



A comparison of the Robert Erskine Map of 1779 (left), and a modern USGS map shows that today's Bear Tavern Road follows the same course as its predecessor of the 18th century, known as the River Road. A closer look reveals that the road came down to Jacobs Creek through a "pass" in the north-side ridge above the creek, jogged to the southwest to avoid a steep bank on the south side, then climbed the grade into Trenton Township, now Ewing. Erskine was Surveyor General to the Continental Army.