

DOCUMENTS RELATING TO EARLY HISTORY OF TINTON FALLS

Date	Content	Source
Jan. 25, 1664	James Grover and others of Gravesend, L.I., negotiated with Indians for lands at Navesink.	Stillwell IV-250
April 8, 1665	Gov. Richard Nicholls signed Monmouth Patent authorizing purchases from Indians for most of county	Old Times in Old Monmouth Page 1
March 21, 1667	James Grover sold his farm in Gravesend and moved to Middletown	Stillwell Vol. IV
July 10, 1667	Grover licensed by Gov. Carteret to conduct tavern at Navesink. Subsequently he is called "millwright."	Stillwell Vol. IV
May 28, 1672	Gov. Carteret and Council modify terms of Monmouth patent.	Stillwell
Aug. 8, 1673	Grover consulted with Dutch on terms of surrender, after they reentered province	Stillwell Vol. IV
March 8, 1674	Bartholomew Applegate, millwright and brother, Thomas, weaver, of Gravesend, and Richard Sadler, granted permission by Dutch to buy land at Navesinks from Indians. "About two leagues (5-9 miles) on this side of Middletown near the Neversings, fit for a settlement of 7 or 8 families." To be settled in 2 years.	Stillwell Vol. III
Aug. 24, 1674	Grover, John Bowne, & Richard Hartshorne recorded deed from Indians for large tract at place "called by the Indians Warummanung and by the English the falls . . ."	E. Jersey Deeds Book 1 Page 271

- Oct. 19, 1677 Warrant for survey issued by English Stillwell
to Thomas Applegate for 240 acres and Vol. III
meadow at Shrewsbury. Referred to as "Thomas Applegate of the Falles in New Shrewsbury, weaver."
- Feb. 28, 1679 Tract bought by Henry Leonard E. Jersey Deeds
of Indians in 1676 deeded to son, Book 1
Samuel. Recorded March 15, 1679 Page 196
- Mar. 16, 1679 Deeded by Samuel Leonard to Col. E. Jersey
Morris. Includes "our mansion house Deeds
or tenement situate, lying and being by the Falles Book 1
river, neare the Iron Workes at Tinton Mannor between Shrewsbury & Middletown. Also parcel adjoining bounded by lands of Thomas Applegate on N.E. side, by falles river on NW side and on other side by land not yet purchased of Indians. About 700 acres. Page 196
- Map of this tract, showing all houses in Village, Mon. Cty. H.A.
shows mansion along Water St. and ironworks. vault-s.a.
572 acres shown. (See Page46) Tinton Iron Works
- Jan. 30, 1683 Bill of sale from Bartholomew Mon. Cty. H.A.
Applegate to Col. Morris. (1676 vault-s.a.
map showed Applegate as operator of mill). Now Tinton Iron
identified as wheelwright of Shrewsbury. Formerly Works
made contract with inhabitants of Shrewsbury "about setting up a corn mill to serve the said town." "But afterward being deprived of the benefit that might derive to me from my mill by reason the river was made use of by the ironworks belonging to Col. Morris by which means my mill became un-serviceable to me." People of town agreed Applegate should have another 200 acres so first tract conveyed to Morris . . . "all that my forementioned plantation situate . . . in Shrewsbury."
- Surveyor general Robert Lapnary (?) laid out new tract bounded SW by Col. Morris, NW by falls river, E by Saml Wolcott and S by path to Eliakim Wardell's mill, so to Long Branch.
- (Reason could have been that smoke and fumes from ironworks across the falls made mill unusable for making flour)

Feb. 12, 1691	Will of Col. Lewis Morris leaves ironworks property to nephew, Lewis Morris (later Gov.)	Papers of Lewis Morris Page 323
June 12, 1746	Will of Gov. Lewis Morris leaves ironworks property to son, Robert Hunter Morris	Papers of Lewis Morris Page 323
May 22, 1750	Deed from Robert Hunter Morris to nephew Lewis Morris Ashfield for three tracts in "Tinton Manor" acquired "by virtue of the Patent for Tinton Mannor." As a condition, deed declares "rendering therefore yearly to the Proprietors of the Eastern Division of New Jersey one pint of spring water if and when demanded on the premises."	Secretary of State Deed Book K-2 Page 460

INDIAN INHABITANTS

The natives of the New Shrewsbury area were known as "Toponomese". Mr. Samuel Stelle Smith, in his excellent book "Sandy Hook and the Land of the Navesink", published in 1963 by Philip Freneau Press, describes the various divisions and subdivisions of local Indians as follows:

ALGONKAIN - Stock

LENNI LENAPE (or DELAWARE) - Tribe

UNAMI - Clan

MATOVANCON - Sub-clan

TOPONOMESE - Community