



The Loyalsock Creek in flood stage passes under the Hillsgrove covered bridge.

purchase 200,000 acres of land in what is now Bradford, Luzerne, Lycoming and Sullivan counties, 100,000 acres of this land was along the Loyalsock creek. An agent of the company, Charles Rui Roulogne, while on an inspecting tour with a servant traveling on horseback, in crossing the Loyalsock creek at Hillsgrove was drowned, on July 20, 1796. Mr. Rui Roulogne was buried at Hillsgrove. He was the first person buried in the cemetery at that place.

When Napoleon became consul of France he invited the Royalists to return to France; most of them returned and the project to locate a large colony of French in Sullivan county was given up and instead of the French locating in the Loyalsock Valley, the English colonists occupied it.

About 1797 Griffith Griffey located on the land now owned by L.B. Speaker. He built a log hut on an elevation back of the flats along the mountain side so as to be out of the reach of the floods; he planted a small orchard and lived there about ten years. He was a squatter as no survey had been made of the lands. Charles Edwards succeeded him and lived there two years. Thomas Wallis then lived on the farm a short time. Richard White obtained a clearing lease and cleared up considerable land, and built a small frame house and a log barn. He died about 1833, and his widow remained there until about 1841, when John A. Speaker purchased the property and took possession of it.

John Hill located at Hillsgrove about 1789 and took up the flat land on the west side of the Loyalsock creek for a distance of two miles along the creek and half a mile

back toward the mountain. The land was surveyed and patented about 1794. Mr. Hill died July 1, 1831, aged 82 years. Mr. Hill had three children, two daughters and one son:

Mary, married David Rogers, of Hillsgrove.

Martha, married Isaac Craven, of Hillsgrove.

John, S. died 1841, aged 41 years.

David Rogers was born January 9, 1793, in Yorkshire, England. He was a son of Samuel and Ann (Grant) Rogers. Mr. Rogers came to America with his parents in 1801, locating for a few months near Philadelphia and the same year purchasing lands at Forksville and commenced to improve the same. David Rogers married Mary Hill, a daughter of John Hill, of Hillsgrove. She was born at Hillsgrove, April 14, 1799. She died August 21, 1859. They located on the northern section of the Hill farm which was divided into three parts, one part for each of the three children. To Mr. and Mrs. Rogers were born:

Martha Jane, married a Mr. Davis, of Bradford county.

Ann C.

John H.

Mary H., married Samuel Ives, of Muncy, Pa.

Robert F.

John H., Robert F. and Ann C. remained single and lived on the homestead, which since their death, was owned by their niece, Anna Ives, and was sold recently to J. Robert Molyneux, who now occupies the same. It is claimed that John H. Rogers was the originator of the United States postage stamp. He was at one time a postmaster and suggested to the Government the printing of