The History of Conewago Township

   Conewago is of Indian origin and means "at the rapids." The large winding stream by this name forms the northern boundary of the township and the Little Conewago Creek which unites with the larger stream forms the eastern boundary. *(Bull Road completes the township boundaries*.).During the early part of the eighteenth century, before white settlers had crossed the Susquehanna River, there was a small tribe of Indians called the "Conewagoes", who occupied the region.

   Conewago Township was formed out of Newberry and Dover Townships in the year 1818. The eastern third belonged to Newberry and the western two thirds to Dover Township. It contains 11,000 acres, according to the survey made in October, 1814, by Jacob Spangler and Daniel Small. The Court confirmed the formation on January 8, 1818. Conewago Township at the time of its formation contained 245 taxable inhabitants. The assessed valuation of real and personal property at that time was $185,000.

   Zion Lutheran and Reformed Quickel's Church, known as Quickel's Church, the first religious organization founded within the present limits of Conewago Township, is situated near the banks of the Little Conewago Creek. Organized in 1763.

   Strinestown is the oldest village in the township and was founded in the year 1800. It is pleasantly situated in the northern part of the township, about ten miles from York and one mile from the Conewago Creek. The cigar making industry has been the chief employment in Strinestown for more than half a century. In early days there were many small factories, and within recent years larger ones have been erected, employing many workmen. This industry has added thrift and prosperity to the village.

   Zion's View in the southern part of the township near Quickel's Church is a prosperous hamlet that has grown up within recent years. *(Named in 1890.)* The cigar making industry is carried on here to considerable extent. The village is surrounded by rich agricultural lands.

   During the Confederate invasion of 1863, a scouting party of Stuart's cavalry entered the west end of Conewago Township, captured a number of horses from the farmers, and obtained coffee, sugar and some wearing apparel at a store then kept by Eli S. Quickel.

   There are veins of valuable sandstone in this township. The stones used in the front of the York jail in 1855, were obtained in Conewago. Henry Kochenour had the contract to furnish them.

   Zion View was originally in Dover Township and Strinestown in Newberry Township.