west corner.)  
A descendant and life long Little Cove resident, John McCulloh, (in photo) lived on this farm as a child along with his sister Betty Jean (McCulloh) Martin (not in photo.) The woman in this photo is their cousin Louise (McCulloh) Heisey.





A. S. McCulloh Farm.- In the McCulloh Family from 1825 - 1965

## LOCATION 10

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### McCulloh Homestead

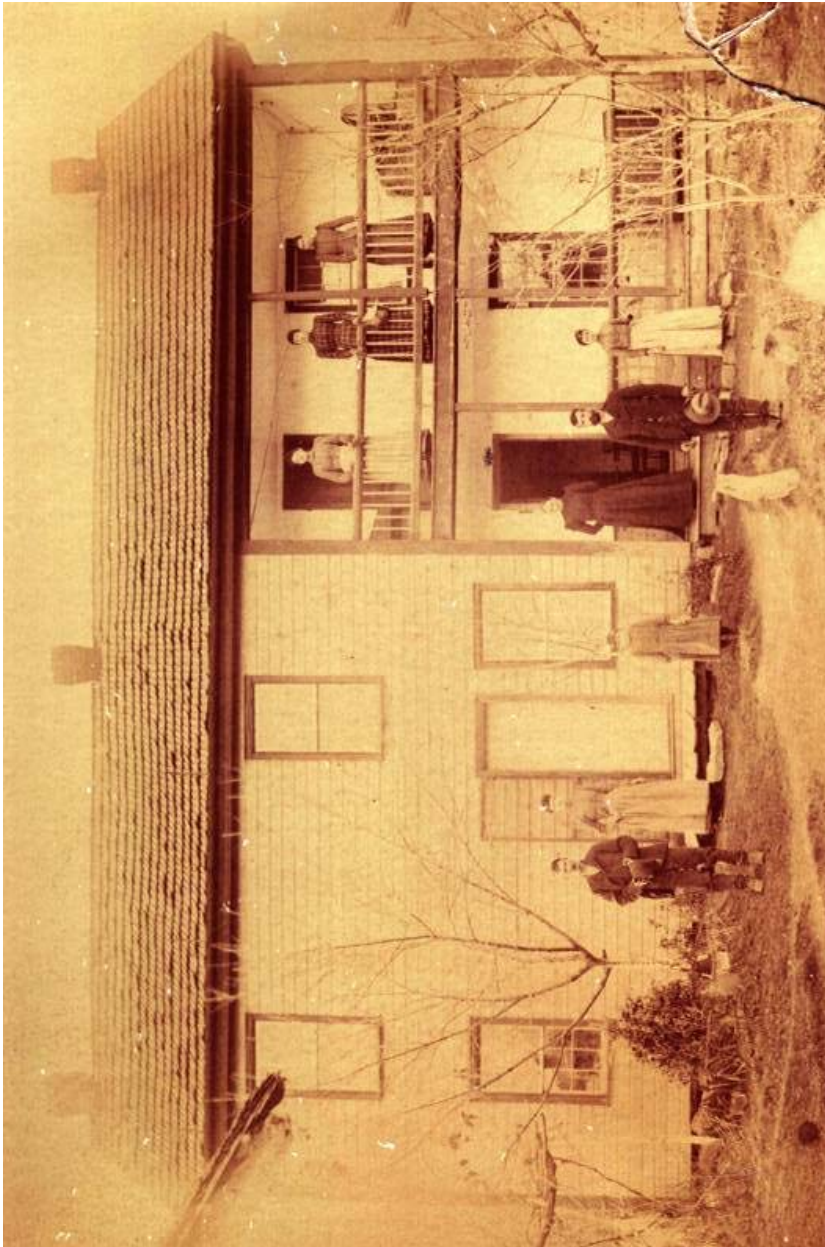


Sometime between 1786 and 1789 our ancestor George McCulloh settled in the Little Cove. We don't actually know where he lived but this home is believed to be the oldest McCulloh home in the Little Cove. It seems certain that John and Elizabeth McCulloh lived here and that their daughter Mary Ann McCulloh Lewis and her son Amos Crosby McCulloh both would have been born here. In 1858 the home was owned by A. S. McCulloh. By 1868 ownership had passed to his son Otho.



McCulloh Homestead (Photo 2011)

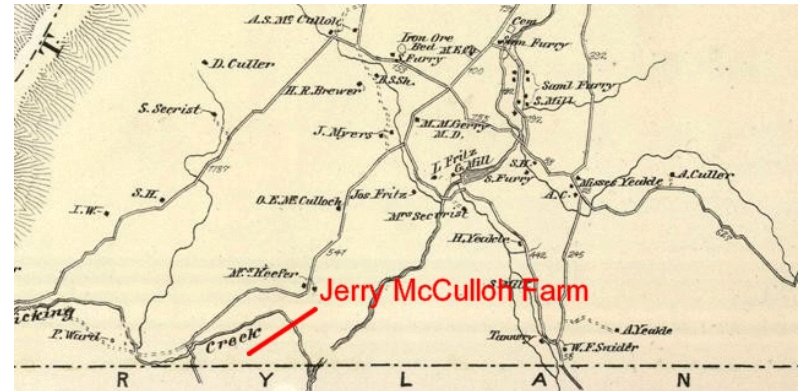




McCulloh Homestead - Photo mid 1800s  
The people in this photo are almost certainly McCullohs

## LOCATION 11 (Not part of tour)

### The Old Jerry McCulloh Farm



This farm is on the Mason-Dixon line at the far south end of the Little Cove and was owned by Jerry, brother of John McCulloh. These brothers were great, great, great-grandsons of Archibald Scott McCulloh. This farm has been owned by McCullohs for quite some time. Jerry's son, John, is the current owner. His son Steve is the current occupant of the farm.



Old Jerry McCulloh Farm at Maryland Border - 2011



## LOCATION 12

(Not part of tour)

### The Old John McCulloh Farm



There have been several John McCullohs in the Little Cove over the past 200 years. This farm was owned by John, brother of Jerry McCulloh. These brothers were great, great-grandsons of Archibald Scott McCulloh. I do not know when this farm came into the possession of the McCullohs. John's daughter Louise is the current owner.



John McCulloh Farm - 2012

## LOCATION 13

(Drive By)

### McCulloh Store - Sylvan, PA

This store was opened sometime before 1874. The third owners were William and Effie McCulloh. (William was a descendant of A. S. McCulloh.) They were killed in an auto accident in 1915 (see Location 1). William's parents, Jeremiah and Reuhama Zimmerman McCulloh then ran the store for awhile. (Reuhama's uncle John Zimmerman was the man who started the store.) In 1917 Walter and Irene McCulloh bought the store. After Walter's death in 1954 his sons Jerry C. and John McCulloh operated the store. The store was closed in 1959. At the height of its success the store sold feed & grain, International Harvester machinery, freezers, a machine repair shop, etc. The store also served as the post office for a while and many evenings "the Store" was the neighborhood meeting house for "conversation."



The old McCulloh Store - Sylvan, PA  
 l to r: John McCulloh (life long resident of Little Cove),  
 his cousin Louise (McCulloh) Heisey, his sister Betty Jean (McCulloh) Martin,  
 Rodney McCulloh (their 5<sup>th</sup> cousin)





McCulloh Store - Sylvan, PA - Pre 1915

## LOCATION 14

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### John & Elizabeth McCulloh Graves Stone Church



The Stone Church

John and Elizabeth McCulloh were the parents of Mary Ann McCulloh Lewis, Archibald Scott McCulloh and six other children. Although John and Elizabeth were

Methodists the Methodist Episcopal Church was not built until 1859. Consequently, they were buried where many from the Little Cove were buried: the German Reformed and Lutheran Church graveyard, now known as the Stone Church Cemetery. These are the oldest known McCulloh graves in the William Edgar McCulloh line. Elizabeth died on June 4, 1847, at the age of 74. The memorial verse on Elizabeth's stone reads:

*The graves of all His saints he blest,  
And softened every bed.  
Where should the dying members rest,  
But in there living head.*

John died on January 4, 1851 at the age of 79. A death announcement appeared in the *Valley Spirit* newspaper on January 25. It reads as follows under the section heading DIED:

"In Warren township, on the 4<sup>th</sup> instant, Mr. JOHN McCULLOH, aged 79



Elizabeth McCulloh  
1773-1847

years, 6 months and 7 days. He was a native of New Castle county, State of Delaware.

Born far back in the midst of troublous times, he could remember some of the scenes which transpired during the eventful period of the revolution. He came to this country at an early age and after a long life, arriving at nearly the age of four score years, he departed, bequeathing to his numerous friends the lustre of an untarnished name."

John's grave is to the right of Elizabeth's and to his right lies his granddaughter Melinda. To the left of Elizabeth in the next row to the west lies their daughter Margaret. The memorial verse on John's headstone reads:

*Dearest father, fare thee well,  
We willingly resign  
Thy life to Christ with Him to dwell  
In endless bliss to shine*



John McCulloh  
1772 - 1851



Melinda McCulloh,  
daughter of Mary Ann  
McCulloh Lewis  
1826 - 1847



Margaret McCulloh,  
Sister of Mary Ann  
McCulloh Lewis  
1814 - 1853

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