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Caldwell, David, 1776, Hopewell
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Campbell, Arthur, 1775, Smith
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Censens, James, 1774, Buffalo
Coleman, James, 1773, Cross Creek
Collins, Benjamin, 1772, Union
Colvin, Luther, 1769, Fallowfield
Colvin, Vincent, 1769, Fallowfield
Comely, John, 1775, Hanover
Conyers, John, 1774, Mt. Pleasant
Col., Moses, 1772, Nottingham
Cooper, Frederick, 1774, Fallowfield
Cox, Gabriel, 1777, Union
Cox, John, 1774, Union
Cox, Joseph, 1774, Somerset
Cramer, John, 1774, Fallowfield
Crawford, Andrew, 1772, Peters
Crook, Richard, 1774, Peters

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Irwin, Samuel, 1769, Nottingham Israels, Isaac, 1771, N. Strabane

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Cramer, John, 1774, Fallowfield
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Crook, Richard, 1774, Peters

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Ladley, William, 1774, E. Finley Lamb, Peter, 1775, Somerset. Lane, John, 1775, Buffalo Laughlin, Matthew, 1774, W. Pike Run Leatherman, Peter, 1772, Somerset Leet, Daniel, 1773, Franklin Leet, Isaac, 1776, Canton Leffler, Jacob, 1774, Donegal Leiper, Samuel, 1774, Jefferson Leiphart, Jacob, 1774, Robinson Leman, John, 1773, Canton Levens, Ann. 1776, Jefferson Levens, Henry, 1777, Independence Levens, Richard, 1775, Jefferson Little, Robert, 1772, Union Long, Jacob, 1773, Peters Long, William, 1772, Cecil Lynn, Andrew, 1774. Hanover

Marshall, John, 1774, Cross Creek Martin, Henry, 1774, Canton Martin, James, 1774, Hopewell Martin, Jesse, 1772, Hopewell Martin, John, 1776, Hanover Martin, John, 1774, Nottingham Mason, Samuel, 1772, Buffalo Mayall, Edward, 1776, Nottingham McBride, John, 1774, Buffalo McCausland, George, 1774, Hanover McClean, David, 1774, Nottingham McClelland, Kenneth, 1774, Donegal McConnell, Arthur, 1773, Hopewell McCormick, George, 1772, Hanover McCormick, James, 1774, Cecil McCready, Robert 1776, Jefferson McCrory, David, 1774, Fallowfield McDonald, John, 1773, Robinson McDonkey, Henry, 1776, W. Finley McDowell, John, 1774. N. Strabane McGaughan, Patrick, 1771, Hopewell McGhee, Robert, 1771, Nottingham McGuire, Robert, 1772, Independence McGuire, Thomas, 1772, Independence McIntire, Cornelius, 1775, Hopewell McKee, Robert, 1773, Nettingham McMullen, John, 1774 E. Bethlehem McNeal, Archibald, 1775, E. Finley McRoberts, Charles, 1774, Buffalo Mc Williams, John, 1775, Buffalo

Meeks, Samuel, 1775, Union Melony, John, 1772, Peters Miller, Francis, 1774, Donegal Miller, George, 1774, Nottingham Miller, Jacob, 1775, Donegal Miller, James, 1775, Somerset Miller, Philip, 1773, Fallowfield Miller, Robert, 1772, Cecil Moore, Andrew, 1775, Donegal Moore, Henry, 1775, E. Finley Moore, Henry, 1773, Franklin Morrison, Gavin, 1772, Chartiers Morrison, James, 1774, Nottingham Morrison, John, 1777, Jefferson Myers, George, 1774, Somerset Myers, Michael, 1776, Somerset

Nelson, Henry, 1773, Independence Newell, James, 1772, Independence Newkirk, Henry, 1774, Somerset Nichols, John & Thomas, 1773, Hopewell Norris, William, 1775, N. Strabane Nugh, Henry, 1775, Union Nuttle, Elijah, 1774, Canton

Parkerson, William, 1770, Carroll Parks, Samuel, 1770, Cecil Parks, Samuel, 1770, Cecil Passamore, Jesse, 1774, Nottingham Patterson, Samuel, 1773, Cross Creck Pentecost, Dorsey, 1772, N. Strabane Perrin. Edward, 1773, Independence Phillebaum, Conrad, 1774, Donegal Phillips, David, 1772, Union Phillips, Thomas, 1773, Cecil Platter, Nicholas, 1774, Fallowfield Poe, Adam, 1774, Hanover Price, William, 1774, Chartiers Pumphrey, Zachariah, 1774, Canton Pyatt, Jacob, 1773, Union Pyles, John, 1775, Hopewell

Rake, John, 1774. Donegal Ralston, Robert, 1774, Cecil Rankin, David, 1772, Mt. Pleasant Rankin, Henry, 1774, Smith Rankin, Matthew, 1770, Mt. Pleasant Rankin, Thomas, 1774, S. Strabane Rankin, William, 1770, Mt. Pleasant Rankin, Zachariah, 1774, Mt. Pleasant Rape, Jacob, 1774, Carroll Ravenscraft, James, 1774, Smith Reiley, Joseph, 1773, Cross Creek Reynolds, William, 1773, Cross Creek Rice, Jacob, 1773, Donegal Richards, Stephen, 1770, Cecil Richardson, James, 1773, Hopewell Richardson, Thomas, 1774, E. Bethlehem Rie y, Francis, 1775, Independence Ritchic, Matthew, 1772, Cecil Robins, Amos, 1779, Cecil Rorey, Hercules, 1774, W. Finley Rorey, James, 1774, Buffalo Ruth, Davis, 1776, Carroll Rutherford, Reuben, 1775, Chartiers Rutherford, Robert, 1775, Cecil

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Taylor, Isaac, 1772, Hopewell
Taylor, James, 1776, Hopewell
Taylor, Robert, 1774, Buffalo
Templeton, Nathaniel, 1776, Blaine
Tennel, John, 1773, Cross Creek
Teter, Samuel, 1774, Independence
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Thomas, Michael, 1774, Nettingham Thompson, Robert, 1773, Peters Thompson, Samuel, 1774, Peters, Chartiers Thompson, William, 1775 N. Strabane Tucker, John, 1775, Hanover Tweed, John, 1775, Hopewell Urey, Thomas, 1773, Hopewell

Vance, Isaac 1773, Somerset Vance, John, 1774, Somerset VanEman, Andrew, 1774, N. Strabane VanEman, Garrett, 1774, N. Strabane Van Eman, George, 1772, N. Strabane VanEman, Nicholas, 1772, N. Strabane Virgin, Reason, 1774, Franklin

Walker, Robert, 1774, Donegal Walker, Thomas, 1775, Donegal Walls, John, 1773, Nottingham Ward, Thomas, 1773, Jefferson Watson, James, 1774, Jefferson Wells, Alexander, 1774, Jefferson Wells, Benjamin, 1776, Independence Wells, George, 1772, Jefferson Wells, Richard, 1774, Jefferson White, James, 1773, N. Strabane White, John, 1772, N. Strabane Williams, John, 1774, Somerset Williams, Noah, 1773, Fallowfield Williams, William, 1775, Hopewell Williamson, David, 1776, Buffale Williamson, David, 1774, Hopewell Williamson, Eleazer, 1774, Buffalo Williamson, John, 1774, Buffalo Williamson, Samuel, 1774, Buffalo Willis, Richard, 1774, Robinson Wilson, James, 1776 Nottingham Wilson, Uriah, 1774, Cross Creek Wood, Amos, 1774, Smith Woods, William, 1774, Fallowfield Worley, Joseph, 1773, Hopewell Worth, John, 1774, Fallowfield Wright, John, 1774, N. Strabane Wright, Joshua, 1772, Peters Wright, Joshua, 1775, Union Wyan, Christian, 1774, Donegal

Yates, Richard, 1772, Canton Yates, Richard, 1772, S. Strabane Young, Robert, 1775, N. Strabane Crumrine in his History of Washington County mentions several other names: Joseph Parkerson, 1774, Carroll; Henry Speers, 1776, Allen; Henry Taylor, 1770, North Strabane.

The distribution by years is: 1769 4, 1770 7, 1771 3, 1772 54, 1773 74, 1774 133, 1775 53, 1776 22, 1777 9, 1778 0, 1779 2. Yohogania entries by townships:

Allen, 2; Carroll, 6; Cecil, 18; Chartiers, 6; Cross Creek, 13; E. Bethlehem, 2; E. Pike Run, 2; Fallowfield, 15; Han-

over, 19; Jefferson, 15; Mt. Pleasant, 9; N. Strabane, 16; Nottingham, 25; Peters, 14; Robinson, 10; Smith, 4; Somerset, 16; S. Strabane, 9; Union, 16; W. Pike Ran, 1 Ohio entries by townships:

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