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k up land in the Hundred thews, Collins, Ellegoods ment of this territory of re very numerous, and it Assembly of Maryland in tracts as a reservation for ted of five hundred acres Laurel now stands. The years (compensation hav- l owner), and were later and was authorized to be of Dr. James Derrickson, t became the property of

Concord is a small village which was laid out in 1796, on a tract of land called "Partnership." Some thirty years before the place was occupied, a company of New York and Philadelphia merchants settled here and erected a furnace, naming it "The Pine Grove Furnace." For a long time, the iron business was conducted by this company at this point, which made the place the seat of a thriving industry. A prosperous business was carried on until the beginning of the Revolutionary War, when the blockading of the Chesapeake Bay suspended the work, and the business was abandoned. The town of Concord was located on the site of this little settlement in 1796, and grew rapidly to be a thriving village.

Among the prominent personages who lived in this village, were the "Ellegoods," from which family Dr. Robert G. Ellegood was descended. He was born and for many years lived in Concord, and was a physician of high standing. Dr. Ellegood was quite active in political affairs, having been elected as a Representative to the General Assembly and having served as State Auditor of Accounts for three terms. Dr. Joshua A. Ellegood, for the past ten years the leading specialist in Wilmington in eye and ear practice, is a son of Dr. Robert G. Ellegood. Born at Concord, Dr. Joshua A. Ellegood pursued his professional studies abroad and by reason of the mastery that he has attained in the special lines chosen by him, stands deservedly high in his profession and has richly merited the measure of success that has come to him. It was in this town that Judge John W. Houston, a distinguished jurist of Delaware, was born.

Bethel is a flourishing little village in this Hundred, and until 1880, was known as Lewisville. At an early period it was noted as a great shipping point. The building of boats for many years formed the chief industry of the place. In 1869, a marine railway was established here which added largely to the business of the village. The excellent facilities for milling in the Hundred afforded by the many streams, were early utilized, and almost as soon as the settlements were