

Excerpt from Lykens-Williams Valley History Directory and Pictorial Review: Embracing the Entire Lykens and Williams Valley, in the Effort to Preserve the Past and Perpetuate the Present In a brief resume of the history of the Lykens and Williams Valley it is out of place to treat the Aborigines and even the early history of the state of Pennsylvania, save when some allusion to either may be deemed necessary. The founder of Pennsylvania is certainly deserving of grateful remembrance for his efforts to settle his Province, to protect the pioneers and to foster their industry and thrift. He was a remarkable man in many respects, and his Frame of Government is a model unequalled by the laws of any of the colonies or Provinces. The Concessions agreed upon in England for the encouragement of emigration to his Province was an important factor in that great movement which so materially assisted in building up this Western empire, and gave to the world the great state founded in peace. The inducements by Penn to settle were not confined to right of soil or voice in government, but religious tolerance was guaranteed by him. The law of religious liberty as framed by him, and passed by the first Assembly at Chester on the 10th of December, 1682, was the first Act of toleration ever given to any people in the history of nations. Owing to this toleration on the part of the Proprietary of Pennsylvania, that Province became a refuge and home to the people of all creeds and religious beliefs. It is true that during the life time of the Founder, liberty of conscience was not questioned but at a later period, we regret to say, his religious adherents would have throttled tolerance had they not feared revolution. As a general thing the first settlers were staid farmers. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at [www.forgottenbooks.com](http://www.forgottenbooks.com) This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully; any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works.

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