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WILLIAM PENN did not come over with his first colonists, but sent out his cousin, Captain William Markham, as his first deputy-governor to supply his place, and also to make needful buildings and preparations for the reception of the founder, when he should arrive. To this end the finer parts of frame work required for the construction of "Penn's Cottage," in Lætitia Court, and for "Pepnsbury Palace," were freighted from England.

Penn first embarked for his new province of Pennsylvania, in August, 1682, and he arrived at New Castle, on the Delaware river, on the 27th of October following.

Upon a careful examination of the testimony in relation to "Penn's Cottage," it appears there was some doubts as to its *precise* position, and for a time the house at the head of Lætitia Court, facing Market Street, known as the "Leopard Inn," afterward as "Penn's Hall," kept by — Doyle, was looked upon as the house. But from the investigations of Mr. J. L. Watson, the indefatigable annalist, and from other reliable sources of knowledge, there remains no doubt of the identity of the "Cottage" now known as the "Lætitia House," of which we give a picture, from a recent drawing made by Mr. C. H. Wells, of this city. This building is on the west side of Lætitia Court—recently extended through southwardly to Chestnut Street—and was for many years occupied as an inn of celebrity, called the "Old Rising Sun."

In the year 1701, William Penn assigned in fee simple to his daughter, Lætitia Penn, the lot on the south side of Market Street, one hundred and seventy-five feet deep to the present "Black Horse Alley," and from the west side of Front Street to east side of Second Street four hundred and two feet, with all the buildings, im-

provements, etc., thereon—and hence, we infer, was derived the names of "Lætitia Court" and "Lætitia House."

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ILLUSTRATED MISCELLANY.

PHILADELPHIA, SEPTEMBER, 1857.

THE editor being out of the city when one part of the present number was put to press, some grammatical errors, made by the printer, in the article on Penn's Cottage, escaped the eye of the proof-reader.

*The foregoing article was prepared by me, by particular request—the faithless printer neglected to send me a proof—it is full of errors—C.H.*

Jan. 3. 1856.

**OPENING OF LETITIA COURT.**—Two stores that stood in Chestnut street, below Second, on a line with Letitia Court, are being demolished for the purpose of opening that thoroughfare through from Chestnut to Market streets. This improvement was agitated many years since, but one obstacle after another has been thrown in the way of its consummation until the present time. This change will add greatly to the value of the property along the line of the original Court, while it will convert into valuable building lots the rear ends of considerable property on Front, Second and Chestnut streets. The want of more room for the wholesale business is much felt in this part of the city, and we expect soon to see a continuous double line of lofty storehouses along Letitia street. The property owners on that portion of Chestnut and Market streets, and upon Black Horse Alley, will also profit directly by the opening of the new street.

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**BANK OF PENN TOWNSHIP.**  
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JACOB FRICK,  
Cashier.

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