

Richard Sr.<sup>2</sup> Skinner (son of John<sup>1</sup>):

**REV. RICHARD SKINNER SR. (1797-1882)**

**w1 MARY SWOPE [1799-1844]**, married Nov, 1822? by Rev. Edmund Stitle?

**CHILDREN:**

1. NATHAN THOMPSON SKINNER [1822-1871] - ABIGAIL ANN ISZARD [1826 or 1827-1879]
2. RICHARD SKINNER JR [1823-1908] - ELIZABETH ANN CORSON [1828-1896]
3. JACOB SWOPE SKINNER [1825-1846]
4. MARY ANN SKINNER [1827-1834]
5. w1 MARTHA SKINNER [1829-1854] - BRAZILLA W ABBOTT [1823-1904]
5. w2 MARY JANE SOUDER [1833-1913] - BRAZILLA W ABBOTT [1823-1904]
6. ANN SKINNER [1831-1850]
7. SARAH B SKINNER [1833-1917] - CHARLES C SOUDER [1827-1909], brother of Brazilla Abbott's second wife, Mary Jane Souder.
8. REBECCA SKINNER [1836- ] - WOOLSTON
9. MARY SKINNER [1839-1839]
10. THOMAS SKINNER [1839-1839]
11. FRANKLIN SKINNER [1842-1923] - SARAH AMANDA PATTEN [1850-1933]

w2 **SARAH (Chester) BECKETT**, widow [1807-1847], married 12/29/1845 by Rev. William Hanley of the Glassboro Methodist Episcopal Church. Her first husband was Josiah Beckett [1807-1843].

w3 **REBECCA ANN (CHEW) SHUTE**, widow [1806-1859], married 8/31/1848 by A. J. Truett, a Methodist minister at Bethel (Hurffville)

w4 **MARY (SMITH) STRETCH**, widow [1809-1882], married 9/1863

## **Background**

Richard Skinner was one of eleven children of John Skinner and Patience Hanisey, the progenitors of most of the Skinners of South Jersey today.

Richard Skinner, in turn, also had eleven children. Richard married four times, but all of the children were with his first wife Mary Swope. A sister of Mary married Richard's brother William Skinner of Mantua.

Five of the children of Richard and Mary died as children or young adults. The surviving children were - eldest child Nathan T. Skinner, next eldest Richard Skinner Jr. and then Martha Abbott, Sarah Souder, Rebecca Woolston and youngest child Franklin Skinner.

Franklin was a family historian who helped to preserve the details of the lives of his parents and grandparents.

Mary Swope died in 1844, just two years after Franklin was born.

## **Purchase of Parent's Lands at Pitman Grove and Richwood**

In 1821, 340 plus acres of land belonging to Richard's father were put up for auction to satisfy debts that the father had accumulated with the owners of the Carpenter Glass factory (formerly Stangers Glass) in Glassboro. This was all of the father's known land holdings.

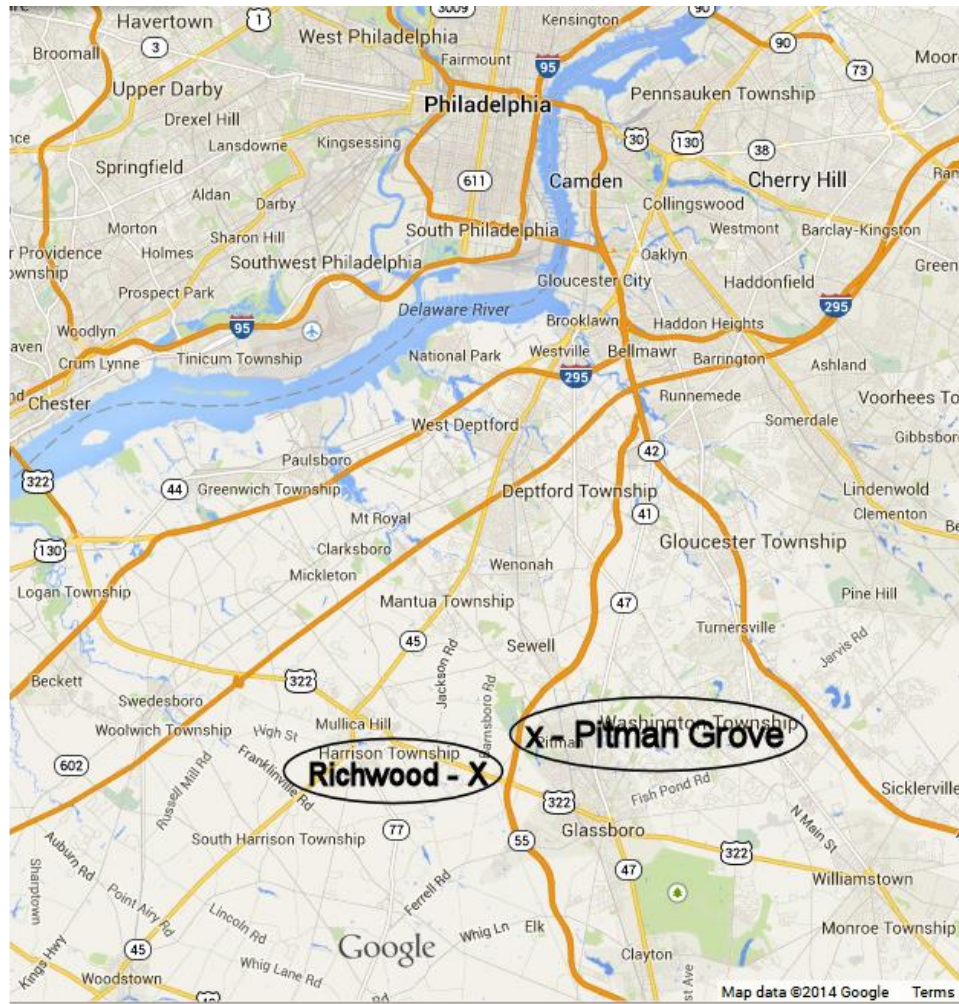
Much of the land, roughly 200-214 acres, was the father's homestead at Pitman Grove where John Skinner and wife Patience lived and farmed the land. The remainder of the auctioned land – 140 acres, was at nearby Richwood.

The Gloucester County court system authorized the sheriff to seize all of the father's lands on June 21, 1820. An auctioning of the land was held at Woodbury, the county seat, on February 10, 1821. Son Richard Skinner, at age 23, bid \$1000 and was the winning bidder of his father's land. The 340 acres was conveyed to Richard a couple of days later on February 13, 1821.

It is not known how Richard obtained the \$1000 to purchase his father's lands at a young age. But the numerous real estate transactions he engaged in for the remainder of his life, and his overall wealth, all began with the 340 acres he purchased at auction of his father's estate at age 23.

Richard's parents were still alive at the time their land was seized. John Skinner, the father, died February 9, 1824. Wife Patience lived longer, dying April 30, 1840.

The father's homestead at Pitman Grove consisted of 200-plus acres of land [maybe 214 acres], centered where the intersection of Main St. and Lambs Road is today, and extending down to the old mill at the near end of Alcyon Lake. Most of this land had been given to Richard's father in 1811 by a relative named Thomas Taber. The Skinner farmhouse itself was situated on Lambs Road.



Richard Skinner Sr. purchased his father's lands at Pitman Grove & Richwood at a Sheriff's sale in 1821

## **Quick Sale**

In 1822, one year after purchasing his father's land, Richard sold the entire Pitman Grove parcel, consisting of 200-214 acres, to his brother-in-law Capt. Nathan Thompson, husband of his sister Martha. Richard sold the parcel for \$2000 – twice what he had paid for all of his father's lands the previous year. Nathan Thompson financed his purchase with a mortgage from Richard.

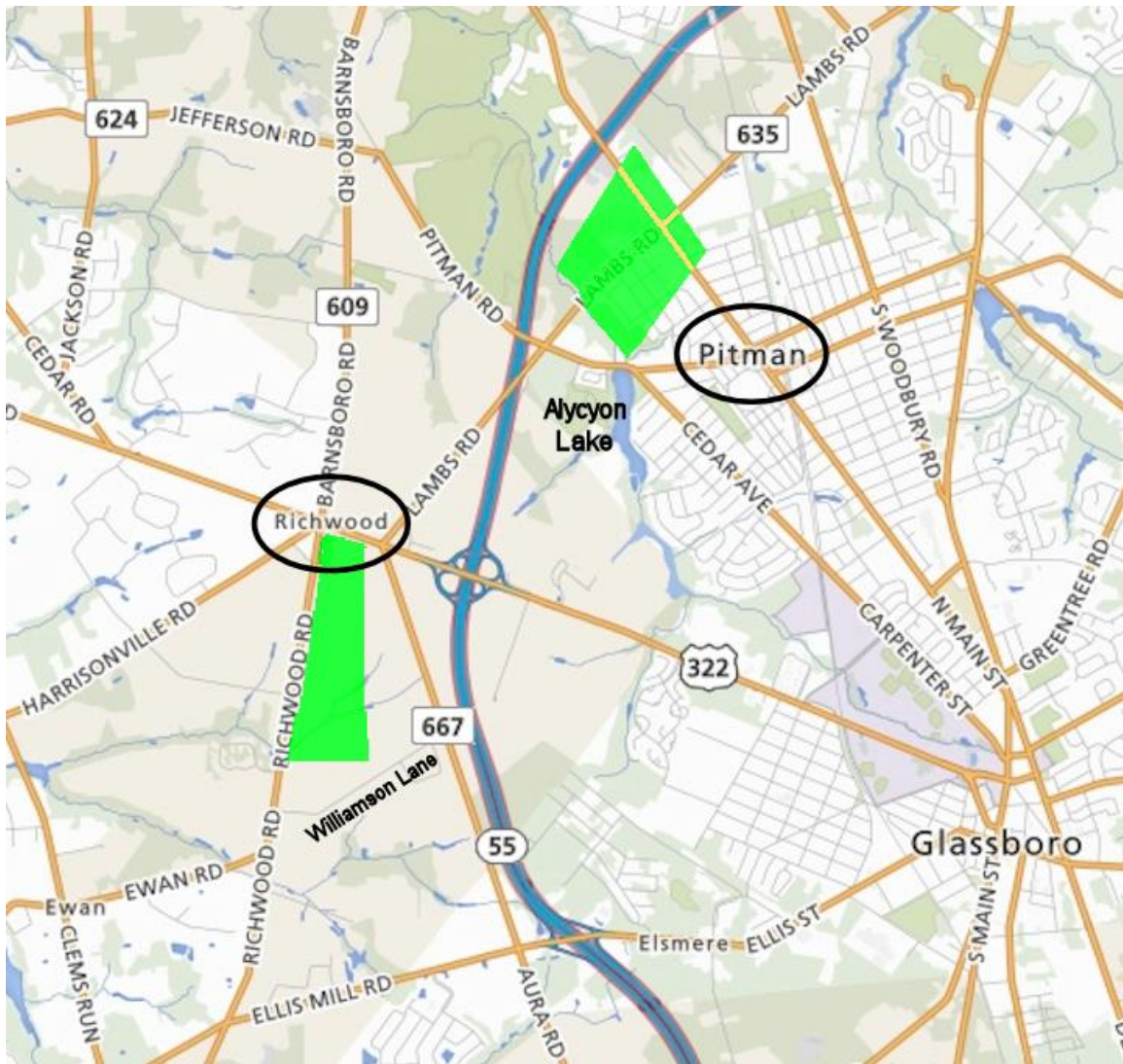
Richard Skinner's remaining lands were 140 acres at Richwood consisting of two parcels - a 100 acre lot and a 40 acre lot. These Richwood lands were somewhere within an area totaling 360 acres that is bordered by today's Rt. 322 to the north, Richwood/Barnsboro Road (Rt. 609) to the west, Richwood/Aura Road (Rt. 667) to the east and Williamson Lane to the south.

Richard's land appears to have been situated largely along today's Rt. 609, maybe extending over to the back sides of the neighboring properties on Rt. 667.

## **Geography Lesson - Greenwich Township**

All of the father's lands purchased by Richard were located in Greenwich Township, today referred to as 'Old' Greenwich Township. During the 1800's, 'Old' Greenwich Township shrank in size as newer townships were created from it. By the 1840's, a new township of Harrison was created and encompassing the lands owned by Richard. Today, Greenwich Township is a small fraction of the size that it once was, and is not located near Richwood or Pitman Grove.





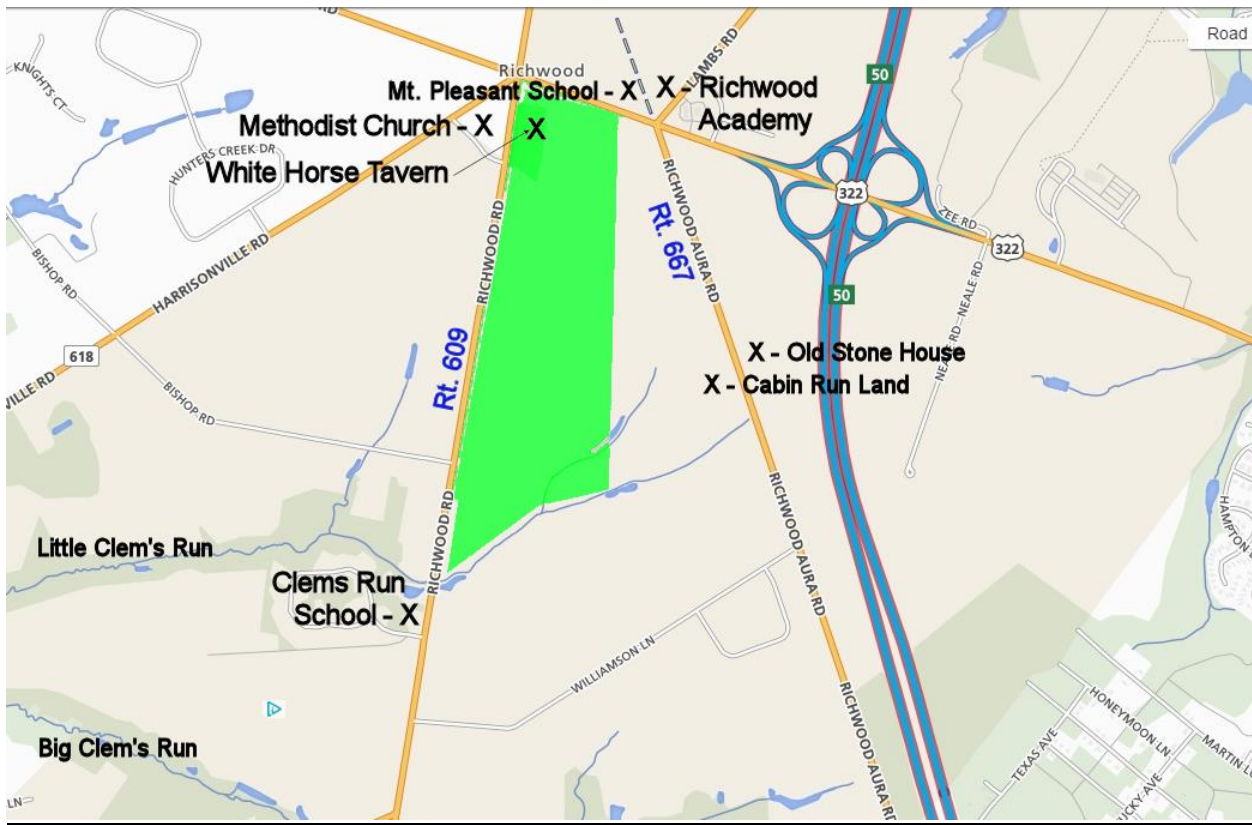
Richwood and Pitman Grove, NJ Today

In 1821, Richard Skinner Sr. purchased his father's lands at a sheriff's sale while his father was still living. The land consisted of 140 acres at Richwood and 200-214 acres at Pitman Grove that extended down to Alcyon Lake. My guess as to the size & shape of these lands is shown in **GREEN**. The Pitman Grove land is where the father had lived, raised his family and farmed the land. The Pitman Grove land is identified as being the 'Old Homestead' in a newspaper article written by Richard's brother Franklin Skinner.

In 1822, Richard Sr. sold the Pitman Grove lands to his brother-in-law Capt. Nathan Thompson.

Richwood would not have been a community in the 1800's were it not for two major road intersections that date back to the early 1800's. The western intersection is the confluence of today's Rt. 609, Rt. 322 and Harrisonville Road. This intersection was called Five Points and was the central focal point of the community. By the 1840's, Francis Campbell was operating a well-known mercantile store at this intersection, later owned by Frank Souder. Other businesses soon followed.

The eastern intersection is marked by the confluence of Rt. 635, Rt. 322 and Rt. 667. This intersection was sometimes called CrossRoads.



### Close-Up Look at the Richwood Portion of Richard's Land

Richard originally purchased 140 acres at Richwood consisting of two parcels – 40 acres and 100 acres (based on the research of cousin Bill Skinner - my guess as to size & shape of the land).

In 1822, at the age of 25, Richard Skinner received a license to operate the **White Horse tavern** situated on his land. It is not certain, but likely, that Richard was the founder of the tavern. Per his son Franklin, Richard lived at the tavern. Skinner operated the tavern until 1827 when he underwent a dramatic religious conversion and sold a plot of land and the tavern to others. The notorious tavern continued to operate until 1844 and gave the nickname 'Helltown' to the area.

In 1860, the **Methodist Church** that stands today was built on today's Rt. 609. The church cemetery, located next to the church, is situated directly across the street from the former tavern site.

Richard bought and sold much land in the Richwood area, eventually purchasing multiple plots of land on Rt. 667, and selling his father's original holdings on Rt. 609.

Three public schools were built in Richwood. The first was the Clem's Run School on today's Rt. 609, named after 'Little Clements Run', a nearby stream. The second was the Mount Pleasant School, built in 1855 at the corner of today's Rt. 322 and Rt. 667. The third was the Richwood Academy, built across the street from the Mount Pleasant School, which it replaced in 1870. Richard provided small lots of land for both of those schools. Richard's son, Richard Junior, was a schoolteacher who taught at both the **Clems Run School** and **Mount Pleasant School**. Richard's eldest son, Nathan, was a school trustee of the **Mount Pleasant School**. And Richard Senior taught church classes that were held at the **Mount Pleasant School**, and possibly the Clem's Run School in earlier years, until the Richwood Methodist Church was built in 1860.

By the 1840's, Richard Skinner was living at the '**Old Stone House**' farm, the farmhouse being an old landmark on the east side of Richwood/Aura Rd. (today's Rt. 667). During Skinner's residence there, the farmhouse became known as 'The Preacher's House'. The '**Old Stone House**' was torn down when a railroad was put thru the farm in the 1880's. Many decades later, in the mid-1960's, the land was part of a farm owned by William Rusling Skinner, a grand-nephew of Richard.

In 1839, Richard purchased a parcel called the **Cabin Run** tract. In 1849, he sold this parcel to his son Nathan T. Skinner. . The Cabin Run was a small stream that ran from the west side of the Cabin Run farmhouse to the Little Clem's Run stream. 100 years later (1960's), the farm of George Reutter contained some of this land

## Geography Lesson - Richwood

Richwood is just a small area. Even today, it consists largely of open, undeveloped land. In the early 1800's, this area of farmland had no name. From 1840 to 1870, this area was usually called Mount Pleasant, but sometimes also went by the name of 'Five Points'. In 1870, the Richwood Academy, a small school that would serve this area and the nearby towns of Mullica Hill and Glassboro was built, and the area eventually took on the name of Richwood.

The only reason for this farmland having a name at all was that this area was the location of a confluence of early roads. Mount Pleasant had one intersection in which today's Rt. 322, Rt. 609 and Harrisonville Rd. all came together. This intersection was usually called Five Points and was considered to be the center of the community.

Just a short distance away, Point Pleasant had a second intersection in which today's Rt. 322, Rt. 667 and Rt. 635 (Lambs Road) come together.

Early on, Rt. 609 was called 'Landing Road' as it ran south from Carpenters Landing (Mantua Twp). Later, it was called Barnsborough Road. Rt. 667 was called the road to Unionville. And Lambs Road was called 'the road to Bethel'.

## The White Horse Tavern

Richard Skinner operated a tavern called the White Horse on a portion of his father's land that he had purchased in the 1821 Sheriff's sale.

The tavern was located on the east side of today's Rt. 609, just south of Rt. 322. Today, the Methodist church cemetery sits directly across the street (Rt. 609) from where the White Horse Tavern once stood, providing some historical context.

The annual license application for the tavern refers to the tavern as being the White Horse Inn Tavern, so Richard may have offered rooms for the night. Per his son Frankin, Richard (and family) lived at the tavern site.

Richard operated the tavern from 1821 or 1822, when he was roughly age 25, until 1827. Once source indicates that the tavern originally opened in 1818, so Richard may not have been the original operator.

Richard closed the tavern in 1827 and sold a small plot of land that included the tavern shortly thereafter. The notorious tavern was subsequently re-opened and operated until 1844, giving the sparsely settled farming area the nickname '**Hell Town**'.

## Richard Skinner's White Horse Inn Tavern License Fee History

(from the files of cousin Virginia Minotty):

TAVERN PETITIONS - RICHARD SKINNER - Applicant

NAME OF TAVERN - WHITE HORSE INN

LOCATION - GREENWICH TOWNSHIP, GLOUCESTER COUNTY, N. J.,

1822 – License Granted (yes), Fee, \$10.00 plus \$2.62k paid

1823 Lic. granted (yes), Fee 10.00

1824 Lic. granted (yes), Fee 10.00

1825 Lic. granted (yes), 1825 Fee 10.00 plus 2.62k paid

1826 Lic. granted (yes), 1826 Fee 10.00 plus 2.62k paid

1827 Lic. granted (yes), 1827 Fee 10.00 plus 2.62k paid

## Gloucester County Brigade, 1825

“At the age of twenty-eight in 1825, Richard Skinner was commissioned captain of the Second Regiment of the Gloucester County Brigade, New Jersey Militia, in the days when military training was obligatory.” [per son Franklin Skinner, Glassboro Enterprise newspaper, 2 Dec 1921]

## Religious Conversion

In 1826, Richard began studying the Christian Advocate, a newspaper that had just begun publication by the Methodist organization in New York City. In 1827, Richard underwent a powerful conversion to Christianity.

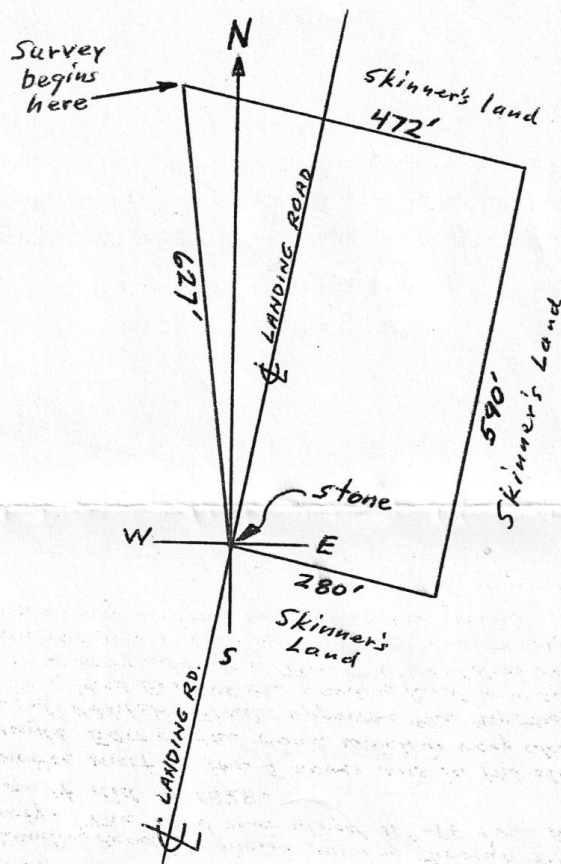
*“August 12, 1827, he was converted, in his own home opposite the present Richwood Methodist Church cemetery”* [Franklin Skinner, Glassboro Enterprise, 2 Dec 1921]

*“Coming under conviction he arose in the night, with his wife, to pray. After a struggle of two days he was powerfully converted. The next morning he brought forth fruits, met for repentance by taking an ax and cutting down the sign and post and forever ceasing to sell rum. He became not only a very joyous Christian but a consistent and methodical man of God. His family was directed to rigidly observe the Sabbath and they were constantly commended to God, morning and evening at the family altar. The noon hour was made a time of personal religious profit for he always retired for prayer and the devout reading of his Bible.”*

[WS Barnhart writing a memoriam for Richard in the Christian Advocate, 8 April 1882]

Richard chopped down the sign of his tavern and decided to devote the remainder of his life to a strict adherence to Christian teachings and practices. He raised his children in like manner.





The layout of the  
White Horse Tavern lot  
from the place of beginning

- first -  $76.5^\circ$  East of true South a distance of 7 chains and 15 links or 472 feet, then
- second -  $11.25^\circ$  West of true South a distance of 8 chains and 93 links or 590 feet, then
- third -  $76.5^\circ$  West of true North a distance of 4 chains and 25 links or 280 feet to a post or stone in the middle of the Landing Road, then
- fourth -  $60.5^\circ$  West of true North a distance of 9 chains and 50 links or 627 feet to the place of beginning.

one chain = 66 ft  
one chain = 100 links

- \* This is the layout of the 5 acre White Horse Tavern lot in today's Richwood which was part of a 100 acre piece of land owned by John T. and Patience Skinner until 13 February 1821 when this land was bought by Richard Skinner at the Sheriff's sale of his father's land.
- \* This White Horse Tavern lot was sold by Richard Skinner to John Richards 25 February 1828. The White Horse Tavern (which was apparently established on this portion of John T. Skinner's land in 1818) made these 5 acres a valuable piece of property at that time.
- \* The deed records that a stone in the middle of the "Landing Road" marked one of the four corners of the property. The Carpenters Landing Road through Barnsbore and on to Carpenters Landing (now Mantua) is called the Barnsbore Road in later deeds. Today it is called Rt. 609 - the Elmer to Richwood (to Barnsbore) Rd.
- \* The "Landing Road" is shown passing through the southwest corner of this property. The road runs about  $11^\circ$  off true North and South today, probably just as it did in 1828.
- \* You'll notice most of this 5 acres was in the shape of an almost perfect rectangle East of the road which is very close to the dimensions of the Richwood Athletic Fields opposite the Methodist Church and cemetery today. All of this land East of the Landing Road was surrounded by Skinner's other land according to the deeds. The 590' boundary runs  $11.25^\circ$  off true North and South.
- \* The White Horse Tavern somehow burned to the ground in 1844 - an event which was much appreciated by most of the inhabitants of that area.

Bill Skinner 11/22/02

Courtesy of cousin William H. 'Bill' Skinner  
William Skinner (Russell Jr.<sup>6</sup>, Russell<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Rusling<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>)

The old White Horse Tavern was located in the little town of Richwood, NJ at the site of today's Richwood United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at 111 Richwood Road, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062.

The tavern was located on a rectangular piece of land 280 feet (W-E) by 590 feet (N-S) on the east side of what was then called the Landing Road. The Landing Road is now called Rt. 609 and Richwood Road. It has also been known as the Barnsboro to Richwood to Elmer Road.

Fifty years ago, the grassy, open property on which the White Horse Tavern had stood was used as the Richwood Athletic Fields which included a softball field and a football field. The lower (southernmost) quarter of that lot is still a grassy, open field today.

The northern boundary of the White Horse Tavern lot was approximately 75 yards or 225 feet south of today's Route 322. The roughly 225 foot strip of land between Rt. 322 and the White Horse Tavern lot is owned today by Dunkin. A fence is located today at the dividing line between the Dunkin property and the Church Fellowship Hall property. This fence appears to be on the northern boundary of the old White Horse Tavern lot.

The Richwood United Methodist Church located at 104 Richwood Road, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062 was built approximately 1860 on a triangular piece of land on the west side of the Landing Road opposite the lot where the White Horse Tavern stood. The triangular church lot and the rectangular tavern lot contained a total of 5.2 acres in 1828.

The Richwood United Methodist Church Cemetery today includes some additional land on the west side of Richwood Road, and the church property appears to extend south down the road as far as James S. Stratton Lane, which intersects Richwood Road about 15-20 feet north of the southern boundary of the old White Horse Tavern lot.

The southern and eastern boundaries of the old White Horse Tavern lot can easily be seen today by looking east from where James S. Stratton Lane intersects Richwood Road and observing the line of trees marking the southern and eastern edges of the open, grassy field.

William H. Skinner 9/9/2024

Courtesy of cousin Bill Skinner



## Sale of the White Horse

In 1828, Richard washed his hands of the White Horse tavern selling a 5 acre parcel that included the tavern to a man named John Richards.

The 5 acre parcel sold by Richard consisted of land on the east side of Rt. 609 where the tavern stood, plus land on the west side of Rt. 609. The portion of the tavern plot that was west of Rt. 609 plus additional land owned by Richard north of the tavern plot were purchased by Richard from the estate of Isaac Browning in 1825. The portion of the tavern plot that was east of Rt. 609 was part of Richard's initial purchase of his father's land at the Sheriff's sale in 1821. Today, the tavern plot east of Rt. 609 is occupied by the Church Fellowship Hall, directly south of Dunkin.

Following the sale of the tavern by Richard, the tavern was re-opened and developed quite a reputation. The unnamed area that today is Richwood took on the name of **Hell Town** as a result of the 'outsiders' and behavior that the tavern attracted.

The tavern finally closed in 1844 as a result of fire but was remembered for decades after that. The construction of the Methodist church across the street from the old tavern site in 1860 reminded people of the undesirable use that the land had once had.

Per the Woodbury Constitution, 6/14/1860, courtesy of cousin Bill Skinner -

*"..., this place was notorious not so much for the wickedness of its inhabitants, as for being the resort of persons from all parts of the country who assembled there in large numbers and engaged in horse racing, gambling, duel fighting, rum drinking and Sabbath breaking. ... The long frequented haunt known as the White Horse Tavern at Clem's Run has been broken up, its dingy walls have crumbled to ruins. The old sink of pollution has ceased to send forth its streams of moral corruption upon the surrounding country."*

## Clems Run School

Some time after his religious conversion, Richard joined Methodist classes that began to be held at the Clems Run School, a public school located about a mile down Rt. 609 from the site of the White Horse tavern.

The Clem's Run School took its name from the 'Little Clements Run' stream that intersects Rt. 609 in that area. Today, the town of Richwood has recreation fields where the school once stood.

Richard had two sisters, Ann and Sarah, who also attended Methodist church classes at Clem's Run. Richard would later become a church class leader.

**Methodist Leader** [per son Franklin Skinner, Glassboro Enterprise, 2 Dec 1921]

In 1828, Richard became licensed as a Methodist exhorter. In 1832, he became licensed as a preacher, immediately becoming a member of the local preachers association, wherein he served fifty years, preaching in many sections of old Gloucester County.

As a minister, Richard traveled around the rural areas of Gloucester County leading classes and services in communities not having an established Methodist church.

### **Mount Pleasant School**

In 1854 or 1855, the residents of Mount Pleasant (Richwood) created the Mount Pleasant School District with plans to build a new public school in addition to the existing Clem's Run School. This was at a point in time when towns were building numerous small schools to advance public education and to provide schools within walking distance of children.

In 1855, the town elected the following school trustees to oversee the school district and building of the new school:

Elisha Heritage

William Heritage

**Richard Skinner**

Joseph Nicholson

Hiram Abbott (possible relation to Richard's daughter Martha Abbott)

Nathan T. Skinner [eldest son of Richard Skinner]

Charles Souder [husband of Richard's daughter, Sarah]

Per a deed dated 5 June 1855, Richard sold 33/100 of an acre of land for \$70 to the Trustees on behalf of the school. This land was located in the center of Mount Pleasant at the intersection of 'the road to Bethel' (today's Lambs Road) and the 'Mullica Hill Glassborough Road (today's Rt. 322). The Mount Pleasant School, a small one room schoolhouse, was built on or near this land.

The Methodist classes that had been held at the Clem's Run School were moved to the new Mount Pleasant School. Richard Skinner was the leader of Methodist church classes at Mount Pleasant.

*"The new school-house .....another class was formed, with **Richard Skinner, Sr.**, as leader. This was made a Sunday afternoon appointment, and in fair weather the services were held in the beautiful grove surrounding the school-house."*

[History of Harrison Township, <http://nj.searchroots.com/Gloucesterco/>]

Richard Skinner's eldest son, Richard Skinner Junior, was a school teacher by trade and taught at both the Clem's Run School and the newer Mount Pleasant School during his lifetime.

## Richwood Academy

In 1870, the original Mount Pleasant schoolhouse was replaced by a larger building named the Richwood Academy. This school was designed to be the public school for students from as far away as the neighboring towns of Glassboro and Mullica Hill.

The original one room Point Pleasant Schoolhouse was sold and carried off to another location, finally burning down in the 1900's.

The Richwood Academy that replaced the old school was used for public school education until the 1950's and is still standing today. The building is listed on both the US and NJ Register of Historic Places.

## Richwood Methodist Church

The Methodist religion finally had a permanent home in Richwood when a Methodist Church was constructed in 1860. The church cemetery, next to the church, sits directly across the street on Rt. 609 from where Richard's White Horse Tavern once stood. The tavern must have had quite a reputation:

*'About a month after the church was organized, an article in the Constitution, a weekly paper then published in Woodbury, hailed the dawning of a brighter day for the community because a church was to be erected opposite the place where the "sink of pollution" (the White Horse Tavern) once stood. "Where sin abounded grace shall much more abound," the article predicted.'*

[Per [RichwoodUMCCChurchHistory.html](http://RichwoodUMCCChurchHistory.html)] –

There are no records that show that Richard, a nearby resident and Methodist preacher, played any formal role in the creation or running of this church, though he likely had some involvement.

Rev. Charles Souder, husband of Richard's daughter Sarah, was listed as the primary church Minister and Steward of this church in 1882.

*"The stained glass window at the end of the hall in the Education Building is in memory of Charles C. & Sarah B. Souder; This window was moved from the room behind the sanctuary when the Education Building was erected"* [richwoodchurch.org].

The stained glass windows would have been dedicated to the Souders when the windows were installed in 1925 [installation date per Wikipedia].

The beautiful Methodist church is still standing today. The building was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1979 for its significance in architecture [Wikipedia]. And the church cemetery marks the spot on Rt. 609 where Richard Skinner's White Horse Tavern once stood, directly across the street!

## Methodist Elder

*“In 1864, after thirty-two years service as a local preacher, he was ordained a local elder, by Bishop Matthew Simpson, this the highest order afforded to laymen in the Methodist Episcopal Church.”* [per son Franklin Skinner, Glassboro Enterprise, 2 Dec 1921]

## The Lands of Richard Skinner

Richard’s principal occupation was farming and his passion was preaching the Methodist gospel and living a strict Christian life. But he also was involved in a large number of real estate transactions during his life. His real estate holdings all began with the original purchase of his father’s 340 acres of land at the sheriff’s sale back in 1821. His real estate transactions enabled him to become charitable during his life, providing land and farmhouse dwellings to most of his children.

Richard Skinner bought and sold many parcels of land at Richwood during his lifetime, including land along Rt. 609, Rt. 667, Rt. 322 and Lamb’s Road. He also invested in the neighboring town of Glassboro, where some of his children and grandchildren would eventually migrate to.

## Gifting

Richard provided land to each of his surviving children on the occasion of their marriages.

The first marriage gift was 40-50 acres of land and a farmhouse on Rt. 609 to his son Richard Skinner Jr. in 1846, on occasion of Junior’s marriage to Elizabeth Ann Corson. Richard Jr., a school teacher, eventually left the world of farming and sold the parcel back to his father in 1874. As a school teacher, Richard Jr. taught at both the Clem’s Run School and the Mount Pleasant School. His public school students had included his younger brother Franklin.

Richard gave eldest son Nathan T. Skinner land called the Cabin Run Tract on the west side of Rt. 667 in 1849, which Richard had purchased in 1838. The Cabin Run Tract was named after the Cabin Run - a stream that ran from the west side of the Cabin Run farmhouse, across the farm and emptied into the ‘Little Clem’s Run’ stream.

Nathan was one of the first school principals of the Academy Street School on Academy Street in the town of Glassboro, which was built about 1843. He was also among the first group of trustees who were tasked with building the Mount Pleasant School at Richwood in 1855.

Richard’s daughter Sarah Souder, wife of Rev. Charles C. Souder, was gifted land that adjoined her father’s ‘Old Stone House’ farm. Her husband Charles was mentioned as being the Minister and Steward of the Richwood Methodist Church in the year 1882.

Richard's daughter Martha Abbott married Brazilla Abbott in the 1840's and was gifted a substantial farm in 1849. The farm fronted on the west side Rt. 667 near the southern border of Harrison Township with Clayton Township. Richard had purchased this land from Richard and Abigail Cooper on December 26, 1846. Cooper had been using the land for a timber business.

In 1854, Martha and Brazilla sold the land back to Richard Skinner, the same year in which Martha prematurely died. In 1855, the following year, Brazilla Abbott, a widower, married Mary Jane Souder, a sister to Rev. Charles C. Souder of the Richwood Methodist Church. Charles was a husband to Sarah Skinner, another daughter of Richard Skinner. By the 1870's, Richard & 4<sup>th</sup> wife Mary had made the farm their primary residence. This was the homestead where Richard died in 1882.

Richard's youngest son Franklin Skinner was born in 1842 - young enough to be a grandson to Richard. Franklin was not married until 1873. Richard gifted land to Franklin in 1865 after Franklin had completed three years of combat service in the Army during the Civil War. Franklin was given a homestead that was said to be directly across from Richard's 'Old Stone House' farm. Deed records show his land to be on the west side of Rt. 667, so across the street from the Old Stone House.

In 1874, Richard sold Franklin additional land adjoining the farm he gifted to Franklin in 1865. This 1874 transaction may have been a wedding gift to Franklin and his bride.

Both Franklin and his elder brother Richard Skinner Jr. served in the Civil War, though in different Army units. Both were stationed near Appomattox when the War ended in 1865. Franklin detailed his War experiences in a poem presented to his brother Richard Jr. in 1906. And he wrote another poem detailing his brother's teaching skills, as Franklin had been a public school student with his brother Richard as his teacher.

Richard's youngest surviving daughter, Rebecca, opted for paid tuition at the Pennington Seminary in lieu of a gift of land. This is the same seminary that her brother Richard Jr. had graduated from. Rebecca later married Benjamin Woolston.



Correct spelling of Brazilla Abbott, but wrong date of death [findagrave.com]

## **Cabin Run Tract, 1838**

The Cabin Run Tract was a 64 acre farm located on the west side of Rt. 667. It was named after the Cabin Run - a stream that ran from the west side of the Cabin Run farmhouse, across the farm and emptied into the 'Little Clem's Run' stream. This farm was purchased by Richard Skinner from Joseph C. Gill in 1838. Richard may have lived on the farm after he purchased it. A century later, about half of this land was a part of the George Reutter farm (mid-1960's).

In 1849, Richard sold this farm, plus an additional 16 acres of land originally purchased from his father's sheriff's sale back in 1821, as a gift totaling 83 acres to his eldest son Nathan T. Skinner.

Per the research of cousin Richard Skinner, the Cabin Run Tract went from Richard Moffett to Louisa H. Paul (1826) to Richard Skinner's brother-in-law Nathan Thompson (1828) to Charles C. Gill (1838) to Richard Skinner (1838) to Nathan T. Skinner (1849).

## **Glassboro, 1843**

In 1843, Richard purchased 15 acres of land in the nearby town of Glassboro. Not a big purchase, but this was a wise and early investment in a town that would become a vibrant city in the second half of the 1800's. Richard never resided on any of this Glassboro land. The land was eventually subdivided into city lots of about ½ acre each, and most was sold off, but one of Richard's grandsons, Harry Skinner, would live and raise a family on one of those lots.

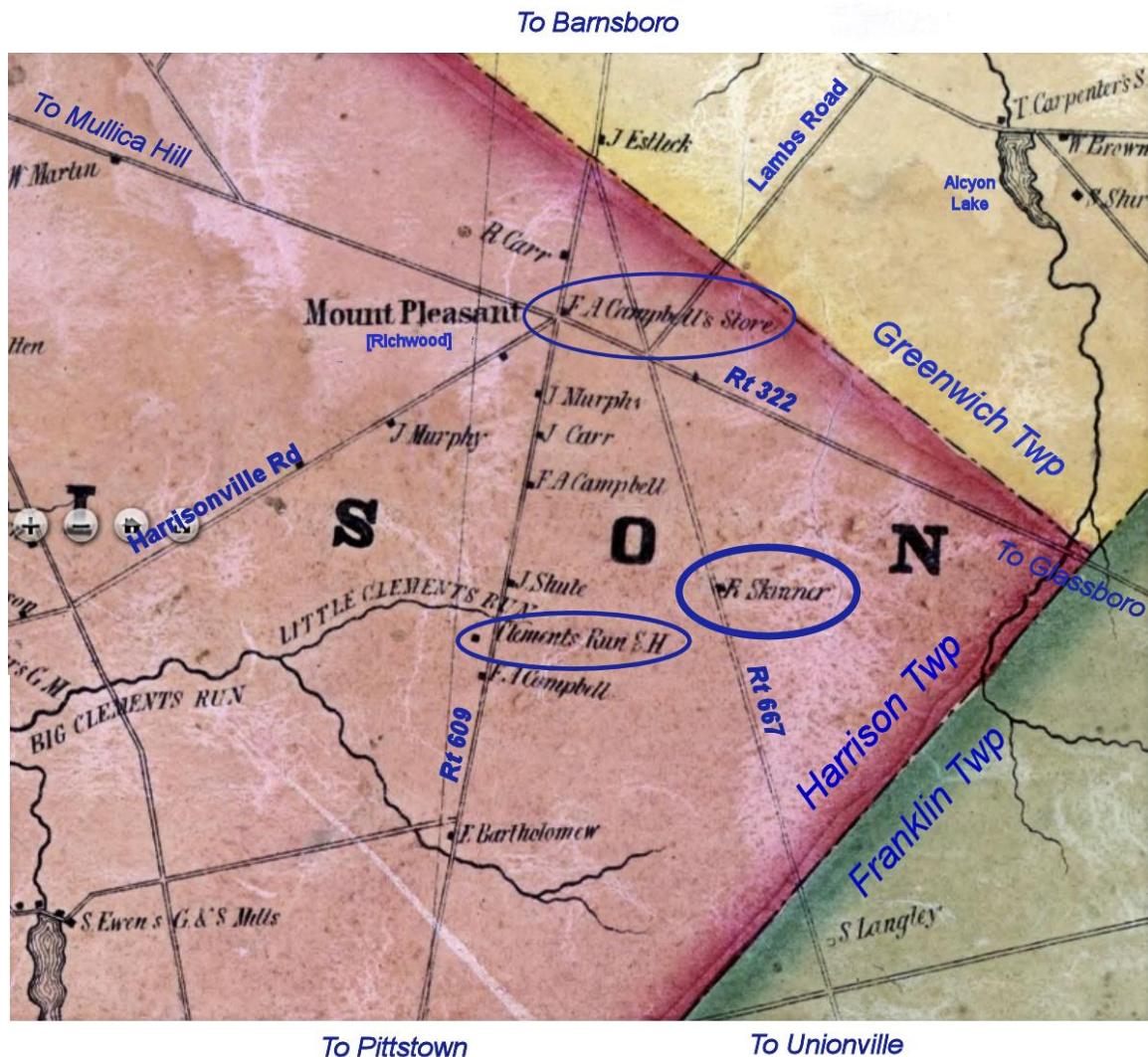
## **The 'Old Stone House'**

By 1849, Richard was living on a farm on the east side of Rt. 667. The farmhouse itself was known as the 'Old Stone House'. This house was a well-known landmark on the old road (Rt. 667) and predated Richard's purchase of the property. During Richard's ownership of the property, the home was referred to as the "Preachers House", and it served as a frequent meeting place for Richard's Methodist acquaintances in the mid-1800's.

In the 1960's, the 'Old Stone House' was long gone, but the land was part of the William Rusling Skinner farm (1863-1953) across Rt. 667 from the now (1965) George Reutter farm. William Rusling Skinner, Jr. (1900-1967), of Dennisville, N. J. recalled that they had used the old Stone house to store sweet potatoes. Per Rusling Jr. the farmhouse was torn down when the railroad bed was put in. "The railroad has since been removed, but you can still see where it was."



I have not located deed records pertaining to Richard's purchase or sale of any land on the east side of Rt. 667 where the 'Old Stone House' was located, but by 1861, this land was owned by his son-in-law Rev. Charles C. Souder, a person with whom Richard did many land transactions.

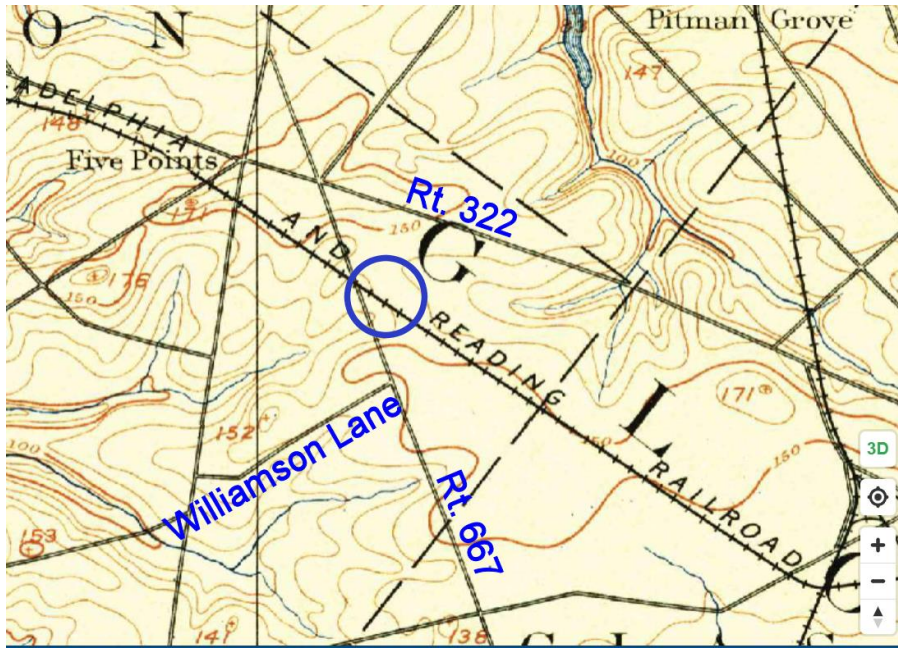


Excerpt from 1849 Map of Gloucester County [Library of Congress]

This map shows the Clems Run School and Francis Campbell's mercantile store, one of the earliest businesses in the area.

Richard is shown on the east side of Rt. 667 – this would be the 'Old Stone House' farm.

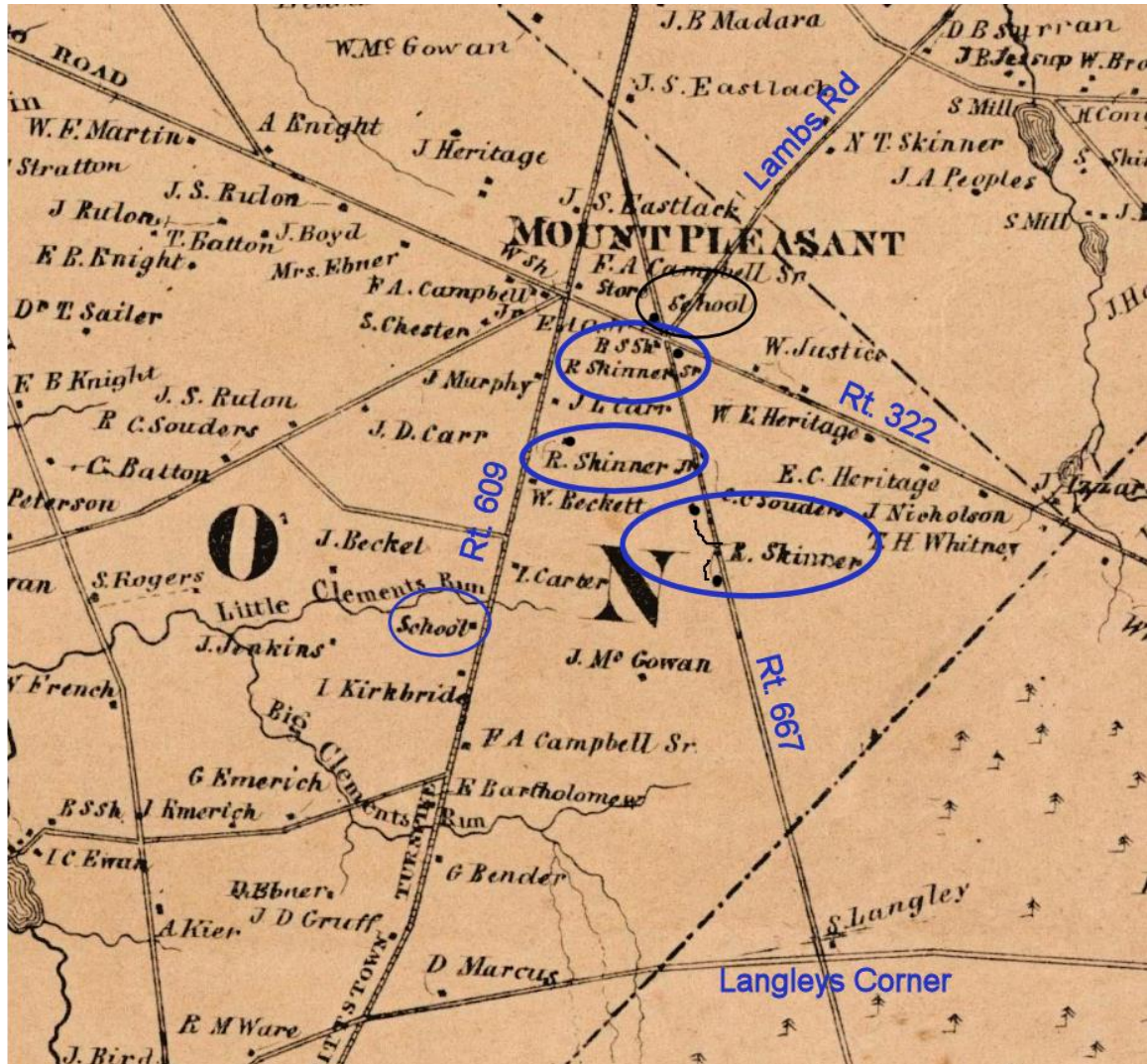
This map does not show a 40 acre lot on Rt. 609, between the lands of Carr and Campbell, that Richard gifted to his son Richard Jr. in 1849.



1890 Map, Richwood Area

The 'Old Stone House' on the east side of Rt. 667 was torn down when the railroad was put in.  
[pastmaps.com]

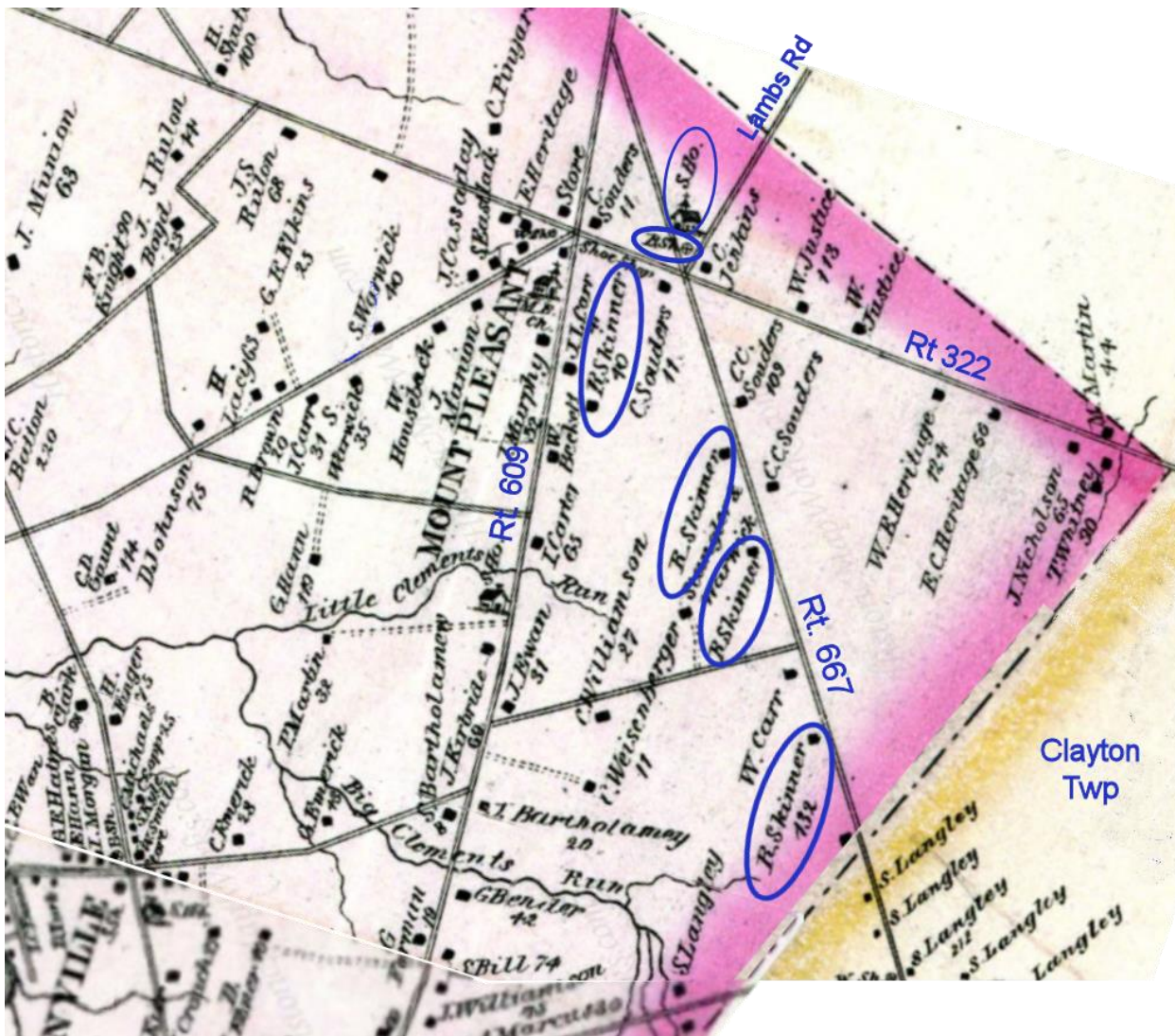




1861 Map [Gloucester County Historical Society]

In 1861, Richard now owns two properties on the west side of Rt. 667. One of these properties would be the Cabin Run property that Richard gifted to son Franklin Skinner in 1865. In the 1960's, some of this land was part of the farm of George Reutter.

This map shows the 40 acres belonging to Richard Skinner Jr. on Rt. 609 that Richard Senior had gifted to Richard Junior in 1849.



Excerpt of 1876 Map, Harrison Township, Gloucester County  
[Library of Congress]

The map shows that Richard Skinner has 40 acres on Rt. 609, which may be the original 40 acre parcel he had purchased at the sheriff's sale of his father's lands in 1821. He gifted this land to son Richard Junior in 1846, but Junior sold it back to Senior in 1874.

The map shows that Richard owned three parcels of land south of Rt. 322 fronting on Rt. 667.

The southern most parcel of 132 acres was the farm and land where Richard spent his final years and where he contracted pneumonia and died. The farm was sold in 1886, four years after his death.

The map shows the new Richwood Academy school, north of Rt. 322 along Lambs Road, which was built in 1870. Richard sold land to the School District for the building of the new school, and retained a small piece of land at the corner of Rt. 322 and Lambs Road as shown. Richard had also provided land for the previous school house, the Mount Pleasant School, which had been located on the opposite side of Rt. 667 from the newer academy.



## **Where Did Richard Live**

Richard had significant landholdings on Rt. 609, Rt. 322, Rt. 667 and Lambs Road in Harrison Township, formally Greenwich Township, as well as many city plots in nearby Glassboro.

In terms of where he actually lived - he lived at the site of his tavern on Rt. 609, per his son Franklin. That would have been from 1821 until the sale of the tavern site in 1828. In the 1830's and early 1840's, he appears to have lived on Rt. 609 on the remainder of his lands surrounding the tavern site.

### **1830 Census**

The census shows Richard living in Greenwich Twp. In 1828, he had sold a 5 acre plot of land that included the site of his former White Horse tavern. But he still had land on 3 of the 4 sides of that plot on Rt. 609 which is where he was likely residing.

Richard's widowed mother, Patience Skinner, was listed a few persons away from him in the census, and was probably living with him.

Some of the nearby families include familiar names – Thomas Simpkins (Rt. 609) and further away, Richard's brother William Skinner, who lived in northern Harrison Twp.

### **1840 Census**

Richard was living in Greenwich Twp. Again, he appears to be living on his lands on Rt. 609 near the site of his former tavern.

Familiar nearby names on the census, many who lived along Rt. 609 – Conrad Ayres, Joseph Stout, Saml Bartholomew, James Lippincott, Charles French, Isaac Dilkes, Skinner, Richard Clark, Josiah Beckett Jr., Thomas Simpkins, Frances A. Campbell, William Madara, Wm Skinner (brother to Richard), Isaac Moffett, John & Joseph Madara.

Sometime after the 1840 census, Richard moved to the 'Old Stone House' farm on the east side of Rt. 667. This is where he resided at the time the 1849 map of Gloucester County was put together. He likely lived at that farm into the 1850's.

**1850 Census** - Richard is missing from the census.

### **1855 State Census**

The census shows lists the family of Richard next to the family of his son Richard Jr. That means that Richard and wife were living with their son at his farm on Rt. 609, or Richard and his son were simply neighbors.

The numerous and ever-changing tracts of land owned by Richard, including many tracts with farmhouses makes for a convoluted situation. By 1855, Richard owned land up and down Rt. 667 and may still have owned a parcel on Rt. 609. In the 1850's, he sold a tract to his son (not officially recorded), so that Richard Jr.'s farm on Rt. 609 then extended all the way to Rt. 667. So father and son sharing the same roof or simply neighbors – impossible to tell.

All of these lands would now have been in Harrison Township, which was created in 1844 from a portion of Greenwich Twp.

### **1860 Census**

Richard's situation had changed. His third wife, Rebecca Ann Shute, whom he married in 1848, had died 1859. The 1860 census shows that Richard was a 'Gentleman' now living in the household of John Beckett. They appear to be living to the west of Rt. 667 and Rt. 609. There are no other Skinner family members living with Richard.

The census shows that Richard valued his real estate holdings at \$13000 and his personal wealth at \$1000. Quite a large number compared to others in the census.

## **1870's & 1880's - New Homestead**

By the census of 1870, Richard Skinner has married his 4<sup>th</sup> wife and appears to be living on one of his properties on the west side of Rt. 667, probably a small tract that sat at the southwest corner of Rt. 322 and Rt. 667.

### **1870 Census**

The 1870 census shows Richard as a farmer living at Harrison Twp. He is age 73, his 4<sup>th</sup> wife Mary is age 59 and there is a 12 year old school child named Lawrence Doughtly living with them.

Richard and family are listed in the census between two families that lived on Rt. 322 – the family of William Justice and the family of Wm E. Heritage. For that reason, Richard may have been living on a property that he owned on Rt. 322, at the intersection with Rt. 667 – see 1861 Map.

The census shows that Richard valued his real estate holdings at \$23000 and his personal wealth at \$1400, a larger level of wealth than most others in that neighborhood.

### **1880 Census**

The 1880 census shows Richard as a farmer living at Harrison Twp.

Richard with his wife Mary and four other persons are now living on a 100+ acre farm on the west side of Rt. 667 at the southern border of Harrison Twp. They would have moved into this farm sometime in the 1870's.

This farm was largely aligned with the farm that Richard had gifted to his daughter Martha at the occasion of her marriage to Brazilla Abbott in 1849. The Abbotts sold it back to Richard in 1854, the year that Martha died.

Richard Skinner and 4<sup>th</sup> wife Mary were living on this farm when Richard died in 1882. After his death, the Executors of his estate sold the farm in 1886.



## Glassboro Methodist Episcopal Church

Richard Skinner does not appear in the records of the Methodist Church of Richwood, though his son-in-law Charles C. Souder was a minister there.

Richard and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church of nearby Glassboro, beginning in the 1860's, where many of their friends and family were members.

| S. S. U. Alphabetical List  |             |                                 | of Members.  |                                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| Name                        | Residence   | Time and                        | Class Leader | Remarks                           |
| Skinner, Elmina C           | "           | " " "                           | B. Tyle      |                                   |
| Skinner, Frank              | in the army | not by certificate              | W. Lutz      |                                   |
| Skinner, Mary               |             | Rec'd by Class                  | S. Lutz      |                                   |
| Skinner, William H          |             | Rec'd in full                   | Wardner      |                                   |
| <del>Skinner, Richard</del> |             | <del>Rec'd by certificate</del> |              | Removed by certificate Sep 3 / 64 |

Mary, wife of Richard Skinner Sr.;

Also shown – Richard's youngest brother Frank Skinner  
and Richard's grandson William H. 'Harry' Skinner  
[1860 Glassboro Methodist Church Records; familysearch.com]

| 1862 Record for the |                                          |         |                             |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| No. 2               | Edward Lutz<br>Samuel Luffbury<br>Names. | Leader. | Meets 1 Church Monday Every |
|                     |                                          |         | Remarks.                    |
|                     | Edward Lutz                              |         |                             |
|                     | Richard Skinner                          |         |                             |
|                     | James Lock                               |         |                             |
|                     | Samuel Luffbury                          |         |                             |
|                     | Franklin Homan                           |         |                             |
|                     | William P. Corson                        |         |                             |
|                     | Permelia Corson                          |         |                             |

Richard Skinner Sr. or Jr.

Also shown – Dr. Samuel Luffbury, Frank Thoman, and William and wife Permelia Corson,  
William Corson having a sister Elizabeth who married Richard Skinner Jr.

[1862 Glassboro Methodist Church Records]

| Record for the      |         |       |                |
|---------------------|---------|-------|----------------|
| Samuel Luffbury     | Leader. | Meets | Monday evening |
| Names.              |         |       | Remarks.       |
| Samuel Luffbury     |         |       |                |
| Richard Skinner Sr. |         |       |                |
| Mary Skinner        |         |       |                |
| Edward Lutz         |         |       |                |
| James Lock          |         |       |                |

Richard & Mary Skinner w/Dr. Samuel Luffbury as class leader

[1866, Glassboro Methodist Church Records]

| Alphabetical Record of |                |                |               |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Names.                 | State in Life. | When Received. | How Received. |
| Strang Catharine       | m              |                |               |
| Skinner Wm H.          | m              |                |               |
| Skinner Lizzie         | m              |                |               |
| Smith Mrs. b.          | m              |                |               |
| Smith Hannah           | w              |                |               |
| Simmernan Matthias     | m              |                |               |
| Simmernan Emma b.      | s              |                |               |
| Skinner Richard        | m              |                |               |
| Skinner Mary           | m              |                |               |

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Rev. Richard &amp; Mary Skinner

Their grandson Harry Skinner &amp; wife Lizzie on the same page

[1880, Glassboro Methodist Church Records]

## Death of Richard and 4<sup>th</sup> Wife Mary

Richard died in 1882 after a brief bout with pneumonia. The personal accounts of his death indicate that he died at home at his farm which was located on the west side of Rt. 667.

Six months later, 4<sup>th</sup> wife Mary died as well:

Mary Skinner - "Died after 4 months illness, a happy, holy faithful servant of God"  
[Methodist Church records].

| Alphabetical Record Members in Full Connection. |               |               |                                                                      |  |  |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|
| Names.                                          | State in Life | No. of Class. | Remarks                                                              |  |  |
| Simmerman, Caleb F.                             | Mo            | 4             |                                                                      |  |  |
| Simmerman, Sallie E.                            | Mo            | 4             |                                                                      |  |  |
| x Simmerman, William.                           |               |               | Not a member                                                         |  |  |
| x <del>Skinner Richard</del>                    |               | 6             | Died Sept 8, 1882.                                                   |  |  |
| x <del>Skinner Mary</del>                       |               | 6             | Died after 4 months illness. A happy, holy, faithful servant of God. |  |  |
| Skinner Richard Jr.                             | Mo            | 4             |                                                                      |  |  |
| x Skinner Elizabeth A.                          | Mo            | 4             | Died Was a great sufferer                                            |  |  |
| x Skinner Ellen L.                              | Mo            | 2             | Removal by Certificate to Clarkston May 31, 1883                     |  |  |
| x <del>Skinner Anna</del>                       |               |               | Removal by Certificate to Clarkston Sept 15, 1882                    |  |  |
| Skinner William H.                              | Mo            | 4             |                                                                      |  |  |
| Skinner Lizzie                                  | Mo            | 4             |                                                                      |  |  |

Records of the Glassboro Methodist Episcopal Church, 1880's

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**Memoriam to Richard Skinner By W.S. Barnhart, Pastor of the Glassboro Methodist Church, The Christian Advocate, 1882:**

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## Old Methodist Cemetery, Glassboro, NJ



Photo taken in the 1990's by Dave Skinner



**Disposition of Richard's Property:**

Richard named his youngest son Franklin Skinner and his "close and dear friend Solomon H. Stanger, Jr." as Executors of his Will. His lands were sold in bits and pieces to willing buyers, and the process took years to accomplish.

Some of Richard's children appear to have inherited land as a result of his Last Will & Testament. Daughter Rebecca Woolston received a ½ acre city plot - 351 Main St. in Glassboro. And daughter Sarah Souder received 347 Main St. Both daughters quickly re-sold their inherited lands.

Richard Skinner Jr. purchased 337 Main Street and a neighboring duplex – 343/345 Main Street from the Executors. 337 Main Street would serve as home to Richard Jr and later, his son Harry Skinner and children, well into the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The last of the land to be sold was the 102 acre farm where Richard had lived and died. This land was sold at a public auction in 1886 to a man named Henry Albright. This land had been part of a larger parcel that Richard had gifted to his daughter Martha Abbott, land that Martha and Brazilla Abbott had sold back to Richard in 1854. Richard's farm also included a 40 acre parcel that Richard had purchased from Benjamin Wilson in 1858. Richard's executors sold a portion of the land to Charles Williamson (the namesake of Williamson Lane) in 1885, and auctioned off the final 102 acre farm to Albright in 1886.

The advertisement for the farm indicates that the farmhouse was nearly new, 2 ½ stories with 7 rooms. The farm also included a large barn, a Crib House (secondary house) and many out-buildings.

EXECUTORS' PEREMPTORY SALE  
—OF—  
**REAL ESTATE!**  
ESTATE OF RICHARD SKINNER, DEC'D.

Pursuant to the last Will and Testament of Richard Skinner, late of Gloucester county, deceased, will be exposed at Public Sale, on  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 9th, 1886,**  
At the hotel of Jesse E. Reeves, in Glassboro. N. J., between the hours of 12 and 5 oclock, to wit, at 2 o'clock P. M., all that Farm and Plantation where the said Richard Skinner lived and departed this life, situate, lying and being on the west side of the public road leading from Langley's corner to Five Points, called the Unionville road, in Harrison township,  
**Containing 102 88-100 Acres,**  
More or less. The land is in good state of cultivation, with a stream of water running through it, and a good apple orchard thereon.  
The buildings consist of a comfortable 2½-story Dwelling 7 rooms, nearly new; large Barn, Crib House, and all other necessary out-buildings.  
It is a very desirable property for any person who intends to make farming their business, or for investment, being in a good, healthy neighborhood, handy to church schools, &c.  
Title perfect. Those who wish to view the property before the day of sale, will please call on Solomon H. Stanger, Richard Skinner, or Joseph H. Duffield, at Glassboro.  
Conditions, which will be liveryal, made known on day of sale by  
**FRANK SKINNER,**  
**SOLOMON H. STANGER, Jr.,**  
Nov. 23, 1885.      Ex. of Richard Skinner, dec'd

Dec 31, 1885, Gloucester County Democrat

REAL ESTATE.

Saturday, Jan. 3, near Five Points, known as the Richard Skinner farm, by Frank Skinner and Solomon H. Stanger, Executors.

Jan 14, 1886, Gloucester County Democrat

“Farm and Plantation where the said Richard Skinner lived and departed this life”

## **Changing Times**

As people left the farms in the 1870's, they traded their farmland for small ½ acre home lots in towns like Glassboro, the fastest growing town in Gloucester County. But the changing times that saw people and jobs move to towns like Glassboro did not end there. By the 1900's, the blue collar jobs associated with industrialization became consolidated in the larger cities of Camden and Philadelphia, so some of Richard's great/grandchildren of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century left the Glassboro area of South Jersey behind.

And so, the descendants of Richard Skinner took divergent paths in life – some took labor jobs in Philadelphia by the early 1900's, some developed their own skilled occupations in South Jersey, and a few continued farming into the 1960's and 1970's.

## **Richard's Legacy**

Richard Skinner Sr. “was a prince in Israel and worthy of an extended fame. He was great in physical power, mental energy and business diligence. He was full of nobility and generosity, blessed with a remarkable Christian experience and a deep religious devotion, constant and earnest in labor, and at last left the world in glorious triumph.”

[W. S. BARNART, pastor of the Glassboro Episcopal Methodist Church, THE CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, 8 April 1882]

Due to his wide circle of family and friends, strong character and relative wealth and landholdings, he was a game-changer in the Skinner family and a larger than life role model in his family and community.

**Exhibit 1**

**W. S. BARNART, pastor of the Glassboro Episcopal Methodist Church, writing a memoriam for Richard Skinner, FROM THE CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, 8 April 1882 (from the files of Virginia Minotty dated 3/17/1980):**

REV. RICHARD SKINNER, SR. 1797-1882

Rev. Richard Skinner, Sr. of Glassborough, N. J. was a prince in Israel and worthy of an extended fame. He was great in physical power, mental energy and business diligence. He was full of nobility and generosity, blessed with a remarkable Christian experience and a deep religious devotion, constant and earnest in labor, and at last left the world in glorious triumph.

We may give the prominent dates of his life. Born July 11, 1797, began taking the Christian Advocate in 1826, converted August 12, 1827, licensed to exhort in 1828, and to preach in 1832, ordained an elder in 1864 by Bishop Simpson and died near Glassborough, N. J March 12, 1882.

Before becoming a Christian he lived in Helltown [KDS note - Richwood] and kept a tavern. Coming under conviction he arose in the night, with his wife, to pray. After a struggle of two days he was powerfully converted. The next morning he brought forth fruits, met for repentance by taking an ax and cutting down the sign and post and forever ceasing to sell rum. He became not only a very joyous Christian but a consistent and methodical man of God. His family were directed to rigidly observe the Sabbath and they were constantly commended to God, morning and evening at the family altar. The noon hour was made a time of personal religious profit for he always retired for prayer and the devout reading of his Bible.

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**Exhibit 2**

**Article from the Glassboro Enterprise newspaper, dated December 2, 1921, in on-going column entitled "Our History Club", compiled by John Downer, based upon information provided by Franklin Skinner (son of Richard Skinner); newspaper from the files of cousin Virginia Minotty:**

REVEREND RICHARD SKINNER b. July 11, 1797 d. Mar. 12, 1882

The Reverend RICHARD SKINNER was born on the old homestead, near now Alcyon Park [KDS – Pitman Grove], July 11, 1797, dying at Glassboro, March 12, 1882, aged nearly eighty-five years. At the age of twenty-eight, in 1825, he was commissioned captain of the Second Company of the First Regiment of the Gloucester County Brigade, New Jersey Militia, in the days when military training was obligatory.

[KDS note – skipping over several paragraphs of incorrect information]

August 12, 1827, he was converted, in his own home opposite the present Richwood Methodist Church cemetery; the next year licensed as a Methodist exhorter, and in 1832 licensed as a local preacher, immediately becoming a member of the local preachers association, wherein he served fifty years, preaching in many sections of old Gloucester County, including a number of points that are now strong churches. In 1864, after thirty-two years service as a local preacher, he was ordained a local elder, by Bishop Matthew Simpson, this the highest order afforded to laymen in the Methodist Episcopal Church. His youngest son, Franklin Skinner writes:

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He was active in business, and in serving the lord. When his children married he gave each of them a farm of no mean dimension, beginning with Richard, the first married; then Nathan; then Martha; then Sarah; Rebecca, instead of a farm, preferred a higher education, and took a course at Pennington Female College and graduated there. Franklin, after his three years service in the Army, during the Civil War, was given the homestead opposite the Stone House Farm. The Stone House was a noted landmark, for many years, as also was the Big Pine, in the road leading from the Stone House to Barnsboro.

The circumstances of his death. Needing some timber for building repairs he cut down a tree, about 12 inches across, and after trimming it up he sat down in perspiration from his exertion. He thus contracted a chill and hurrying home to bed, pneumonia speedily set in and in three days he passed away. Just before he died he requested his son, Franklin, to sing, but before he could start singing the aged father's spirit had taken its everlasting flight. The Rev. W. S. Barnart, then pastor at Glassboro, preached the funeral sermon from the text: "A prince has fallen, today, in Israel." In the local preachers' association minutes, dated April 8, 1882, is inscribed a memorial to him, in which appears a graphic account of his remarkable conversion.

(The above printed in the Glassboro Enterprise, December 2, 1921.)

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## Actual Newspaper Article, Glassboro Enterprise, December 2, 1921:

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He was born on the old homestead, near now Alcyon Park, July 11, 1797, dying at Glassboro, March 12, 1882, aged nearly eighty-five years. He was a great grandson of Rev. William Skinner, who emigrated from Scotland to East New Jersey, in 1721, and was the only one of Rev. William Skinner's sons who served in the Revolutionary War, on the American side, according to Mr. Franklin Skinner's data.

At the age of twenty-eight, in 1825, Richard Skinner was commissioned captain of the Second Company of the First Regiment of the Gloucester County Brigade, New Jersey Militia, in the days when military training was obligatory.

August 12, 1827, he was converted, in his own home, opposite the present Richwood Methodist Church cemetery; the next year, licensed as a Methodist exhorter, and in 1832, licensed as a local preacher, immediately becoming a member of the local preachers' association, wherein he served fifty years, preaching in many sections of old Gloucester county, including a number of points that are now strong churches. In 1864, after thirty-two years' service as local preacher, he was ordained a local elder, by Bishop Matthew Simpson, this the highest order afforded to laymen in the Methodist Episcopal Church. His youngest son, Franklin Skinner, writes:

"He had a generous heart, full of love for God and his fellow man. His house was known as the preacher's home. The country was thinly settled, and regular preaching not as frequent as desired. Rev. Charles Heisley related to me a few years ago, when he was nearly eighty:

"As a young man, on my first appointment, I was assigned to Gloucester Circuit. I had no means by which to travel over this large circuit, so I hunted up your father, who was then living in the Stone House. I told him my plight and asked him for his advice. He (Mr. Skinner) said he had a sulky which he could spare, and gave me that, and a horse and harness, and sent me on my way, rejoicing. \*\*\*\*

"His children were brought up in the fear of the Lord, and on Sundays they attended church instead of running around the neighborhood, learning evil ways. \*\*\* It was his daily habit, when at home, after dinner, to read a chapter in the Bible, on his knees, and he (thus) read it through nearly seventeen times. His continued devotion to the cause of religion until he reached an advanced age, caused him to be called 'Father Skinner'.

"He was active in business, and in serving the Lord. When his children married he gave each of them a farm of no mean dimension, beginning with Richard, the first married, then Nathan, then Martha, then Sarah, Rebecca, instead of a farm, preferred a higher education and took a course at Pennington Female College and graduated there. Franklin, after his three years' service in the Army, during the Civil War, was given the homestead opposite the Stone House Farm. The Stone House was a noted landmark for many years, as also was the Big Pine, in the road leading from the Stone House to Barnesboro.

Circumstances of his death. Needing some timber for building repairs, he cut down a tree about 12 inches across, and after trimming it up he sat down, in perspiration, from his exertion. He thus contracted a chill, and hurrying home to bed, pneumonia speedily set in and in three days he passed away. Just before he died he requested his son, Franklin, to sing, but before he could start singing, the aged father's spirit had taken its everlasting flight. The Rev. W. S. Barnart, then pastor at Glassboro, preached the funeral sermon from the text: 'A prince has fallen; today, in Israel.' In the local preachers' association minutes, dated April 8, 1882, is inscribed a memorial to him, in which appears a graphic account of his remarkable conversion.

December 2, 1921.  
 (To be continued next week.)

**Our history Club..**  
Compiled by John R. Downer

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### THE SKINNER FAMILY

#### III

#### By Franklin Skinner

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#### BIRTHS:

Richard, son of John and Patience Hanlsey was born July 11, 1797.  
Mary, daughter of Jacob and Nancy Swope, was born February 2, 1790.  
Richard Skinner and Mary Swope were married November 1, 1821.  
Names of Children of Richard and Mary Skinner:  
Nathan Thomson, son of Richard and Mary Skinner, was born August 3, 1822; died August 14, 1871.  
Richard, son of Richard and Mary Skinner, was born September 27, 1823; died March 20, 1908.  
Jacob Swope, son of Richard and Mary Skinner was born August 19, 1825; died April 2, 1846.  
Mary Ann, daughter of Richard and Mary Skinner was born April 13, 1827; died August 27, 1834.  
Martha, daughter of Richard and Mary Skinner was born March 17, 1829; died June 8, 1854.  
Ann, daughter of Richard and Mary Skinner was born May 27, 1831; died January 15, 1860.  
Sarah, daughter of Richard and Mary Skinner was born October 18, 1833.  
Rebecca, daughter of Richard and Mary Skinner was born August 25, 1836.  
Mary, daughter of Richard and Mary Skinner was born July 3, 1839; died August 10, 1839.  
Thomas, son of Richard and Mary Skinner, born July 9, 1839; died August 1839.  
Franklin, son of Richard and Mary Skinner was born January 6, 1841.

#### MARRIAGES

Richard Skinner and Mary Swope were married November 1, 1821, by Reverend Edward Shults.

Richard Skinner and Sarah Beckwith, widow, second wife, were married December 20, 1845, by Reverend William Hanley.

Richard Skinner and Rebecca Ann Shute, widow, third wife, were married August 31, 1848, by Reverend A. J. Trout.

Richard Skinner and Mary Stretch, widow, fourth wife, were married in September, 1863.

#### DEATHS:

Mary, wife of Richard Skinner, died October 2, 1844.  
Sarah, second wife of Richard Skinner, died July 31, 1847.  
Rebecca Ann, third wife of Richard Skinner died November 10, 1850.  
Richard Skinner died March 12, 1882.  
Mary Skinner, fourth wife of Richard Skinner, died October 2, 1882.

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Franklin Skinner, youngest son of Richard and Mary Skinner, was born January 6, 1841. He married Sarah A. Patten of Stafford Springs, Connecticut, July 17, 1873. Three children were born to them:  
Laura Patten Trumbull, born April 20, 1874;  
Nadine Converse, born July 4, 1876; and  
Leona Alden, born December 13, 1877. Leona died January 26, 1884.  
Nadine Converse and Leigh Mitchell Hodges were married April 22, 1903, by the Reverend John Converse Mitchell, son of Leigh Mitchell Hodges, and Nadine Converse Skinner was born February 27, 1910.

References: The Family Bible, containing the Record of the Children of Richard and Mary Skinner, in possession of Richard Bailey Squider, of Richwood, New Jersey.  
Family Records in possession of Franklin Skinner.

November 23, 1921.  
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**Exhibit 4****Richard Skinner's White Horse Inn Tavern (from the files of cousin Virginia Minotty):**

TAVERN PETITIONS - RICHARD SKINNER - Applicant

NAME OF TAVERN - WHITE HORSE INN

LOCATION - GREENWICH TOWNSHIP, GLOUCESTER COUNTY, N. J.,

Fee, \$10.00 plus \$2.62k paid - 1822 Lic. granted (yes) – 1822

Fee 10.00 - 1823 Lic. granted (yes) - 1823 Fee 10.00 - 1824 Lic. granted (yes) – 1824

Fee 10.00 plus 2.62k paid - 1825 Lic. granted (yes) - 1825 Fee 10.00 plus 2.62k paid - 1826

Lic. granted (yes) – 1826

Fee 10.00 plus 2.62k paid - 1827 Lic. granted (yes) - 1827

Note/VEM: This White Horse Inn was located on the Elmer-Richwood Rd. across from where the Richwood Methodist Church now stands. This shows that RICHARD SKINNER operated this tavern during the years 1822 to 1827. In 1827 he was converted to the Methodist way of life and gave up the tavern business and became a preacher or local exhorter.

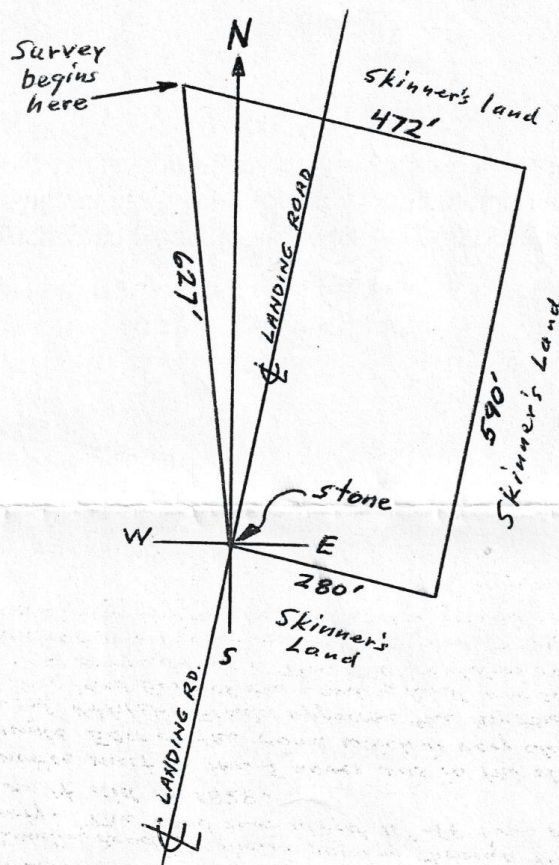
The above information was gathered by Mrs. Ruth Murphy Gottshall, of Richwood., N. J. and Virginia Minotty, of Pitman, N. J.

8/10/1977/VEM.



**Exhibit 4b**

(prepared by cousin William H. "Bill" Skinner)



The layout of the  
White Horse Tavern lot  
from the place of beginning

- first -  $76.5^\circ$  East of true South a distance of 7 chains and 15 links or 472 feet, then
- second -  $11.25^\circ$  West of true South a distance of 8 chains and 93 links or 590 feet, then
- third -  $76.5^\circ$  West of true North a distance of 4 chains and 25 links or 280 feet to a post or stone in the middle of the Landing Road, then
- fourth -  $6.5^\circ$  West of true North a distance of 9 chains and 50 links or 627 feet to the place of beginning.

one chain = 66 ft  
one chain = 100 links

- \* This is the layout of the 5 acre White Horse Tavern lot in today's Richwood which was part of a 100 acre piece of land owned by John T. and Patience Skinner until 13 February 1821 when this land was bought by Richard Skinner at the Sheriff's sale of his father's land.
- \* This White Horse Tavern lot was sold by Richard Skinner to John Richards 25 February 1828. The White Horse Tavern (which was apparently established on this portion of John T. Skinner's land in 1818) made these 5 acres a valuable piece of property at that time.
- \* The deed records that a stone in the middle of the "Landing Road" marked one of the four corners of the property. The Carpenters Landing Road through Barnsbore and on to Carpenters Landing (now Mantua) is called the Barnsbore Road in later deeds. Today it is called Rt. 609 - the Elmer to Richwood (to Barnsbore) Rd.
- \* The "Landing Road" is shown passing through the southwest corner of this property. The road runs about  $11^\circ$  off true North and South today, probably just as it did in 1828.
- \* You'll notice most of this 5 acres was in the shape of an almost perfect rectangle East of the road which is very close to the dimensions of the Richwood Athletic Fields opposite the Methodist Church and cemetery today. All of this land East of the Landing Road was surrounded by Skinner's other land according to the deeds. The 590' boundary runs  $11.25^\circ$  off true North and South.
- \* The White Horse Tavern somehow burned to the ground in 1844 - an event which was much appreciated by most of the inhabitants of that area.

Bill Skinner 11/22/02



**Exhibit 4b (continued)**

The old White Horse Tavern was located in the little town of Richwood, NJ at the site of today's Richwood United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at 111 Richwood Road, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062.

The tavern was located on a rectangular piece of land 280 feet (W-E) by 590 feet (N-S) on the east side of what was then called the Landing Road. The Landing Road is now called Rt. 609 and Richwood Road. It has also been known as the Barnsboro to Richwood to Elmer Road.

Fifty years ago, the grassy, open property on which the White Horse Tavern had stood was used as the Richwood Athletic Fields which included a softball field and a football field. The lower (southernmost) quarter of that lot is still a grassy, open field today.

The northern boundary of the White Horse Tavern lot was approximately 75 yards or 225 feet south of today's Route 322. The roughly 225 foot strip of land between Rt. 322 and the White Horse Tavern lot is owned today by Dunkin. A fence is located today at the dividing line between the Dunkin property and the Church Fellowship Hall property. This fence appears to be on the northern boundary of the old White Horse Tavern lot.

The Richwood United Methodist Church located at 104 Richwood Road, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062 was built approximately 1860 on a triangular piece of land on the west side of the Landing Road opposite the lot where the White Horse Tavern stood. The triangular church lot and the rectangular tavern lot contained a total of 5.2 acres in 1828.

The Richwood United Methodist Church Cemetery today includes some additional land on the west side of Richwood Road, and the church property appears to extend south down the road as far as James S. Stratton Lane, which intersects Richwood Road about 15-20 feet north of the southern boundary of the old White Horse Tavern lot.

The southern and eastern boundaries of the old White Horse Tavern lot can easily be seen today by looking east from where James S. Stratton Lane intersects Richwood Road and observing the line of trees marking the southern and eastern edges of the open, grassy field.

William H. Skinner 9/9/2024

Exhibit 4B (continued)

from The Woodbury Constitution dated  
June 19, 1860, page 2, second column

MT. PLEASANT, June 1, 1860.

MR. EDITOR: In compliance with the request of your friends in this part of Gloucester County, we send you the following communication, hoping you will give it a place in the columns of your paper.

Those of your readers who are familiar with this locality, know very well that a few years ago, this place was notorious not so much for the wickedness of its inhabitants, as for being the resort of persons from all parts of the country, who assembled here in large numbers and engaged in horse racing, gambling, duel fighting, drunk drinking, and Sabbath breaking. A brighter day has dawned upon this place. The long frequented haunt known as the White Horse Tavern at Glen's Run has been broken up, its dingy walls have crumbled to ruins. The old sink of pollution has ceased to send forth its streams of moral corruption upon the surrounding country.

Several of the more aged residents have survived the grave long enough to see a thorough change take place in the temporal and moral condition of this community. Not only has the far famed "Death Factory" been torn away, but numerous dwellings have been erected. A large number of farms have been made from brush and timber land, which compare favorably with any in the County. The people in this vicinity have in contemplation the erection of a Church Edifice the present season. We doubt not but that they will succeed in the enterprise, as they seem to have "a mind to work." The site selected is directly opposite the old Tavern ground, and affords a commanding view of the surrounding country.

How great will be the change, how true, that "where sin abounded, grace shall much more abound." May Heaven crown the efforts of this people with abundant success.

Pursuant to notice a meeting of the inhabitants was called on the 22d of May, to consider matters relating to the proposed enterprise. The meeting after being opened in prayer by the chairman, Rev. E. Waters, proceeded to business.

It was soon ascertained that near \$2000 had been pledged for the completion of the work, and that double the amount could probably be secured by canvassing the place, and the surrounding vicinity.

Encouraged by this they moved the election of a Board of Trustees, consisting of five. The following gentlemen were elected to viz:—James Eastlack, Wm. Heritage, Charles C. Souder, F. A. Campbell, and F. A. Campbell, Jr. The meeting then moved the appointment of a Building Committee, whose duty it should be to provide material for building and superintend the erection of the Church, as directed by the Trustees. The following competent gentlemen were appointed, viz: Rev. E. Waters, James Eastlack, Chas. C. Souder. The following resolutions were read and adopted.

*Resolved*, That the dimensions of the Church shall be, 38 feet wide, by 56 feet long, with 28 feet posts.

*Resolved*, That we will have a basement story, and side galleries to the audience room.

*Resolved*, That we meet on Saturday afternoon next to clear the ground, on which the Church shall be erected.

*Resolved*, That a vote of thanks be and hereby are tendered to the Chairman and Secretary of this meeting for the services they have rendered us.

*Resolved*, That we hereby request the Secretary to send a copy of the proceedings of this meeting to the "Woodbury Constitution" and also to the "Gloucester County Times" for publication.

After the adoption of the aforesaid Resolutions the meeting adjourned.

A. ATWOOD, Secretary.



**Exhibit 5****HISTORY OF HARRISON TOWNSHIP, GLOUCESTER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**  
Information located at <http://nj.searchroots.com/Gloucesterco/>:

On a web site about Gloucester County, New Jersey, maintained by Janice Brown; text transcribed by Janice Brown from the source noted below -

Information from: History of the Counties of Gloucester, Salem, and Cumberland, New Jersey with Biographical Sketches of their Prominent Citizens, by Thomas Cushing, M.D., and Charles E. Sheppard, Esq.; Philadelphia: Everts & Peck, 1883; Press of J.B. Lippincott & Co.

**CHAPTER XLIII****TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON**

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**Geographic and Descriptive**--This township was taken from Greenwich and Woolwich townships in 1844 and named Spicer, in honor of one of the early settlers of Mullica Hill, but only retained the name for about a year, when it was changed to Harrison, in honor of Gen. William Henry Harrison, tenth President of the United States. Ex-Judge Jacob Harvey and William Haines, both practical surveyors, ran the division line, assisted by the township committees.

The northeastern portion of the township is a little hilly, while the rest is level or gently undulating. There is in this township a variety of soil, all of which is susceptible of a high state of cultivation, and is very productive of vegetables and garden truck. The township contains, including South Harrison township, an area of twenty-four thousand and seventy-two acres of land. It is one of the most extensive and populous townships of the county, peopled by an industrious and thrifty class of farmers. Its farms and residences are among the neatest in Southern New Jersey.

The township is bounded on the northeast by Mantua, and southeast by Clayton township, on the south by Salem County, on the southwest by Woolwich, and northwest by Greenwich township.

Harrison is watered along its southerly border by Oldman's Creek and its tributaries. The north and south branches of Raccoon Creek and their numerous tributaries water the northern half of the township.

**FIVE POINTS**--This is a small hamlet in the eastern part of the township, so named from the number of roads concentrating and forming the points or corners. There is another locality of the same name farther east, both on the Mullica Hill and Glassboro road.

At the eastern points, John Heritage built a blacksmith shop in 1858. He was succeeded by the present blacksmith, Charles Jenkins in 1863, and in 1879 Mr. Jenkins built his present wheelwright shop. The district school-house is near Mr. Jenkin's shop. At the western, or Five Points proper, there is a store by Frank Souders, who succeeded F.A. Campbell in the mercantile business, and also keeps the post-office. Mr. Campbell was the pioneer merchant at this place. Here is also the blacksmith-shop of Robert McKeighan, who located here in

1874. Leonard S. Pancoast is the Five Points wheelwright. Rulon Hall, a small hall for public meetings was built in 1877 by Equire Rulon. Here is located also the Mount Pleasant Episcopal Church.

This locality was formerly known as "Hell Town," from the fact of the once celebrated "White Horse Tavern" being located here, and nearly on the site now occupied by the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In the old "White Horse" days it was rather an isolated locality, just suited for the gathering of a class of persons who appetites would naturally lead them to congregate at such a place for seasons of conviviality--hence the name Hell Town.

MOUNT PLEASANT METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH - The preliminary meetings that led to the organization of this society were held in the school-house [Clem's Run School] about a mile west of what was then known as the old **White Horse Tavern**, prior to 1848, by the Methodist preachers who were then on the circuit that embraced this locality.

The first class-leader was William Mounce, in whose class were the following members: Mary Ann Mounce, Abigail Fisler, Frances A. Campbell, Abigail Campbell, Sophia Bartholomew, George Groff, Susan Groff, Abigail Simpkins, Elizabeth Simpkins, Thomas Jagard, Ann Jagard, Martha Ann Mounce, Levi Adkinson, Keziah Adkinson, Keziah Eastlack, Mary Eastlack, **Ann Skinner, Sarah Skinner**, Samuel Chester, Mary Chester and Martha Abbott. [KDS note – these names closely mirror the 1840 census for the Rt. 609 area]

Soon after the class was formed the tavern-keeper at the "White Horse Tavern" became one of the advocates of the religion, joined the class, gave up the tavern business, and became the leader of the class. In a few years another school-house was built, for the better accommodation of the increased population. The new school-house stood on the site now occupied by the Mount Pleasant Academy, and in it another class was formed, with Richard Skinner, Sr., as leader. This was made a Sunday afternoon appointment, and in fair weather the services were held in the beautiful grove surrounding the school-house.

[KDS notation – maybe a little mix-up in this history. The Mount Pleasant Academy, built 1855, is where church classes were moved to from the Clem's Run School and the school where Richard Skinner would probably have served as church class leader. The later school house that was built on the same site was the Richwood Academy, built 1870. Church classes would not have been held there as the nearby Methodist Church, built 1860, would now have been the location of church activities.]

In 1860 a new Methodist Church edifice was built, on a site midway between the two school-houses, and near the site of the old White Horse Tavern, the corner-stone being laid by Rev. S.Y. Monroe, in 1860, and the church dedicated by Bishop Scott, in February 1861. His text was the 137th Psalm, fifth and sixth verses.

The preachers who have served this people while occupying the schoolhouses were as follows: 1848-49, N. Edwards and B. Andrews; 1850, N. Edwards and A. Gearheart; 1851, A. Gearhart and D. Reed; 1852, James White and Levi Rhodes; 1853, C.W. Heisley and J.C. Summerill; 1858-59, H.S. Norris and J.P. Connelly; 1860, E. Waters and A. Atwood.

Since the building of the church the following have been pastors at this, in connection with other places: 1863, Samuel F. Wheeler; 1865, James Vincent; 1867, N. Edwards, James F. Morrell, Thomas Wilson, Calvin Eastlack, Samuel Hudson, J.B. Stewart. For 1883 the society is supplied by Rev. William Tomlin, a local preacher. Membership in 1882, forty-one. Value of church property, three thousand dollars. Officiary for 1882: **Local Preacher, C.C. Souder**; Exhorter, Charles Jenkins; Class-Leaders, William E. Heritage, Henry Jackson and Charles Jenkins; Stewards, C. C. Sonder, H.L. Jackson, and E.C. Heritage; Trustees: E.C. Heritage, Joseph D. Carr, N.J. Justice, Robert McKeighan, and William E. Heritage.



**Exhibit 6****Richwood Methodist Church**

Richwood Methodist Church  
Elmer Road, Harrison Twp, NJ  
(Photo courtesy of Wikipedia.org)

**History of the Richwood Methodist Church,  
<http://www.njtownguide.com/index.html>:**

On May 22, 1860, the Mount Pleasant Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in a little community once called White Horse (1825), Campbell's Cross Roads, Mount Pleasant (1840), Five Points (1879), Richwood (1889) and "Hell Town." Preliminary meetings were held at Clem's Run School House, located a mile south of the White Horse Tavern, which stood on the site of the present recreation field. Following this, the present Richwood Academy, a school house at the time, was used as a church. In fair weather, church meetings were held outside in the grove of trees. During a meeting on June 19, 1860, a formal resolution was passed to build a new church.

KDS note – The Richwood Academy was built in 1870, ten years after the building of the nearby church. It would not have been used for church classes. The school that was used for church

classes prior to the building of the church was first, the Clem's Run School House, and then, the Mount Pleasant School House, built in 1855 and a predecessor of the Richwood Academy.

**Exhibit 7****1990 Survey of the Methodist Cemetery, Glassboro, NJ; from a document on file at the Glou. Co. Hist. Society, per notes of cousin Virginia Minotty:**

The cemetery includes the gravestones of Rev. Richard Skinner ("Rev. Richard Skinner Died Mar. 12th 1882 Age 84 yr's 7 mos") and wife Mary Skinner ("Mary Wife of Rev. Richard Skinner Died Oct. 8th 1882 - Aged 73 years")

**Exhibit 8****Conversation with Marion Smith (1902 – 2004) on 14 May 1995:**

Marion Smith was a great/great-granddaughter of Richard Skinner - -  
 Marion Smith<sup>4</sup> Ursula Thoman<sup>3</sup>, Harry Skinner<sup>2</sup>, Richard Jr.<sup>1</sup>

Marion Smith called Richard Skinner a "rural" preacher who preached at multiple locations.  
 Marion's Mother, Ursula, told her that he once preached at a Methodist church on the right-hand side of a road leading from Mt. Royal to Woodbury.

**Exhibit 9 - Deed Records** [thanks to familysearch.org]**Lands and Property Purchased by Richard Skinner Sr. [Grantee]:**

| Grantor [Seller]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Grantee<br>(Buyer) | Deed Book #,<br>Page # | Deed<br>Signed Date | Deed<br>File Date<br>With County |
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| <b>FamilySearch Index, Pg 639 (entries for Richard Skinner as Grantee):</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                    |                        |                     |                                  |
| Benjamin Wilkins<br>The sale of the land of Richard's father by Gloucester County Sheriff Benjamin Wilkins.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | R. Skinner Sr.     | H2, 88                 | 2/13/1821           | 2/13/1821                        |
| David Wolf & wife<br>35 acres, \$210, Greenwich Twp. Beginning at a corner in line of Samuel Shivers (1) then along the line N31degW 40 chains to a corner of Shivers and late Robert Zane's land (2) N83degE 11 chains to a corner (3) S26degE 37 chain/30links to a corner (4) S65degW 6 chains/50 links to beginning. Purchased by Wolf from M Serran 29 Sep 1817.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | R. Skinner Sr.     | M2, 84                 | 1/20/24             | 3/1/24                           |
| John Norton & wife<br>55 acres, \$150, Franklin Twp. Beginning at a corner of Jesse Smith & others (1) S47degE 10 chains 50 links to a corner of Robert Johnson (2) E 33 chains 50 links to a dead pine (3) N40deg30'W 35 chains 50 links down line of late Jacob Huns? to a stake (4) along Smiths line S43degW 76 chains to beginning. Purchased by Norton from Simon Grover 11 Jan 1823.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | R. Skinner Sr.     | P2, 27                 | 1/10/25             | 1/17/25                          |
| Isaac Browning<br>20 acres, \$145, Greenwich Twp.<br>Lot A (west side of Rt. 609) – 13 acres & four porches, beginning at Landing Road (1) running along Landing Road (Rt. 609) N11degE 16 chains 25 links to Gannette Groffs line (2) N79.5degW 9 chains 83 links to a corner (3) S30'W 15 chains 68 links to a sapling (4) N77.5degE 7 chains to beginning.<br>Lot B – 7 acres; beginning at a black oak (1) N79.5degW 7 chains 25 links to the Landing Road (2) crossing the road to a stone corner at Groffs land (3) S79.5degE 9 chains 25 links to corner (4) N7.5degW 9 chains 25 links to the beginning.                                                                                                                   | R. Skinner Sr.     | T2, 204                | 2/8/25              | 1/17/25                          |
| James Lippincott & wife<br>33 and 58/100 acres, \$125, Greenwich Twp. Beginning on Rt. 322 at a corner to Joseph Ogden (1) along his line S21degE 47 chains to a post in Moffets line (2) along his line N49deg15'W 15 chains to Skinners other land (3) along Skinners line N24degW 33 chain 20 links to a corner of his land (4) continuing along Skinners land N2degE 6 chain 45 links to Rt. 322 (5) along road S68degE 8 chains to beginning. Purchased by Lippincott from Wm Sharp 4 Sep 1826.                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | R. Skinner Sr.     | F3, 299                | 5/23/32             | 10/9/32                          |
| <b>Index, Pg 640:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                    |                        |                     |                                  |
| Jacob Swope & wife<br>7 acres, \$100, Greenwich Twp. Two Lots. Lot (A) Starting at a Black Oak formerly a corner to John Madara (1) along that land S63degE 9 chains 50 links (2) by Neal Lafferty's land N52degE 8 chains to a stake in the late Robert Moffett's land (3) by the same N74degW 14 chains (4) S 18degW 5 chains 15 links to beginning. 6 acres, 3 roads, 13 porches.<br>Lot (B) – beginning at a pine in said Madara's line (1) S63deg30'E 5 chains 69 links to a corner in that line (2) N10deg30'W 5 chains 69 links to a corner in the meadow (3) S51deg30'W 5 chains 34 links to beginning. One acre, one road, 9 porches.<br>Land, meadow and upland of both lots conveyed to Swope by Thomas Carpenter 1828. | R. Skinner Sr.     | G3, 227                | 12/17/33            | 3/19/33                          |

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| James Matlock & wife                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | R. Skinner Sr. | H3, 530 | 2/15/34  | 2/15/34 |
| 48/100 acre, \$75, Greenwich Twp. Beginning on Barnsboro/Carpenters Landing Rd at a corner to Joseph Akins (1) on the road S12.5degW 133.25ft to a corner (2) S79degW one chain 92 links to a corner in line of Thomas Carpenter (3) N31degW 2 chains 10 links to a corner of Akins lot (4) by the same N79degE 2 chains 64 links to beginning. Conveyed to Matlock from Archibald Moffett 1 Aug 1833.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                |         |          |         |
| Jonas Chew & wife                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | R. Skinner Sr. | N3, 288 | 7/13/35  | 7/17/35 |
| 16/100 acre, \$200, Carpenters Landing, Greenwich Twp. House & lot. Beginning on Landing Road (Rt. 609) at corner to Joseph Akins (1) 'up' the road S12deg30'E 40 ft. to a corner to Parks (2) S79degW 65 links to Carpenters line (4) along his line N30degW 65 links to a corner of Akins (5) N79degE 2 chains 80 links to beginning. Same house and lot as sold by Skinner to Jonas 24 Feb 1834.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                |         |          |         |
| Jesse Chew & wife plus<br>Joseph Gill                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | R. Skinner Sr. | V3, 23  | 12/15/38 | 3/4/39  |
| The Cabin Run Tract on the west side of Rt. 667                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                |         |          |         |
| Richard Howell and Thomas<br>Carpenter,[ atty for James &<br>Samuel Carpenter]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | R. Skinner Sr. | W3, 433 | 3/18/40  | 4/20/40 |
| One & 54/100 acres, \$250, Franklin Twp. Beginning at a corner (1) S4deg30'E 5 chains 25 links to a corner (2) N85deg30'E 2 chains to corner (3) N4deg30'W 2 chains 50 links to corner (4) N85deg30'E 4 chains to corner of Wm Beckett (5) N16deg30'W one chain 16 links to corner (6) by the old Glasshouse lot N83degW 5 chains 88 links to beginning.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                |         |          |         |
| Joseph Cooper & wife                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | R. Skinner Sr. | H4, 73  | 12/26/46 | 2/8/47  |
| 167 1/2 acre, \$750, Harrison Twp. The land runs from Rt. 609 to Rt. 667 at the southern border of Harrison Twp. Beginning at a stone in the public road leading from Union Meeting House to Barnsborough [Rt. 667], corner to Lawrence Cake in the line of Samuel Langley's land and also on the Franklin/Harrison Twp. line (1) along Cake's line S75deg30'W 27 chains 20 links to the line of Wood's land and corner to Cake (2) along Wood's line N4deg20'E 26 chains 25 links crossing swamps to a corner (3) along Shute's and Campbell's line N29degW 73 chains 67 links to a stake in middle of the road leading from Barnsborough to Pittstown [Rt. 609], corner to Josiah Beckett and Frances A. Campbell and Murphy's land (4) along road N13deg30'E ____ chains 50 links to a corner to James Carr's lot (5) by Carr's line N74deg30'E 8 chains 69 links to a corner agreed upon between Skinner and the heirs of Jacob French dec'd (6) along Skinner's line and Moffett's line S28degE 102 chains 14 links to the Unionville to Barnsborough road in Moffett's line (7) along road S14deg30'E 5 chains 63 links to beginning. This land one of the tracts that Cooper purchased from the heirs of Jacob French 20 Dec1846.<br>Part of this land leased to Stephen & Jonathan Murphy for the purpose of allowing Lawrence Cake, William French, Joseph Cooper and the Murphys to cut timber – the lease to continue under Skinner's ownership. Skinner gifted some of this land to Richard Skinner Jr. in 1849 as a wedding gift and some to Brazilla Abbott in 1849. Brazilla sold it back to Skinner in 1854 and Skinner added some adjoining land to it in 1858 that he purchased of Benjamin Wilson. The executors of Skinner's estate sold a small part of this land to Charles Williamson in 1875 and a larger tract to Henry Albright in 1886. |                |         |          |         |



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| John Smallwood & wife                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | R. Skinner Sr. | H4, 135 | 3/9/47  | 3/9/47   |
| 13 28/100 acre, \$105, Harrison Twp. Beginning at a corner to John Darling (1) by the same N75deg30'W 3 chains 80 links to middle of public road leading to French's Mill (2) along road S60deg30'W 13 chains 95 links to a corner in Moore's line (3) by the same S88deg30'W 2 chains 50 links to a corner of Jonathan Heritage's lot (4) by the same N2degW 12 chains 85 links to a stump (5) S77deg45'E 18 chains 80 links to a stake corner in the line of Skinner (6) S20degE 3 chains 25 links to beginning. Purchased by John Smallwood from David Morgan 19Sep1842, and also part of the so called Carter track formerly owned by John Carter dec'd.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                |         |         |          |
| Jacob Swope & wife                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | R. Skinner Sr. | C4, 347 | 8/17/43 | 12/15/43 |
| 7 acre, \$1000, Glassboro. Fronting on Main St & Academy Streets - probably all of the land between today's Main, Academy, College & New Streets, but south of Richard Stanger's land along New Street. Beginning at a stone, formerly a corner in Valentino Focer's lot in late Archibald Moffett's line, and now a corner to Lewis Perney's lot in Lewis Campbell's minors line, said stone on the west edge of Main St. or Union Road in Glassborough opposite the NW corner of late Levi Campbell's kitchen (1) along line of Campbell's lot and now Thomas Whitney's Glasshouse lot to the centre of the new public road leading by the School House to Leonard Fisler's Mill [Academy St.] (2) along road NE by the School House to the line of Daniel Luz's lot (3) along the line of Richard Stanger's lot to the middle of Main St. (4) along road to beginning. Part of the land Swope purchased from estate of Thomas Heston 7 Dec 1808. |                |         |         |          |
| Frances Campbell                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | R. Skinner Sr. | K4, 256 | 4/21/49 | 6/18/49  |
| 2 acre, \$10, Harrison Twp. Result of a renegotiation of land boundaries that also gave neighbor Francis Campbell an additional lot earlier in the day from Skinner. Beginning at a corner agreed upon by the party's earlier in the day to settle a dispute in lay of lines, said stone stands NW of the public road leading from Campbell's house and store to Horners Saw Mill nearly opposite an old road which puts in from where the old White Horse Tavern formerly stood, about 2 chains from end of said old road which puts into said public road (1) N78deg15'W 14 chains 61 links to the corner of Campbell's lot got of Skinner this day (2) S45'E one chain 23 links (3) S29?E 15 chains 10 inks (4) N34'W 15 chains 28 links to corner to James Eastlack's land (5) SOneDeg30'W 14 chains 30 links to the beginning. Purchased by Campbell from John Ford 21Jun1847.                                                                 |                |         |         |          |
| Brazilla Abbott & wife                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | R. Skinner Sr. | Q4, 174 | 4/17/54 | 7/31/54  |
| 85 acre, \$2400, (A) 85 acres + (B) 6 & 96/100 acres. Lot (A) – Beginning at a stake in the public road leading from the Union Meetinghouse to Barnsboro (Rt.667), a corner to Cakes and in the line of Samuel Langley (1) S75deg30'W 27 chains 20 links to Wood's line (2) N4deg20'E 26 chains 25 links (3) N29degW 21 chains 40 links (4) N62degE 14 chains 30 links to Moffett's line (5) S28degE 44 chains 47 links to the middles of said road (6) S14deg30'E 5 chains 63 links to beginning. Conveyed to Martha Abbott from father Skinner on 17Jun1849.<br>Lot (B) – beginning at a stake in said road and (6 <sup>th</sup> ) corner above (1) N14deg30'W 24 chains to a stone in the road (2) S75deg30'W 5 chains 80 links to the line of Abbott's other land described above (3) S28deg10'E 24 chains 57 links to beginning. Purchased by Abbott from John A. Biddle Moffett? 4May1852.                                                    |                |         |         |          |

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| Benjamin Wilson                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | R. Skinner Sr. | ?, 428  | 7/21/58 | 7/21/58 |
| 40 & 90/100 acres, \$613.50, Harrison Twp. Beginning at a post in the southerly edge of the Clem's Run Swamp in the line of the late French's land now a corner to Lawrence Cake, late French's land, and also a corner to Benjamin Wilson's land, of which this is part of same lands Wilson purchased of Joseph Wood 18Nov1854 (1) along Wilson's line of the balance of said tract N23deg10'W 11 chains 45 links to a corner near Clem's Run (2) down said branch S79degW 15 chains 81 links to a corner in the swamp (3) still along Wilson's line crossing the swamp N13deg50'W 12 chains 80 links (4) part by land of the late Joseph Shute now Carter's land N62deg15'E 23 chains to a corner of Carter in the line of said late Jacob French's land now belonging to Skinner (5) along Skinner's line S28deg13'E 9 chains 53 links to a corner of Skinner (6) along Skinner's line S4deg50'W 22 chains 50 links to beginning. This transaction involves land Wilson purchased of Joseph Wood in 1854 (P4/556).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                |         |         |         |
| Jonathan Murphy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | R. Skinner Sr. | S4, 313 | 8/29/56 | 9/9/56  |
| 2.5/100 acre, 54 cents, Harrison Twp. Beginning at the third corner of a lot purchased this day by Jonathan Murphy from Richard Skinner Sr. & Jr. (1) N74deg50'W one chain 3 links to center of Barnsboro Pittstown Turnpike (2) along said road N13deg45'E 25 links to the corner of Francis A. Campbell's land (3) along his line S74deg50'E one chain (4) S 1deg30' E 20 links along said Skinner's other land to beginning. All part of a larger tract previously purchased by Murphy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                |         |         |         |
| <b>Index Pg 641:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                |         |         |         |
| Estate of Isaac Dermit                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | R. Skinner Sr. | U4, 245 | 8/12/34 | 3/22/58 |
| 60/100 acre, \$5.00, Greenwich Twp. Beginning at a corner of Skinner's other land in the line of Frances Campbell Sr. (1) along Skinner's land N2deg45'E 8 chains to middle of the public road leading from Barnsboro to the late White Horse Tavern (Rt. 609), (2) along road S13deg30'W 7 chains 90 links to a corner in now Campbell's line (3) along his line S77degE one chain 53 links to beginning. Land & road.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                |         |         |         |
| Joseph Thomas & wife                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | R. Skinner Sr. | D5, 107 | 2/21/66 | 4/4/66  |
| 19 ½ acres, one dollar, Mantua Twp, two lots.<br>Lot (A) - Beginning in the middle of the public road from Glassboro to Barnsboro standing one chain 20 links NW of the middle of the new road leading from the White Horse Tavern to Bethel (Lambs Road?), (1) crossing the first road obliquely N61.75degE 20 chains 25 links to a stake in the watercourse of a branch (2) "up said watercourse the several courses thereof a straight course" S20degE 4 chains to a stake in said watercourses (3) S16degW 13 chains 40 links to middle of first road (4) then along the road N73deg50'W one chain 57 links to a stake (5) then still along the road N64deg25'W 15 chains 45 links to beginning. 15 1/2 acres.<br>Lot (B) – second lot joins the first and begins at a stake on the south side of the watercourse of the Chestnut Branch at a corner to William Beckett and in the line of Joseph Iszard (1) along Beckett's land S62degW 16 chains 52 links to the middle of the road from Glassboro to late Burson's Mill (2) along middle of road N43deg30'E 15 chains 75 links to a stake near the bridge over said Branch (3) up the same the several courses to beginning. 3 & 92/100 acres of land and swamp.<br>Same premises that Joseph Duffield conveyed to Martha Thomas 22Jan1858. |                |         |         |         |

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| RSjr & wife                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | R. Skinner Sr.                  | R5, 556 | 11/26/74  | 5/3/75    |
| <p>49 78/100 acres, \$3000, Harrison Twp. Fronting on Rt. 609. Beginning at a corner in centre of public road leading from Barnsboro to Pittstown [Rt. 609] and corner to William Beckett's farm (1) S28deg30'E 24 chains 52 links to corner of Skinner Senior's land standing in the main run of a small branch called Clems Run (2) N51deg30'E 16 chains 34 links to a corner of Skinner in a ditch (3) along line of Skinner N14degW 30 chains 52 links to a corner in Charles Souder's line (4) S77deg33'W 9 chains 28 links to a stake in Jonathan Murphy's line (5) S13deg30'W 2 chains 70 links to a corner in Murphy's line (6) S4degE 3 chains 84 links to a corner of James Carr's land (7) S76deg30'W 5 chains 67 links to a corner in the middle of the Barnsboro/Pittstown Road (8) S14degW 8 chains 86 links to the beginning. The larger part of the same premises that Skinner conveyed to Jr. [in 1849].</p> |                                 |         |           |           |
| Charles Souder                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | R. Skinner Sr.,<br>Clayton Twp  | S5, 440 | 11/26/75  | 11/30/75  |
| <p>40 47/100 acre, \$100, Harrison Twp.<br/>This transaction involves land originally sold to Souder by Skinner 1Dec1864. Reference the 1864 deed for a detailed description of the land location that is repeated verbatim in this deed, but not repeated here on this page.<br/>Land location - this land was located on the south side of Rt. 322 and extended all the way from Rt. 609 to Rt. 667. The land was north of two tracts of Richard Skinner Junior - one tract fronting on Rt. 609 and a second tract that extended the remainder of the way to Rt. 667.<br/>This 1875 transaction is a voluntary give-back of land from Souder to Skinner to be held by Skinner as security for two delinquent mortgages that Skinner had extended to Souder – one for \$5000 and one for \$1200. The mortgages related to the original sale of land to Souder in 1864 and for other "unspecified land transactions".</p>     |                                 |         |           |           |
| Richard Souder                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | R. Skinner, Sr.,<br>Clayton Twp | T5, 151 | 2/12/1876 | 2/15/1876 |
| <p>40 47/100 acre, \$1, Harrison Twp.<br/>This is another transaction relating to delinquent mortgages on land sold by Skinner to Charles Souder in 1864, and given back to Skinner in 1875 (see previous deed above). Charles Souder apparently conveyed the mortgaged land to <u>Richard Souder</u> in return for Richard providing him with a new mortgage dated 18 Oct 1875. <u>Richard Souder</u> agreed to relinquish this mortgaged land to Skinner and to hold on to other unspecified mortgaged lands as security for the money remaining due by Charles to Skinner. Can't say I fully understand this in detail.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                 |         |           |           |

**Land and Property Sold By Richard Skinner Sr. [Grantor], a work in progress:**

| Grantor [Seller]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Grantee (Buyer)         | Deed Book #, Page # | Deed Signed Date | Deed Filing Date With County |
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| <b>FamilySearch Index, Pg 365 (entries for Richard Skinner as Grantor):</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                         |                     |                  |                              |
| R. Skinner, Sr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Nathan Thompson         | G2, 404             | 9/30/1822        | 10/12/1822                   |
| 217 acres, \$2000, Greenwich Twp. This transaction consists of the portion of the land located at Pitman Grove, near Alcyon Lake, that Richard purchased at the Sheriff's sale in 1821. Lot (A) - 200 acres bounding on the Chestnut Branch and consisting of the land bequeathed to John Skinner by Thomas Tabor and called Smith's Old Place. Lot (B) - 17 acres, land that John Skinner purchased of Isaac Terrapin 25Sep1789.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                         |                     |                  |                              |
| R. Skinner, Sr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | John Richards & wife    | X2, 132             | 2/25/28          | 3/17/29                      |
| 5 acres, \$500, Greenwich Twp. This transaction involves land known as the White Horse tavern lot that straddles Rt. 609 and is directly south of land purchased by Skinner from the estate of Isaac Browning in 1825 and west of other lands of Skinner. Beginning at a stone in the line of Skinner, formerly Isaac Browning (1) S76deg30'E 7 chains 15 links to a corner (2) along Skinner's other land S11deg15'W 8 chains 93 links to corner (3) by Skinners other land N6deg30'W 9 chains 50 links to beginning. This lot part of the land Skinner purchased at the Sheriff's sale of his father's land in 1821. Since this lot sits partly on the west side of Rt. 609, this is the first indication that some small portion of the land originally purchased by Richard in 1821 and previously belonging to his father sat west of Rt. 609. |                         |                     |                  |                              |
| <b>Index, Pg 366:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                         |                     |                  |                              |
| R. Skinner, Sr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Jonas Chew              | K3, 113             | 2/24/34          | 4/17/34                      |
| R. Skinner, Sr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Joseph Akins            | P3, 125             | 9/23/35          | 1/7/36                       |
| R. Skinner, Sr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Patrick Flanagan        | T3, 375             | 2/20/35          | 8/1/38                       |
| R. Skinner, Sr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Richard Stanger         | 267                 | 2/1/43           | 2/19/43                      |
| <b>Index, Pg 368:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                         |                     |                  |                              |
| R. Skinner, Sr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Samuel Bartholomew      | F4, 466             | 11/1/44          | 11/7/45                      |
| R. Skinner, Sr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Isaac Sharpe            | G4, 288             | 2/14/46          | 4/14/46                      |
| R. Skinner, Sr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Edward Lutz             | H4, 162             | 3/22/47          | 3/23/47                      |
| 1 acre, \$200, Glassboro, On Fislars Saw Mill Rd; Adjoining Whitney Glasshouse & lands of RS & James Lock (also purchased from RS); Originally purchased by RS 17 Aug 1843                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                         |                     |                  |                              |
| R. Skinner, Sr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | James Locke             | H4, 196             | 3/8/47           | 4/2/47                       |
| R. Skinner, Sr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | James Locke             | I4, 164             | 5/22/47          | 3/13/48                      |
| R. Skinner, Sr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Francis A. Campbell     | I4, 349             | 12/13/47         | 6/15/48                      |
| R. Skinner, Sr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Amos Gardiner           | I4, 502             | 8/21/48          | 9/6/48                       |
| R. Skinner, Sr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Amos Park               | I4, 890             | 2/20/35          | 1/2/45                       |
| R. Skinner, Sr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Jeptha Hampton          | I4, 641             | 11/16/31         | 2/13/49                      |
| R. Skinner, Sr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Samuel & Thomas Whitney | K4, 139             | 4/28/48          | 2/13/49                      |
| R. Skinner, Sr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Samuel Chester Jr.      | K4, 222             | 4/23/49          | 5/9/49                       |
| R. Skinner, Sr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Francis A. Campbell     | K4, 222             | 4/21/49          | 5/22/49                      |

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| R. Skinner, Sr. | Nathan T. Skinner  | K4, 266 | 6/16/49  | 7/4/49   | 83 acre, \$664, Greenwich Twp; On north side of old road at a corner to William Madara (late Thomas Tabor) and corner to Carpenter; Adjoining Carpenter, David Christian and running to the SW up a long stretch of the Cabin Run, then running NW back to the road. Same tract purchased by RS from Joseph Gill 15Dec1838 plus one other tract purchased from the sheriff's sale of his father's land in 1821.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| R. Skinner, Sr. | Martha Abbott      | K4, 665 | 6/16/49  | 4/30/50  | 100 acre, \$500, Harrison Twp. This land was a wedding gift to Skinner's daughter Martha Abbott and was located on the west side of Rt. 667 down at the southern end of Harrison Twp. This land was later conveyed back to Skinner and was the farm occupied by Skinner and his 4 <sup>th</sup> wife at the time of his death in 1882.<br>Fronting on Rt. 667; Adjoining Lawrence & Theodocia Cakes in the line of Samuel Langley; Adjoining the Harrison/Franklin Twp. line; Adjoining Joseph Woods, Joseph Shutes, other lands of Skinner, Moffetts line, corner to Langley. Consists of land & swamp. Purchased by Skinner from Joseph Cooper 26Dec1846.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| R. Skinner, Sr. | Richard Skinner Jr | T4 308  | 7/31/49  | 4/18/54  | 49 78/100 acre, \$748, Harrison Twp. Corner on Barnsboro/Pittstown Road (Rt. 609) and corner to Josiah Beckett and a piece of land Wm Beckett purchased of Frances Campbell (1) along road N13deg30'E 8 chains 86 links to corner of a lot that Skinner and James Carr "are about dealing for" (2) along said lot N76deg10'E 5 chains 67 links (3) N3deg30'W 5?chains and 26 links to corner in Murphy's line (4) N77degE 10 chains 4 links (5) S14deg30'E 30 chains 52 links to a small ditch (6) S57degW 16 chains 34 links to outside line of French's land and in Joseph Shute's line in the course of the small branch {Little Clem's Run stream} (7) along Shute & Beckett's land N29degW 24 chains 52 links to beginning. The same land and premises on which Skinner Jr. now dwells. Originally a part of land purchased by Skinner Sr. from Joseph Cooper 12/26/1846 plus a part acquired by Skinner Sr. in other unnamed purchases. This land later sold by Skinner Jr. back to Skinner Sr. in 1874. |
| R. Skinner, Sr. | James Eastlack     | L4, 22  | 12/18/45 | 5/28/50  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| R. Skinner, Sr. | James Lock         | N4, 131 | 5/16/51  | 5/5/52   | 72/100 acre, \$89.54. Glassboro, west side of Pike Rd (Main St); Adjoining RS, James Lock, Jacob Stanger; Originally purchased by RS 17 Aug 1843                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| R. Skinner, Sr. | Samuel Whitney     | O4, 7   | 12/2/52  | 2/3/53   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| R. Skinner, Sr. | Charles Souder     | O4, 387 | 12/31/52 | 8/8/53   | 52 86/100 acre, \$3330, Harrison Twp.; Fronting on Rt. 322 & Rt. 667; Adjoining lands of Joseph Ogden, Moffett and Richard Skinner                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| R. Skinner, Sr. | John Jenkins       | O4, 534 | 10/29/53 | 11/21/53 | 2 72/100 acre, \$47, Harrison Twp; Northeast corner of Rt. 322 and Lambs Road; Adjoining Thomas Adams to the east and Eastlack to the north.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |



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| R. Skinner, Sr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Mt. Pleasant School            | S4, 77  | 6/5/54   | 1/12/56  |
| Beginning at a corner in the Barnsborough to Union Meeting House Road [Rt. 667] where it intersects with the Public Road leading from Bethel [Lamb's Road] and about ten links [6.6 ft.] South from where the Barnsborough & Mullica Hill Road [Rt. 322] crosses Union Road (1) along Barnsborough Public Road N14deg15'W 2 chains 3 links [this is up the now discontinued portion of Rt. 667 that was north of Rt. 322] (2) N76degE 3 chains 18 links to centre of the public road leading to the Bethel Meeting house [cuts over to Lamb's Road well north of Rt. 322] (3) along said road S43deg45'W 3 chains 77 links to beginning. ".....whereas the inhabitants of the said Neighborhood having formed themselves into a District called Mount Pleasant School District, for the purpose of School, and at the meeting of the inhabitants of the said district to choose Trustees for the ensuing year ..... and the Trustees by Order and Request of the said Inhabitants do hereby purchase the said lot for the use of the School."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                |         |          |          |
| <b>Index, Pg 369:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                |         |          |          |
| R. Skinner, Sr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Richard Skinner Jr             | T4, 308 | 7/30/49  | 4/18/57  |
| R. Skinner, Sr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Francis A. Campbell            | U4, 451 | 8/29/56  | 9/2/58   |
| 14 2/100 acre, \$911.30, Harrison Twp; Fronting on Rt. 609; Adjoining Francis Campbell, James Eastlack, Samuel Chester, Road leading to Harrisonville; Originally purchased by RSsr from estate of Isaac Browning 8 Feb 1827 (TT/204)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                |         |          |          |
| R. Skinner, Sr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | James Eastlack                 | U4, 122 | 3/22/58  |          |
| R. Skinner, Sr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Charles & Sarah Souder         | B5, 589 | 12/1/64  | 4/13/65  |
| 40 47/100 acre, \$2200, Harrison Twp.<br>Summary – The eastern section of this land ends at a corner in the middle of the intersection of Rt. 322, Rt. 667 and Lamb's Road. The land extends all the way westward to Rt. 609 south of Rt. 322. At Rt. 609, the land sits north of Murphy's property. From Murphy's property to Rt. 667, the land sits north of two adjacent properties of Richard Skinner Jr.<br>A stipulation in this deed - "Sarah Souder agrees with her father, the grantor, that she agrees to take the above land and farm at the value put on same as her share of his whole estate and never to claim any further share of his Estate. "<br>Beginning in the middle of the intersection of the road from Glassboro to Mullica Hill [Rt. 322], the road from Barnsboro to the Union Meeting House [Rt.667] and the road to Bethel [Lamb's Road] (1) along the road to Mullica Hill N63degW 4 chains 88 links to the line of James Eastlack's land (2) along his line S71deg10'W 6 chains 35 links to a corner of Eastlack's and Campbell's land (3) along Campbell's line N74deg35'W 7 chains 38 links to a corner of Campbell's land (4) along Campbell's line S12deg34'W 8 chains 93 links to a stone (5) still by Campbell's land N75degW 4 chains 38 links to a corner in the middle of the Barnsboro to Pittstown turnpike road (6) along pike S13deg30'W 25 links to Murphy's corner (7) along Murphy's line S75degE 3 chains 83 links to a corner to Murphy (8) along Murphy's line S13deg30'W 6 chains 82 links to a corner to the land of Richard Skinner Junior (9) along Jr's line N77deg33'E 9 chains 28 links to a corn to his land (10) still along his line S14degE 11 chains 15 links to a corner of Junior's other land (11) along his line N76degE 15 chains to the middle of the Union road (12) along the road N14degW 18 chains 90 links to the beginning. |                                |         |          |          |
| R. Skinner, Sr. et al                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Phebe Newburn                  | D5, 428 | 9/20/66  | 10/8/66  |
| R. Skinner, Sr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Charles Jenkins                | J5 58   | 12/25/68 | 10/30/69 |
| 33/100 acre, \$80, Harrison Twp; Fronting on Bethel Rd (Lambs Rd); Adjoining Mount Pleasant School House & Eastlack                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                |         |          |          |
| R. Skinner, Sr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Mount Pleasant School District | K5, 367 | 4/19/70  | 4/22/70  |

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| R. Skinner, Sr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Frank Skinner        | Q5, 255  | 4/11/74  | 4/15/74  |
| 62 41/100 acre, \$6500, Harrison Twp; Fronting on west side of Rt. 677; Adjoining Charles Souder, other lands of Frank Skinner, Patrick McGowan, and along a line of Richard Skinner Jr. that begins at a corner in the middle of Little Clem's Run stream. Could be a wedding gift to Frank. |                      |          |          |          |
| <b><u>Index, Pg 370:</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                      |          |          |          |
| R. Skinner, Sr. et al                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Thomas Stanger et al | R5, 527  | 4/17/75  | 4/20/75  |
| R. Skinner, Sr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Richard Skinner Jr   | Y5, 100  | 12/29/74 | 1/11/79  |
| 51/100 acre, \$2000, Glassboro; Fronting on east side of Main St; Adjoining Whitney Glass to the south and John Stanger to the west.                                                                                                                                                          |                      |          |          |          |
| R. Skinner, Sr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Charles Jenkins      | V5, 452  | 2/27/75  | 9/4/77   |
| 33/100 acre, \$80, Harrison Twp; Fronting on Bethel Rd (Lambs Rd), Adjoining Mount Pleasant School, & land of Eastlack                                                                                                                                                                        |                      |          |          |          |
| R. Skinner, Sr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Jacob Reiler         | 25, 619  | 12/27/79 | 12/30/79 |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                      |          |          |          |
| R. Skinner, Sr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Sarah Souder         | 130, 11  | 7/19/76  | 7/23/81  |
| R. Skinner, Sr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Joseph Seran et al   | 131, 209 | 1/17/82  | 3/17/82  |
| Richard mentioned here as Attorney for the Seran children whose parents were deceased.                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                      |          |          |          |
| R. Skinner, Sr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Charles Kuhn         | 131, 211 | 3/3/82   | 3/17/82  |

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| <b>Will</b> of Richard Sr.                                                                                                                                                                 | Rebecca Woolston   | ?        | 1882    | ?       |
| Woolston sold above Skinner gift.                                                                                                                                                          | Charles Lock       | 131, 657 | 7/1/82  | 7/10/82 |
| <b>Will</b> of Richard, Sr                                                                                                                                                                 | dau. Sarah Souder  | ?        | ?       | ?       |
| Souder resold above Skinner gift.                                                                                                                                                          | Hiram Stanger      | 134, 201 | 10/1/83 | 10/5/83 |
| <b>Estate</b> of Richard Sr                                                                                                                                                                | Richard Skinner Jr | 136, 433 | 11/1/83 | 8/1/84  |
| 56/100 acre, \$1000, Glassboro; Fronting on east side of Main Street between the Methodist Parsonage and Hiram Stanger; Part of the 7 acres purchased by RSsr from Jacob Swope 17 Aug 1843 |                    |          |         |         |
| <b>Estate</b> of Richard Sr                                                                                                                                                                | George Bailey      | 382?     | 1/17/83 | 12/8/84 |
| <b>Estate</b> of Richard Sr                                                                                                                                                                | Charles Williamson | 138. 491 | 3/28/85 | 4/14/85 |
| <b><u>Index, Pg 371:</u></b>                                                                                                                                                               |                    |          |         |         |
| <b>Estate</b> of Richard Sr                                                                                                                                                                | Henry Albright     | 141/126  | 3/5/86  | 3/5/86  |

[definitions – one chain = 66 feet; 100 links = one chain]

**Exhibit 9B****[Download PropertyPlot.xlsx](#)**

“PropertyPlot.xlsx” is a small Excel spreadsheet program that draws property outlines based upon compass distances and directions inputted by the user. Requires Word365 for labeling features to work.

Exhibit 10

**1821 Deed of Land Pertaining to the Sale of John Skinner's Land by the Gloucester County Sheriff to Richard Skinner, Richard Having Been the Winning Bidder of his Father's Lands; Courtesy of cousin Laurel Damon Steffes, 2000:**

BOOK H4, p. 88      Glo. Co. Deeds  
 Transcribed by Laurel Damon Steffes, 2000

This indenture made the thirtieth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one Between Benjamin Wickins Sheriff of the County of Gloucester in the State of New Jersey of the one part and Richard Skinner of the Township of Greenwich in the County and State aforesaid of the other part. Whereas on the twenty first day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty a certain Writ of the State of New Jersey commonly called a fieri facias (sp?) issued out of the Superior Court of Common Pleas of the said County of Gloucester to the said Benjamin Wickins then and yet Sheriff of the County of Gloucester ~~then~~ being was directed and afterwards on the first day of July in the year last aforesaid was delivered to the said Benjamin Wickins by which said writ it was Commanded the said Sheriff that of the goods and Chattels of John Skinner in this County he should cause to be made the sum of one hundred and fifty five dollars which Peter Wickoff surviving Partner of Edward Carpenter dec'd lately before our

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Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas  
 holden at Woodbury in and for the said  
 County of Gloucester were adjudged for  
 his damages which he had sustained  
 as well by Occasion of the nonperformance of  
 certain promises and undertakings by  
 the said John Skinner then lately made  
 as for his cost and charges by him  
 about his suit in that behalf expended  
 whereof there is a Recovery And if  
 sufficient Goods and Chattels of the said  
 John Skinner could not be found in this  
 County whereof the damages aforesaid  
 might be made then it was thereby  
 further commanded the said Sheriff that he  
 should cause the whole or the residue as  
 the case might require if the said damages  
 to be made of the lands Tenements  
 and Real Estate whereof the said John Skinner  
 was seized on the twenty first day of June  
 the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
 and Twenty or at any time afterwards in  
 whose hands ~~so~~ sooner (?) the same might  
 then be and that he should have that money  
 before the Judges aforesaid on the first Tuesday  
 of October next ensuing to tender to the  
 said Peter Wickoff surviving partner as  
 aforesaid for his Damages aforesaid



Peter Wickoff +  
Edward Carpenter were  
owners of the glass-works  
then known as Edward  
Carpenter + Co. They owned  
it ~~initially~~ from about  
1805-1816. This was  
the glass-works originally  
begun by the Stanger-  
Brothers in Glassboro

Wonder what kind  
of business John  
would have had  
with them?

Clapo from Cushing  
+ Sheppard, p. 229b

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as by the said Writ lawfully recorded in the Clerks Office of the said County of Gloucester in Liber A of Executions in case folio 87 appears more at large. By virtue of which same Writ and by — in obedience thereto Benjamin Wickins then and yet being Sheriff of the said County of Gloucester on the said first Tuesday of October, at Woodbury aforesaid before the Judges aforesaid did Return that by ~~the~~ virtue of the said Writ he had seized on all the ~~Real~~ Real and personal property of the Defendant subject to prior incumbrances value one cent (?) which remain as by the said Writ and in obedience to the same and in ~~the~~ pursuance of our act of the Legislature of New Jersey in such case made and provided And the said Benjamin Wickins having caused Advertisements signed by himself of the intended sale of the aforesaid premises to be put ~~up~~ around (?) at least five of the most public places of the said County of Gloucester one which was in the township of Greenwich in which the premises hereinafter described do lie of the time and place when the same would be exposed to sale for at least two months

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previous therunto and also having caused  
 the same to be inserted in a public newspaper  
 published in the said State and circulating  
 most generally in the said County of Gloucester  
 for at least one month previous therunto  
 did on the day and place so by him notified  
 to wit on the fifth day of January in the year  
 of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
 twenty one at Woodbury between the hours of  
 twelve and five o'clock in the afternoon  
 expose the premises hereinafter described being  
 the same lands so by him levied to sale by  
 public Vendue and did afterwards on the  
 same day between the hours of twelve and  
 five in the afternoon adjourn the sale of  
 the same premises until the second day  
 of February at Woodbury between the  
 hours of twelve and five in the afternoon  
 in the year last aforesaid and on the  
 same day and year last aforesaid did  
 adjourn the sale of the said premises  
 until the tenth day of February at Woodbury  
 between the hours of twelve and five in  
 the afternoon again expose the said  
 premises to hereinafter described to sale  
 by public Vendue and the said Richard  
 Skinner then bidding for the said  
 premises herein after described the

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sum of one thousand dollars, and no one bidding any more than that sum the said premises were in due and open manner cryed off and sold to the said Richard Skinner.

Now this oldest true Witnesseth that the said Benjamin Wilkins Sheriff of the County of Gloucester by virtue of the authority given him and in and by the act of the Legislature and the Direction of the said Writ and in Consideration of the sum of one thousand dollars to him in hand paid by the said Richard Skinner before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and thereof and of every part thereof doth acquit and discharge the said Richard Skinner his heirs Executors and Administrators forever by these presents Hath granted bargained sold devised enfeoffed conveyed and confirmed and by these presents doth grant bargain sell

— enfeoff convey and confirm unto the said Richard Skinner his heirs and assigns forever all the Real Estate of the said John Skinner situate in the Township of Greenwich in the County of Gloucester being ~~that~~ these several

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Tracts of land. The first Tract lies adjoining the Mallett (Moffett?) Tract lands of Joseph Cook, James Matlack and others containing two hundred acres more or less. The second Tract lies adjoining lands of George Moffatt Richard Moffatt and others containing forty acres more or less, the third Tract lies adjoining lands of Archibald Moffatt, David Wolf William Sharp and others containing one hundred acres more or less. Together with all and singular with all and singular [sic] the houses outhouses improvements ways watercourse liberties privileges ——— + appurtenances to the same belonging or in anywise appertaining in as full and ample a manner as the said John Skinner or any person or persons under him has, have or might to have held the same and also all the Estate Right Title interest property Claim and Demand whatsoever the said John Skinner had or might or could have had at the time of the Judgement aforesaid against him or which the said Benjamin Watkins Sheriff as aforesaid now hath or ought to have of in and to the above granted and bargained premises and of in and to every part and parcel



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them of to have and to hold all and singular the above granted and bargained Tracts of land and premises with the appurtenances unto the said Richard Skinner his heirs and assigns to the only proper use benefit and behoof of the said Richard Skinner his heirs and assigns forever  
 etc Witness Whereof the said Benjamin Wehins Sheriff hath hereunto set his hand and Seal the day and year first above written

Ben Wehins Sheriff ES

Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presence of Jacob Glover Wm Turner Gloucester County Personally appeared before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the Superior Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Gloucester in the State of New Jersey Benjamin Wehins Sheriff of the said County of Gloucester in the State of New Jersey the grantor named in the within Conveyance and did acknowledge that he signed sealed and delivered the same as his voluntary — and deed, the contents thereof being first made known by me, and it being satisfied that he is the grantor mentioned in said deed acknowledged before me this thirteenth

Exhibit 11

Analysis of Land Holdings of Richard Skinner Sr., researched by cousins Bill Skinner and Laurel Steffes, circa 2001, as hand-written by Bill Skinner in the pages that follow (with some map coloring from me):

Sheriff's sale of 340 Acres of John  
Skinner's land by Sheriff Benjamin Wilkins  
to Richard Skinner Feb. 13, 1821 - Book HH, page 88

These 3 tracts of land were described as follows:

1st - "200 acres ( $\pm$ )" adjoining the Mollatt tract,  
lands of Joseph Cook, James Matlack and  
others"

(We know this included the "200 acre" Old Smith's  
Place and probably the 17 acres John Skinner  
bought from Isaac Tarripin)

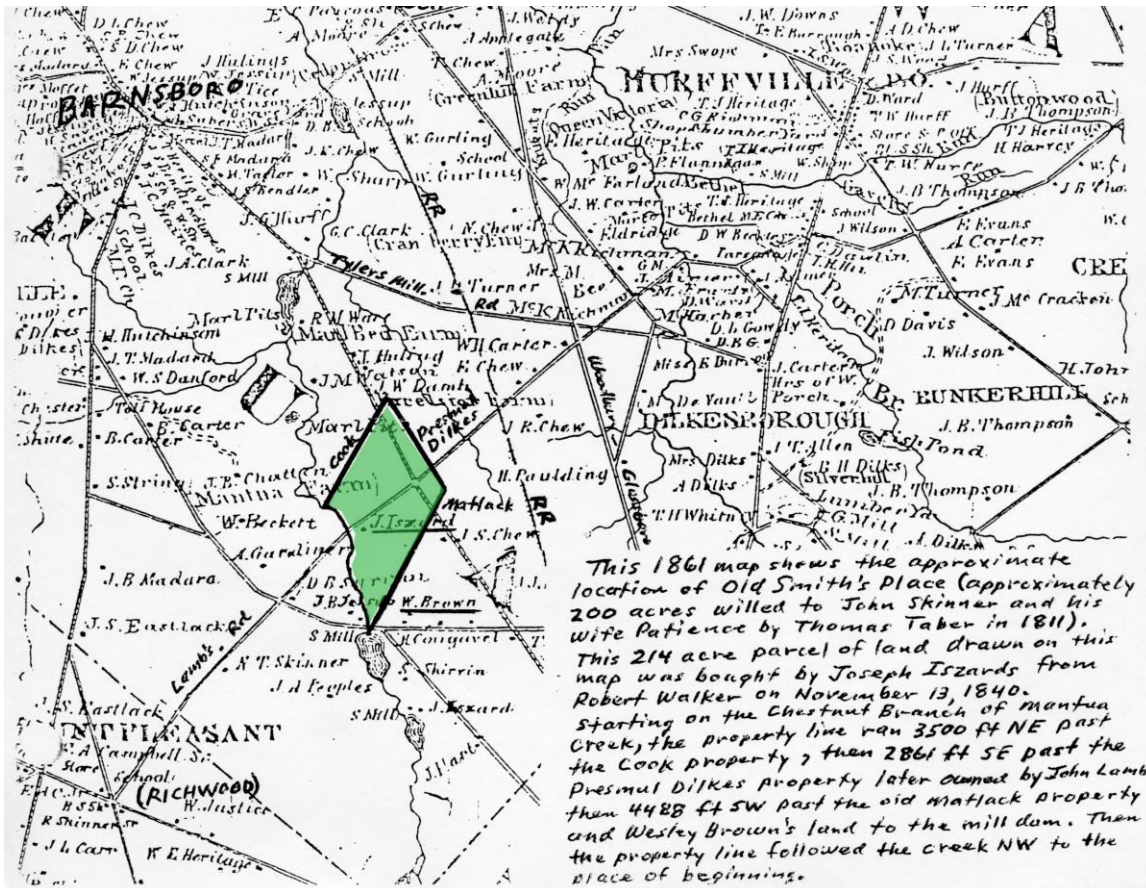
2nd - "40 acres" adjoining lands of George  
Moffatt, Richard Moffatt, and others

3rd - "100 acres" adjoining lands of Archibald  
Moffatt, David Wolf, and William Sharp  
and others

Richard Skinner purchased his father's lands at a sheriff's sale in 1821.  
The 200 acres was in Pitman Grove. The 40 plus 100 acres was at Pt. Pleasant [Richwood].

One year later, in 1822, Richard sold all of the Pitman Grove lands to his brother-in-law Capt. Nathan Thompson.

# More On the 200 plus Acres at Pitman Grove:





### Closer Look at the 100 Acre Parcel at Richwood:

Part of the 1821 sheriff's sale of John Skinner's lands was "100 acres" adjoining the lands of Archibald Moffatt, David Wolfe, and William Sharp and others in Greenwich Twp

Let's examine where the David Wolfe lands were:

- 1) Part of a mortgage recorded for 19 acres of land purchased by Michael Turner from David Wolfe 4/1/1818 talks about a boundary stake in Clems Run and bordering the lands of Samuel French —  
Examination of a modern map shows Clems Run crosses the Rt. 609 Richwood to Elmer Rd in today's Harrison Twp (This road was called part of the Ellis Mill Rd where it crosses Clems Run in the early 1800's, and this land was part of Greenwich Twp in the early 1800's.)
- 2) Part of a mortgage from Josiah Beckett and his wife to David Wolfe 3/14/1818 for 230 acres of land in Greenwich Twp says the lands bordered Samuel French's land and Francis A. Campbell's land. Part of the boundary was a line that ran  $N 89^{\circ} E$  (that's  $89^{\circ}$  East of true North — almost directly East) 45 chains or 2970 ft to a stake in the road leading to Ellis Mill then along this said road  $N 11^{\circ} E$  (the Richwood to Elmer Rd today runs  $11^{\circ}$  East of true North — hence it was the old road to Ellis Mill) 40 chains or 2640 ft to a stake in the middle of the road from which the boundary line turns and runs  $31^{\circ}$  West of true North. This David Wolfe land was on the West side of today's Rt. 609; the White Horse Tavern was on the East side of the same road (opposite the present Methodist Church)



## 100 Acre Parcel (continued):

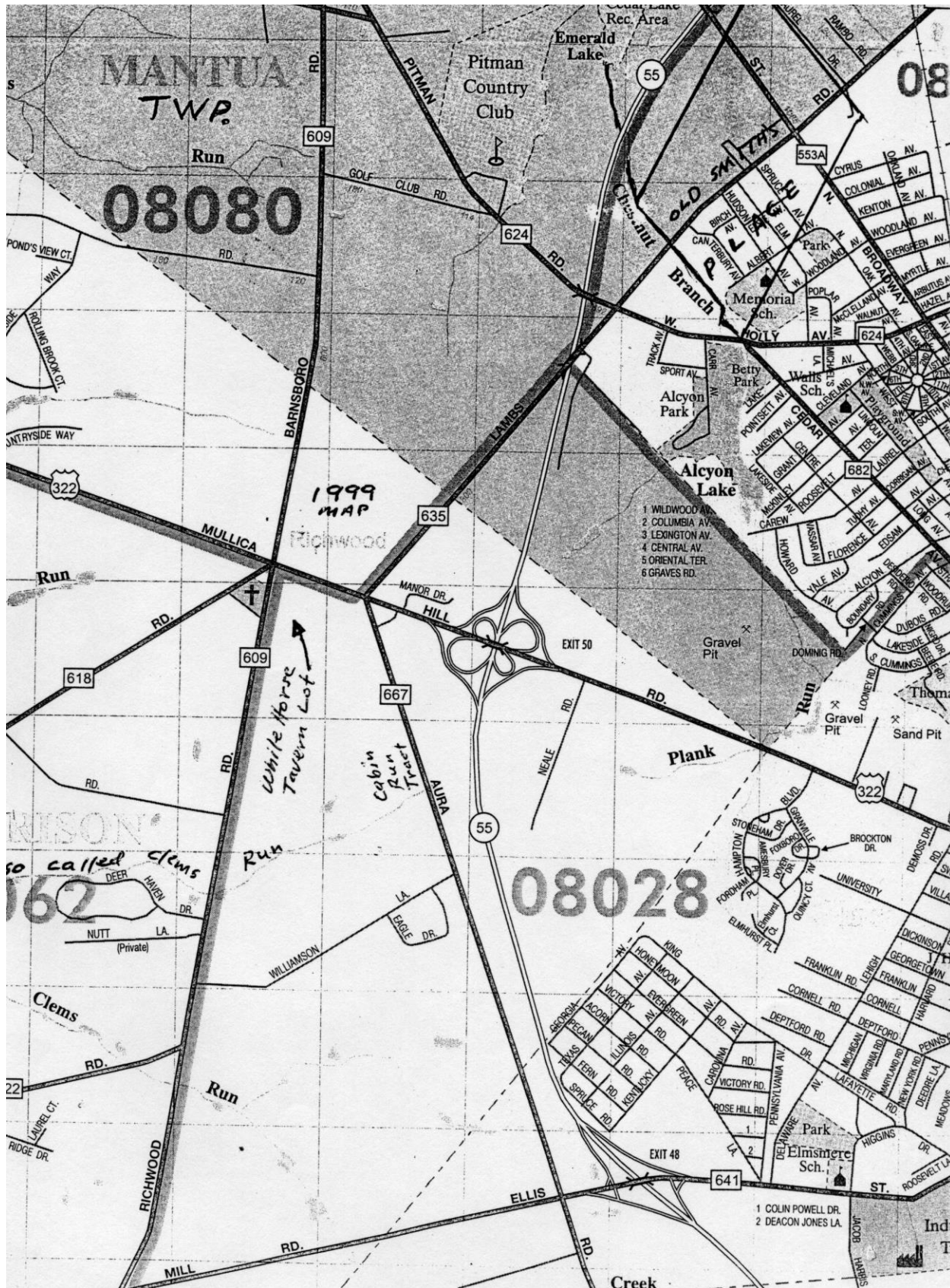
The 5 acre White Horse Tavern lot was East of today's Rt. 609 Richwood to Elmer Rd (the old Ellis Mill Rd) almost directly across from today's Richwood Methodist Church and Cemetery. When it was sold by Richard Skinner in 1828, it was bounded on 3 of 4 sides by Richard Skinner's other lands. Since the White Horse Tavern lot was bought by Richard Skinner in the 1821 sheriff's sale of his father's property and this 1821 sheriff's sale is the first known instance where Richard Skinner purchased land, the White Horse Tavern lot was probably surrounded by another "95 acres" of land purchased at that same time in the neighborhood of the lands owned by Archibald Moffatt, David Wolfe, and William Sharp.

The land bounded by today's Richwood-Elmer Rd (Rt. 609), the Mullicat Hill to Glassboro Rd (Rt. 322), the Richwood-Aura Rd (Rt. 667), and Williamson Rd, contains roughly 360 acres. The bulk of John Skinner's 100 acres (later Richard Skinner's 100 acres) near Archibald Moffatt, David Wolfe, and William Sharp must have been in the area bounded by these 4 roads.

Richard Skinner did purchase 35 acres of land from David Wolfe in Greenwich Twp 1/20/1824 (Book MM, p. 84)

Richard Skinner sold some land in \_\_\_\_\_ as recorded in Book J5 on page 58. This land apparently bordered the old White Horse Tavern property, but the writing is so light few other words can be distinguished.

**100 Acre Parcel (continued):**



### Closer Look at the 40 acre Parcel at Richwood:

Another part of the 1821 sheriff's sale of John Skinner's lands was "40 acres" adjoining lands of George Moffatt, Richard Moffatt and others in (old) Greenwich Township.

Let's examine where these lands were:

1. On 6/24/1818 George Moffatt sold 30 acres of land in Greenwich Twp to William Sharp (Book DD, pages 279+280). This land bordered John Skinner's land (for a distance of 34 chains (2244 ft) plus Archibald Moffatt's land plus other land owned by George Moffatt. The boundary line ran almost due North to a post in the middle of the public road leading from Mullica Hill to Glassborough (today: Rt. 322) then along the middle of the said road  $S 68^{\circ} E$  (toward Glassboro) 8 chains or 528' to another post in the middle of the road and then the boundary line turned and went  $21^{\circ}$  East of "True South" — thus this land was on the South side of today's Rt. 322 which runs West to East.
2. Sixty-four acres of Richard Moffatt's lands were sold in a sheriff's sale 6/2/1826 (Book QQ, page 534-538). This land (called the Cabin Run property) was later purchased by Richard Skinner who later sold it to his son Nathan T. Skinner along with 19 acres of land Richard bought from the sheriff's sale of his father's land in 1821. Thirty-two of these 64 acres formerly owned by Richard Moffatt are part of George Reuter's farm on the west side of the Richwood-Aur Rd. Cabin Run is a very little stream or ditch that runs into (empties into) Clems Run.

## 40 Acre Parcel (continued):

It looks as if John Skinner's 40 acres near the lands of George Moffatt and Richard Moffatt were within the area enclosed by today's Richwood-Elmer Rd (Rt. 609), Mullica Hill-Glassboro Rd (Rt. 322), Richwood to Aura Rd (Rt. 667), and Williamson Rd. That area, now in Harrison Twp, was part of old Greenwich Twp.



**The Cabin Run Tract on the West Side of Rt. 667:**

Sixty-four acres of Richard Moffatt's lands were sold in a sheriff's sale 6/2/1826 (Book QQ, page 534-538). This land (called the Cabin Run property) was later purchased by Richard Skinner who later sold it to his son Nathan T. Skinner along with 19 acres of land Richard bought from the sheriff's sale of his father's land in 1821. Thirty-two of these 64 acres formerly owned by Richard Moffatt are part of George Reuter's farm on the west side of the Richwood-Aur Rd. Cabin Run is a very little stream or ditch that runs into (empties into) Clems Run.

The 64 acre Cabin Run property went from Richard Moffatt to Louisa H. Paul (in 1826) to Nathan Thompson (12/4/1828) to Charles C. Gill to Richard Skinner to Nathan T. Skinner (in 1849).



### Cabin Run Tract (continued):

Regarding 64 acres of land in Greenwich Twp. (later Mantua Twp.-Pitman Grove area) purchased by Rev. Richard Skinner (1797-1882) from Joseph C. Gill on January 18, 1838 for \$320 as recorded in Gloucester County Clerk's Office Deed Book V3, pages 23 and 24 March 4, 1839.

Beginning at an old black oak corner to lands late Thomas Tabers standing on the Northern side of an old road leading from Tomlin's Mill to Ellis Mill then along said road North sixty nine degrees East nineteen chains and twenty links...to a small branch (of a creek) that empties into Cabin Run...(goes on to complete the path of the boundary back to the old black oak tree at the beginning)...containing sixty four acres..and is commonly called the Cabin Run Tract and is a part of the premises that Jesse Smith late Sherrif sold as the property of Nathan Thomson and conveyed to the said Joseph C. Gill deed dated Nov.1st 1834...and which said N. Thomson purchased from Louisa H. Paul per deed Dec.4th 1828 recorded in Book XX, page 38 together with all the buildings, improvements,etc.

This land was later sold along with another 19 acres by the same Richard Skinner (1797-1882) to his son Nathan T. Skinner on June 16, 1849 for a sum of \$664 as recorded in Book K4, page 266. All of this land was in Greenwich Twp. (later Mantua Twp.) with the 83 acres described as follows: Beginning at a stone set in place of an old black oak standing on the northerly side of an old road corner to William Madara (deceased) late Thomas Tabers land and Carpenter's land hence along Carpenter's line..to the corner of Daniel Christian's lot and border to Carpenter's land... along Christian's land... to Cabin Run... along the branches of the creek...then back to the stone first described as the place of beginning... containing eighty three acres of land more or less... it being the same tract of land purchased by Richard Skinner of Joseph C. Gill on Dec.16th 1838 (as recorded in Book V3, pages 23 and 24) plus one other tract or piece of land the said Richard Skinner purchased of Benjamin Wilkins, Sheriff of the County of Gloucester, by deed dated Feb. 13th 1821 (these additional 19 acres were part of the sheriff's sale of 340 acres of land belonging to John Skinner, father of Richard Skinner, recorded in Book HH, page 88). Richard Skinner bought the 340 acres Feb. 13, 1821 and sold most of this land to his brother-in-law Nathan Thomson (Thompson) in 1822.

**Cabin Run Tract (continued):****Comments of cousin Virginia Minotty Concerning DEED from JOSEPH C. GILL to RICHARD SKINNER, copied from the files of VEM:**

This is the Rev. Richard Skinner, b. July 11, 1797, d. Mar. 12, 1882 of Richwood, N.J. The Deed is for the homestead farm on the Richwood-Aura Road. Now, (1965), 32 acres of which are the property of George Reutter. George Reutter acquired this farm from his father. The Cabin Run mentioned in the Deed is a ditch running into Clem's Run (Clement's Run) on the west side of the farm house.

This Richwood-Aura Road formerly cut across route 322 next to the Richwood Academy and came out on the Barnsboro-Richwood Road. The section from route 322 to the Barnsboro-Richwood Road has been eliminated. ~~This is the Homestead property of which John R. Downer, (Material supplied by Franklin Skinner) mentions in his newspaper article, published in the Glassboro Enterprise, dated December 2, 1921.~~ The old Stone House also mentioned in this article was on the William Rusling Skinner farm (1863-1953) across from the now (1965) George Reutter farm. The large pine tree was probably on the George Reutter farm as there is still a large pine tree there which has been partly cut down. William R. Skinner, Jr. (1900-1967), of Dennisville, N. J. told me that they used the old Stone house to store sweet potatoes. It was torn down when the railroad bed was put in. The railroad has since been removed, but you can still see where it was.

NATHAN THOMSON (THOMPSON) mentioned in the Deed was Capt. Nathan Thomson of Philadelphia, Pa., who married MARTHA SKINNER, (1792-1854), sister to Rev. Richard Skinner (See Glo. Co. Marriages Records, by H. Stanley Craig, p. 188)

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