

Springfield Township now Huntington County families fled there
and some erected houses there & lived in them, we guarded the Block
house & families when any alarm was given families & collect
our duty was to scour the country if any trail could be found
to give chase some individuals and families were killed and
some taken prisoner but not very near; the alarm and fear of the
Indians increased every year and our services became more
arduous; again in the spring of the year 1781 we continued our
service (heretofore some had moved away or deceased not recollecting)
some individuals endeavoured to raise some grain in Glendon
Cobden Valley some cut their grain & others did not risk their
crops & let it remain in the field, Indians killed some men under
arms near Uckleries Mill in Morison's cove & some other depredations
that gave alarm & applicant had to go out a party to
take Captain McGee into custody (he had taken
his company to join the Indians against his own country (supposed
to be Kattarian Towns) but on being disappointed seeing to some
misunderstanding that took place in their first interview him-
self and men escaped narrowly and returned) but our party
did not succeed & returned without finding him; on another
excursion passed over a mountain in the night had only a
path the hill very steep in descent we frequently slipped and
fell one on the other on reaching the bank of the river the
Kaintown branch of Juniata the appearance of light was
observed at a spot where no house had been shortly before that
time; & believing it to be light from a fire kindled by Indians
we separated & crawled towards the supposed light expected to come
to an engagement every moment, on reaching the spot nothing
there but a small house lately erected having white boards
for a covering on entering the house discovered that the family
had only left it a few hours before a small hog being in the
house butchers & well cleaned shortly before potatoes was found and
all hands to cooking having struck up a fire every one hun-
gry forgot all danger for a short time; the light was great &
the smell of the pork roasting their situation was dangerous
if Indians was near; & applicant apprised them of Alleged danger
they were stronger to him, continued their cooking & eating sent to
sleep on finding his warning did not avail he took his gun
went in the dark & stood guard until day light, after morning