

FREELAND ADVENTURE

If John Lacy ever served in the Union Army, his service would have to have transpired prior to his marriage to Nana on 6 June, 1859. That he did not serve during the hostilities is proven by the D. C. Directories which show that he did not leave his place of residence or give up his boot and shoemaking business at any time during the war years. Moreover, the Equity Case of 1874,^a concerning William Wilson's Prince George's County property, Freeland Adventure, also documents that William Wilson loaned to his son-in-law, John J. Lacy, the sum of \$500.00 to keep him out of the service. The receipt for this indebtedness bearing the signature of our g. grandfather is in the Appendix of this manuscript.

On the surface it might seem that William Wilson, who has proven to be personally generous and an astute businessman, may have seen the opportunity for his son-in-law to establish a thriving business in a wartime economy. Emerging facts show that there is more here than meets the eye.

Much of Adams and York Counties in Pennsylvania, where William Wilson spent his youth, had been property of the Carroll family of Maryland. It was surveyed under Maryland authority and patented to Charles, Mary and Eleanor Carroll on 8 August, 1735.^b This identical property was surveyed for the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania,