

1798. by act of 4th April, 1805, (chap. 2599, § 18.)

Canaan township, erected into a separate district by act of 23th March, 1808, (chap. 2972, § 9.)

Buckingham township erected into a separate district, (*ib.* § 37.)

Delaware township erected into a separate district, by act of 4th April, 1809, (§ 34.)

By the last enumeration, the county of Wayne contained seven hundred and seventy-seven taxables, and the county of Northampton six thousand three hundred and fifty-three taxables; total seven thousand one hundred and thirty taxables; and by act of 21st March, 1808, apportioning the representation,

in pursuance thereof, Northampton and Wayne, jointly, send two members to the Senate, and five members to the House of Representatives.

By act of 24th February, 1806, Berks, Northampton and Wayne, form the third judiciary district. The courts in Berks are held on the first Mondays in January, April, August, and November; in Northampton the second Mondays after the commencement of the courts in Berks, and in Wayne on the second Mondays after the commencements of the courts in Northampton. The term in each county continuing two weeks.

Wayne county is attached to the eastern district of the Supreme Court.

## CHAPTER MDCCCLXXVI.

*An ACT declaring the rivers Ohio and Allegheny, and certain branches thereof, public streams or highways.*

SECT. I. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted, by the authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this act, the river Ohio, from the western boundary of the state up to the mouth of the Monongahela, Big Beaver creek, from the mouth up to the first fork in the seventh district of donation land, the Allegheny river, from the mouth to the northern boundary of the state, French creek to the town of Le Beuf, and Conewango creek, from the mouth thereof to the state line, Causawago creek, from the mouth up to the main forks, Little Coniate creek, from the mouth up to the inlet of the Little Coniate lake, Toby's creek, from the mouth up to the second fork, Oil creek, from the mouth up to the main fork, Broken Straw creek, from the mouth up to the second fork, Sandy Lick or Red Bank creek, from the mouth up to the second great fork, be, and the same are hereby declared to be, public streams and highways, for the passage of boats and rafts; and it shall and may be lawful for the inhabitants or others, desirous of using the navigation of the said river and branches thereof, to remove all natural obstructions in the said river, and branches aforesaid.*

Passed 21st March, 1798.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 245.

## CHAPTER MDCCCLXXVII.

*An ACT to provide for copying the records of the several roads heretofore laid out, and which hereafter may be laid out, in the county of Philadelphia.*

WHEREAS it hath been represented to the Legislature, that the records of roads within the county of Philadelphia have, from

Parts of the Ohio, Big Beaver creek, French creek, Conewango creek, Causawago creek, Little Coniate creek, Toby's creek, Oil creek, Broken Straw creek, and Sandy Lick creek, declared highways.

the lapse of time and unavoidable accidents, been much injured, and are in danger of becoming unintelligible: For remedy whereof, 1798.

SECT. I. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That* the Commissioners of the county of Philadelphia be, and they are hereby authorized and required forthwith to furnish the Clerk of the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the said county with one or more blank paper books, in which it shall be the duty of the said Clerk to copy or cause to be copied, all the records of the several roads heretofore laid out, or which hereafter may be laid out, in the said county; and the expense incurred in the purchase of the said book or books, and in copying therein the said records, shall be defrayed by the said Commissioners out of the county stock.

Copies to be made of the records of roads in Philadelphia county.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the copies of the said records having been entered in one or more books as aforesaid, and carefully collated with the originals by the said Clerk, and a certificate thereof laid before the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the county of Philadelphia, as aforesaid, shall from thenceforth be considered as matter of record, and all exemplifications therefrom shall have the same force and effect, as if the same were made from the original records.

Such copies shall be deemed matters of record.

Passed 21st March, 1798.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 245.

## CHAPTER MDCCCLXXVIII.

*An ACT to confirm that part of the road laid out from Philadelphia to the borough of York, by West-Chester, Strasburgh, and the Blue Rock, which lies between Fawks's tavern and West-Chester.*

SECT. I. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That* so much of the road laid out from Philadelphia to the borough of York, by West-Chester, Strasburgh, and the Blue Rock, as lies between Fawks's tavern and West-Chester, is hereby confirmed, agreeably to the review and report made and filed in the office of the Secretary of this commonwealth, bearing date the eighteenth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, by virtue of an act of General Assembly, passed the fourth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six; and the Courts of Quarter Sessions of the respective counties, through which the said road passes, are hereby authorized and required to cause the same to be opened, agreeably to the said report, and the existing laws of this commonwealth.

The report of a road between Fawks's tavern and West-Chester confirmed.

Passed 21st March, 1798.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 246.