

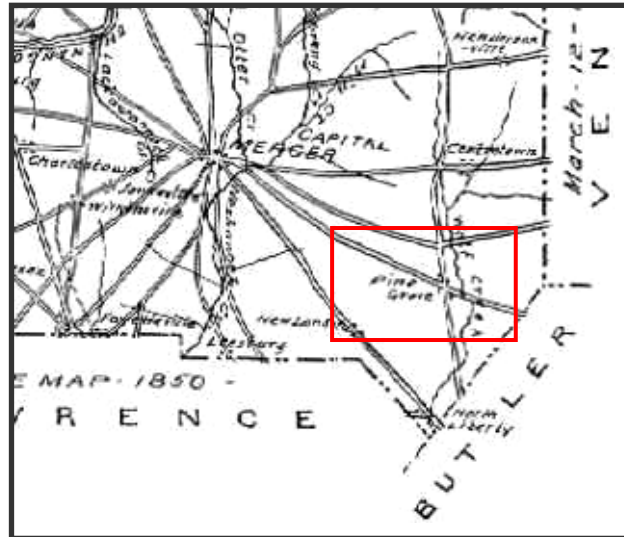
1850

The population of Wolf Creek Township was 2,048.

By 1850, Pine Grove began to appear on maps.

Note:
This 1850 map shows Pine Grove at the crossing of the road from Mercer and Wolf Creek.

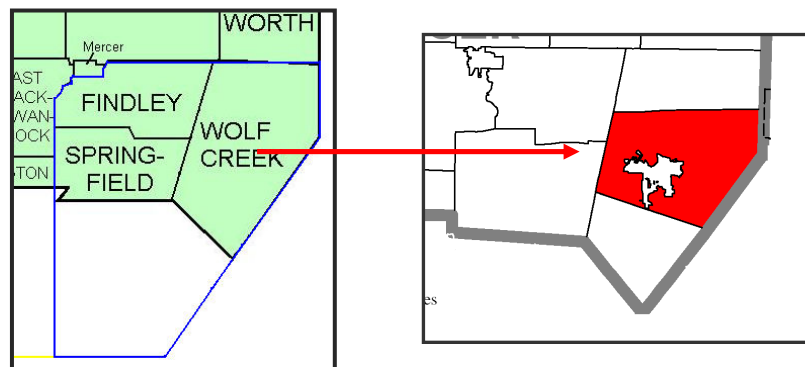
There is only one road intersecting with Pine Grove. However, there is a dotted line indicating an incomplete roadway.



1851

Liberty and Pine Townships were created on February 17, 1851.

Note:
Pine Township was established from the central part of Wolf Creek Township. The original Wolf Creek Township is outlined in blue in the map on the left.



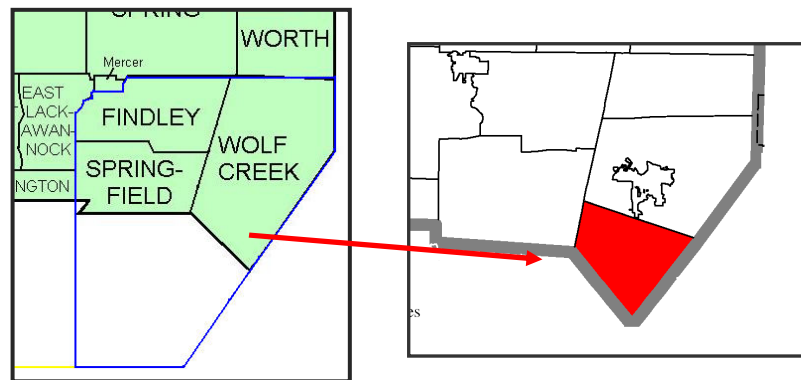
Pine Township was once called "Pine Grove" Township.

The first settlers of Pine Township were John Sutherland, John Perry, James Glenn, James Miller, and Thomas McCoy.

James Glenn, brother-in-law of Valentine Cunningham, came from Huntingdon County in 1798 and settled in the area where PA Route 208 crosses Wolf Creek. (See 1806)

John Perry (Penny) was a veteran of the Revolutionary War, who came about 1796 and bought a part of the land in the north of the township from John Sutherland.

Liberty Township was established from the southern part of Wolf Creek. The original Wolf Creek Township is outlined in blue on the map on the left.



The first settler of North Liberty was Hugh Foster. North Liberty was planned by his son James in c1821. Both are listed on the Census of 1800, the Township Tax List of 1802, and the Wolf Creek on Census of 1810.

Reportedly, David and Thomas Courtney settled a large tract of land on Wolf creek. David Courtney established a log mill and a gristmill in 1803.

David and Thomas Courtney are listed on the Wolf Creek 1810 Census. They are not listed on the Mercer County Census of 1800 or Tax list of 1802.

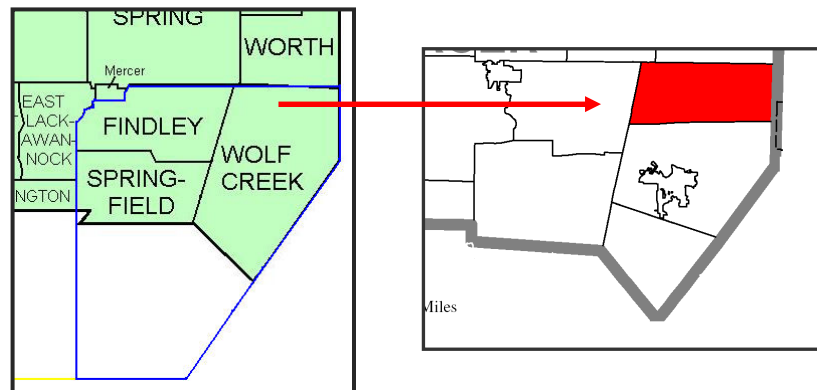
It has also reported that in 1796, four Uber brothers John, Michale, Abraham, and Simon came to the western part of Liberty Township where they established orchards.

Around 1800 John Uber built a sawmill. In 1807, this saw mill produced the lumber for use in the construction of the first Mercer County courthouse.

There are no Ubers listed on the Census of 1800
However, the Census of 1800 does list Abraham
Houwer, John Hover, and Michal Hover. Abraham, John
and Michael Hoover are also listed on the Wolf Creek
Tax List of 1802.

Abm Uber is listed on the Wolf Creek Township Census
of 1810.

Only the northern section of the area remained Wolf Creek Township. The
original Wolf Creek Township is outlined in blue on the map on the left.



1853

Context:

On March 1, 1852, the cartoon figure "Uncle Sam" symbolizing
the United States debuted in the New York Lantern newspaper.

**Adam Scott Black was born on his father's farm, in Pine Township,
December 7, 1853.**

Note:

He was raised and educated in the area and became an early successful farmer
in the area.

William A. Young bought the tannery on Liberty Street along Wolf Creek from James Tidball.

Note:

James Tidball was the husband of Elizabeth Cunningham.

The Tidball property was located northwest of Pine Grove. The area was later developed as a residential neighborhood and Tidball Avenue was named after the family.

This tanning business ended in a few years (dates vary from 1881 to 1896) due to the advent of the chemical tanning processes.

In February 1881, William A. Young opened W. A. Young and Son, a harness and saddlery manufacturing business. (See 1881)

1854

Context:

On July 6, 1854, the Republican Party held its first official Convention.

The first pasteurization test was completed by Louis Pasteur and Claude Bernard on April 20, 1864.

James Glenn Cunningham, Valentine Cunningham's son, built a home near Wolf Creek.

Note:

The home is located on what is now the lower campus of Grove City College. It is known today as Cunningham Hall.

The home is a brick Greek Revival style home. It was built to replace a frame house that had been built in 1840.



J. G. Cunningham was referred to as "Squire" Cunningham.

1855

George W. Washabaugh opened the Union Hotel, the first hotel in Pine Grove, on Brooklyn Hill (East Main Street).

Note:

Later Wasabaugh built the Washabaugh House and operated it as a hotel.

The oldest register of the house records the name of the business as the "Washabaugh House" with G. Wasabaugh as proprietor. Entries begin on July 23, 1880 and end on September 312, 1882.

This hotel was acquired by Joseph H. Filer and his wife Rachael Oakes Filer. The second register begins on February 28, 1898 in which the business is recorded as the "Filer House."

Nicholas W. Van Eman, a graduate of Cincinnati Medical College, began practicing medicine in Pine Grove.

Note:

His first two years of a professional life were spent at Harlansburg, Pennsylvania, and coming to Grove City,

Van Eman practiced as a rural physician for thirty years, retiring in 1886.

1858

On June 5, a severe countywide frost killed crops throughout Mercer County.

The Rev. Dr. Richard M. C. Thompson, D. D. conducted college preparatory classes for men and women.

Note

It is believed that Rev. Thompson was the first person to offer higher levels of instruction in a college preparatory program. Classes were held in a private house owned by Mr. William A. Young.

After two or three years, he discontinued the classes.

This school was the precursor of the Pine Grove Academy, which eventually became Grove City College.

1859

Pine Grove as it appeared on the map in 1859.

Note:
There is only one major road indicated that accesses Pine Grove. That road connects Mercer, Pine Grove, and Harris V. London, Perrin, Center, and North Liberty are also indicated as communities. The incomplete roadway shown on the map of 1850 does not appear on this map.

