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[Written especially for the KENT NEWS.]

I was born near Turner's Creek, my father moved to the Lamb's Meadows farm owned by Dr. Allen and his wife. My father tilled the Allen farm as it was small, then Dr. Allen bought the tract of land straight from Dr. Kennard's road gate, to the Benj. Parrott farm, this was a commons, had a house on it occupied by Abe Scott a colored man, Where my father lived there was large apple orchard, varieties red streaks, very large, long and flat pippin, carthouse and grindstone. As I remember they bore largely every year. This farm contained about four hundred acres and very fine land. There was no machinery the wheat was trod out by horses, the corn was beaten from the cob into a large open craddle. The wheat was sown by hand, no phosphate and cut with scythe and cradle. The corn was worked by a plow, no cultivators, when the time came blades were pulled and tops cut, no corn cut down, at that time I was learning to get around with my father to the stores. At Hepbrontown there was a store, Washington Wilson carried on a shoe and boot store, he made these himself, there were no boots and shoes sold at the general store in these days; there was a smiths and wheelwright shop, Wm. Wilson was a smith, Benj. Greenwood was a wheelwright; they made horse and ox carts, there were no wagons and dearborns at those times in that vicinity, most of the plows were wrought iron.

The next settlement was Still Pond or Cross roads. There were four families in this place, two stores, one kept by Wm. Hayne, the other by Jas. Hurtt, who afterward bought the big farm near Galena, which now I hear belong to David Clements; there were three doctors, Dr. Price, who lived where S. G. Roseberry now lives, who married a daughter of Jos. Howard and sister of Mrs. Clements. There was Dr. Kennard and Dr. Allen who went on horseback to see their patients in those days; I never saw them in a vehicle. We had gigs with two wheels and very few four wheel carriages, in gig and on horseback the people rode. Now comes the time for me to go to school; the school house was a log house thirty feet long, eighteen feet wide. It was on the John Maxwell farm on a line between him and Wm. Maxwell near where the old brick school house stands on the other side of the dividing line. The teacher was Daniel Cummings, an Englishman and a Presbyterian, and sometimes he went to Still Pond church; he would talk to the Sunday school and the people, his average attendance was in winter about seventy and summer fifty. School houses in those days were very scarce and children had to come a good ways. Some of the families that were represented were: Wilsons, from the Tilghman plantation on the Sassafras river; from Turner's Creek were the Trenchards, as I remember the children, Anna Liza, Mathadoda, Josephine, Sam and Tom, I do not think I have seen any of them since we parted at school. Now Dr. Trenchard run boats from Turners Creek to Baltimore as in those days we had no steamboats, people traveled by his boat to Baltimore and sent their produce by him. Dr. Trenchard farmed the farm now owned by Dr. Wethered. Geo. B. Westcott used to be with Dr. Trenchard at times. I think Westcott then was one of the constables of our county. There were other children from Turner's Creek as it was quite a village, other families that were represented at the School along Turner's Creek road were the Beavens, Merediths, Howards, Webbs and the Prices; from the Harmony road was the Prices, Hartleys and others; Kennedyville road were the Wallaces, Jones, Hudsons, Gebhrrts, Roeders, from the Hepbrontown road Kennards, Allens, Wilsons, Hepbrons, Blackistons, Haynes, Greenwoods, and Parrotts. The trustees determined to build a new schoolhouse which they did build the old brick house which is now there and bought the land from Wm. Maxwell. The trustees were: Daniel Jones, Dr. Kennard, Jos. W. Webb, Isaac L. Price and Benj. Parrott.

The house was finished and we moved in, Daniel Cummings as teacher. The old house was sold to a man near Massey, easily taken down, being of logs; it was moved near the Toab Merritt farm. Years after I went up to look at the old house. Now our old teacher was about to leave who was one of the best and the trustees employed Howard Meeks and his wife who was a sister to Daniel Jones. My father was about to move to the branch farm and Mr. Barnett rented the Lambs Meadows farm. I believe he died there, he was a good citizen and respected by all. He had as I remember four children, Margaret, Lydia, William and John. Margaret married Wm. Parks and was the mother of Rufus Parks. Lydia married Jas. A. Shaw. Now we have another change in the school, the trustees appoint a man by the name of Townsend and his wife. The school house had two departments, one for male and the other for females. Townsend's wife was a sister of Jos. Morris' wife who lived on the Rev. Jas. Ayres farm. Now how things have changed in the school. Mr. Cummings opened the school by the Bible and prayer and closed it by reading the Bible again and the benediction.

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Lebanon Beats Washington Team—The Indian Plays Good Game.

In the first game of the season on the home grounds, the Washington eleven went down to defeat before the Lebanon Valley team 14 to 0. The contest was played on a wet and soggy field, thus putting the local collegions, who expected to use the forward pass and open play, at a disadvantage.

Lebanon Valley kicked off and during several minutes of hard play displayed no advantage over the lighter opponent. However, Washington soon slacked its pace, with the result that after several fake formations for gains Lebanon's quarterback pushed through the centre for the first tally.

The next score came in the following period and was a source of contention due to an error in calling downs, previous to Wheelock taking the ball from a fake formation around his left end and for 30 yards through the entire Washington backfield for another touchdown.

In the second half the ground had dried and Washington began trying forward passes, and although the ball was wet, preventing accurate throwing, attempts were successful enough to force the play for the most part into the visitors' position of the field.

Fumbling, however, prevented the locals from getting within striking distance of Lebanon's goal and scoring.

Bowen played best in every department for Washington, while Wheelock, the Carlisle Indian, was the backbone of the visitors' eleven.

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