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We have had several email requests, usually for family or property researches and these are always interesting. A 250 acre property at Mechanicsville and Aquetong Roads first sold for 64 pounds and 17 shillings—in 1725.. This property has been divided over the years and now the original house has about 11 acres and a much higher price tag.

One family search highlights a problem that crops up occasionally, and that is the lack of specific information. We had one recently with no dates at all and I have yet to hear back with something to pin our search on.

My plea for a few good volunteers to help with the historic district files did not bring did not bring a thundering herd to our door. In fact, no one showed up. So now Marilyn and I are going through a couple of the files looking for a few interesting, but lesser known, facts possibly resulting in an a article or even just a list on the website which might spark some interest. For instance: there were so many lime kilns on Meetinghouse Road that it was known as Limekiln Road, which just outside Paxon”s Corner, which we know as Aquetong. We will also work on a short outline of projects which could be for high school student community projects.

All of this leads up to our ultimate goal, which we discussed with Stephanie, to have all of this information about the history of Solebury Township on our website rather than hidden away in file drawers.