

CONRAD BEIDLER, nearby GRAIN SOURCE p.42, 146
1799

This Bird contemporary noted in his/will" Mark Bird, Esq. became insolvent and left this state/ for North Carolina/ much in my debt." Mont. p 224.

Pages 42 and 146 show that Mark Bird ~~did not~~ Beidler over 281L for grain ~~NOT paid~~ nearer Beidler that/had ~~been~~ furnished to Hopewell. What might have been delivered to/Birdshore and (perhaps) Spring Forge is unknown.

Birds actual bankruptcy settlements have NOT been found. They ^HMAY exist at Philadelphia. 281 Pounds/^{OVERPAID}amounted to over \$747 dollars, a very considerable sum when beef was worth about FIVE CENTS a apound! But for most of the account period, Beidler was regularly paid cash after the delivery of LARGE amounts of grain and FLOUR. He also furnished the Furnace with meat and HAULING.

SELF-SUFFICIENCY IS COCKEYED

Beidler's constant deliv^very of Grain and Flour to Hopewell also prove that the Bining statement that most furnaces had such huge acreages that they were SELF Sufficient to be an ERROR. The HUGE acreage was usually mountainous, LAND NO ONE wanted because it was UNFIT for farming but did GROW WOOD, a commodity every furnaces needed, generally thought to average an ACRE A DA Y for charcoal.