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EXH. #4

THE TOWN OF MAIDSTONE

THE TOWN OF MAIDSTONE and WATKINS FERRY-

Penn. Archives (1748-1756)
vol. II, p.43.

Thos. Cookson to Gov. Hamilton, 1749/50:
(On locating the County Town for Cumberland Co.)

LeTort's Mentioned (Carlisle), - possibility.
Shippensburg - out, for lack of water.
The Bigg Spring (?) 7 mi. from Shippensbg.- " " "
CONOCOCHEAGUE CREEK, "where the Road crosses it...."
Lands to eastward vacant, "the Settlements being chiefly on the Sides of the Creek, the Situation is very good and Land enough vacant, only the Plantation on the Creek must be purchased. This place was proposed as more convenient for the Indian Trade, and open'd a shorter and better Passage thro' the Mountains ...."
"It was urg'd by the People of Conegochage that as Lord Fairfax was laying out a Town at Watkins's Ferry on Potowmack, & that the Indian Trade would be encouraging there, & a Road cut to Alleghenny, unless the Town should be pretty high up the Valley, a good Deal of our Trade would go to that Town ....".

Sept. 28, 1765 Mason & Dixon wrote, "at 108 miles, 5 chains, crossed the road leading from Carlisle to Williamson, now Watkins' Ferry on the Potomac." (Williamson is not to be confused with the name Williams. The Williamsons were, and still are, a Virginia family).

May 9, 1770, Fairfax granted 4 lots (½ A each) to "Evan Watkins of Frederick County" at "a place called Maidstone on Potowmack River."

Deed Book 12, fol. 356,
Berkeley Co. Court House, W. Va.

Evan Watkins of Wash. Co., Ky.
to
Peter Light, 1795.

Land received from Watkins, Sr, to Watkins, Jr., bounded by land conveyed by Evan Watkins, Sr. to Nicholas Herman ("Harmon") and James Jack, intersecting land of George Ross' heirs, and further bounded by Potomac River, "including the Ferry known as Watkins Ferry...." Land described as being on Maidstone Manor.

Deed Book #1, fol. 197,
Berkeley Co., 8-18-1772

Watkins to Herman -

"At a place called Maidstone Common on Pomack river...."