

OUR FOUNDING

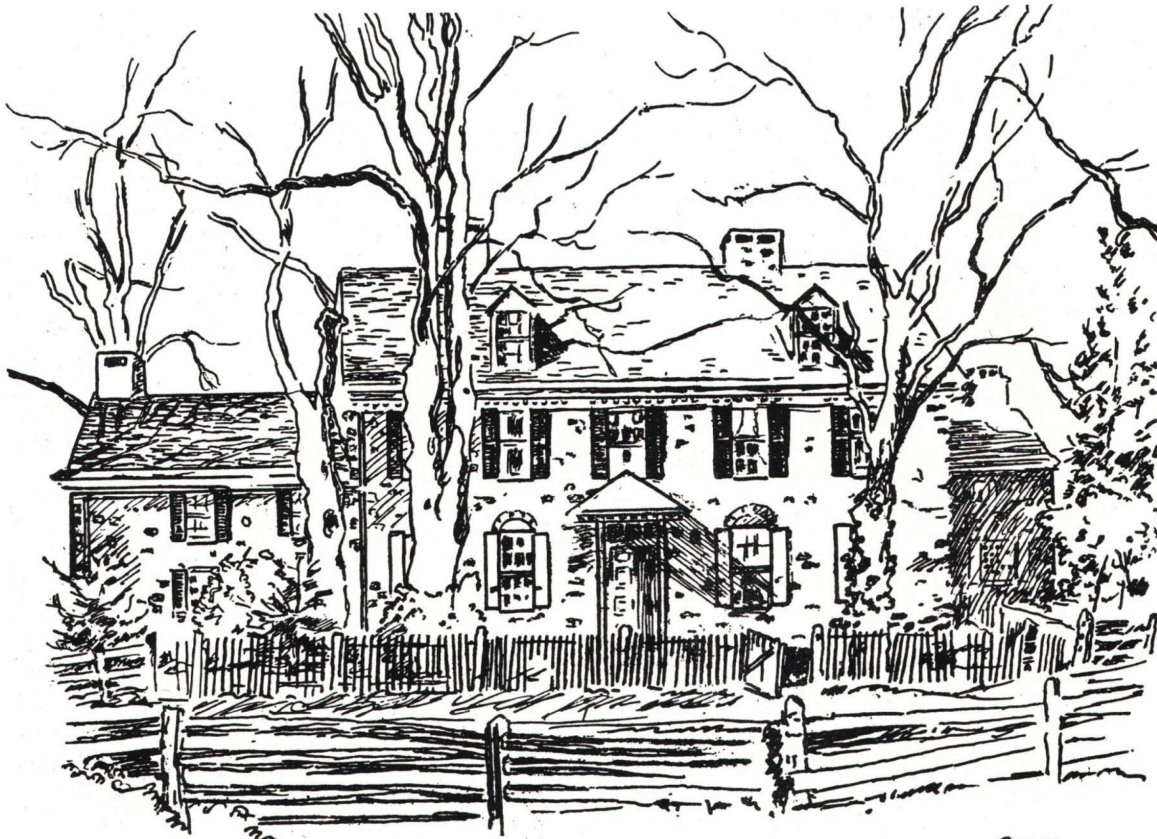
To record in miniature an account of our township's founding is no easy task, so many are the factors which enter into any authentic narrative.

Wayne Township is located in the south central portion of Schuylkill County. It contains an area of approximately 35 square miles, and adjoins the townships of Washington, Reilly, Branch, North Manheim, South Manheim and the county of Berks (Bethel and Upper Tulpehocken Townships) on the South. It was formed from sections of Manheim and Pine Grove Townships in 1827.

Wayne Township, named for "Mad" Anthony Wayne, possibly the most colorful of all the commanders-in-chief which the army of the United States has ever had.

He was born on January 1, 1745 in Wayneborough, Chester County, Penna., educated in Philadelphia, and for some time served in the Pennsylvania legislature. In 1791 he represented Georgia in Congress but was defeated for re-election the following year, he then returned to the army.

General Wayne's biographers have called him the "troubleshooter of the Revolution," which well describes his services. He seemed to be everywhere at once, fighting, disciplining, recruiting and raising supplies. Difficult assignments and dangerous feats were the stock of this energetic soldier. One of his most daring attacks was the recapture of Stony Point, on the Hudson in 1779. He continued in military service until his death on December 15, 1796 at Erie, Pennsylvania, where he was buried; his remains were removed to Radnor Churchyard in 1809.



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Waynesborough, the Birthplace of Anthony Wayne. The Wayne family home was built in 1724 by his grandfather, and still stands in Chester County, about six miles from the borough of Wayne, or about three miles from Paoli.