

John Hyde (1722 - c. 1812) and his Descendants in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania and Steuben County, New York

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John Hyde was born in Pomfret, Connecticut, on 21 Jan 1721/22. He was a descendant of Jonathan Hyde and Mary French. He married Mary Thompson on 18 Apr 1753 in Canterbury Connecticut. Stowell, in his work on the descendants of Jonathan Hyde, asserts that John died 8 January 1765, but this was incorrect.¹

All of their known children were born in Canterbury Connecticut:²

Theophilus b. 24 Dec 1753
Abigail b. 7 Aug 1755
John b. 27 Aug 1757
Dorothy b. 4 Jan 1760
Judeth 29 Sep 1761
William b. 26 Jul 1764
Wyllys b. 13 Jan 1767
Clarinda b. 24 Feb 1769

We don't know precisely when John and family moved to Pennsylvania, but according to *History of Hanover Township and Wyoming Valley*³ they were present in Luzerne County near Wilkes-Barre before the massacre of 1778 and that they moved to Hanover Township before 1796. After the massacre, many families returned to Connecticut - at least for a time - so it will not be unusual if records are found in Connecticut for this family in the 1770s and 80s. The Plumb History of Luzerne Township and a History of Steuben County, New York,⁴ are cited throughout this work and excerpts are included at the end for easy reference.

¹ New England Historical and Genealogical Register, 1917, William Henry Harrison Stowell, Four Generations of Descendants of Jonathan Hyde of Newton Mass, page 270
https://www.google.com/books/edition/The_New_England_Historical_and_Genealogi/1soUAAAAYAAJ?q=&gbpv=1&bsq=jonathan%20hyde#f=false%C2%A0

² Extracted from **The Barbour Collection - Connecticut, U.S., Town Birth Records, pre-1870 (Barbour Collection) - Ancestry.com)**

³ Plumb, Henry Blackman, *HISTORY OF HANOVER TOWNSHIP AND WYOMING VALLEY Luzerne County, Pennsylvania* 1885, 498 pp. Robert Baur, Printer and Stationer, Wilkes-Barre, PA, pgs 424-425.

History of Hanover Township : including Sugar Notch, Ashley, and Nanticoke boroughs : and also a history of Wyoming Valley, in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania : Plumb, Henry Blackman, b. 1829 : Free Download, Borrow, and Streaming : Internet Archive

⁴ Clayton, W. W., *History of Steuben County, New York*, Lewis Peck & Company, Philadelphia, PA 1879
History of Steuben county, New York, with illustrations and biographical sketches of some of its prominent men and pioneers : Clayton, W. W. (W. Woodford) : Free Download, Borrow, and Streaming : Internet Archive

There were two John Hydes living in Luzerne County - father and son - the one born 1757 was brother to Wyllys, William and Theophilus. Wyllys was living with his father John in 1790 and by 1800 Wyllys was the head of the household but with an older male - possibly his father John - living with him in Luzerne. The notion that "Uncle Hyde" was the father John is based in part on the Plumb History of Hanover - cited above - that has Wyllys living with his father. His moniker of "Uncle Hyde" is a puzzler. The Plumb book only mentions "Uncle Hyde," William and Wyllys (spelled Willis in the book) and a few females in this family.

John was a subscriber to the Susquehanna Company [#127 - The Susquehanna Company papers, edited by Julian ... v.1. - Full View | HathiTrust Digital Library](#)

Hutchison, James: 244.
Hyde (Hide), Caleb: 33, 87, 107, 175.
Hyde, Daniel: 9, 10, 107.
Hyde, Daniel, Jr.: 14.
Hyde, Eleazar: 262, 267.
Hyde, Eliakim: 14.
Hyde, Elihu: 14, 19.
Hyde, Elijah: 87, 107, 175.
Hyde, Elisha: 19, 262, 266, 310.
Hyde, Ephraim: 33.
Hyde, Jabez: 19.
Hyde, Jabez, Jr.: 20.
Hyde, James: 19, 106, 177, 303.
Hyde, Jedidiah: 19.
Hyde, John: 14, 263, 267.
Hyde, Joseph: 20.
Hyde, Nathaniel: 50, 110.
Hyde, Nehamia: 14.
Hyde, Phinehas: 20.
Hyde, Richard: 19.
Hyde, Silas: 19.
Hyde, Theodore: 19.
Hyde, William, Jr.: 19.
Hyndshaw, John: 317.

Susquehanna Settlers [Susquehanna settlers 1775-1796, western lands 1783-1789 | CT Digital Archive](#)

John Hyde signed a petition to the Continental Congress [The Susquehanna Company papers : Susquehanna Company : Free Download, Borrow, and Streaming : Internet Archive](#)

Also on a list here:

[The Susquehanna Company papers : Susquehanna Company : Free Download, Borrow, and Streaming : Internet Archive](#)

The Susquehanna Company papers have been published but only the first 4 volumes are available online. The others are available at libraries and may contain other information about John and his family. The introduction to this monumental work is an interesting read as it lays out the process by which Connecticut went about laying out and settling new towns. Early purchasers of property were likely still in Connecticut and some of them never moved to the town.

He may also be the John Hide in the First Delaware Company [#388 - The Susquehanna Company papers, edited by Julian ... v.1. - Full View | HathiTrust Digital Library](#)

The earliest land transaction found to date is a purchase by William Hyde in Wikes Barre in 1786 but the family was likely present in the area long before that. There may be copies in Wilkes Barre that are not available online. [PA State Archives - MG-344 - Scope and Content Note - Susquehanna Company Records](#) References to land purchases and sales for this family in Luzerne County and Steuben County are included later in this work.

Theophilus served as a witness to a deed to William Hyde in 1789 and was enumerated in Luzerne in 1790 and could not be located thereafter. The Familysearch tree does not link a spouse or children to Theophilus.

John b. 1757 was not old enough to be the “John Leonard Hyde” in Lancaster County and there is no evidence for this family moving any further south than Luzerne County.

While the date of John’s death has not been discovered, on June 17, 1793, there was a sale of land by auditors for the estate of **John Hyde, Jr.**, to Nathan Cary Vol 2, pg 31, [Deeds, 1787-1901: indexes to deeds, 1780-1907 \(Luzerne County, Pennsylvania\) \(familysearch.org\)](#) which resulted from a lawsuit. No Will or administration on John’s estate has been located.

William married Catherine Hurlbut, the daughter of Deacon John Hurlbut of Groton, CT, and Abigail Avery. Catherine/Katherine signed deeds when William conveyed land in 1788 and 1790 (see land records below)

William (d. 1822) and Catherine Hurlbut (1765-1804) had the following children:

1. Judith Hyde b. 1788
2. William Avery Hyde (called Avery in the History of Hanover book) b. 1790/1 d. 1843
[William Avery Hyde \(1791-1843\) - Find a Grave Memorial](#)
3. Lucinda Hyde b. 1791/94? m. Christopher Doty
[Lucinda Hyde Doty \(1791-1876\) - Find a Grave Memorial U.S., Presbyterian Church Records, 1701-1970 - Ancestry.com](#)
4. Olive Hyde b. 1792 Hanover, PA, d. the same year
5. Lydia Hyde b. 1797 Hanover d. 1877 Hornell, Steuben County, NY; m. Thomas Major
6. Ira Fawcet Hyde b. 1800 Hanover, PA, d. 1848 Hornell, NY, m. Sarah Cleveland
[U.S., Presbyterian Church Records, 1701-1970 - Ancestry.com](#)
7. Joseph Hyde (mentioned in the History of Hanover book but not the Hurlbut genealogy and not located in records)
8. Olive Hyde b. 1802 Arkport, NY, m. John Sharp
9. Possibly Miss Catherine Hyde b. c. 1804 d. 1822
[Catherine Hyde \(1804-1822\) - Find a Grave Memorial](#) - not mentioned in the Hurlbut book but is buried near this family in Arkport.

Hurlbut, Henry H. *The Hurlbut genealogy; or, Record of the descendants of Thomas Hurlbut, of Saybrook and Wethersfield, Conn* [North America, Family Histories, 1500-2000 - Ancestry.com](#)

607 George H. H., b. 12 June 1804.

Hyde.

693 Catharine Hurlbut, dau. of John Jr., and Abigail, was born in Goshen, Ct., 18 March 1765, (or 1764, as one account gives it). She m. in Hanover, Pa., 1787, William Hyde (b. in Canterbury, Ct., 27 July 1764). From Conn., Mr. Hyde went to Wyoming Valley, Pa., where he lived until 1802, when he removed to Arkport, N. Y., and bought a farm, and res. there till his death. Mrs. H. d. 24 Sept. 1804; he d. in Arkport, 9 Oct. 1822.

608 Judith, b. in Hanover, Pa., 7 Feb. 1788.

609 Wm. Avery, b. in Hanover, 12 Sept 1790.

610 Olive, b. in Hanover, 1792, d. same year.

611 Lucinda, b. in Hanover, 7 Dec. 1794.

612 Lydia, b. in Hanover, 9 Sept. 1797.

613 Ira Fawcett, b. in Hanover, 17 Aug. 1800.

614 Olive, (2) b. in Arkport, N. Y., 21 Dec. 1802.

Tiffany.

The 1798 Tax lists for Hanover Township (Luzerne County) have a William and a William Jr. in addition to "Wylly." William's son William Avery Hyde was born c. 1790 and so would not appear in a tax list from 1798. The author suspects this was an error as the 1796 list and the 1799 list only include William and Wyllys and that the 1798 list is actually for William and his younger brother Wyllys.

Wyllys m. Eunice Grist/Griste

Their children:

1. Emma Hyde* b.c 1797 d. 1888 m. Pliny Bridge [Emma Hyde Bridge \(1797-1888\) - Find a Grave Memorial](#)
2. Wyllys O. Hyde* b.c. 1800 (m. Harriet LNU) - secured land in DeKalb County, IN, in 1837, later moved to Cass, LaPorte County, Indiana and Porter County, IN
3. John Hyde* - possibly the John L. Hyde enumerated as age 50-59 in LaPorte County, IN in 1840
4. Filena Hyde*
5. Annis Hyde*
6. William Hyde
7. Possibly Miss Catherine Hyde b. c. 1804 d. 1822 (she is buried in same cemetery as William's family and so may belong there)
[Catherine Hyde \(1804-1822\) - Find a Grave Memorial](#)

*mentioned in the History of Hanover book which also added the note that they had other children born before arriving and after leaving Hanover. The 1800 census for Hanover enumerated Wyllys with 2 females and 2 males under the age of 10 but there are no young children in the household in 1790 in Luzerne when Wyllys was likely enumerated in John's

household, so doubtful that there were children born before their arrival in Hanover - at least none who survived.

The History of Steuben County cited later mentions that Wyllys moved to Steuben County in 1812. "He settled north of Arkport, adjoining the marsh, where he built a large frame house and bade fair to enjoy a full share of worldly prosperity; but in twenty years eleven of that once happy family lay side by side in the grave, with both father and mother at the head." In 1810, Wyllys was enumerated in Luzerne County, Pa, with what appears to be 9 children. In 1820 in Steuben County, also 9 children - 4 of whom were under age 10, which suggests the loss of 4 children in the prior decade.

The parentage of Eunice Grist has not yet been discovered, but there were several men named Grist of Norwich who were involved in the Susquehanna Company - George, John and Thomas. John appears in the 1790 census in Luzerne and on tax lists for Luzerne County in 1798. Some trees place a Eunice Hyde who died in 1802 in Somers, Connecticut into this tree - but that is obviously incorrect.

Clarinda "Clara" married Eleazer Blackman [Clarinda Hyde Blackman \(1769-1830\) - Find a Grave Memorial](#) - Clarinda and Eleazer and their children remained in Wilkes-Barre.

Dorothy m. Samuel Phinney May 5, 1782, in Canterbury, Connecticut (this marriage is noted in the History of Hanover but without Dorothy's first name). A Samuel Phinney was enumerated in Canterbury in 1800 and 1810 and then in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, in 1820. Susquehanna was raised out of Luzerne between 1810 and 1812.

From *Finney-Phinney Families in America* pg 30 [Ancestry.com - Finney-Phinney families in America](#)

262. Samuel⁶ Phinney, b. June 23, 1758, in Canterbury, Conn.; d. May 15, 1830, in Summerville, Jefferson Co., Pa.; m. May 5, 1782, in Canterbury, Dorothy Hyde, who was b. Jan. 4, 1760, and d. March 12, 1830, a dau. of John Hyde. Samuel Phinney went to New Milford, Pa., in 1814/15.

Children:

- +563. i. John⁶, b. Feb. 3, 1783.
- +564. ii. Rev. Samuel⁶, b. July 2, 1786.
- +565. iii. William⁶, b. May 12 or 21, 1791.
- 566. iv. Mary⁶, b. Oct. 29, 1794, in Canterbury.
- 567. v. Dorothy⁶, b. May 21, 1797.
- +568. vi. Joshua⁶, b. Feb. 14, 1801.

HISTORY OF HANOVER TOWNSHIP AND WYOMING VALLEY

Luzerne County, Pennsylvania

By: Henry Blackman Plumb, 1885, 498 pp.

Robert Baur, Printer and Stationer, Wilkes-Barre, PA

[History of Hanover Township : including Sugar Notch, Ashley, and Nanticoke boroughs : and also a history of Wyoming Valley, in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania : Plumb, Henry Blackman, b. 1829 : Free Download, Borrow, and Streaming : Internet Archive](#)

Excerpts:

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“No. 12. Drawn by Thomas Robinson — both early came into possession of Matthias Hollenback, who on June 24, 1777, sold them to John Hollenback, and he, on Nov. 12, 1777, sold them to (Deacon) John Hurlbut. They descended to his children in 1782, and in 1788 Christopher Hurlbut transferred the part of No. 12 to Elisha Blackman, his brother-in-law, from the top of Hog-Back at the Middle Road back to the township line. In 1802 the two lots were certified to Naphtali Hurlbut, Elisha Blackman, Rufus Bennett and Willis Hyde, They were afterwards owned by Arndt, Garringer, Bennett, Blackman, Collins, Metcalf, Plumb, Rummage and Courtright. On No. 11, at the Middle Road, Wm. Hyde built a stone house about 1796. That house is still standing and in use. On the Hyde part is the Askam Post Office.”

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“List of Taxables in Hanover 1796

William Hyde

Willis Hyde”

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“1799 Assessment of Hanover

William Hyde

Willis Hyde”

pg 399-400

“Eleazer Blackman m. Clara Hyde”

pgs 424-425

“THE HYDE FAMILY.

“Uncle Hyde¹ — so-called — was born in New England; immigrated with his family to Wilkes-Barre before the Wyoming Massacre; was in the fort at Wilkes-Barre at the time of massacre; when the women and children and the old men left the fort for the Delaware River on the 4th of July, 1778 — the day after the massacre — he, with old Elisha Blackman, Sr., were the only persons left in the fort to receive the few returning fugitives that had escaped the massacre; he came to Hanover to reside previous to 1796; resided on the Middle Road on the farm long known afterwards as Metcalf’s; the Askam postoffice is on the opposite side of

Bennett's Creek from his house; he died hereabout 1810 or 1812. His children, so far as known, were:

William Hyde, b. d. m. Catharine Hurlbut.

Willis Hyde, b. d. m. Eunice Grist.

Clara Hyde, h. d. m. Eleazer Blackman.

___ Hyde, h. d. m. Samuel Phinney.

“William Hyde² (*Uncle Hyde*¹) was born in New England; came with the family to Wilkes-Barre, then to Hanover about 1787; married Catharine Hurlbut; removed, it is thought, to Great Bend about 1806. They had:

Avery Hyde, b. d. m.

Judith Hyde, h. d. m.

Lucinda Hyde, h. d. m.

Joseph Hyde, h. d. m.

Lydia Hyde, h. d. m.

“Willis Hyde² (*Uncle Hyde*¹) was born in New England; came with the family to Wilkes-Barre; removed to Hanover previous to 1799; lived with his father; married Eunice Grist; after his father's death in 1810-12 he removed to Mauch Chunk.⁵ They had:

John Hyde, b. d. m.

Emma Hyde, b. d. m.

Filena Hyde, b. d. m.

Willis Hyde, b. d. m.

Annis Hyde, b. d. m.

And other children before and after leaving Hanover.”

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“Catharine Hurlbut, b. 1764, d. 1804, m. William Hyde.”

Census Records:

1790 Luzerne County, PA [1790 United States Federal Census - Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)

John 2 m>16, 2 females (likely includes Wyllys in John's household)

Theophilus 2 m>16, 2m<16, 1 female

William 1 m>16, 1 m<16, 2 females

⁵ Willis was on the 1810 census for Hanover, Luzerne Census, and then arrived in Steuben County, NY, by 1812, so if he removed to Mauch Chunk (modern day Jim Thorpe), he did not remain there long.

Theophilus could not be located after 1790 - he is not the Theophilus who moved to New Orleans. He was not on the list of taxables for Luzerne in 1796 or the 1799 assessment of Hanover. Neither father nor his son John were on the list of taxables for Luzerne - the younger son may be the John Jr. who died c. 1793 and the elder John was likely too old to be taxable.

1800 Hanover, Luzerne County, PA

Wyllys Hyde [1800 United States Federal Census - Ancestry.com](#)

Free White Persons - Males - Under 10	2
Free White Persons - Males - 26 thru 44	1 (likely Wyllys)
Free White Persons - Males - 45 and over	1 (likely the John the father and not Wyllys)
Free White Persons - Females - Under 10	2
Free White Persons - Females - 16 thru 25	1 (likely a sister of Wyllys or Eunice)
Free White Persons - Females - 26 thru 44	1 (likely Eunice)

1800 Hanover, Luzerne County, PA

William Hyde [1800 United States Federal Census - Ancestry.com](#)

Free White Persons - Males - Under 10	1
Free White Persons - Males - 10 thru 15	1
Free White Persons - Males - 26 thru 44	1
Free White Persons - Females - Under 10	2
Free White Persons - Females - 10 thru 15	1
Free White Persons - Females - 26 thru 44	1

1810 Hanover, Luzerne County, PA

Wyllys Hyde [1810 United States Federal Census - Ancestry.com](#) [age is off by 1-2 years]

Free White Persons - Males - Under 10	2
Free White Persons - Males - 10 thru 15	1
Free White Persons - Males - 26 thru 44	1
Free White Persons - Females - Under 10	4
Free White Persons - Females - 10 thru 15	2
Free White Persons - Females - 26 thru 44	1

This census record suggests that father John died before the census date in 1810 (Plumb book says 1810 or 1812)

1810 Canisteo, Steuben County, NY

William Hyde [1810 United States Federal Census - Ancestry.com](#)

Free White Persons - Males - 10 thru 15	3
Free White Persons - Males - 16 thru 25	1
Free White Persons - Males - 45 and over	1
Free White Persons - Females - Under 10	2
Free White Persons - Females - 10 thru 15	2
Free White Persons - Females - 26 thru 44	1

Christopher Hurlbut on same page as William Hyde

1820 Dansville, Steuben County, NY

Wyllys Hyde [1820 United States Federal Census - Ancestry.com](#)

Free White Persons - Males - Under 10	2
Free White Persons - Males - 16 thru 25	1
Free White Persons - Males - 45 and over	1
Free White Persons - Females - Under 10	2
Free White Persons - Females - 10 thru 15	1
Free White Persons - Females - 16 thru 25	3
Free White Persons - Females - 26 thru 44	1

1820 Canisteo, Steuben County, NY

William Hyde [1820 United States Federal Census - Ancestry.com](#)

Free White Persons - Males - Under 10	1
Free White Persons - Males - 16 thru 25	1
Free White Persons - Males - 45 and over	1
Free White Persons - Females - 10 thru 15	1
Free White Persons - Females - 16 thru 25	2
Free White Persons - Females - 26 thru 44	1

History of Steuben County, New York

[History of Steuben county, New York, with illustrations and biographical sketches of some of its prominent men and pioneers : Clayton, W. W. \(W. Woodford\) : Free Download, Borrow, and Streaming : Internet Archive](#)

Excerpts:

pg 221 "The supervisors of the town of Canisteo up to 1822 were as follows : Uriah Stephens, 1801-10 ; William Hyde, 1811 ; William Stephens, 1812; Christopher Hurlbut, 1813-15 ; Uriah Stephens, 1815-19; Thomas Bennett, 1820-22."

pg n544 (paraphrased) In 1824, Olive, daughter of William Hyde of Arkport, married John Sharp. She was born December 21, 1802.

In 1801, Christopher Hurlbut and Jedediah Stephens each took " licenses to keep public inns," for which each paid the sum of \$5.

"May 4, 1802, Christopher Hurlbut, George Hornell, and Jedediah Stephens were each licensed to keep public inns, paying into the treasury of the town \$5 each. In 1803 the same persons were licensed to " keep public inns," with the addition of two more, viz., James McBurney and John Hunter, making five in all, and here the record for licenses stops. The early settlers now

living will, we think, sustain the assertion that the first three years of this county gave Canisteo model men for "innkeepers."

pg 322 - "In 1802 came William Hyde, father of Col. Avery Hyde, Ira Hyde, deceased, Mrs. Christopher Doty, and Mrs. Thomas Major. He moved from Nanticoke, below Wilkesbarre, and settled on the hill just north of the burying ground. Willis [sic - the author meant William] Hyde was the first justice of the peace appointed, and held the office till his death in 1823.

"At the death of Mr. Hyde, James Cleveland was appointed justice of the peace, and held the office until the election of John Pitts by the people.

"John Pitts came about 1810. Silas Stephens settled on the Ayers farm about the same time. Elias Van Scoter, father of Philip and Selah Van Scoter, came in 1802 ; Capt. Abbott, in 1804; Willis Hyde, 1812. He settled north of Arkport, adjoining the marsh, where he built a large frame house and bade fair to enjoy a full share of worldly prosperity ; but in twenty years eleven of that once happy family lay side by side in the grave, with both father and mother at the head."

Land Transactions in Luzerne, Pennsylvania

These land transactions are grouped by the purchase and later sale of the same land and are organized by the date of the purchase where it is known.

Luzerne County Land Transactions - note to reader - all of the land locations were located in Luzerne County - Newport is Newport Township, Hanover is Hanover Township (and not Hanover, Lancaster County), etc.

35 acres town of "Wilkesbury" ... which was originally a settling right of Thomas Porter's northeast corner

Purchase - December 4, 1786 - Nathaniel Austin and John Hutchinson to **William Hyde** - Vol 1, pg 96 [Deeds, 1787-1901; indexes to deeds, 1780-1907 \(Luzerne County, Pennsylvania\) \(familysearch.org\)](#)

Sale - Nov 21, 1788 - **William Hyde** of Wilkes Barre, yeoman, and **Katherine his wife** to Timothy Pickering, Samuel Brown and Ebenezer Bowman, Vol 1, pg 142, [Deeds, 1787-1901; indexes to deeds, 1780-1907 \(Luzerne County, Pennsylvania\) \(familysearch.org\)](#) 35 acres town of Wilkes Barre - description is different but likely the same land as above

A right of land town of Salem, 300 acres First Division No. 11, Second Division No. 34, rest undivided. No warrant found.

No corresponding purchase as this was apparently the sale of a "right" or warrant.

Sale - June 4, 1788, **John Hyde, Junior**, to Alexander Jamison, Deed Records of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, Vol 1, pg 70. [Deeds, 1787-1901; indexes to deeds, 1780-1907 \(Luzerne County, Pennsylvania\) \(familysearch.org\)](#)

140 acres town of Hanover top of Hog Back Ridge about 400 perches from the river and 26 perches from the east line of Lot No. 11 first division

Purchase - December 9, 1788, John Hurlbut of Hanover to **William Hyde** of Wilkes Barre, witnesses Christopher Hurlbut and Elisha Blackman Jr, Vol 1, pg 243 [Deeds, 1787-1901; indexes to deeds, 1780-1907 \(Luzerne County, Pennsylvania\) \(familysearch.org\)](#)

Sale?

Lot 29, Town of Wilkes Barre, purchased of James Stark, nearly 2 acres

Purchase - not recorded

Sale - December 17, 1788, **John Hyde** of Wilkes Barre to Matthias Hollenback. Deed Records of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, Vol 1, pages 110-111. [Deeds, 1787-1901; indexes to deeds, 1780-1907 \(Luzerne County, Pennsylvania\) \(familysearch.org\)](#)

200 acres part of Lot 11, Hanover

Purchase - Sept 5, 1789, Edward Inman of Hanover to **William Hyde** of Hanover, witness **Theophilus Hyde**

Vol 1, pg 244 [Deeds, 1787-1901; indexes to deeds, 1780-1907 \(Luzerne County, Pennsylvania\) \(familysearch.org\)](#)

150 acres town of Hanover, part of Lot No. 11 first division

Sale - Feb 9, 1790, **William Hyde and wife Catherine** to Thomas Porter, Vol 1, pg 228, [Deeds, 1787-1901; indexes to deeds, 1780-1907 \(Luzerne County, Pennsylvania\) \(familysearch.org\)](#)

Sale of remaining 50 acres?

27 acres and 70 perches beginning on the back road near Williams Hyde's house and on the east line of John Hurlbut's land

Purchase - December 21, 1791, Naphthali Hurlbut to **Wyllys Hyde** of Hanover, witnesses Christopher Hurlbut and Elizabeth Allen, Vol 2, pg 105 [Deeds, 1787-1901; indexes to deeds, 1780-1907 \(Luzerne County, Pennsylvania\) \(familysearch.org\)](#)

Sale?

415 acres "Liberty Hall" on a small eastern branch of Hemlock Creek in Luzerne County

Purchase Warrant - Feb 4, 1793 - **William Hyde**

Sale - July 10, 1793 - **William Hyde** to Christopher Hurlbut - deed not recorded but noted in patent [Patent books, 1676-1960 \(familysearch.org\)](#)

366 acres (out of 415) acres in Plymouth Township of Luzerne

Nov 25, 1803 - Sheriff's sale for unpaid taxes - William Hyde's land - to Robert Latham, Vo. 11, pg 153, [Deeds, 1787-1901; indexes to deeds, 1780-1907 \(Luzerne County, Pennsylvania\) \(familysearch.org\)](#)

Interestingly - William had conveyed this land to Christopher Hurlbut in 1793.

Lot 7, second division, Newport

Foreclosure sale - June 17, 1793, "foreclosure" sale of land by auditors - estate of **John Hyde, Jr.**, to Nathan Cary Vol 2, pg 31, [Deeds, 1787-1901; indexes to deeds, 1780-1907 \(Luzerne County, Pennsylvania\) \(familysearch.org\)](#) this resulted from a lawsuit - no Will or administration on John's estate that has been located.

Lot 7, second division, Newport

Purchase - date unknown - Nathan Carey to **William Hyde** ½ of lot 7 - no deed recorded - purchase recited in Deed from William Hyde to Nathan Carey of other land, Vol 5, pg 30 [Deeds, 1787-1901; indexes to deeds, 1780-1907 \(Luzerne County, Pennsylvania\) \(familysearch.org\)](#)

Sale - Sept 2, 1794 **William Hyde** to Nathan Beach and Benjamin Parry, Vol 3, pg 142, [Deeds, 1787-1901; indexes to deeds, 1780-1907 \(Luzerne County, Pennsylvania\) \(familysearch.org\)](#)

270 acres Hanover, beg at a yellow pine marks with a blaze and two notches on four sides standing on the top of the Little Mountain and is the line dividing lots No. 12 and 13 of first division

Purchase - ??

Sale - Dec 10, 1793 - **William Hyde** to Nathan Carey, Vol. 5, pg 30. [Deeds, 1787-1901; indexes to deeds, 1780-1907 \(Luzerne County, Pennsylvania\) \(familysearch.org\)](#)

Lot No. 36 in the 2nd division of Newport

Purchase - January 22, 1794, Mason Alden of Newport to **Wyllys Hyde** of Hanover, Vol 2, pg 550 [Deeds, 1787-1901; indexes to deeds, 1780-1907 \(Luzerne County, Pennsylvania\) \(familysearch.org\)](#)

Lot No. 180 in the Town of Nanticoke, Hanover Township, Luzerne County

Purchase - March 12, 1794, William Steward to **Wyllys Hyde** of Hanover Township of Luzerne County Vol 2, pg 551 [Deeds, 1787-1901; indexes to deeds, 1780-1907 \(Luzerne County, Pennsylvania\) \(familysearch.org\)](#)

Sale - April 7, 1796, **Wyllys Hyde** of Hanover to Christopher Hurlbut, Vol 4, pg 305, [Deeds, 1787-1901; indexes to deeds, 1780-1907 \(Luzerne County, Pennsylvania\) \(familysearch.org\)](#)

Lot No. 35 in the 2nd division of Newport

Purchase - January 23, 1794, Mason Alden to **Wyllys Hyde** of Hanover, Vol 2, pg 552 [Deeds, 1787-1901; indexes to deeds, 1780-1907 \(Luzerne County, Pennsylvania\) \(familysearch.org\)](#) The consideration for this purchase was the assignment by Wyllys of a ½

right of land in the Susquehanna purchase

Sale - January 3, 1796, **Wyllys Hyde** to Jacob Hart, Vol 4, pg 426., [Deeds, 1787-1901; indexes to deeds, 1780-1907 \(Luzerne County, Pennsylvania\) \(familysearch.org\)](#)

Lot No. 40 of the second division of 5 acre lots Athens

Purchase?

Sale - Sept 1, 1795 - William Hyde to Elisha Satterlee, Vol 5, pg 312. [Deeds, 1787-1901; indexes to deeds, 1780-1907 \(Luzerne County, Pennsylvania\) \(familysearch.org\)](#)

Lot No. 8 in the third division of Newport, 150 acres

Purchase?

Sale - Dec. 5, 1795 - William Hyde to Matthew Covell, Vol. 5, pg 367. [Deeds, 1787-1901; indexes to deeds, 1780-1907 \(Luzerne County, Pennsylvania\) \(familysearch.org\)](#)

Strip of land six perches wide and

Lot No 3 of the third division of Hanover 148 acres

Purchase - March 15, 1796 - strip of land Rufus Bennett to William Hyde deed not recorded - purchase recited in deed of sale

Sale - April 14, 1796 - **William Hyde** to Christopher Hurlbut, Vol 4, pg 458, [Deeds, 1787-1901; indexes to deeds, 1780-1907 \(Luzerne County, Pennsylvania\) \(familysearch.org\)](#)

Lots 19 and 38 in the second division of Newport

Purchase - November 20, 1795, Andrew Alden to **William Hide** of Hanover, Vol 4, pg 285 [Deeds, 1787-1901; indexes to deeds, 1780-1907 \(Luzerne County, Pennsylvania\) \(familysearch.org\)](#)

Lot 19, Newport,

Sale - April 5, 1796, **William Hyde** of Hanover to Ben Perry, witnessed **Wyllys Hyde** and Wm. Ross?, Vol 4, pg 295, [Deeds, 1787-1901; indexes to deeds, 1780-1907 \(Luzerne County, Pennsylvania\) \(familysearch.org\)](#)

Lot 38, Newport

Sale - Nov 19, 1798 - **William Hyde** to Joseph Reeder, Vol. 7, pg 41. [Deeds, 1787-1901; indexes to deeds, 1780-1907 \(Luzerne County, Pennsylvania\) \(familysearch.org\)](#)

13 acres Northeast side of Hyde land

Purchase - January 5, 1796, Naphtali Hurlbut to **Wyllys Hyde** of Hanover, witnesses **William Hyde** and Christopher Hurlbut, Vol 4, pg 37 [Deeds, 1787-1901; indexes to deeds, 1780-1907 \(Luzerne County, Pennsylvania\) \(familysearch.org\)](#)

10 acres east side of the cross road leading by Delano's Mills, Hanover

Purchase - Aug 30, 1796, Naphtaly Hurlbut to **Wyllys Hyde** of Hanover, Vol 4, pg 329 [Deeds, 1787-1901; indexes to deeds, 1780-1907 \(Luzerne County, Pennsylvania\) \(familysearch.org\)](#)

100 acres on the Susquehanna River, Newport

Purchase?

Sale - Jan 5, 1799 - **William Hyde** to Andrew McClure, Vol. 6. pg 20, [Deeds, 1787-1901; indexes to deeds, 1780-1907 \(Luzerne County, Pennsylvania\) \(familysearch.org\)](#)

26 acres east side of the cross road leading by Delano's Mills, Hanover

Purchase - May 25, 1799 Naphtaly Hurlbut and Olive his wife to **Wyllys Hyde** of Hanover, Vol 6, pg 232, [Deeds, 1787-1901; indexes to deeds, 1780-1907 \(Luzerne County, Pennsylvania\) \(familysearch.org\)](#)

Lot No. 50 of the second division of Newport - within the purchase of the Connecticut Susquehanna Company in the county of Luzerne but now within the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Purchase - February 1, 1802, Mason Fitch Alden to **William Hyde**, witnesses William Ryan and **Ezekial Hyde**, Vol 7, pg 454 [Deeds, 1787-1901; indexes to deeds, 1780-1907 \(Luzerne County, Pennsylvania\) \(familysearch.org\)](#)

Sale?

Lots No. 3 and 4 of the first division and first tier of Newport - within the purchase of the Connecticut Susquehanna Company in the county of Luzerne but now within the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Purchase - February 1, 1802, James DeClarke to **William Hyde** of Hanover, witnesses John Jacobs Jr. and **Ezekial Hyde**, Vol 7, pg 455, [Deeds, 1787-1901; indexes to deeds, 1780-1907 \(Luzerne County, Pennsylvania\) \(familysearch.org\)](#)

Sale?

Ezekiel Hyde II (d. 1805 b.c. 1772? in possibly NY, supposedly the second son named Ezekiel of father Ezekiel b. 1738) also lived in Luzerne and had a brother named John (who may have been a lawyer in CT and never moved to PA). While we don't know when Ezekiel moved to PA, we do know that he did not purchase land in Luzerne County until 1795 so we can deduce that the John Hydes selling land there in 1788 were of the John-Wyllys-William family and not the Ezekiel family.

Warrant register

LUZERNE.

No. of WARRANT.	NAME OF WARRANTEE.	DESCRIP-TION OF WARRANT.	QUANTITY.	DATE OF WARRANT.	DATE OF RETURN.	ACRES RETURNED.	NAME OF PATENTEE.	WHERE RECORDED.			WHERE SURVEY IS COPIED.		
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188	Hall, Charles	Survey	400	4 January 1793	20 Febr'y 1794	444 1/4	Robert Morris	P	21	15	C	338	
X 189	Hunter, Alexander	"	"	"	"	439 1/4	John Nicholson	"	20	308	G	342	
Y 190	Hurley, David	"	"	"	"	444 1/4	Robert Morris	"	21	19	C	359	
F 191	Harris, John	"	"	"	"	414 1/4	"	"	"	23	"	337	
t 192	Hunter, Robert	"	"	"	13 March	414 1/4	"	"	"	26	A	276	
- 193	Heller, Elizabeth	"	"	"	"	28.147	Rejected file						
t 194	Hile, Henry	"	"	12	29 August 1794	416 1/4	Jeremiah Warder et al.	P	22	286	C	354	
- 195	Hurlbut, Christopher	"	"	"	11 April	428 1/4	Thomas Wright	"	20	430	A	272	
196	Hamler, Samuel	"	"	"	"	Appropriated							
197	" John	"	"	"	"	"							
- 215	Hurlbut, Elizabeth	"	"	4 February	16 July 1795	429.86	Abraham Bradley Sr.	P	27	248	C, 95	96	
- 216	" Abigail	"	"	"	"	411.114	"	"	33	160	"	95	
- 217	Hubble, Hezekiah	"	"	"	31 March 1797	435 1/4	Christian Hurlbut	"	32	187	A, 24	87	
- 218	Hurlbut, Naphthali	"	"	"	16 July 1795	442.130	Abraham Bradley Sr	"	33	162	C, 95	97	
- 219	Hyde, William	"	"	"	31 March 1797	415	Christian Hurlbut	"	32	186	"	356	
0 198	Hunter, Roger	"	"	8	"	423.69	Henry Drinker	"	36	444	"	176	
0 199	" Joseph	"	"	"	"	423.69	"	"	460	"	"	196	
0 200	" Patrick	"	"	"	"	423.69	"	"	466	"	"	195	
0 201	" Samuel	"	"	"	21	423.69	"	"	447	"	"	193	
0 202	" James	"	"	"	"	407.110	"	"	449	"	"	194	
X 203	Hoof, James	"	"	"	9 March 1835	409.69	John Read	H	33	324	"	142	
204	" Samuel	"	394	"	"	"							
X 205	" Henry	"	"	"	22 February 1842	373.140	Thomas Meredith et al.	H	42	541	C, 91	128	
t 206	Hable, Samuel	"	400	"	13 April 1835	409.69	John Read	"	35	115	"	166	
0 207	Hoof, John	"	"	"	9 March	180.110	"	"	71	"	24	143	
0 208	Hable, Joseph	"	"	"	3	1842	409.73	Thomas Meredith et al.	"	42	549	"	91
0 209	" Peter	"	"	"	4 April 1818	409.73	David Taylor	"	16	123	"	20	
0 210	" John	"	"	"	2 March 1842	409.73	Thomas Meredith et al.	"	42	538	"	134	
0 211	Harvey, Job	"	"	"	5 March	409.73	"	"	555	"	"	137	
0 220	Holly, Samuel	"	"	12	"	415	"	"				117	
0 221	Hancock, Elizabeth	"	"	"	"	428.118	"	"	"	"	"	118	
- 212	Hyde, Willys	"	"	15	27 June 1796	444.140	Joseph Thomas	P	32	105	I	156	
0 222	Hyle, Joseph	"	"	18	6 July 1803	311.24	Jos. Donat LeRoy de Chaumont	"	53	34	C, 87	201	

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0 287	Henry, Joseph	"	"	"	"	396 3/4	"	"	"	15	"	77	
0 288	Hobson, Moses	"	"	"	"	434.100	"	"	"	17	"	79	
0 289	Hepler, George	"	"	"	"	400.140	"	"	"	21	213	"	
0 271	Hancock, Jonathan	"	"	5 September	23 April 1796	427.120	Abraham Wilmer	"	57	66	A	282	
t 272	Hawn, Philip	"	"	18 November	19 May 1797	414 3/4	John Coles	"	32	128	"	284	
t 273	" John	"	"	"	"	414 3/4	"	"	"	180	"	283	
330	Hyde, Willis	"	"	2 December	"	"							
331	" William	"	"	"	"	"							
274	Herzfel, Henry	"	"	7	"	Rejected file							

Grantee index of Luzerne County Hyde land purchases here [Deeds, 1787-1901; indexes to deeds, 1780-1907 \(Luzerne County, Pennsylvania\) \(familysearch.org\)](#)

Grantor index of Luzerne County Hyde land sales here [Deeds, 1787-1901; indexes to deeds, 1780-1907 \(Luzerne County, Pennsylvania\) \(familysearch.org\)](#)

The move to Steuben County, New York

William and Willys Hyde and Christopher Hurlbut all moved to Steuben County, New York. Christopher about 1801, William in 1802 and Willys about 1812.

Steuben County, New York Land Records

1809 Deed from Christopher Hurlbut to William Hyde, Steuben County, NY, Deed Book 4 , pg 380. [United States, New York Land Records, 1630-1975:](#)

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1812 Deed from Christopher Hurlbut to Wyllys Hyde of Hanover, Luzerne County, PA (130 acres in the Great Marsh, Township 5, Sixth Range, Steuben County, NY, being the same land conveyed on December 12, 1807, to Christopher Hurlbut by Robert Troup attorney for Sir James Pulteney) Deed Book 5, pg 411. [United States, New York Land Records, 1630-1975:](#)

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1815 - Wyllys sold 84 acres of the land back to Christopher - deed recites that Wyllys was living in Dansville Book 7, pg 131 [United States, New York Land Records, 1630-1975:](#)

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1826 - Estate of Wilyes Hyde

Eunice Hyde and Christopher Hurlbut named administrators

[New York Probate Records, 1629-1971:](#)

<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GYZS-B1T?cc=1920234&wc=Q7PY-RM9%3A213301501%2C213695501> -

[New York, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1659-1999 - Ancestry.com](#)

If only all of the clerks had such beautiful handwriting and that this deed gave more information! Wyllys owed more money than his estate could pay out of moveables - so part of his land had to be sold. [United States, New York Land Records, 1630-1975:](#)

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Deed to Eunice Hyde from Pulteney Estate 1827, Steuben County, NY, Deed Book 15, pg 361

[United States, New York Land Records, 1630-1975:](#)

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Eunice apparently died between 1827 and 1833 leaving 5 children - only found 3 of them - Wyllys O. Hyde, William, and Emma. Emma conveyed her $\frac{1}{5}$ to Wyllys O., Wyllys O. conveyed $\frac{2}{5}$ to Ira, and William conveyed $\frac{1}{5}$ to Ira. Ira Fawcett Hyde was the son of William - brother of Wyllys. Don't know what happened to the remaining $\frac{2}{5}$ s. **From these records we now know that Wyllys son of Wyllys son of John was not the Willis Hyde in Virginia and Georgia as this Wyllys O. Hyde had a wife named Harriett.**

Deed from Pliny Bridge and wife Emma to Wyllys O. Hyde - $\frac{1}{8}$ part of land conveyed to Eunice Hyde by Pulteny Estate. [United States, New York Land Records, 1630-1975;](#)
<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G9WC-ZVN1?cc=2078654&wc=M7HT-PMS%3A358136601%2C358641401>

Deed from Wyllys O. Hyde and Harriett his wife Feb 23, 1833, $\frac{2}{8}$ part [the part he inherited and the part that Emma conveyed to him] of land in Steuben County to Ira F. Hyde (mentions the Estate of Eunice Hyde) [United States, New York Land Records, 1630-1975;](#)
<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-89WC-ZVM6?cc=2078654&wc=M7HT-PMS%3A358136601%2C358641401>

Deed from William Hyde to Ira F. Hyde - $\frac{1}{8}$ part of land [United States, New York Land Records, 1630-1975;](#)
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