

East Bradford Worldly Goods

This is the wedding certificate of John Coope and Charity Jefferis Evans of Bradford Township. The wedding date is 1721 – ten years before the Township was divided into East Bradford and West Bradford. Several of the wedding guests, including George Strode, James Jefferis and Abiah Taylor, signed the petition resulting in the division of the Township.

The bride and groom and many of the wedding guests lived in fine homes which continue to serve as residences in East Bradford Township. John and Charity Coope (later spelled Cope) (1&2), lived in the core of the “John & Nathan Cope House” at 700 Dunmoore Lane.



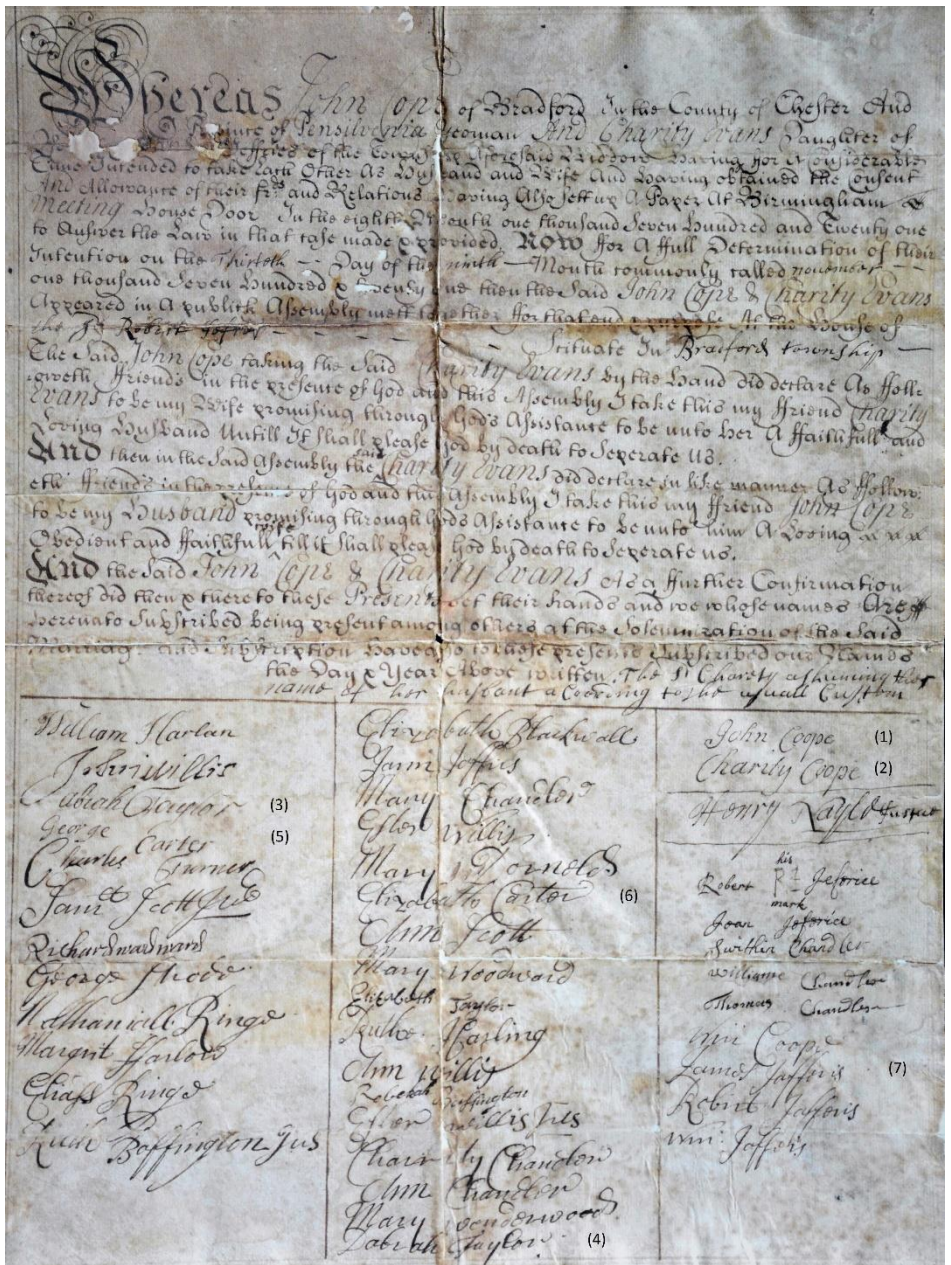
“John & Nathan Cope House”. Historic Resource #62, Pennsylvania Historical Resource Survey Form

Abiah and Deborah Taylor (3&4) lived in the “Abiah Taylor House” at 525 North Creek Rd.

George and Elizabeth Carter (5&6) lived in “Blue Rock Farm” at 1104 Allerton Road. After George Carter died,

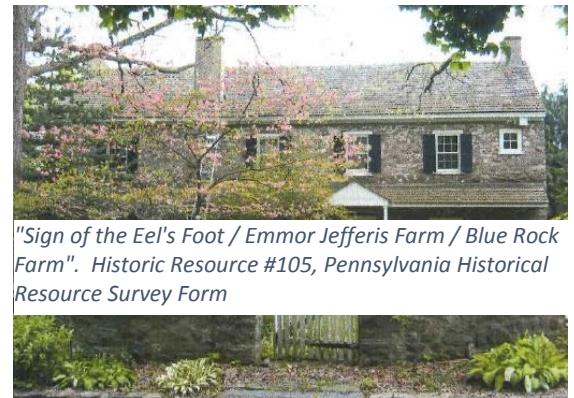
“Abiah Taylor House”. Historic Resource #73. Photograph courtesy of John Milner Architects, www.johnmilnerarchitects.com

(7), and Blue Rock Farm became a Jefferis family farm for many years. James and Elizabeth’s son, Emmor Jefferis, lived here in 1777 when he



Elizabeth Carter married the bride’s brother, James Jefferis

“was compelled by General Howe to guide the Crown Forces across Jefferis’ Ford and toward Birmingham Meeting.” (2015 Brandywine Battlefield Preservation Plan, Trimble’s & Jefferis’ Ford Strategic Landscapes Plan, pg. 4-12)



“Sign of the Eel’s Foot / Emmor Jefferis Farm / Blue Rock Farm”. Historic Resource #105, Pennsylvania Historical Resource Survey Form