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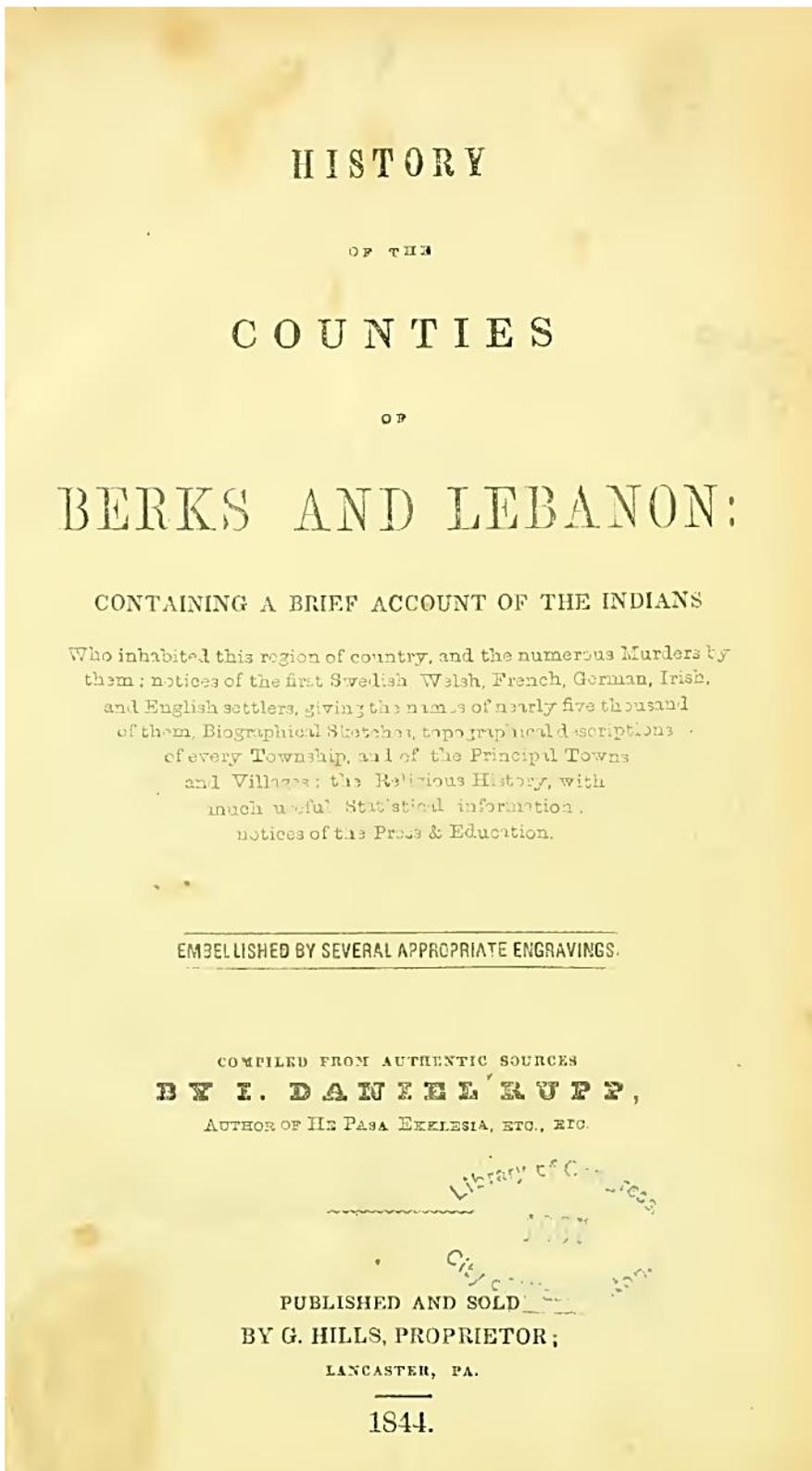
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Below we provide a slightly edited version of the description of Annville Township and its principal town, Millerstown (Annville). The section on Annville begins on page 353 of the book.

#### ANNVILLE TOWNSHIP.

Annville township was formed out of part of Londonderry and Lebanon. It is bounded on the north-east by East Hanover township; east by Lebanon; south and west by Londonderry. It contains nearly twenty-two thousand acres of land, principally level, and of the best limestone quality, and highly improved. Some portion of it is gravel. Some of the finest and best improved farms in the county, are to be met within this township. Many firm substantial farm houses and barns, principally of stone, indicative of wealth and taste, can be seen as one passes along the public roads. Some old tile-covered houses are still to be seen.

This township is well supplied with streams of water, which afford abundance of water power for mills. The Swatara forms the boundary on the north; the Quitapohila flows through the township, and receives, in its course, Killinger's run. There is a forge on the Quitopahila. Meadow run is the name of another small stream in this township.

In 1840 it contained one fulling mill, one woollen factory, eight grist mills, five saw mills, one oil mill, one distillery, and eleven stores. Population in 1830, 2,706; 1840, 2,649: average tax valuation of 1844, \$915,937 00; county tax \$1,373 98.

The Harrisburg and Reading turnpike passes through this township.—Millerstown is on it.

#### MILLERSTOWN.

This place was formerly called "Annville," and was laid out by Messrs. Riegel and Ulrich. It is handsomely situated, and is a flourishing village on the Quitopahila. It contains about one hundred and twenty houses, four or five stores, and the same number of taverns, and the usual handicrafts. Several schools—one public school—and an academy, are in successful operation. It contains several churches.

About one mile north-east from Millerstown, the first public house, in this region of country, was kept by the grand-father of Adam Ulrich, the present occupant. Mr. Ulrich also kept a small store, and traded with the Indians, many of whom staid weeks with him.

Mr. Adam Ulrich's father, when a boy, frequently sported and played with the Indians, in the thickets. It appears there was a burying ground near Ulrich's house,

One evening, about the year 1756 or '57, Mr. Adam Ulrich's father, and grandfather, were feeding their cattle, when they were surprised by the Indians, but fortunately escaped and eluded the pursuit of them; whereupon, the Indians killed all the cattle, by cutting out their tongues. This happened on the farm now owned by Mr. Shenk.

During the late war of 1812, when a praiseworthy spirit pervaded community to resist British encroachments, and also to establish manufactories to manufacture goods for our own consumption, several wealthy gentlemen of Lancaster county, headed by the enterprising Mr. Hentzelman, erected an extensive cotton and woolen factory a few miles from Millerstown, at the enormous expense of \$96,000—and for some time carried on business with success, but owing to the ruinous policy of not protecting American industry—opening our ports wide for foreign manufactures, they failed. Their goods were considered equal in quality to any manufactured in the country.

Free foreign importations—either of British goods, or British paupers—will eventually ruin the whole country. Our country should be protected against both, by wholesome restrictions. Our policy is too liberal. It is mis-directed charity, to open our ports for foreign goods, and foreign paupers, without salutary restrictions!!