

Item F-7 authorizes Morrisville Borough to lease the land of the three churches for incorporation into Williamson Park. Term of the lease is given as 99 years.

<https://www.ecode360.com/attachment/MO2399/MO2399-Appendix%20F.pdf>

Go to "Well Remembered People and Industries of a Former Generation" which is Item 19 on this web page. There is mention here of both Rowan and Vansant, an implication of Rowan's relation to Joseph Bonaparte, and a reference to William Vansant's daughter, Irene

<http://www.trentonhistory.org/Records/OldMillHill.html>

There is a short article on Andrew Rowan. It is located in the second column, second article from the top. The article details the return by the Methodists of the Home for Aged Women to Rowan, who had given the house to the Methodists. Rowan's response is interesting.

Warning, this is from a Savannah, Georgia newspaper from March of 1900 and there is a racially offensive article below the Rowan one.

<https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/lccn/sn86063034/1900-03-18/ed-1/seq-7/>

This 1894 article contains offensive text, but it does describe archeological excavations on the property of Andrew Rowan.

https://books.google.com/books?id=R31QAQAIAAJ&pg=PA25&lpg=PA25&dq=%22New+York+Herald%22+%22Ernst+Volk%22&source=bl&ots=47i_JzJ472&sig=ACfU3U2Zgbqfr92_QOb03ph_LA6pOm2QMw&hl=en&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjxpKXb7r7sAhUBc98KHbcxDxoQ6AEwAXoEAcQAg#v=onepage&q=%22New%20York%20Herald%22%20%22Ernst%20Volk%22&f=false

This is a newspaper article from 1876 about Irene House, the daughter of William and Edna Vansant.

<https://www.newspapers.com/clip/6229676/wyandotte-gazette/>

This is another newspaper article from 1876 about Irene House. The article is in the second to last column, at the top of the column with the headline, "A Fascinating Husband=Killer"

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn89067274/1876-11-02/ed-1/seq-3/>

This is another article about Irene House

<https://www.newspapers.com/clip/6229688/harvey-county-news/>

The story is in the 4th column, 16th paragraph. The story is about Rowan and Vansant's Delaware Improvement Company being consolidated with the Trenton Electric Light and Power Company and the Trenton Rail Company. It talks about the damming of the Delaware River (presumably the Morrisville Island channel) for hydroelectric power.

<http://www.digifind-it.com/oqhs/data/apdp/1898/1898-11-19.pdf>

This shows a map of the Delaware Canal that is within the southern part of Morrisville. "Savages Mills" are shown on Morrisville Island.

http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/bah/dam/rg/di/r017_0452_CanalMapBooks/PDFs/Book02/r017_0452_0000_B02P05_MorrisvilleBirdsIslandMoonsIslandTurnpikeRd.pdf

This shows a map of the Delaware Canal that is within the northern part of Morrisville. A wing dam is shown on the upstream end of Morrisville Island. 'Trenton Falls' label is shown adjacent to the wing dam

http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/bah/dam/rg/di/r017_0452_CanalMapBooks/PDFs/Book02/r017_0452_0000_B02P06_FallsAndLowerMakefieldFerry.pdf

This shows the 1893 panorama map of Morrisville. Interesting side note, Thaddeus Fowler who created many panorama maps around the U.S. was from Morrisville.

<https://www.loc.gov/item/gm72002095/>

On page 628, mention is made of the estate of John Savage and his saw mill.

https://books.google.com/books/about/Acts_of_the_Legislature_Relating_to_Corp.html?id=1TJOAAAAYAAJ

On page 202 the last paragraph, is a discussion of the wing dams in Trenton and Morrisville and their effect on navigation of the Delaware River. Published date is 1832

https://books.google.com/books/about/Hazard_s_Register_of_Pennsylvania.html?id=_VgzAQAAMAAJ

Second column, second full article is another Irene House article. This does mention her father William C. Vansant and his business partner Andrew K. Rowan.
https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/data/batches/dlc_crowfoot_ver01/data/sn83030313/00271743981/1876070601/0067.pdf

This is the text of a law protecting the wing dam of Andrew K. Rowan and William C. Vansant

https://books.google.com/books/about/Acts_of_the_General_Assembly_of_the_Stat.html?id=CZBCAQAAMAAJ

This is a brief biography of Joseph Bonaparte, including his time in Bordentown.
<https://www.cairn.info/revue-napoleonica-la-revue-2017-2-page-2.htm#>

This is an article about Andrew Rowan in the New York Times, which identifies him as an heir of Joseph Bonaparte. Only the first paragraph can be viewed, but Ben has the whole article, which I will make available.

<https://www.nytimes.com/1913/12/19/archives/say-rowan-is-restrained-relatives-of-bonapartes-descendant-charge.html>

A little bit of information on William and Edna Vansant
<http://www.vanzandtociety.com/morrisville.html>

The gravestone of William C. and Edna Vansant is shown. William C. Vansant was born November 10 1824 and died December 31, 1884. (The web page has the year of his death as 1894, but elsewhere on legal documents his year of death is 1884. The discrepancy is probably because the gravestone is very weathered and difficult to read. Edna Vansant was born Edna Allen November 9, 1822 and died December 7, 1892. They are buried in the cemetery behind the NJDEP building on State Street in Trenton.

https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/72924760/william-c-van_sant

This is an 1895 newspaper article reporting on a new Pennsylvania law allowing Rowan and Vansant and Kelly and Moon to extend the wing dam for their mills. Article is in the third column from the right, fourth paragraph.

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn87068097/1895-05-17/ed-1/seq-4>

This is an 1876 map of Morrisville, including Morrisville Island which has Rowan and Vansant as the owners of the island, and a saw mill and grist mill on and adjacent to the island.

<http://www.historicmapworks.com/Map/US/13648/>

This is from a genealogical website that has info on William Closson Vansant. Born 1820 one of 10 children (including Stephen and Israel); his parents were Benjamin Curtis Vansant and Mary Vansant. He married Edna in 1843 and they had 12 children including Albertha, Minnie, and Mary. He died in 1884

https://www.myheritage.com/names/william_vansant

Andrew Rowan's grave marker and obelisk, located in Colonial Memorial Park in Trenton are shown. I believe that is the cemetery on the north (left) side of Rte 29 after the tunnel as you are getting ready to merge onto I-195. Born 1828 and died 1918.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/79488613/andrew-kinsey-rowan>

From the June 13, 1918 Atlantic Highlands Journal: "In the Mercer Orphans' Court Judge Marshall permitted the probate of the will of the late Andrew K. Rowan of Broad Street Park, who died several days before. Under the will most of the estate is bequeathed to the Broad Street Park Methodist Church, to be used first for the liquidation of the debts of the church, and, if there is a balance, to be applied to the church's general needs, at the direction of the executor. Rowan was said to have been a direct descendant of Joseph Bonaparte, and during his life he always was credited with having been, of Bonaparte lineage.

<https://www.newspapers.com/newspage/495650950/>

From p. 243: "Samuel Simmons, Daniel Bower, and William C. Vansant occupied part of the button factory for the cutting of tobacco."

From p. 381: "October 17th, 1861, Company D (of the New Jersey National Guard) was organized. William C. Vansant, captain; Christopher Wentz, first lieutenant; Edward C. Flock, second lieutenant."

https://books.google.com/books/about/History_of_the_City_of_Trenton_New_Jerse.html?id=IOThkXc-7x4C

An act (on page 1511) by the New Jersey State Legislature in 1873 for the protection of Rowan and Vansant's Morrisville Water Power Company's wing dam, but this one is on the New Jersey side of the river.

https://books.google.com/books/about/Acts_of_the_General_Assembly_of_the_Stat.html?id=CZBCAQAAAJ

To find this newspaper article from 1897, go to "Show Page 2 article text (OCR)" and hit the down arrow. All text on the page will appear unformatted. Do a "Find on page" search for Rowan. The article describes Rowan's gift of his home to the Methodists to be used as a home for aged women. The gift comes after an attack by his neighbor and Rowan's decision to become a snowbird.

<https://www.newspapers.com/newspage/80994515/>

Page 123 gives Rowan's mother as a maid at Pointe Breeze and Rowan's father as Joseph Bonaparte

https://books.google.com/books/about/South_Jersey.html?id=OdcMAAAAYAAJ

"The former King of Spain was a Jersey guy, and his Bordentown estate is being turned into a park"

Kevin Riordan, Philadelphia Inquirer

<https://www.inquirer.com/life/bonaparte-philadelphia-bordentown-new-jersey-estate-preserved-20210122.html>

"Napoleon's Brother Lived in N.J. Here's What Happened to the Estate"

Daniel E. Slotnik, New York Times

<https://drgreenway.org/news/dr-greenway-announces-feature-article-in-the-new-york-times/>