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William Farr is now best known for his book *Waterways of Camden County*, but back in the 1970s, when Bill was working on the enormous task of collecting place name data for all of old Gloucester County (an area now divided into Gloucester, Camden and Atlantic Counties), he took some time and put together a placename guide to the Haddonfield area.

### **STOY'S LANDING (Hinchman's Landing, Collins Landing)**

This landing, if it still existed, would be within Haddonfield Borough, but even if it were still in Haddon Township it would be so identified with Haddonfield as to justify its inclusion in this work.

According to Boyer's Rambles (p. 34) Francis Collins, in 1683, purchased the tract through which Stoy's Landing Road (Grove Street) runs. A road was built from the village of Haddonfield to Cooper's Creek, and a landing was established by Collins " ... to secure an outlet, so that the lumber and wood in this region could be shipped to Philadelphia by water...≤

The road from Haddonfield to the creek was officially recognized (Glo. Co. RR A-239) 28 April 1800, and referred to the ending point as being in the line between John E. Hopkins and Joseph Hinchman. The landing was then known as HINCHMAN'S LANDING, and is so referred to in said road return. "Hinchman's Landing Road" was referred to in a deed, Thomas Redman to Robert Rowand, 1 April 1801. (recorded Woodbury D-446) It continued to be called "Hinchman's" according to the following entries in John Hinchman's Journal (copy at C. C. H.S.): (1), "Philip Stoy agreed with Joseph Burrough to wharf 80 feet of Joseph Hinchman's middle landing" (30 April 1814); (2) "First new store raised on Joseph Hinchman Landing the 3rd day of June 1815;" (3), "James Stoy began to keep store at Joseph M. Hinchman's new store" (1 July 1815). Apparently there were three landings.

The creek was not bridged until 1802, when a road was laid out opposite the landing to run to the Cove Landing on Delaware River. (Glo. Co. RR A-255)

According to an article by Walter Stoy in T. I. H. (p. 274), Philip Stoydja (later "Stoy") in 1816 bought lumber rights from Joseph Hinchman and built the wharf to load his timber on barges for transport to Philadelphia. This was a natural undertaking since the Stoys had established a sawmill at the foot of present Crystal Lake in Westmont. (Boyer's Rambles, p. 36) This writer has in his possession a map on which the late Harry Marvin noted that the mill was established about 1810.

The store is shown on two early maps (a), an undated map of Haddonfield Roads in the Foster Clement collection of manuscripts, Pennsylvania Historical Society, (Box No. 10);

(b), a map of the 1822 William E. Hopkins Division of Lands, Book I of Divisions, Woodbury. It was on the east side of Grove Street, before reaching the bridge.

This and other similar landings were of great importance to farmers for miles around. The Cropwell Quaker Meeting House was built in 1807 of bricks in which the "quick lime, or burnt lime, was transported from Pennsylvania by boat to Stoy's Landing on Cooper Creek, and from there by team and wagon to Cropwell.≤ (A History of Evesham Township, p. 25)

### **EVANS MILL POND (KAY'S MILL POND)**

Kay's Mill Dam (see Evans Mills) created the body of water on the South Branch of Cooper's Creek which we know today as Evans Pond. When the Evans family acquired the mill property in 1819, it became and remained Evans Mill Pond. It is referred to in Glo. RR, A-225 (1798) as "Isaac Kay's Mill Pond.?"

It may surprise some Haddonfield residents to learn that the borough line along the east side of the pond extends into what would be presumed to be Cherry Hill Township. First the creek, and then the pond, was always the dividing line between Newton and Waterford-Delaware -Cherry Hill Township. The Lovejoy survey, with which the mill property originated, involved land on both sides, and -this would have been normal since the mill owner would want to have complete control of the pond.

The legislative act incorporating the Borough of Haddonfield (Ch. CXCIII, P.L. 1875) fixed part of the easterly boundary as  $\geq$  ... to Cooper's Creek; thence along the easterly margin of said creek to a point opposite the line dividing the lands of William Mann and John Hopkin's; thence crossing said creek and following said dividing line to Hopkins Pond .... " So that the Haddonfield municipal boundary was always on the Cherry Hill side of the pond.

But, again by legislative action (P. L. 1916 Ch. 180), an additional part of Delaware Township was annexed to Haddonfield, the annexed area being described as follows: "Beginning at a point in the center line of a bridge over Coopers river, at Ellis street where said line intersects the easterly line of the borough of Haddonfield, thence (1) southeasterly along the northerly side of Kresson road (formerly Millford road) one hundred and fifty feet to a point; thence (2) in a northeasterly direction and at a uniform distance of one hundred and fifty feet on the easterly side of a line, one rod from the line of the established high water mark, this being the line of the mill rights of the estate of the now or late J.B. Evans; and following the various courses and distances parallel to the lines of the said mill rights and thus continuing to a point in the north side of Mill Road; thence (3) westwardly along the said northerly line of said Mill Road the various courses and distances thereof to a point where the said road intersects the line of the Borough of Haddonfield; thence (4) along the said boundary line of the Borough .... to the place of beginning.. . "