In the March 8, 1764 edition of *The Pennsylvania Gazette*, David Stewart advertised “proposals for building a town on the River Delaware, opposite to Reedy-Island, in the county of New Castle.” The proposed town boasted key features such as being “extremely pleasant and convenient for trade; Reedy-Island forming a soft commodious harbor for shipping; the navigation there is scarce ever interrupted by ice; the country around it is very fertile and abounds with such commodities as especially suit the West-India Market.” The intention was that this city called Port Penn could potentially rival Philadelphia. David Stewart’s ambitions touted a new thriving and profitable town along the Delaware River and closer to trans-Atlantic shipping lanes. Three other individuals shared in Stewart’s dream; Harry Forster and the firm of Derham and Craven.

In 1792, David Stewart II (son of David Stewart), produced an amended plan for the proposed town, which included an area about one third of a mile west of town to be set aside for burying, a Presbyterian meeting house and school.

So the story begins....