

lin. in this state, and was the first to make an accurate measurement of the falls of Niagara. He was the consulting engineer in laying out the city of Washington, and completed the work which Major L'Enfant planned. He was appointed professor of mathematics at West Point, in 1812, where he died in 1820. George Ellicott, a son of Andrew, was one of the best mathematicians of the times, and died in 1832. The Ellicotts owned the mill at Carversville, and what was known as Pettit's mill, in Buckingham. They were Friends.

Richard Townsend, a celebrated minister among Friends, of London, a Welcome passenger, and a carpenter by trade, settled near Chester in 1682 with his wife and a son, born during the voyage. He removed first to Germantown and then to near Abington, whence his grandson, Stephen, came to Solebury about 1735. He was a carpenter and miller, and assisted Samuel Armitage to erect the first grist-mill built on the Cuttalossa. One end of the old Townsend house, probably the oldest in the township, was built in 1756 by Stephen Townsend, and the other end some thirty or forty years later. The windows had broad sash and small folding shutters, the fire-place was wide and capacious, and the outside door was garnished with a wooden latch. It was taken down in 1848 by the father of Cyrus Livezey, who erected a handsome building on the site. It was on this farm that the celebrated Townsend apple is said to have originated. Tradition says that this apple took its name from Richard Townsend, who, hearing of a wonderful apple tree, got the Indians to take him to it, which he found standing in a large clearing, near Lumberville. He bought the clearing, but the Indians reserved the free use of apples to all who wished them. Samuel Preston said that in his time Stephen Townsend owned the original tree from which he, Preston, cut grafts in 1766.

John Schofield, of Buckinghamshire, England, settled in Solebury when a young man, probably before 1720. He was married at the Falls meeting to Ann Lenoire, a French Huguenot lady, who had been banished from Acadia. They had nine children, from whom have descended a numerous offspring in this and other states. In this county we find their descendants among the Williamses, Schofields, Fells, and other respectable families. A grandson married Rebecca, a sister of the late John Beaumont, and his daughter Sarah, who married Benjamin Leedom, was the mother of the late Mrs. M. H. Jenks. John Schofield was the great-grandfather of Joseph Fell, of Buckingham, who descends in the maternal line