

Ickesburg

The tract of land on which this town was built was warranted by Robert Robison, May 25, 1774 (two hundred and fifty acres and allowances), and patented by him February 2, 1796. It contained two hundred and seventy-five acres, and was sold by Robison, February 11, 1796, to **Nicholas Ickes**, a native of Montgomery County. His grandfather, **Frederick Ickes**, emigrated from Germany about 1748, and purchased one thousand acres of land in Limerick, Montgomery County. After his death it was divided among four sons, of whom **Michael** settled upon the tract, and died, leaving a widow and five children, of whom **Nicholas** was the oldest. He was in the Revolution when sixteen years old, and, after its close, settled upon the farm, which, after his father's death, he took at the appraisement.

He soon married **Mary M. Christman** about 1785, by whom he had four children—**Elizabeth**, born in 1787; **Samuel**, 1791; **Jonas**, February 3, 1793; and **Catharine**, 1795. **Nicholas Ickes**, with his family, came to Cumberland County (now Perry) in 1795, and purchased the land of Robert Robison on an article of agreement, and, as soon as patent was obtained, received title. His wife died soon after his settlement, and, about 1797, married **Susannah**, by whom he had thirteen children. Of the children by the first wife, **Elizabeth**, the eldest, married **Peter Hench**, who lived on the **Ickes** farm, and is the mother of **George Hench**, now of Carlisle, and **Nicholas Hench**, of Ickesburg; she later married _____ **Furnell**; **Samuel** settled at Sandy Hill, on the farm now owned by his son **Michael**; **Jonas** studied medicine, and practiced in this county many years, and is now living in Illinois; **Catharine**, the youngest, married **Paul Schaeffer** and emigrated to Ohio.

The children by the second wife mostly settled in the county. **Margaret**, the eldest, married **John Rice**, and is now a resident of New Bloomfield; **Magdalena** married **George Rice**, a brother of **John**, and settled in Sandy Hill; **Michael** and **Jacob** settled at Saville; **Susannah** married **Samuel Heim** and settled at Loysville; **George** now resides at Newport; **Nicholas** settled at Ickesburg; **Mary** married **Henry S. Smith** and settled at Newport; **Sarah** became the wife of **Johnson Servis** and moved to Illinois; **Elsa E.** married **David Zimmerman** and also emigrated to Illinois **Sophia** married **Levi Weibley** and settled in Saville.

Nicholas Ickes, the father, died in 1849. About 1818, soon after the erection of the township of Saville, **Mr. Ickes** laid out a town plat into streets and lots and named it Ickesburg.