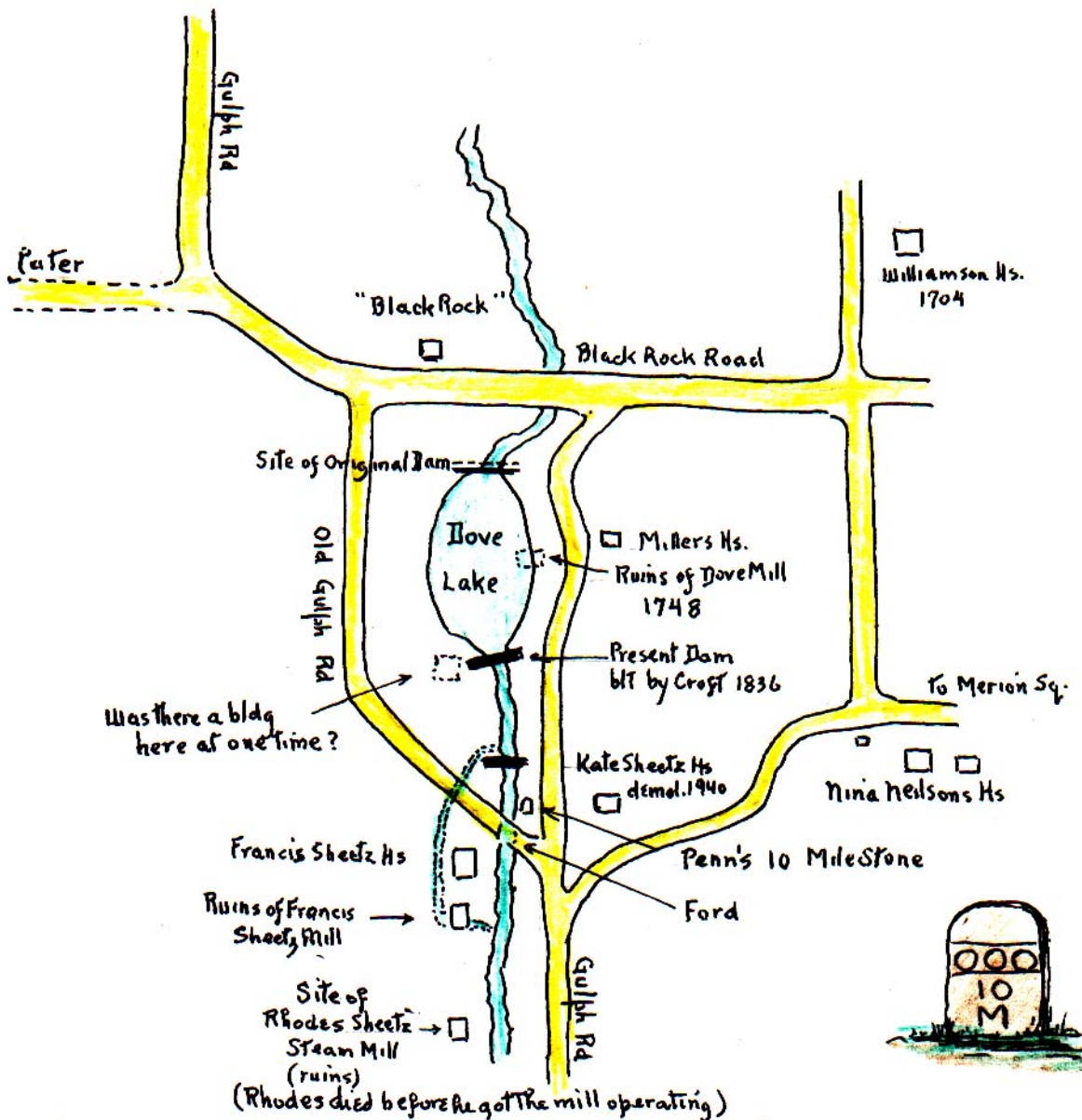


The Dove Mill District



The Dove Mill was probably built in 1748 and used as a grist and fulling mill by David Davis. In 1750 it definitely belonged to Conrad Sheetz, the Germantown paper-maker. It was handed down through the family and their in-laws, Francis Sheetz, Kemmerer, and Helmbold until 1798 when it was acquired by Amies, the Swiss foreman of Wilcox's Ivy Mill (paper making). Amies appropriated the Wilcox water-mark—the dove with a sprig of ivy in its beak—and named the mill, Dove Mill. It became famous for its paper under Amies management.

Later (1851) Charles Humphreys operated a cotton factory here, and Will Hampton and Sam^r Williamson also owned the mill (n.d.). "At one time sewing machines were made here" (Aunt Seely Super). Katie Sheetz, a descendant, lived to an old age in a dilapidated frame house opposite the mile stone.

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