

# **Miscellaneous Family Articles**

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## Nursing Graduate



Carole Joye Abate is one of 51 students who graduated Friday, September 2, at 8 p.m. from the Allegheny General Hospital School of Professional Nursing, Pittsburgh.

She is the daughter of Charles P. Abate, of 820 John street, Langeloth.



## 45th Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. John Adams, of Avella, R.D. 1, were presently surprised Sunday, March 6, when a family dinner was given by their seven daughters in the Mansion House, Old Concord, in honor of their 45th wedding anniversary.

Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Buck and sons, Avella, R.D. 1; Mr. and Mrs. George Buck and family, Newark, Ohio; Mrs. Madeline Sickles and family, Washington; Miss Janet Adams, Pittsburgh; Mr. and Mrs. John Patterson and family, Washington; Mr. and Mrs. John Patterson and family, Washington; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roadman and family, Avella, R.D. 1; and Mrs. Elaine Richards and daughter, Washington.

A special guest was Miss Janet Bemis, West Middletown, who had been a teacher of Mr. Adams, all seven of his daughters and one grandson.

The traditional anniversary wedding cake was served, and the guests presented Mr. and Mrs. Adams with a money tree.

Mrs. Gertrude Buck, assisted by her sisters, Mrs. Madeline Sickles and Mrs. Lela Roadman, entertained at noon Monday, March 7, in honor of their parents' brothers and sisters.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Craig, Avella, R.D. 1; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Adams, Washington; Henry Cunningham and Miss Artie

Moore, Avella, R.D. 1; Orlando Adams and Robert Cunningham. A decorated cake centered the table, and a full course ham dinner was served.

Besides those who were present, messages were received from brothers and sisters unable to attend, as follows: Mrs. C.R. Ripley, Union, West Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Craig, West Finley; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Yates, Bentleyville; and Mrs. Edna Yoders, Coppers Cove, Texas.

## **Alexander Boys Perfect Wireless Telegraph System**

During the cold weather of December Lot and Hodge Alexander did some very good work on their wireless telegraph. During that month they sent to Northampton, Mass., a distance of about 600 miles; to Springfield, Mass., about 575 miles distant; Port Chester, N. Y., a town on the Atlantic coast; Morristown, N. J., and Hartford, Conn. This is very good work as the transformer they use is only guaranteed to send 25 miles. They can also communicate with many nearer towns, such as Niagara Falls, Pittsburgh, Craf-ton, Ridgeway, Canton, Ohio, and many others. They have heard Fort Morgan, Alaska, which is about 3,000 miles distant; Denver, Colo.; St. Louis, Mo.; Key West, Fla.; Toronto, Canada; ships on the ocean and many nearer ones.—Grove City Reporter.

Lot and Hodge Alexander are sons of Rev. A. F. Alexander, formerly of Florence. Their home is in Grove City, but Rev. Mr. Alexander is pastor of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian church of Hickory.

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**Lot and Hodge Alexander**

Article from a scrapbook-no date available

#### Family Reunion Held.

The Alexander family reunion was held at the home of Mrs. Joseph Moore of Highland avenue last Thursday. There were 35 present. Among the out-of-town relatives of Mrs. Moore who were present were: Mrs. Annie Nesbit and Mrs. John Court of Mt. Lebanon, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Armstrong and son Duane of Apollo, Mrs. John Greaves, Mrs. Lloyd Greaves and Mrs. Ed Villet of East End, Pittsburgh, Mrs. Ed Roach of Duluth, Minnesota, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Alexander of Buffalo Village, Mrs. O. K. Bingham, Mrs. J. S. Bowman and Miss Verne Vance of Bridgeville, Mrs. Lawrence Bowman and children of Washington, Mrs. Charles Anderson of Steubenville and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Moore and family of Midway.

**Alexander Reunion Held**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-June 11, 1931 Edition**

#### ALLISON REUNION

The 20th Allison reunion was held Labor Day, September 2 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Smith of Hindman avenue, Burgettstown. The day was spent in conversation and a social good time. Members of the clan present were: Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Allison and daughters Jeaniva and Eula Mae, of Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jones and sons Melvin and Norman of Bridgeport, O., Nancy Scammell, of Bridgeport, O., Thomas Allison and son Thomas of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Shaw and son Danny of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Allison and son Roy Jr. of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Allison and son Bobby of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Allison, Hickory, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Allison and D. M. Allison, Alliance, O., George H. Wilson, Trolus Bebout, William Toland, of Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gunder and children Edith Fern and Edward, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Allison, Mrs. Margaret Hayes and son Gerald, and daughter Jean, Miss Ruth Malone, Miss Nancy Hill, Miss Pearle Allison and Miss Verna Brocky of Burgettstown.

## Allison Reunion

Held September 1

The annual Allison reunion was held Labor Day, September 1, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Smith, Hindman Avenue. Lunch was served in the basement of the Smith home for dinner and supper.

Those present were Mrs. Jesse Allison of Hickory; Mr. and Mrs. George Allison, Mary Ewing, Lois Priest, and Dorothy Flick all of Pughtown, W. Va.; T. D. Allison and son, Thomas, and Gene Blaney of Mt. Pleasant, Pa.; Charles V. Allison and daughter, Geraldine, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lohman and daughter, Carol, of McDonald; Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Allison and son, Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Allison and son, David, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Allison and son, James, all of Alliance, O.; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jones of Bridgeport, O.; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Shaw and son, Danny, Mrs. Iva Allison, Mr. and Mrs. William Toland and son, Billie, Mr. and Mrs. Troll Beabout, all of Washington, Pa.; Mrs. Viola Walsmith, Florence, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Truax, Steubenville, O.; Mrs. Matt Stetar and daughters, Mary Lee and Karen Ann, Mr. and Mrs. William Allison, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Allison, Ruth Malone, and Elsie Taucher, all of Burgettstown.



# ANNUAL REUNION HELD FOR ALLISON FAMILIES

Large Group of Descendants of old  
Family Gathers from Many  
Parts of Countryside

The Allison family annual reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Smith of Hindman avenue, Burgettstown, on Labor Day. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. George Allison of Pughtown, W. Va.; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Allison of Hickory; Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Allison and daughters Marguerite and Gerladine of McDonald; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Allison and daughters Jeaneva and Eula Mae of Washington, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Allison and sons Kenneth, Dale and Paul of Alliance, Ohio; Mrs. Margaret Hayes and daughter Jean and son Gerald of Florence avenue; Mrs. Mary Allison and daughter Pearl and son Billie of South Main street; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Cameron, J. D. Cameron, Steward and Mary Ewing of Pughtown, W. Va.; G. W. Truax of Weirton, W. Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jones of Martin's Ferry, Ohio; Mrs. Maud Morrison of Hickory; Mrs. Ada Neely of Florence; Miss Nancy Hill of Maple avenue; Irene Kraeer of Burgettstown and Jennie McCue of Atlasburg.

Lunch was served at noon on the lawn. In the afternoon games and stunts were directed by the entertainment committee, George Allison and A. A. Smith. Those winning prizes were: Mrs. D. M. Allison, Kenneth and Pearl Allison, Floyd Jones, Mary Ewing, G. W. Truax and Eula Mae Allison.

The business meeting was called to order by the president. After voting to meet again next year at the same place, the meeting was turned over to the music committee. Mrs. D. M. Allison and Marguerite Allison played a piano duet. A program of old time tunes was presented by a trio composed of D. M. Allison violinist; G. W. Truax, banjoist, and Mrs. Clair Smith, pianist.

The festivities of the day were brought to a close with an evening repast, after which the group separated with the hope that all may be present at the reunion of 1933.

**Annual Reunion Held for Allison Families  
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 15, 1932**





## PROFILE ON TIM ALLISON

# He manages local Rite Aid pharmacy

By Katherine Pyle  
Staff Writer

Tim Allison, manager of the new Rite Aid Pharmacy on South Main Street, has enjoyed meeting Burgettstown people. "Our customers are very friendly," he remarked.

Allison, who is single and lives in Hookstown, was assigned to the former Rite Aid store on North Main Street in May 1993, having been previously an assistant manager at New Brighton for several months beginning in January '93. His position now as manager involves his being in charge of personnel, merchandising and



TIM  
ALLISON

ordering as well as seeing to inventory and cash management. Under his supervision are four employees, all from the local area: Chris Galentine, Carol Cassidy, Maxine Iannitelli and Brenda Kreig.

Before taking over his position with Rite Aid, Allison attended classes in computers and general store policy at the White Oak Division of Rite-Aid in the Pittsburgh area. However, he had

already graduated from Robert Morris College.

Born in Rochester Hospital, Rochester, Pa., Tim is one of two sons of David and Donna Allison. He attended South Side elementary school and high school. As a student he played the saxophone in the band and took part in one of the school plays.

After graduating in 1978, he enrolled at Robert Morris and received a bachelor of science degree four years later. His brother, Todd, meanwhile, became an airplane

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## Allison manages the Rite Aid pharmacy

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mechanic and is presently living in Greencastle, Pa.

Allison's first job after college was managing a veterinary clinic in Chester, W.Va. While working there he and a partner opened a boarding kennel which they operated together for a brief time.

Thinking he might enjoy another part of the country, Tim then moved to California and found a job in San Francisco as a customer service representative for Sprint Communications.

Returning to the Pittsburgh area in less than a year, he worked for Servico, a company that owns and manages hotels, as director of sales. Next he was to be hired by Rite Aid.

Tim enjoys several hobbies: golf, sports cars and airplanes. He owns a Corvette, and he has taken lessons in piloting a plane. He hopes someday to continue with these lessons.

As manager of Rite Aid he has been sent on trips to New Hampshire and Michigan, where he endeavored to help stores purchased by Rite Aid to convert to the practices of their new owner. He has also been sent to assist other Rite Aid pharmacies in Washington County.

Tim has taken vacation trips to Scottsdale, Ariz.; Orlando, Fla.; and Los Angeles, usually looking for a warm climate where he can be outdoors most of the time. One of his most enjoyable experiences was taking a cruise to San Juan, St. Thomas and Nassau. He dreams of another such vacation in the near future.

At home he likes to work on the lawn around his house.

He owns a Siberian husky and Shepherd mix dog that he calls Magnum.

Although he has never been active in sports, he likes to watch football and hockey on TV. One of his favorite programs is "Wings" on the Discovery channel.

At one time Tim belonged to the Chamber of Commerce in the area of the airport, and he was a member of the Jaycees in North Hills.

Several years ago he volunteered to help the Cancer Society in Beaver County by participating in their auction of single men. Two women bid \$400 each to have a date with Allison. He followed up their bids, had two different dates and the society netted \$800. He hopes to try skiing for the first time this year at Seven Springs, and he is looking forward to returning to Scottsdale, Ariz., for a vacation in the fall.

Tim Allison-He Manages Local Rite Aid Pharmacy  
The Enterprise-February 1, 1995 Edition



## MAN WITH A TALL ORDER



A BUG ON A STICK? No. This was the scene Sunday afternoon when a group of volunteer workers completed a repainting job on the Hillman baseball field. This is Jess Alonso, manager of the Reds' PONY League team, who took it upon himself to climb the big flagpole at the field and paint it. Old Glory will be flying soon at Hillman Field when baseball games are held there.

**Jess Alonso-Man with a Tall Order**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-May 12, 1965 Edition**



## Alrutz - 80 years

Dorothy Alrutz of McDonald will celebrate her 80th birthday with family at the Century Inn, Scenery Hill.

Mrs. Alrutz was born July 3, 1934, in Brownsville.

On January 29, 1955, she married Don Alrutz, who is deceased.

She has five children, Don (Barb) Alrutz and Marlene (Jerry) Thomas, both of McDonald, Jerry (Suzi) Alrutz of Paoli, Ken (Sue) Alrutz of Hickory and Patti Ann (Doug) Baird of Midway.

Her grandchildren are Erica, Jason, Zach, Chris, Ryan, Matt, Evan and Amy Alrutz, Jared and Caitlin Thomas, Jessica Speer and Dustin



Baird. She has one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Alrutz is retired from Sears in Washington. She is a member of the Midway Senior Citizens, Weirton Seniors, McDonald Presbyterian Church, Silver Souls and Eastern Star.

# She earns ceramic egg for many good deeds

By Bridgette B. Nofsinger  
The Record-Enterprise

Her granddaughter says she dresses nice, smells good and makes a mean spaghetti.

In her spare time, Clara Alvarez manages the UniMart in Burgettstown and coordinates every community project from planting May flowers to hanging December lights.

She serves on the Burgettstown Restoration Committee, regularly attends Our Lady of Lourdes Church and dreams of the day she will once again visit her family in Italy.

Clara Alvarez is a good egg - and now she has the ceramic to prove it.

Family, friends and coworkers gathered May 14 in the Burgettstown Community Library to celebrate the 18th annual Good Egg Award and congratulate this year's recipient.

The Good Egg award was established in 1980 by Friends of the Library, an auxiliary to the library's Board of Trustees. It is given annually to one person who, by contributing their time and effort, has made the Bur-

gettstown community a better place to live.

The children of John and Barbara Stunda requested the Good Egg be given in their parents' memory, following their tragic death in 1984.

Along with a ceramic egg, the Stunda family makes a \$1,000 donation to the library in the name of the winner.

Clara is the fourth Good Egg winner from the UniMart. Others included Grace Preston, Evelyn Beard and June Mancinelli. Clara said she is proud to be included among these women.

"I don't do anything alone," she said. "Without the support from my husband, my coworkers and people in the community, none of the projects would be possible."

Clara and her crew are responsible for the flowers seen blooming throughout the summer in Burgettstown's "center," as she and June Mancinelli call it, as well as for the twinkling lights that hang from the telephone poles at Christmas time.

They hold fundraisers for those who need help and buildings that need to be refurbished. In October 1997, they restored the Fairview Cemetery building. This year, Clara is working



THE STUNDA FAMILY presents a ceramic egg and plaque to Good Egg winner Clara Alvarez.

toward installing a fountain in town.

"I want a big one," she said. "I want people to be able to see our fountain from UniMart."

She is also working on a picture book of Burgettstown, com-

plete with photos from the past and present. After sewerage goes through, some great things will occur in Burgettstown, she said.

Mrs. Alvarez has lived in Burgettstown for 23 years. She often returns to her hometown of

Aliquippa to visit her two brothers and to participate in the three-day San Rocco festival. San Rocco is the patron saint of the little town of Patricia in Italy where Mrs. Alvarez's mother was born.

"When I was little, the festa of San Rocco was more exciting to me than Christmas," she said.

Although she grew up many miles from where she now lives, Mrs. Alvarez said she has loved Burgettstown for as long as she can remember.

"My dad had a cousin who lived here," she said. "We would take two buses and a train to visit her."

Her father returned to Burgettstown before he died, several years ago.

"I think it would make him very happy to know I am living here now," she said.

Among those who spoke about Mrs. Alvarez during the Good Egg ceremonies were her husband, Richard, her good friend, June Mancinelli and Burgettstown Borough Council member John Panconi.

Each echoed the same sentiments - Mrs. Alvarez has a great love for her town, her family, her church and her friends.

The world could use a few more Clara's and so could the UniMart corporation, said her supervisor Stewart Sivic.

"You are the shining star of our town, Clara, you really are," said Panconi.

Clara Alvarez-1988 Good Egg  
The Record Enterprise-May 20, 1988 Edition



Interviewed: Mary Mitchell Alvarez

Interviewer: Susan Alvarez

Catherine and Frank Micele were both born in 1891 (she on March 4 and he on July 14) in Calabria, Italy. They grew up together and married as childhood sweethearts. Frank Micele preceded his wife in immigration to the United States by seven years. He entered the United States in New York in 1914 (exact date not available), because of the economic condition of Italy and settled in Cedar Grove. When he had become more financially stable, he sent for his wife and seven year old daughter Conchetta (Clara) in 1920. During these six years, Catherine had worked in the olive fields of Calabria, often with Clara strapped to her back. Mr. Micele worked in the coal mines, and when work was good, he worked a full work week of five to seven days.

They immigrated to this area primarily because of the coal mines, 20 of them being in the Burgettstown area. The Burgettstown Mine was located where East Market Street is now. Also, they settled in this area because Catherine had a brother and a sister living in Courtney, Pennsylvania (near Monongahela). Catherine and Clara arrived by boat in New York Harbor, and went by train to Philadelphia where they were met by Frank. The family then moved to Cedar Grove, where Frank was working in Cedar Grove Mine.

Frank and Catherine Micele were the parents of 11 children -- six boys and five girls. Their family life was not an easy one, but they "weren't as bad off as some." They bought their groceries from the company store in Slovan, mainly dealing through credit. They ate what they could afford, mainly bread, potatoes and pasta. They had an enormous garden in which they grew everything else they needed in the line of foods, such as tomatoes, squash, lettuce, peppers, celery, corn and cucumbers. Naturally, they preserved their harvests by canning them all summer long. Their poultry and dairy supply came from a menagerie of chickens, usually about two dozen in number. For extra money, they took on boarders and made wine and moonshine from a still they had in the cellar of their house when they lived in Slovan.

Their holidays weren't anything "special." For Christmas, there were no toys for the children or anything like decorations we have now. (My mother claims she never had a toy in her life.) My mother says that the only way they knew it was Christmas was because they had special foods like baked goods. They did not celebrate Halloween because they weren't allowed to go trick or treating, due to the fact that my grandparents did not believe in the custom.

The 11 Micele children did all the housework. My grandmother believed that her job in the home was to cook and take care of the children. She left all the dishes and such for the girls to do. The children also picked coal. When the children were about age 16, Catherine and Frank made them quit school and help their father provide for their younger brothers and sisters. The girls went out and did housework. The Miceles were not great believers in education, but most of the 11 did finish their high school educations. One son graduated from college and teaches business education at East Liverpool (Ohio) high school.

There was recreation occasionally on the weekends. They could only go shopping one at a time because they had such a large group they could not all go at one time. Whenever and wherever they went, they had to walk because they had no car, and neither of them ever did learn to drive. Also, neither of them left the Burgettstown area after settling there in 1920. They both died in 1963.

**Mary Mitchell Alvarez**  
**Interviewed as Problems of Democracy class project**  
**October 1975**

Interviewed: Nila Alvarez

Interviewer: Tom Evantz

"My name is Nila Alvarez, and I came to the United States with my three daughters to live. I came from Santander, Spain, in 1963. We arrived in New York in March, and the weather was zero. We were very cold because we didn't have any winters where I came from. We were all ill from the plane ride. We couldn't speak any English. Fortunately, we met a Spanish American at the airport who helped us and was coming to Langeloth.

"I had to make new friends and learn to speak English. The food is really different. In Spain everything is fresh from the day. We have fresh vegetables all year round. We get all kinds of fresh fish from the ocean which I miss very much.

"The weddings are all Catholic. There has never been a divorce in Spain. If two people can't live together they separate and can never marry again.

"Holidays made me homesick for my family. Christmas is the same day and celebrated the same but gifts are exchanged January the sixth. We don't have a Santa Claus. We call it Three Kings. At our first Christmas when we heard of Santa Claus, it was really something new to the girls. They really enjoyed it.

"We went by public buses to school. We attended until we were 16 years of age. This is not a high school. I went to a school for sewing. Most of the girls go for seamstress because the clothes are so expensive they cannot afford to buy them. They all knit sweaters.

"My mother had cows and chickens. We had a garden and grew potatoes, onions and vegetables all the winter months. They would butcher a cow and have enough meat for the winter. She would buy necessities.

"The cars and trucks are all Volkswagons. They don't have any big cars and can't afford them. The wages are very small compared to the wages here.

"My life here isn't too different from the one in Spain. The girls love the school, and my husband has a very good job. We are all adjusted to the American way, and we are very happy to be in the United States."

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## RETIRES



Bert Andreolli, of Box 245, Slovan, retired September 1, after working with the Climax Molybdenum Company for 32 years.

**Bert Andreolli Retires from Climax Molybdenum  
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 19, 1969 Edition**





Miss Elsie Andrews, Hanover Township, teacher who was honored by Hanover P.T.A. Tuesday evening, May 21, is shown with students of her first grade class. In this Enterprise picture are Joe Bittinger, Bruce Morgan, Sandy Peck, Miss Andrews, Garry Anderson and Anna M. Spetek.

**Miss Elsie Andrews Honored for 37 Years of Public School Teaching**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-May 30, 1957 Edition**

*Fort Vance Historical Society*



## Hanover Twp. Honors Miss Elsie Andrews For 37 Years Of Public School Teaching

Miss Elsie Violet Andrews, teacher at Hanover Township school, was honored May 21, at the P.T.A. meeting with a program titled "This Is Your Life" and the presentation of the Pennsylvania Congress of Parents and Teachers Life Membership Award.

Mrs. R. L. Zickefoose, program chairman, and Mrs. Frank Neeley and Miss Paula Myers, patterned the program after the TV series "This Is Your Life". In the absence of Mrs. Zickefoose, Mr. Zickefoose acted as master of ceremonies.

Presentation of a corsage of red and white carnations was made to Miss Andrews and James F. Arnold, former student of the honored guest, sang "This Is Your Life" accompanied by Mrs. Arnold at the piano.

Greeting Miss Andrews in sequence were relatives, friends, classmates, students and teachers: Mrs. Betty Henderson, Aliquippa, Mrs. Bertha Wyke, Carnot, Pa., and Mrs. Bessie Curley and Mrs. Rachel Perkins, Burgettstown, R. D. 1, sisters of Miss Andrews. Mrs. Grace Cooley Figley, Burgettstown, classmate at Dills & California STC. Mrs. Josephine Savage Tarr, Burgettstown R. D. 1, classmate and eighth grade teacher at Dill's School. Mrs. Hazel Sutherland Pettibon, classmate at Midway Normal. Miss Jean McCracken, Missionary in Hawaii, Burgettstown R. D. 1, student at Purdy school.

Present were friends and relatives at whose residences Miss Andrews boarded during her long teaching career.

Dean and Dennis Arnold, sons of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Arnold sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee", accompanied by Miss Paula Myers on the piano.

Mr. Zickefoose gave a resume of the schools which Miss Andrews had taught during the past 37 years. They were: Fulton 1918-19, Donaldson 1919-21, Dills 1922 and 1937-41, Sturgeon 1933, Butler 1924-28 and 1931-33, Purdy 1934-36, Boyd 1936, Florence 1941-52 and Hanover 1952-57.

Mr. Zickefoose presented Miss Andrews with Pennsylvania Congress of Parents and Teachers Life Membership Award. Funds derived from Membership Award reverts to Pennsylvania Student Aid.

Miss Andrews received letters of congratulations and appreciation. Among mementos and gifts was presented an album by her sisters, in which to keep remembrances of the occasion and a corsage of gardenias from Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Harper and family, Burgettstown, R. D. 1. The Harpers are former students of Miss Andrews.

Representing two generations of students present were James F. Arnold and sons Dean and James.

A party was held for the honoree in her home-room after the program.

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**Miss Andrews and Pupils**  
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## **Armor-Allison**

Miss Ida Elizabeth Armor and Winfield Russell Allison, both of Burgettstown, were quietly married in the parlors of the Fort Pitt hotel, Pittsburg, Wednesday, November 3, 1915, at high noon. Rev. W. M. Hays, Ph. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Burgettstown, performed the ceremony in the presence of only the immediate friends of the bride and groom. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Allison left for an extended wedding journey in the east. Mr. and Mrs. Allison have a host of friends in Burgettstown and vicinity whose best wishes go with them.

**Armor-Allison Wedding**  
November 3, 1915

## Seventh Bride And Fourth Generation Wedding At Pioneer Clinton Homestead

Mary Raye Armor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edgar Armor of Clinton, Pa., chose Saturday afternoon, August 14, 1948 as the date for her marriage to Captain Harry R. Bulmer of Youngstown, Ohio in the home of her parents, Imperial.

The ceremony was performed in the presence of 35 guests by the Rev. George S. Wilson of the Valley Presbyterian Church, Imperial. The fireplace in the living room which was banked with ferns and white gladiolas and lighted by candles provided a beautiful setting. The bride was given in marriage by her father, and her sister Mrs. A. B. Stout, was her only attendant. The groom's brother-in-

law, Ralph G. Inglis, of Youngstown, was the best man.

The bride wore an informal frock of embroidered white linen with a rosette of roses in her hair and carried a bridal bouquet of white rose buds and baby's breath. The matron of honor wore white with green accessories and carried a bouquet of Johanna Hill roses.

Before the ceremony A. B. Stout, brother-in-law of the bride, sang "Because" and "Oh Promise Me", accompanied by Miss Clara Witherspoon who also played the wedding music. Following the ceremony a reception was held. The bride's table was decorated with the traditional wedding cake and pink gladiolas.

The bride is a graduate of the Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia and spent four years in the United States Army Nurse Corps. Until recently she was located in Alexandria, Va.

The groom attended Ohio State University for two years prior to the Second World War, during which he was a pilot in the United States Air Force. Captain Bulmer is still in the service and is presently attending the Air Force Institute of Technology at Dayton, where the newlyweds plan to make their home for the next two years.

As the "Seventh Bride", Mrs. Bulmer was preceded by the daughters of Thomas and Jane Moor Armor, Nancy, married to Benjamin Bubbett in 1813, and Mary, married to James Thompson in 1820; the daughter of James and Margaret Wilson Armor, Margaret Ann, married to James Donaldson in 1852; the daughter of James and Nancy McCandless Armor, Jane married to Samuel Witherspoon in 1883; the daughter of W. Sample and Sarah Moreland Armor; Cora Jean, married to William Leggo in 1910; and the bride's sister, Jean Elizabeth, married to Arthur B. Stout in 1935.

**Mary Raye Armor Weds Captain Harry R. Bulmer**  
**Seventh Bride and Fourth Generation Wedding at Pioneer Clinton Homestead**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-August 19, 1948 Edition**





PHOTO PROVIDED BY DEBBIE MARTINEZ

Linda Armstrong of Slovan, right, is shown with her daughters, Debbie Martinez, left, and Carol Bonilla, and her granddaughter, Alexis Martinez.

## ‘Come on down’

*Slovan resident, daughter featured on game show*

BY BRAD HUNDT  
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Having tuned in to “The Price is Right” since a young and black-haired Bob Barker hosted it in the early 1970s, Linda Armstrong has heard the names of hundreds of contestants being called, followed by the well-known cry of “Come on down!”

Turns out that when her own name was called, ironically enough, she didn’t even hear it, thanks to the shouting and the applause.

“But it was true,” the Slovan resident said. “They called it.”

Armstrong will be able to relive the whole experience when her turn on “The Price is Right” airs today at 11 a.m. on CBS-TV (locally on KD-KA-TV). The 67-year-old will be on the long-running game show with her daughter, Debra Martinez, now a resident of a Raleigh, N.C., suburb, in a Mother’s Day special.

Because she signed a non-

disclosure form, Armstrong has to stay mum on what prizes she won or whether she made it all the way to the Showcase Showdown when the program was recorded March 18 in Los Angeles. But it was, without a doubt, memorable – Armstrong, her daughter and granddaughter milled in line from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. before entering the studio, and then they had to wait a little while longer before host Drew Carey showed up (he was held up by a talk-show appearance).

Nonetheless, Armstrong and her daughter were among the few who were called that day.

Though “The Price Is Right” was at The Meadows Racetrack & Casino last July auditioning potential contestants, that’s not how they ended up on the program. Someone with the program interviewed Armstrong when they were in line and she told them that she was “L.A. from Pa. who came all the way from Pa.

to be on “The Price is Right.”

Was Armstrong nervous? “My goodness, yes,” she said. “I couldn’t breathe when I got up on stage. I thought they’d have to call 911.”

Martinez, who graduated from Burgettstown High School in 1989, is something of a veteran when it comes to game-show appearances, having previously appeared on “The Price is Right” 22 years ago and “Wheel of Fortune” in 2012. She said that “there are 300 people in the audience, so your chances of being picked are kind of slim.”

She added, “I’m so excited for my mom. She so deserves the recognition.”

Martinez will not be with her mother when the program is broadcast, but they will be sharing the experience on speakerphone and, of course, DVRs will be set.

Any other games shows in store for Armstrong and her daughter?

“I would sure like to be on ‘Family Feud,’” Martinez said.

**‘Come on down’ Slovan resident, Linda Armstrong and Daughter Featured on Game Show  
Observer-Reporter-March 9, 2014 Edition**



# **PUBLIC SALE**

OF

## **Personal Property**

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The undersigned Administratrix of the estate of Charles S. Arnold, deceased, will offer at public sale at his late home in Hanover Township, Washington County, Pa., 2½ miles northwest of Purdy school house on

**Wednesday, October 23**  
1940, AT 12:00 O'CLOCK NOON

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### **LIVESTOCK**

1 team horses and harness, 4 grade milk cows, 4 head young cattle, 11 shoats, 2 sows, one with 8 pigs.

### **FARM IMPLEMENTS**

1 binder, 1 mowing machine, 1 Oliver Chilled plow, 1 hillside plow, harrow, 2-horse cultivator, 1-horse cultivator, wagon, bob-sled, hay and straw, oats and wheat by the bushel, corn in shock, meat block, guns, iron kettle, tools, Ford roadster, grain sacks.

Other articles too numerous to mention.

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**Terms: Cash When Sold**

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**JOHN VIRTUE, Auctioneer**

**ETTA ARNOLD, Admrx.**

J. M. LYRIC & CO. WASHINGTON, PA.

**Estate Auction of Charles S. Arnold**  
**October 23, 1940**

## MRS. ATEN HAS 80th BIRTHDAY

On Friday evening, June 27, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Aten entertained in their country home near Burgettstown a number of Mrs. Annetta Aten's relatives and former neighbors in honor of her eightieth birthday. The early part of the evening was spent in conversation on the porch and lawn after which the guests went into the house when the honor guest opened her many lovely gifts. Mrs. Aten was escorted to the dining room table by her son, Kenneth, who presented her with a corsage of orchid sweet peas. A lunch was served by the hostess assisted by her sister, Mrs. Clifford McCormick of Burgettstown and daughter, Marjory. The birthday cake was decorated in pink and white, with pink candles. The house was decorated with pink roses and honeysuckle. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Aten, her son and wife, Mrs. Mary Tarr, a sister, Mr. and Mrs. William Tarr and daughter Hilda; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Wilcox; Mrs. Kate McCutcheon; Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Stewart; Mrs. David Glass; Vance Glass; Mrs. Ella Ramsey Lee Ramsey and family; Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Irvin; Mrs. Wilson; Knowles Mercer, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gilliland; Mr. and Mrs. C. S. McCormick and daughter, Marjory; S. P. Curry; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Aten and the guest of honor, Mrs. Annetta Aten. The departing guests expressed their desires that Mrs. Aten enjoy many more happy birthdays.

**Annetta Aten Has 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-July 3, 1941 Edition**



## *Florence Committee Embarks On Canvass To Aid Indigent Family*

Citizens of Burgettstown Community will be asked to play a Good Samaritan role this week, when a committee will make a canvass of the district to ask for donations to send a sick man to Arizona and thereby prolong his life.

Neighbors and friends of Joseph Atwell, 44, of Florence who have been contributing toward the support of the Atwell family for several months past, have organized themselves into a committee to attempt to secure \$500, the sum estimated necessary to send Mr. Atwell into the Arizona desert for a period of one year, where attending physicians believe it will be possible for him to recover from Bronchial Asthma and a potential case of Tuberculosis. Unless Mr. Atwell removes to Arizona very soon, Doctors have little hope that he can live more than five months.

Members of the committee who will make the canvass are James Gibson of Florence, chairman, Roy Saxton, secretary, W. J. Robertson, treasurer and the Rev. R. L. Biddle and Charles Fuller. In addition to securing enough money to defray Mr. Atwell's transportation and living expenses, the committee is desirous of securing a tent. Anyone having a tent suitable for living quarters and willing to donate same, should contact a member of the committee. Mr. Atwell will live right in the Arizona desert and in order to live as frugally as possible expects to make a tent his headquarters. Money donations may be left at the Enterprise office, where they will be turned over to Treasurer Robertson.

The story of the struggles of the Atwell family is one that deserves attention. Joseph Atwell, who has resided in the Florence district for about forty years was employed until two years ago as an oil pumper on operations in the Hanover township district. He became ill with pneumonia, returned to work before he had completely recovered, and fell a victim to influenza, eventually developing a critical case of bronchial asthma. He is now threatened with Tuberculosis.

When he became too ill to continue to work, he sold his furniture and took his wife and three children to Arizona, where he lived, enjoying fairly good health for three months until his funds gave out. He was unable to secure aid in Arizona and returned to Florence.

He has been unable to secure relief because he forfeited his rights as a Pennsylvanian when he left the state and rules require that a relief recipient must prove two year's residence in the Commonwealth before state aid can be granted. For several months, the church people and neighbors in Florence have been contributing to the family's support. Now his condition has become so serious that Doctors state it is impossible for him to live more than five months in this climate.

In Arizona, his physicians believe he can recover and become able to again do work sufficient to support his family.

It is the plan of the committee working on the Atwell Relief Fund that if the sum of \$500 is raised, Mr. Atwell can live in the Arizona desert for a period of one year and regain his health. His family will remain in Florence for the present.

Truly such a case right at your own doorstep is worthy of support. Leave your contribution at the Enterprise office!



## JOSEPH ATWELL BEGINS FIGHT TO REGAIN HEALTH

Joseph Atwell, of Florence, 44 year old former oil field worker began a 1700 mile journey this week into the heart of the southwest's desert country in search of health. Mr. Atwell, a sufferer from Bronchial Asthma, and threatened with Tuberculosis, was given five months more of life by his attending physicians if he remained in this climate. His life span, Doctors said could be prolonged indefinitely if he removed to the warm, dry climate of the southwest.

Mr. Atwell's hope of prolonging life and eventually regaining health enough to permit him to provide for his wife and three minor children, has been made possible through the interest of his Florence neighbors and the generosity of Burgettstown and surrounding community citizens. They have contributed money enough to maintain him in the southwest for a period of one year.

Placing their goal at \$500, the sum estimated for living expenses for Mr. Atwell for one year, J. A. Gibson, R. M. Saxton, W. J. Robertson, Charles Fuller and Rev. R.L. Biddle organized themselves into a committee to make a canvass in Mr. Atwell's behalf. In response to a plea broadcast through the columns of the Burgettstown Enterprise, the committee met with a very generous return and to date has received about \$400, enough to justify them to arrange for Mr. Atwell to leave immediately for Albuquerque, New Mexico, near where he expects to make camp.

Because of the inclement weather and snow-bound roads of the past week, the Committee has been unable to contact many persons in the Burgettstown-Florence area, whom they believe will contribute to this fund. Persons who have not already contributed, but who desire to do so may leave their contributions at the Enterprise office or with any member of the Committee. The Committee members are confident that the sum of \$500 will be received by the end of this week.

The Coll Tire Company has donated a tire and tube, needed for the trip, and a Mr. Randolph of West Elizabeth has given Mr. Atwell a tent, in which he will make his desert home.

Dwight Ralston, 19 year old youth of Burgettstown, R. D. 1, has volunteered to drive Mr. Atwell's car for him on the 1700 mile journey. He expects to hitch-hike back home.

The Committee desires to take this opportunity to express its gratitude for the generous response on behalf of Mr. Atwell. The contributions received have been banked in the name of the Atwell Relief Fund and a check for living expenses will be forwarded to Mr. Atwell each month.

Persons in this vicinity who made contributions to the Atwell fund, ranging from 25 cents to \$25 were:

Burgettstown Organization, W. S. Cleland, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ramsey, D.J. Coulter, H.H. McKinney, B. B. Figley, M. Reed Welch, Linn Bros., Lee and Wilson, Sam Broida, Earl C. Petrucci, A. A. Haines, M. W. Murphy, W. G. McNelly, Willa Biddle, I. B. Sacks, Edwin McFarland, Dudley L. Ferguson, George Clair, D. J. Burns, J. F. Craig, L. W. Bender, Wayne M. Culley, W. B. Culley.

Ralph L. Bell, A. Longo and Co. R. C. Cassidy, Gaylord Malone, Charles Turack, Alvin J. White, C. Denny Scott, Gus Barbush, W. D. Roberts, Rev. W. J. McCashin, J. H. McIntyre, A. H. Kunkel, J. C. Wolfe, H. L. Tennyson, E.S. Wheeler, Lee R. McKinney, Samuel H. DeWalt, D. Petrucci and Son, L.H. Mitchell, F. E. Pappas, W. M. McCormick, Audley Hindman, L. H. Leopold, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford S. Lyons, Brosky Restaurant, Frank Pappas, Coll Gulf Station, Fred Miller, J. A. Gibson.



## **Slovan Resident Exhibits Painting**

George Badanich, Slovan resident, a graduate of St. Paul Orphanage and of St. Luke high school is exhibiting an oil painting called "West End Heights—Chicken Hill" at the Crafts Center Exhibit, Fifth and Shady avenue, Pittsburgh. The painting is valued at \$100. The exhibit will continue until the fifteenth of August.

George has applied for membership with the associated artists of Pittsburgh who will exhibit his coming winter at the Carnegie Museum Galleries. He specializes in floral and landscape painting, and at present he is studying figure construction under Richard Ruben, well known modern artist from the West Coast. Ruben will be exhibiting nationally on a one year tour of American's Greatest Museums, and his exhibit will be in Pittsburgh in about ten months.

**George Badanich Exhibits Painting  
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 5, 1948 Edition**

# This Indenture

Made the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and forty-four (1944).

Between ISABELLA JANE BAILEY, a widow, of Robinson Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, - - - - -

- - - - - part les of the first part and ELEANOR BAILEY SHELLY and WARREN SHELLY, her husband, as tenants by the entireties, of Greenville, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, and LOUISE BAILEY DONALDSON and ALEX B. DONALDSON, her husband, as tenants by the entireties, of Bulger, Robinson Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, - - - - - parties of the second part:

Witnesseth, that the said party of the first part, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00)

to her now paid by the said parties of the second part, do es grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said parties of the second part, their heirs and assigns,

ALL that certain tract of land situate in Robinson Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, being more particularly bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

COMMENCING at a stone; thence by land of James McCalment North 88.7 West 30.82 perches to a stone (distant 18 inches from a small white oak); thence by lands now or formerly of James McCalment, Robert Beck and Thomas Dunbar, North 58° 55' West 60.85 perches to a stone; thence by lands now or formerly of Alexander Bailey and Matthew Carlyle Bailey North 6° 58' West 107.9 perches to a stone; thence by same lands North 15' West 123.4 perches to a stone; thence by land now or formerly of William Bailey North 80° 22' East 86.6 perches to a stone in public road; thence on said road by lands now or formerly of Aaron Aten's Heirs South 24° 15' East 65.20 perches to a stone in road; thence on said road South 54.50 perches to stone in road; thence by lands of the heirs now or formerly of William Bailey South 12° East 87.80 perches



perches to a stone distant from end of the bridge about 4.89 rods; thence by same lands crossing bridge South 18° East 76.50 perches to a stone; thence by land of Mrs. Stewart North 88½° West 27 perches to a stone; thence by land now or formerly of Worstell South 44-1/4° East 9.24 perches; thence North 88° 7' West 3.88 perches; thence by land now or formerly of Ann Worstell North 47° 36' West 30 perches to a stone on the edge of a highway; thence by land now or formerly of Ann Worstell South 28½° West 21.80 perches to the place of beginning.

CONTAINING 188 acres and 90 perches, more or less.

UPON said tract of ground there is constructed a two story frame dwelling containing ten rooms and out-buildings.

SUBJECT to the exceptions and reservations set forth and contained in previous deeds of conveyance, and also subject to a prior conveyance of 3.618 acres, more or less, to Francis Kist, and 8.38 acres previously conveyed to H. F. Latshaw and Eva Latshaw, his wife.

BEING the same tract of ground conveyed to John Porter Bailey and Isabella Jane Bailey, his wife, by Deed of Matilda M. Popline, unmarried, said Deed being dated the 26th day of September, 1942, and recorded on the 2nd day of October, 1942, in Deed Book 664, page 88. The said John Porter Bailey died on the 6th day of December, 1943, and under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the said Isabella Jane Bailey, his widow, became vested with a fee simple title in and to the above described tract.

It is the intention of this conveyance to vest in Eleanor Bailey Shelly and Warren Shelly, her husband, as tenants by the entireties, an undivided one-half interest in and to the above described tract, and to vest in Louise Bailey Donaldson and Alex B. Donaldson, her husband, as tenants by the entireties, an undivided one-half interest in and to the above described tract of ground.



with the appurtenances: **To Have and to Hold** the same unto and for the use of the said part 188  
of the second part their heirs and assigns forever,


And the said - - - - ISABELLA JANE BAILEY, widow, - - - -

for herself, her heirs, executors and administrators covenant &  
with the said parties of the second part their heirs and assigns  
against all lawful claimants

the same and every part thereof to Warrant and Defend.

Witness the hand & seal & of the said party of the first part.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Louis F. Valentour*

*Isabella Jane Bailey* 




Commonwealth of Pennsylvania }  
County of WASHINGTON } 58.

On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January  
A. D. 1944, before me a Notary Public in and for said  
- - - - County and State - - - - came the above named  
- - - - ISABELLA JANE BAILEY, widow, - - - -

and acknowledged the foregoing Indenture to be her  
act and deed, to the end that it may be recorded as such.

Witness my hand and Notarial seal.  
LOUIS F. VALENTOUR, N. P. *Louis F. Valentour*  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES  
JANUARY 27, 1945



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In Consideration of the Sum of Twenty eight 88 00 Dollars

the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged S. Sarah Elizabeth Scott and M. W. Scott

her Husband of Burgeltown Pa

first party hereby grant unto Lawrence Nat Gas Co second

party and assigns and assigns, all the oil and gas in and under the following

described premises, together with the right to enter thereon at all times for the purpose of drilling and oper-

ating for oil, gas or water, and to erect and maintain all buildings and structures, and lay all pipe necessary

for the production and transportation of oil, gas or water taken from said premises. Excepting and reserv-

ing, however, to first party the One eighth (1/8) part of all oil produced

and saved from said premises, to be delivered in the pipe line with which second party may connect their

wells, namely. All that certain lot of land situate in the Township of South

County of Washington in the State of Penn, bounded and de-

scribed as follows, to wit:

to the north by lands of Henry Gay & Son

East " " Pittsburg and Buffalo east "

South " " Donaldson here

West " " Lessor

containing One hundred fifteen one half (115 1/2) Acres, more or less

To Have and to Hold the Above Premises on the Following Conditions:

If gas only is found, second party agrees to pay Two Hundred (200.00) Dollars each year, in advance, for the product of each well while the same is being used off the premises.

Whenever first party shall request it, second party shall bury all oil and gas lines, and pay all damages done to growing crops by reason of burying and removing said pipe lines. or operating

In case no well is completed within 3 months year from this date, then this grant shall become null and void, unless second party shall pay to said first party Twenty eight (28.00) Dollars in advance, for each year thereafter such completion is delayed.

The second party shall have the right to use sufficient gas, oil or water to run all necessary machinery for operating said wells, and also may at any time remove all their property and reconvey the premises hereby granted, and thereupon this instrument shall be null and void.

*First party reserves for gas for light and heat in dwelling house on premises when gas is produced and used thereon. Also same from well used. They agree to purchase and burn said gas at their own risk with the saving appliances. If oil or gas be found in paying quantities on above premises, second party has term or assigns. Such term the period of the balance of the term consisting of 10% years upon as good terms as may be offered for the same by any other responsible party or parties in good faith. Second party agrees that should the first well on above described premises be a producing oil well in paying quantities to complete two (2) more wells within one year from completion of said first well. No wells shall be drilled within 150 feet of principal buildings or premises except by consent of first party. This grant is given for a term of two (2) years and as long thereafter as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities. All moneys and rentals may be paid to M. W. Scott*

It is understood between the parties to this agreement that all conditions between the parties hereunto shall extend to their heirs, executors and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals this 20th day of June A. D. 1908.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of

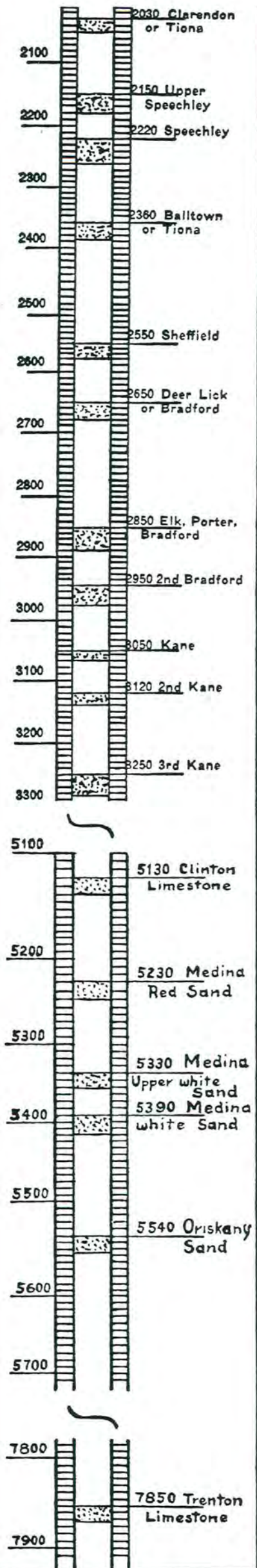
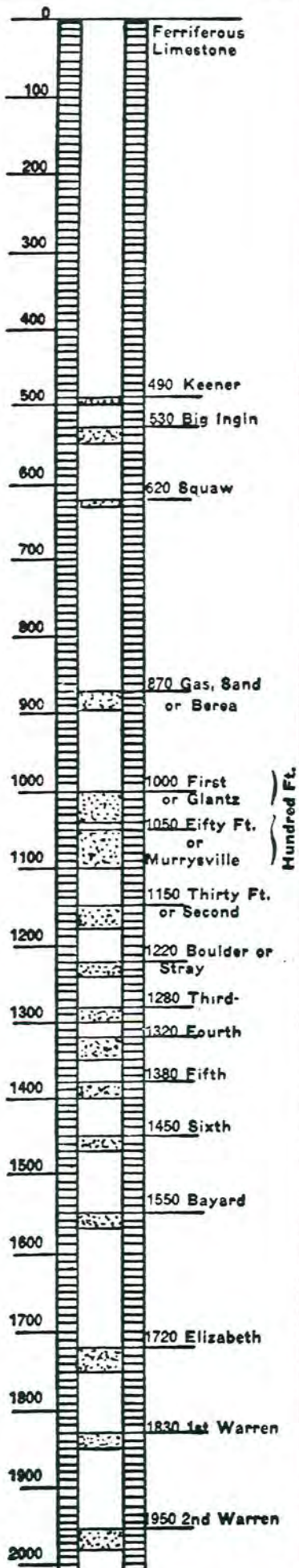
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M. W. Scott (SEAL)  
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by L. F. Barger Manager (SEAL)  
(SEAL)  
(SEAL)



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—OF—  
**Oil and Gas Bearing  
Sands**  
—IN—

Butler, Armstrong, Venango,  
Clarion, Jefferson Counties

COMPLIMENTS OF  
**HUMPHREY'S OIL CO.**  
GROVE CITY, PA





Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,

County of \_\_\_\_\_

On this \_\_\_\_\_ d

A. D. 194 \_\_\_\_\_, before me

in and for said

came the above named

and acknowledged the foregoing Indenture to be \_\_\_\_\_ act and deed, to the end that it may be recorded as such.

Witness my hand and \_\_\_\_\_ seal.

State of \_\_\_\_\_ County of \_\_\_\_\_

On this, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 194 \_\_\_\_\_

before me the undersigned officer, personally appeared

known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name \_\_\_\_\_ subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Title of Officer \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_ 194 \_\_\_\_\_

**Certificate of Residence.**

1. *Wallace S. Gourley, Attorney at Law* do hereby certify that *grantee's* precise residence is *Greenville, Pa* and *Andover, Pa*

Witness my hand this *20<sup>th</sup>* day of *January* 194 *4*

*Wallace S. Gourley, atty*

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ISABELLA JANE BAILEY, WIDOW.

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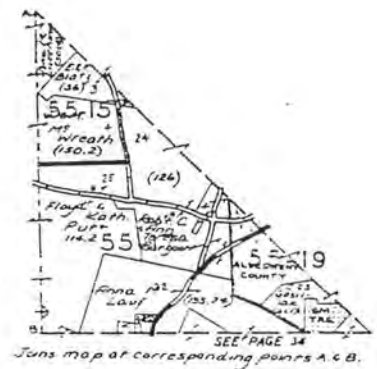
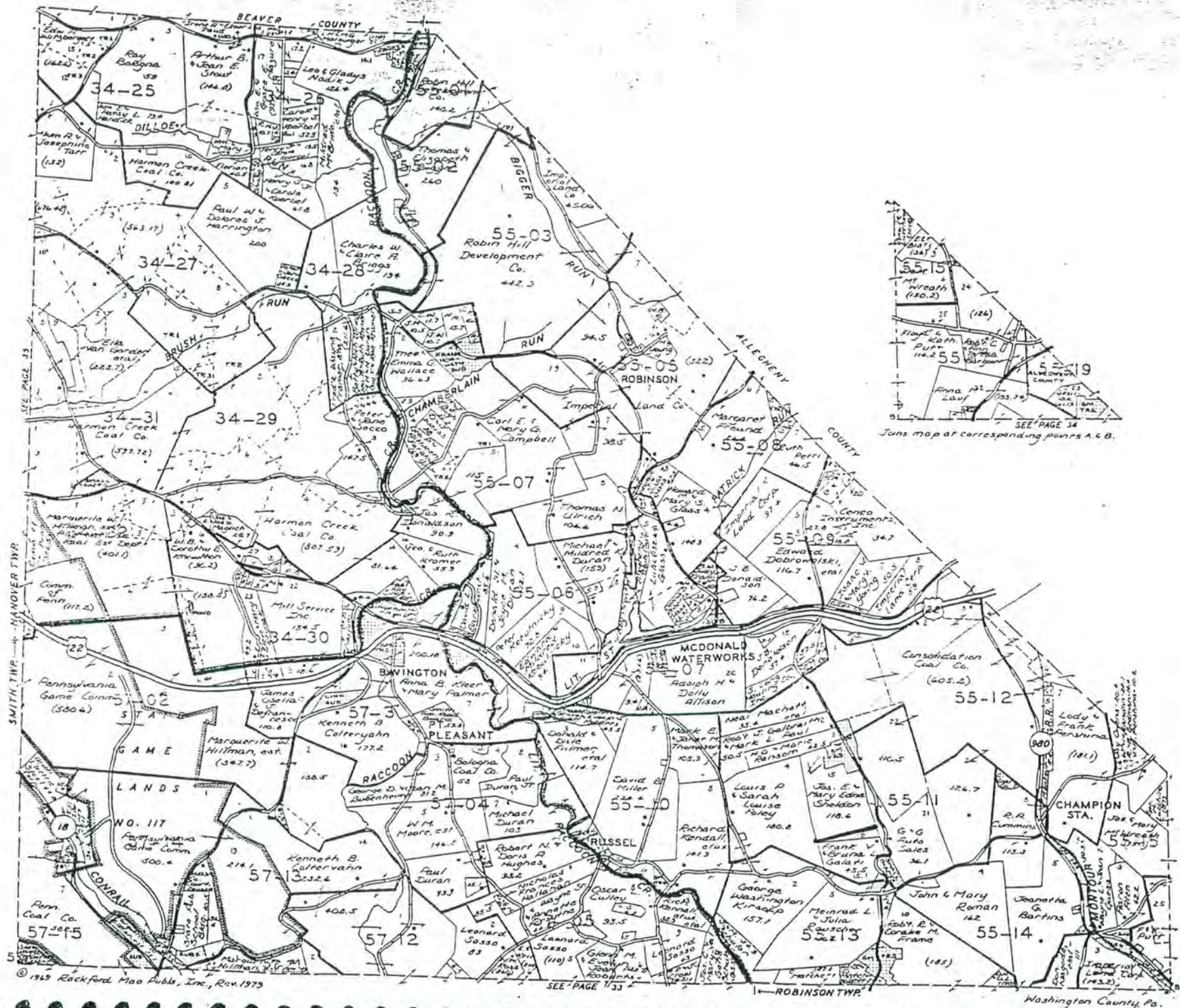
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Given under my hand and the seal of the said office, the day and year aforesaid.

*William D. Smith*  
Recorder.









Well Record *Lawrence*  
 Well No. *1309* District *Smith*  
 Located on *M. C. Scott* Farm  
*Burgalltown* District *Smith* Twp. *Washington* County  
 Location made \_\_\_\_\_ First work done *7/15/17*

New or Rebuilt Rig Transferred From *Tree* Wood or Pipe Rig *Wood*  
 Rig Commenced *7/20/17* Rig Completed *7/28/17*  
 Drilling Commenced *7/15/17* Drilling Completed *4/12/17*  
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 Boiler-Maker *W. S.* No. *7133* Engine-Maker *S. + S.* No. *7573*  
 Boiler and Engine Transferred from *Weth Army.*

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Steel line measurements should be made of Top and Bottom of Pittsburgh and all the principal sands.



## Five generations



Five generations of Bairds recently gathered for this photo. Jean Baird of Midway holds her great-great-granddaughter, Rihley Adams. Also seated is Rihley's great-grandmother, Terry Copechal of Eighty Four. Standing are Rihley's mother, Ari Adkins, and grandmother, Kara Adkins, both of Allison Park.

**Five Generations of Bairds**  
**Observer-Reporter-December 22, 2013 Edition**

may benefit the College.

Respectfully submitted,  
S. S. BAKER.

President.

Members of the Board of Trustees who were present yesterday and received the resignation of Dr. Baker were:

Walter H. Baker, Washington; W. H. Davis, Washington; Rev. Henry H. Riddle, Greensburg; Judge James I. Brownson, Washington; Dr. C. C. Hays, Pittsburgh; Joseph R. Naylor, Wheeling, W. Va.; W. A. H. McIlvaine, Washington; R. L. McCarrell, Washington; John A. Mathews, New York City; Charles N. Brady, Washington; Dr. William E. Slemmons, Washington; Dr. E. A. Thompson, Washington; Josiah V. Thompson, Uniontown; William G. Stewart, Pittsburgh; Lee D. Hemingway, Pittsburgh; John H. Donnan, Washington; Park J. Alexander, Pittsburgh; Judge William T. Dom, Greensburg; John McCartney Kennedy, Pittsburgh; Albert C. Troutman, Butler; Edward McDonald, McDonald; Dr. Harry G. Sloan, Cleveland; John M. Russell, Pittsburgh; Marcus W. Acheson, Pittsburgh.

Dr. Baker is a native of Washington County and was graduated from Washington & Jefferson College with the Class of 1892. He studied law privately for two years and took advantage of extension courses at Pitt, which university honored him in 1923 by granting him the degree of Doctor of Laws.

For four years Dr. Baker taught in the public schools of Pittsburgh. For almost 25 years, prior to coming to Washington, he was a principal and then assistant superintendent of the public schools of Pittsburgh.

Accepting the position as acting president of Washington & Jefferson College in 1921 he occupied that position until formally elected president March 29, 1922.

Dr. Baker succeeded Dr. Samuel Charles Black, who died July 25, 1921, in a hospital in Denver, Col., while on a western trip.

During his term as president Dr. Baker worked out to consummation a plan or a vision he had harbored for years and today the physical surroundings of the college compare favorably with others in its class, and many with greater enrollment.

Under his guidance the main college building, "Old Main" was remodeled completely with the old worn out floors replaced and the interior arranged in such a way that it was convenient and would accommodate the needs of the student body. At the same time the outside of the building was thoroughly cleaned and renovated, the ancient ivy was torn down and today the building stands as one of the show places of the city.

The gymnasium was also thoroughly done over inside, much of the equipment was made modern and the latest devices for building bodies was installed.

The campus was also given a thorough overhauling, shrubs and hedges were planted and at present a well balanced view meets the eye of the passerby.

Besides his affiliation with the College, Dr. Baker took an active interest in all civic affairs and was prominent in community campaigns of various sorts. He is also prominently identified with the Boy Scout movement and has served in an executive capacity with the National Council for several years.

The report of the committee appointed to investigate the recent strike was not presented and will not be due to Dr. Baker's resignation.

## Body of Former College President Found in Field

WASHINGTON, Pa., Oct. 11. (AP) The body of Dr. S. S. Baker, who resigned the presidency of Washington and Jefferson college more than a year ago after a student strike, was found in a field near here today.

There was a bullet wound in the left temple. Washington county authorities reported he had shot himself.

The body was found by Steven Sento, a pipe line walker, within 24 hours after the educator disappeared from his Pittsburgh home. He was 66 years old.

### Took Revolver

Police learned that Dr. Baker, who had been ill for the past two years and whose only son was killed in the World war, had taken a revolver with him when he left home.

Dr. Baker was president of W. & J. from 1922 until May 1931, when he resigned after the student strike in protest against his administration.

**Dr. Simon S. Baker**



## Doris Baker Is Bride Of John Kinkela



Miss Doris Jean Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Baker of Main street and John Kinkela, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kinkela, Sr., of Slovan were united in marriage Saturday, October 22 at 7 p.m. in the parsonage of the First Presbyterian church by the Rev. Jacob Ruble. The double ring ceremony was used. The maid of honor was her sister, Arletta Baker and best man was Tony Mlatnik.

The bride appeared in a waltz length gown of white brocaded satin with silver and beige accessories and carried a colonial bouquet of white roses and baby mums, with white streamers fashioned from lilies of the valley. Her maid of honor wore a beige linen suit with matching accessories and a corsage of white baby mums.

Mrs. Baker wore a print linen dress and a corsage of white baby

mums. Mrs. Kinkela appeared in a toast color taffeta dress and wore a corsage of white mums. The occasion also marked the seventy-seventh birthday of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Lena Harris of Newark, O., who was present and wore a navy blue crepe dress. Guests attended from Michigan, Independence, Newark and Bessemer, O.

A wedding reception was held Saturday evening in the Croation hall, Slovan. The bride's table was centered with a three tiered wedding cake decorated with a miniature bride and groom and pink miniature roses.

Mr. and Mrs. Kinkela are residing at 185 Center avenue. Mrs. Kinkela is employed at the Burgettstown Enterprise and Mr. Kinkela is employed by Blehi Plumbing Co. Both are June graduates of Union high school.

**Doris Baker is Bride of John Kinkela**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-October 27, 1955 Edition**



# The Public Schools of Washington County, Pennsylvania



*To All Who Are Interested In Liberal Education, Greeting:*

*The Public School Officials of Washington County, Believing that Moral Worth and Excellence in Knowledge should be recognized, unite in awarding this*

## DIPLOMA

To Alice Balme

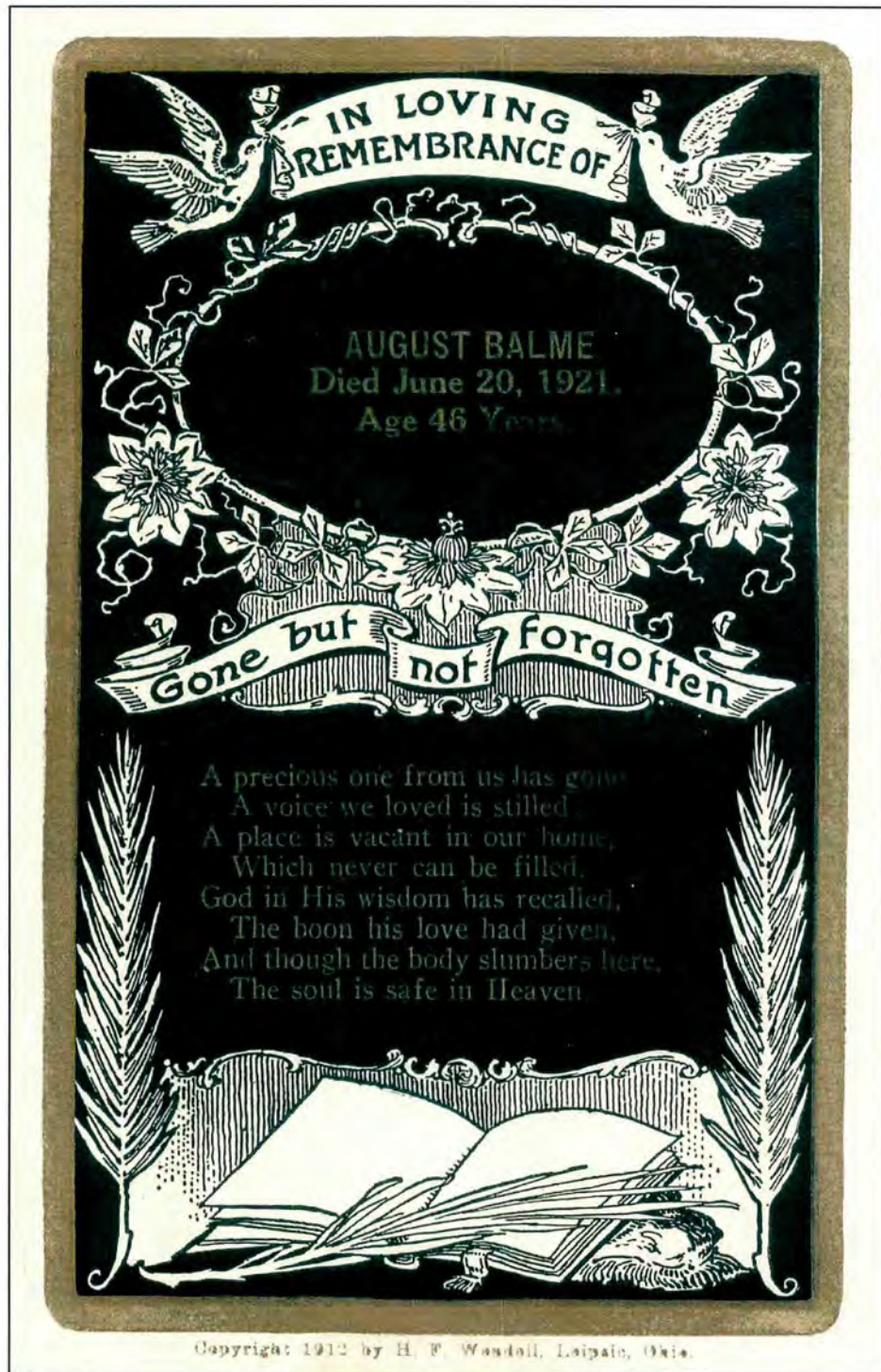
*who has completed the prescribed Eight Years' Course of Study, and has been found proficient in Orthography, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, English Grammar, History of the United States, Physiology*

*and they hereunto order their respective signatures to be affixed this* 10<sup>th</sup> *day of* June 1922

Mary Burkett  
Hazel H. Hall  
Clarence Cowan  
George F. Love  
*Committee*

Hazel H. Hall  
*Teacher*  
J. D. Burkland  
*County Superintendent*

**Alice Balme**  
**Erie Mine School Diploma-June 10, 1922**



**August Balme**  
Died-June 20, 1921



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*Houston*  
*Pa*



**Envelope mailed to Mrs. August Balme**  
Funeral Expenses for her husband. They had moved from Erie Mine to Houston, PA.



# Local group makes TV debut as extras in Jackson movie

A local singing group will be making its television debut during the Nov. 15 and 18 airing of "An American Dream: The Jackson Family Story."

Mass Confusion is comprised of "Rhandi" Bannister, Kelly Walden-Bannister and former member Bethany Peters.

Bethany Peters appears periodically as an extra in the first part of the two-day mini-series.

Kelly Walden-Bannister appears in dual roles.

She will play a student in a 1940s sequence and a choir girl in a talent show during a 1960s sequence.

She got the role after she impressed the assistant director and replaced a choir girl who had been selected.

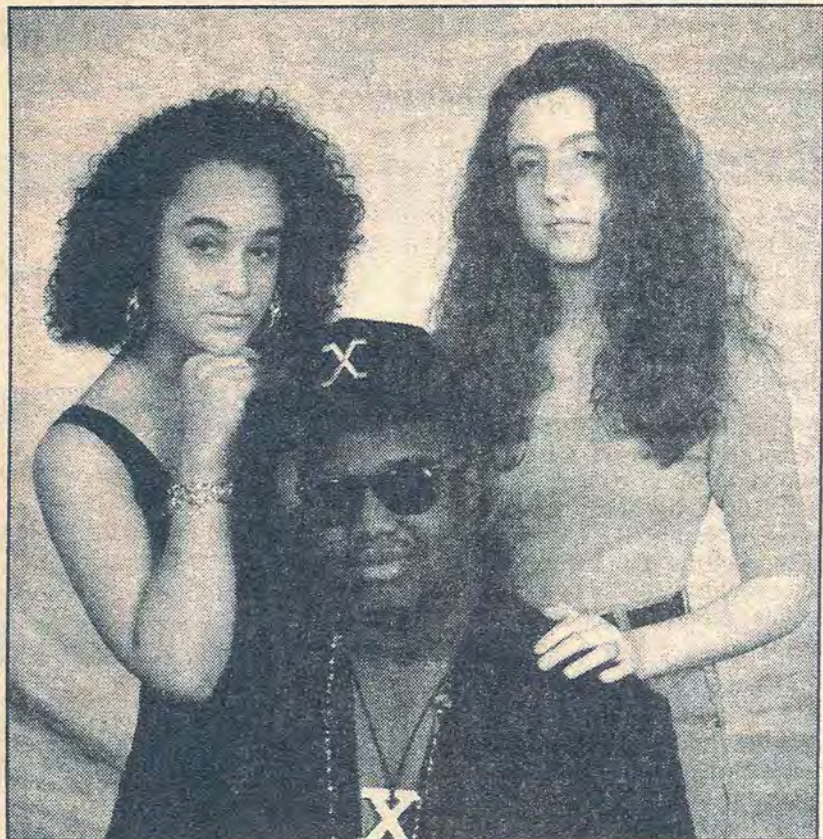
Rhandi, who also started as an extra, was promoted to a day player, giving him a small speaking role.

The role may be edited for time purposes.

He appears in several scenes with the movie's starring cast which include Lawrence Hilton-Jacobs of "Welcome Back Carter," Angela Bassett of "Boys in the Hood" and Bumper Robinson of "A Different World."

Rhandi also appears in a scene with the rhythm and blues group, Boyz II Men.

The mini-series is set to air on ABC.



**MASS CONFUSION MEMBERS** will appear in an upcoming made-for-television movie. Seated is "Rhandi" Bannister. Standing, from left is Bethany Peters and Kelly Walden-Bannister.

Mass Confusion makes its musical debut in December with the debut single, "Special Love."

The song has recently been played on WAMO, WRKY, and WKIK-FM in Los Angeles.

**Rhandi Bannister, Kelly Walden, and Bethany Peters  
Local Group Makes TV Debut as Extras in Jackson Movie**

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#### Barbour Family Reunion.

The annual reunion of the descendants of Robert T. and Mary E. West Barbour was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Rhodes and Miss Fannie M. Barbour, Burgettstown, August 29th. The day was fine and just right to be enjoyed to the highest degree. Nearly all the friends were in attendance. A few were detained at home and could not come. Those in attendance were: Mrs. Peter Quinn of Carnegie; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Barbour of Midway, and daughter and her husband; Mr. and Mrs. Howard H. Fleming and son, Howard H. Jr. of Washington, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Anderson and granddaughter, Phillis Jean Anderson of Avella, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Barbour and daughter, and her husband; Mr. and Mrs. McWilliam and son Don George, also two other daughters and sons, as follows: Miss Mary Jane, Miss Gail Rowene, B. H. Jr. and Robert Barbour, all of Carnegie; also one especially invited guest, Mrs. Janet L. Hendershot, McDonald, R. F. D. 4. All seemed to enjoy themselves immensely although there were no games played.

# KEITH Theatre

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## SPECIAL Added Attraction

WED. & THURS.  
MAY 26-27  
SEE THE MAN  
WHO OWNS A TOWN



OUR OWN  
**GUS BARBUSH**

IN ALL PARAMOUNT  
SHOTS TAKEN  
AT LANGELOTH

Screen Time  
7:26 & 9:42 p. m.

Wed. & Thurs.  
May 26-27  
Double Feature Program

Thrill after thrill with doomed men on raging seas.

**DEVIL SHIP**  
Richard Lane and Louise Campbell

Johnny Mack Brown and Raymond Hutton  
**OVERLAND TRAILS**  
**SIX GUNS AFLAME!**  
News reel added

Fri. & Sat. May 28-29  
Double Feature Program  
**When a Girl's Beautiful**

MUSIC & MERRIMENT  
with Adele Jergens  
**DEAD LINE**  
Serial Added

Sun., Mon., Tues.  
MAY 30, 31—JUNE 1



Cartoon & News Added



## Gus Barbush Christmas "Zoo" Ready For Another Yule Season



Gus Barbush, of Langeloth, is shown as he pats one of his imaginary fishermen on the head, in anticipation of a "zoo" full of real animals scheduled to arrive at the Barbush Christmas display Wednesday. The fishpond scene can be seen on Gus' front lawn, and is one of the many attractions this year.

Gus uses his unusual display of 14,200 blue lights and the miniature zoo to benefit Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh. Last year he turned over \$10,-655.40.

Opening night for the year

will be Wednesday, December 10. Hopefully, by that time, nine animals not normally seen in this area will have taken up temporary headquarters across the road from Gus' house, so that children and their parents may drive or walk through and admire the displays. Animals will include a large and small bear, a cougar, two coyotes, two small lions, a leopard and a lynx.

Gus hopes everyone for miles around will come and enjoy his display and help his favorite charity.

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**Gus Barbush Christmas "Zoo"**  
**Ready for another Yule Season**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-1975**

*"WE THE PEOPLE"*

Gus Barbush, Langeloth Market proprietor, who May 15 will take possession of the entire town of Langeloth, as owner, was presented at the feature highlight of the Gulf radio program, "We, the People", over National Broadcasting out of New York City on Tuesday evening. Members of Mr. Barbush's party who told Langeloth's story to the radio audience were G. V. Critchlow, for the past 25 years Principal and teacher at Langeloth school; Miss Mae Gonzalez, beautician and Miss Mary Virginia McIvers, Langeloth store bookkeeper.

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**Gus Barbush**

**Burgettstown Enterprise-April 29, 1948 Edition**



### *GOOD LUCK GUS!*

The Burgettstown Enterprise today extends hearty congratulations and wishes for success to Gus Barbush, buyer of Langeloth Townsite. Gus has proven himself, in the land of his adoption, as a worker for the good of this community and for its best interests. In order to accomplish his latest business venture, Gus was fully supported by the local bank, whose wider services are aptly demonstrated in this first large scale business deal, since the Citizens National Bank emerged as a Mellbank here.

Gus told the Enterprise that he hopes to fulfill the faith of Ben Zimmer and other top ranking American Metal officials in awarding him the bid for the property, with special consideration, over several other bids received.

He has the welfare of his town at heart, is a proven successful business man and hopes to maintain the townsite, even in improvement over former management.

He is laying great plans for the extension of the Langeloth Water Company lines to include Slovan homes.

Gus came to Burgettstown about 35 years ago from his native Greece and began his career as a butcher boy for his uncle Harry Barbush. He engaged in his own business, slaughtering and dressing cattle, later went into Langeloth Market as a butcher, by succeeding steps upward became manager and then owner of this large store. In recent years he reached out again and secured the Farm Restaurant, which he operates on Route 22.

He has always been cooperative and active in all community projects and has contributed much to the progress of the district. He is a successful business man, who deserves success in his newest venture.

**Good Luck Gus!**

**Burgettstown Enterprise-March 25, 1948 Edition**

# Barbush's will includes trips to Greece for 24

By Jim Dallara, Staff Writer

LANGELOTH — The last will and testament of Gus J. Barbush, the millionaire Langeloth philanthropist and owner of Langeloth Townsite Co. who died Wednesday, provides 24 people with all expenses paid trips to Crete, Greece, next week for his funeral.

The 90-year-old Barbush appropriated \$100,000 of his estimated \$1.15 million estate for the transportation of his body to the village of Fre, Crete, for interment, and for providing the cost of transportation, meals, lodging and all other traveling expenses for the 24 people named in the will.

Some reportedly have already made plans to attend the funeral. Others are undecided and still others cannot make the trip due to binding commitments.

Barbush, who for years enjoyed widespread fame with a Christmas light display at his home for the benefit of Children's Hospital, willed trust benefits from the remainder of his property to his nephew, Kostas Barbush, who has been managing affairs of the Langeloth Townsite Co. since 1979.

For Carole Scruppi, April 1, 1989, marked 24 years as the secretary for Barbush and the company.

"We never had a problem between us in all that time," Ms. Scruppi said. "But I must admit I was terrified the first time I met him — when I interviewed for the position. He had such a powerful voice; it would scare anyone who didn't know what a kind and gentle man he really was.

"Gus did a lot of things for a lot of people," she said. "One in particular I remember was for a tenant who ran into hard times and couldn't meet the rent payment because of it. Gus told her to stay in the house and 'don't worry about

## Former Langeloth owner wanted friends to be there for funeral in his homeland

the rent.' The woman never forgot it. She sent Gus cards of appreciation for just about every holiday."

Ms. Scruppi, who professes a fear of flying, doesn't plan on attending the funeral in Crete.

"But he will be in my heart and mind forever," she said. "He was very good to me."

Funeral director Thomas V. Lee also declined the trip to Crete "because these are things you don't do on the spur of the moment, although we would love to go."

He said his work commitments and those of his wife prevented their attending the funeral.

Lee said his earliest, and most vivid, recollections of Barbush were when Barbush worked as a butcher in the company store at Langeloth.

"I was just a boy and Mrs. VanKirk (the doctor's wife) would send me to the store to get meat. She wouldn't deal with anyone else but Gus."

Barbush later purchased the store. He continued in this and other businesses and invested wisely.

After World War II wound down, the town's major employer, American Zinc and Chemical Co., went under. But Barbush would not let the town go with it.

According to a nephew, Andy Enos, "He bought the town. Then, after he got older and wanted to ease some of his headaches, he sold most of the houses to the people living in them."

Gus was one who believed in helping others. "Whenever someone had a need, Gus was the first one there," Enos said.

Barbush never married, but found his family in the community.

"Gus liked to dine out, and he would always go over to friends and offer to buy them drinks," Enos said. "He loved to talk."

Enos said Barbush tried to visit Greece nearly every year. "It was his homeland," he said.

Barbush was well respected in Crete. Michael L. Schooles, former co-owner of the Farm Restaurant in Florence, recalled the time several area friends accompanied Gus on a trip to Fre when a statue of Barbush was dedicated.

"As we traveled up the mountain to the dedication site, hundreds of people along the road appeared, waving with their handkerchiefs. You would have thought the King of Greece was in our car.

"Gus always went first class," Schooles said of the occasion, "and this time was no different. He hired seven cabs, and he made sure we all rode them."

Schooles recalled his early days in the restaurant business when his first venture in Pittsburgh was about to cease because the building was being closed.

"We (Schooles and co-partner Gus Cassionis of Mt. Lebanon) took the advice of a few Weirton area friends in 1952 and looked over the prospects of the Farm Restaurant at Florence. I went to Gus Barbush for advice, and he backed me financially until we were able to get on sound footing."

The Farm Restaurant was a highly successful business for 25 years. Cassionis retired from the restaurant partnership in 1974.

Schooles said he first met Barbush in 1951. "We were attending an Order of the AHEPA dinner-dance at old Bill Green's, on Route 51, when I heard this real loud

voice. When I asked who the man was, I was told he owns a town near Burgettstown."

"He was a gentleman at all times, and he was never jealous of anyone," Schooles said. "And he was most proud of his Greek heritage. He always told anybody he helped — they could make it if he made it. He might have had just a third-grade education, but he had a brilliant mind. And he knew all the right people."

Born on the island of Karpathus in the Aegean Sea, Schooles came to America in 1919. He once ran an unsuccessful campaign for sheriff in Washington County under; the sponsorship of his longtime friend, Barbush, who was involved for many years with the county Republican Committee.

"I changed my party affiliation because of Gus," said Schooles, originally a Democrat. "One time the community center at Langeloth suffered heavy damages due to vandalism," Schooles said. "Those responsible were apprehended and made to pay. Gus gave me the money and said he wanted it used as a contribution to the local Lions Club. 'I don't need the money,' he said, 'I just wanted to teach them (the vandals) a lesson.'"

Schooles hasn't made plans to attend Barbush's funeral next week, but he hasn't ruled it out.

"If I don't go now, I will make a special trip at a later time to honor his request," Schooles said.

Barbush's nephew, Kostas, has been managing the Langeloth Townsite Co. since his uncle paid his fare from Crete in 1979.

"I remember him when I was about 6 or 7 years old," Kostas said, "and he told my father, Criss, in Crete, not to worry about me — that I would be taken care of when

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## Barbush will includes Greek trip for 24

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I grow up."

"He came to my wedding in September of 1979 and brought the plane tickets with him," Kostas said. "He was very good to me, my wife and three children. He gave me a good job and a house in which to live. He was not just an uncle — he was my father in this country."

According to Kostas, Barbush would go out to dinner every night with his nephew and family. "He would bring cookies, and he would play with the children — he loved seeing them have a good time. He preferred being called 'Papou,' which means grandfather, rather than uncle."

Barbush was left infirm after a debilitating stroke on Feb. 13, 1984. Kostas, however, carried on his uncle's operations, including the Christmas light display, and plans to continue them in the future.

"Everything I know I learned from my uncle," he said. "How to run the business, to be fair with people and to help them any way you can. I can remember nothing but good times with my uncle. We never argued."

Gus' loud voice was also famous

in Crete.

"My father has a butcher shop across the street and about three blocks away from the hotel where my uncle usually stayed. My uncle could be on the porch of the hotel talking to friends, and my father could hear him at the butcher shop," said Kostas.

Dick Macino, public services director of *The Pittsburgh Press*, was "completely surprised and shocked" upon learning he and his wife were included on the list of those Barbush wanted to attend his funeral.

"He was one of the warmest, kindest persons I ever met," Macino said, "and he certainly helped the kids in Children's Hospital though the thousands of dollars received through his Christmas light contributions in behalf of the Old Newsboys Fund. He never cut a penny for the lights."

In 19 years, Barbush donated an estimated \$250,000 to the fund, according to Barbush's obituary in Thursday's *Press*.

According to officials of West Penn Power Co., the Christmas lighting bill amounted to approximately \$150 per season.

Macino said he looked forward to Barbush's annual trip to the

*Press* with his average of about \$10,000 in contributions. "He enjoyed the occasion thoroughly," Macino said, "and he always made a day of it."

Barbush's rise from a position of meat cutter to owner of an entire town was once featured in the nationally syndicated Ripley's "Believe It Or Not" feature.

Other terms of the will include \$5,000 each bequeathed to Barbush's brother, Michael Burbakis; nieces Goldie Anderson, Katina Burbakis and Maria Burbakis; and nephews John Christos Burbakis, Nikolas Christos Burbakis, Andy Enos, Michael Gabrelakis, James Karakis, John Karakis, John Kladakis, Stephen Kladakis, John Pesadakis and Christ Pesadakis.

Longtime housekeeper Clara Ivanac and secretary Carole Scruppi were each willed \$10,000. Cousins Mary Brown, Dee Nevergall, Sophie Palavis and Marge Phillips will each receive \$1,000.

Approximately 10 acres containing the Langeloth ball field will be submitted under a Jacob Langeloth Trust Fund to be used for public recreational purposes. The field, according to the will, will be called the Gus J. Barbush Memorial Field.



# Gus Makes Good In Langeloth, Pa.—He Buys It!

## Ex-Butcher Who Came To U. S. 36 Years Ago With \$7 Discovers 'In This Country, Anything Can Happen'

LANGELOTH, Pa. [NEA] Gus the Greek was wearing an old grey sweater, his shirt was tieless and his pants baggy when he parked before the Citizens National Bank in nearby Washington, Pa.

At the moment, he didn't even have a nickel in his pocket for the parking meter.

But when he walked out he had just borrowed \$200,000 and bought a town.

And here in Langeloth, the future for everyone began to look brighter, because Gus the Greek—Gus Barbush who arrived in the U. S. 36 years ago with \$7 in his pocket—had just given the town a new lease on life.

Langeloth is the company town of American Zinc and Chemical Co., which is closing its mill and abandoning the community.

For a reported price of \$500,000—the lowest among six bidders—the company is turning over to Gus its title to 261 houses ranging from sagging shanties to a 15-room mansion, a church, a water works, a community hall, a sportsmen's clubhouse, a Boy Scout hut and a park.

The company finally accepted Gus' bid because it decided that he best understood local conditions and the people of Langeloth would rather have Gus for a landlord than some outsider.

"The company was very interested in this town," Gus says. "They know I'll take care of community affairs. They like me, too."

Gus knows Langeloth.

He runs its general store where he does an annual business of \$450,000 in everything from pork chops to fur coats. He understands the pork chop

end of the business best—he started out in the store as a butcher, became manager and finally owner.

He also owns a prosperous restaurant near Florence, Pa., and a hotel at Burgettstown.

A few weeks ago, when he got the idea of buying Langeloth, he went to New York to talk to officials of American Metals, Inc., parent corporation of the zinc company.

"They ask how much money I have. Say 'you have to go home' when I tell them how much I can raise. They say 'get in better shape to talk.'

"So I see banker at home. Went to Washington with sweater, no tie, look like I don't have enough to eat."

He got \$200,000 — the largest single loan the bank ever advanced to an individual.

"Then I went back to New York and told them what I had. They talk. Now the people feel good."

Gus told the people of Langeloth that rents will have to be raised and water rates set, but the town will be operated for the good of everyone. The company operated the town at a loss, charged nothing for water and as little as \$8 a month for a four-room house.

"My plan is to run good town," Gus says. "Improve church and community house. Boy Scouts. Make ball diamond, fix park.

"I don't want to make very much. I want some place to spend it for Uncle Sam."

Gus is also looking for an industry to fill the void left by the zinc company. An airplane company, a toy factory and a wire mill have expressed interest in Langeloth's industrial plant. Hopes are higher today than any time since the company decided to move out.

As for Gus: "Never thought I could own a town. But in this country, anything can happen."



GUS BARBUSH: "I don't want to make very much."



The Town of Langeloth that Gus bought ranges from sagging shanties to a mansion



He Started with \$7 in His Pocket—

# 'Gus Th' Greek' Takes On a Town To Climax a Real Success Story

## 36 Years of Work Finally Pay Off

By EDWIN BEACHLER  
Pittsburgh Press Staff Writer

BURGETTSTOWN, Pa., March 30—'Gus Th' Greek' has just completed the cleanest sweep since the invention of the vacuum cleaner.

Arriving here from Greece 36 years ago with just \$7 in his pocket, Gus Barbush went to work as a dishwasher in his Uncle Harry's restaurant.

Gus not only cleaned up the kitchen, but wound up today owning the town. Proof of this can be seen from almost any angle you care to look at it.

### Really Owns Town

He has the biggest country store in these parts, the biggest restaurant, a hotel building with a half-dozen stores . . .

And capping it all—in his latest venture he actually has bought a town!

That was the 390-acre company settlement of Langeloth, abandoned offspring of the American Zinc and Chemical Co. which is closing its plant two miles from here.

For a reported price of a half-million dollars, "Gus Th' Greek" got:

Two hundred sixty-one houses, the Langeloth Water Co., "Glory Barn" community hall, church, school, Scout hut, Sportsmen's clubhouse, park and everything else that went with the townsite.

### Gets \$200,000 Loan

To make the deal possible, the local bank gave Gus the largest single loan they ever advanced to an individual—an even \$200,000. That's how much confidence bankers have in him.

The stocky, 49-year-old businessman was the lowest of six bidders. But zinc company officials still gave him the keys to the town because:

- 1—They thought he understood local conditions best.
- 2—They felt it would be a happier arrangement for the people, already hard hit by loss of their major industry.

The wheels of the 34-year-old Langeloth plant are grinding to a complete halt April 15. This represents a loss of 800 jobs and \$9000-a-day payroll for the bustling little community of 3000 people (trading center for 20,000).

### Future Looks Dark

Dark clouds have hovered over Burgettstown for many years, threatening to turn it into a "Ghost Town."

The spectre was the result of obsolete equipment and processes in the zinc plant combined with a steady parade of labor troubles . . . slowdowns, absenteeism, featherbedding, a 108-day strike in 1946, and constant strike threats



GUS BARBUSH  
Now he's bought a town.

and water rates installed to meet costs (the company ran the town at a loss), it will be operated for the good of everyone.

"My plan is to run good town," the new boss of Langeloth said today. "Improve church and community hall . . . Boy Scouts, anything else . . . make ball diamond, fix park . . . I'll do what I can, but get some money first. . . ."

"I don't want make very much . . . I want some place to spend it for Uncle Sam."

For a fellow who only spent six weeks in public school, Gus has a better philosophy than a lot of Ph.D's.

### "I Like to Gamble"

As he explained it: "I like to gamble—with \$7 (all he had when he came here) and 40 years work, what can I lose? I have fun . . . live good, many years."

Don't try to tell Gus this isn't the land of opportunity. He'll throw the facts of his life at you so fast you'll be knocked down with the first barrage.

"Never thought I could own town—but in this only country anything can happen," the dark, balding little man explained with a shrug.

In 1912 Gus arrived to "visit" his uncle. Only 14 at the time, he "found out this was good country for me." Except for nine months in Cleveland, to learn the butcher's trade, he stayed right here.

### No Time for School

After his start as dishwasher, he worked in a grocery—"too busy for

## Purchase Brings Hope To Burgettstown

tell him to buy me out for married and children."

In 1918, he went to work as butcher in the "Langeloth Market." Ten years later, he was manager and in 1932 during the strike, the company tossed in the sponge.

### Cook Over Stove

Gus took over and after a great struggle, turned it into one of the most modern country stores of its kind.

Selling everything from pork chops to ice boxes to fur coats, Gus even built an apartment in it for himself. That way he could work around the clock if necessary.

Three years ago, he bought the Biddle Hotel building here, leased the "Farm Restaurant" on the Steubenville Pike near Florence, and added property in Washington, Pa.

A few weeks ago he made a trip to New York to discuss buying the Langeloth townsite from the zinc company's parent, American Metals, Inc.

### Needed More Money

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He Started with \$7 in His Pocket—

# 'Gus Th' Greek' Takes On a Town To Climax a Real Success Story

## 36 Years of Work Finally Pay Off

By EDWIN BEACHLER  
Pittsburgh Press Staff Writer

BURGETTSTOWN, Pa., March 30—"Gus Th' Greek" has just completed the cleanest sweep since the invention of the vacuum cleaner.

Arriving here from Greece 36 years ago with just \$7 in his pocket, Gus Barbush went to work as a dishwasher in his Uncle Harry's restaurant.

Gus not only cleaned up the kitchen, but wound up today owning the town. Proof of this can be seen from almost any angle you care to look at it.

### Really Owns Town

He has the biggest country store in these parts, the biggest restaurant, a hotel building with a half-dozen stores . . .

And capping it all—in his latest venture he actually has bought a town!

That was the 390-acre company settlement of Langeloth, abandoned offspring of the American Zinc and Chemical Co. which is closing its plant two miles from here.

For a reported price of a half-million dollars, "Gus Th' Greek" got:

Two hundred sixty-one houses, the Langeloth Water Co., "Glory Barn" community hall, church, school, Scout hut, Sportsmen's clubhouse, park and everything else that went with the townsite.

### Gets \$200,000 Loan

To make the deal possible, the local bank gave Gus the largest single loan they ever advanced to an individual—an even \$200,000. That's how much confidence bankers have in him.

The stocky, 49-year-old businessman was the lowest of six bidders. But zinc company officials still gave him the keys to the town because:

- 1—They thought he understood local conditions best.
- 2—They felt it would be a happier arrangement for the people, already hard hit by loss of their major industry.

The wheels of the 34-year-old Langeloth plant are grinding to a complete halt April 15. This represents a loss of 800 jobs and \$9000-a-day payroll for the bustling little community of 3000 people (trading center for 20,000).

### Future Looks Dark

Dark clouds have hovered over Burgettstown for many years, threatening to turn it into a "Ghost Town."

The spectre was the result of obsolete equipment and processes in the zinc plant combined with a steady parade of labor troubles . . . slowdowns, absenteeism, featherbedding, a 108-day strike in 1946, and constant strike threats



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and water rates installed to meet costs (the company ran the town at a loss), it will be operated for the good of everyone.

"My plan is to run good town," the new boss of Langeloth said today, "improve church and community hall . . . Boy Scouts, anything else . . . make ball diamond, fix park . . . I'll do what I can, but get some money first. . . ."

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For a fellow who only spent six weeks in public school, Gus has a better philosophy than a lot of Ph.D's.

### "I Like to Gamble"

As he explained it: "I like to gamble—with \$7 (all he had when he came here) and 40 years work, what can I lose? I have fun . . . live good, many years."

Don't try to tell Gus this isn't the land of opportunity. He'll throw the facts of his life at you so fast you'll be knocked down with the first barrage.

"Never thought I could own town—but in this only country anything can happen," the dark, balding little man explained with a shrug.

In 1912 Gus arrived to "visit" his uncle. Only 14 at the time, he "found out this was good country for me." Except for nine months in Cleveland, to learn the butcher's trade, he stayed right here.

### No Time for School

After his start as dish-washer, he worked in a grocery—"too busy for

## Purchase Brings Hope To Burgettstown

tell him to buy me out for married and children."

In 1918, he went to work as butcher in the "Langeloth Market." Ten years later, he was manager and in 1932 during the strike, the company tossed in the sponge.

### Cook Over Stove

Gus took over and after a great struggle, turned it into one of the most modern country stores of its kind.

Selling everything from pork chops to ice boxes to fur coats, Gus even built an apartment in it for himself. That way he could work around the clock if necessary.

Three years ago, he bought the Biddle Hotel building here, leased the "Farm Restaurant" on the Steubenville Pike near Florence, and added property in Washington, Pa.

A few weeks ago he made a trip to New York to discuss buying the Langeloth townsite from the zinc company's parent, American Metals, Inc.

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# Gus Makes Good In Langeloth, Pa.—He Buys It!

## Ex-Butcher Who Came To U. S. 36 Years Ago With \$7 Discovers 'In This Country, Anything Can Happen'

LANGELOTH, Pa. [NEA] Gus the Greek was wearing an old grey sweater, his shirt was tieless and his pants baggy when he parked before the Citizens National Bank in nearby Washington, Pa.

At the moment, he didn't even have a nickel in his pocket for the parking meter.

But when he walked out he had just borrowed \$200,000 and bought a town.

And here in Langeloth, the future for everyone began to look brighter, because Gus the Greek—Gus Barbush who arrived in the U. S. 36 years ago with \$7 in his pocket—had just given the town a new lease on life.

Langeloth is the company town of American Zinc and Chemical Co., which is closing its mill and abandoning the community.

For a reported price of \$500,000—the lowest among six bidders—the company is turning over to Gus its title to 261 houses ranging from sagging shanties to a 15-room mansion, a church, a water works, a community hall, a sportsmen's clubhouse, a Boy Scout hut and a park.

The company finally accepted Gus' bid because it decided that he best understood local conditions and the people of Langeloth would rather have Gus for a landlord than some outsider.

"The company was very interested in this town," Gus says. "They know I'll take care of community affairs. They like me, too."

Gus knows Langeloth.

He runs its general store where he does an annual business of \$450,000 in everything from pork chops to fur coats. He understands the pork chop

end of the business best—he started out in the store as a butcher, became manager and finally owner.

He also owns a prosperous restaurant near Florence, Pa., and a hotel at Burgettstown.

A few weeks ago, when he got the idea of buying Langeloth, he went to New York to talk to officials of American Metals, Inc., parent corporation of the zinc company.

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"Then I went back to New York and told them what I had. They talk. Now the people feel good."

Gus told the people of Langeloth that rents will have to be raised and water rates set, but the town will be operated for the good of everyone. The company operated the town at a loss, charged nothing for water and as little as \$8 a month for a four-room house.

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"I don't want to make very much. I want some place to spend it for Uncle Sam."

Gus is also looking for an industry to fill the void left by the zinc company. An airplane company, a toy factory and a wire mill have expressed interest in Langeloth's industrial plant. Hopes are higher today than any time since the company decided to move out.

As for Gus:

"Never thought I could own a town. But in this country, anything can happen."



GUS BARBUSH: "I don't want to make very much."



The Town of Langeloth that Gus bought ranges from sagging shanties to a mansion



#### Brown- Barbush

Miss Mary Barbush, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barbush of Main street, became the bride of Gust Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Brown of Weirton, W. Va., on Sunday, April 26th in the Greek Orthodox church of Weirton. The Rev. James Sylvestros officiated. The ceremony took place at 2:30 in the afternoon, and was witnessed by a large gathering of friends and relatives. The bride wore a gown of white satin designed in silhouette lines, with long sleeves and high neckline, terminating in a court train. Her veil flowed to the end of the train and was fitted to her head with pearl tiaras. She carried a shower bouquet of call lilies and lily of the valley. Miss Sophie Barbush, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and was attired in violet taffeta formal and carried red roses and lilies. The bridesmaids were Misses Despa and Margaret Barbush of Burgettstown and Miss Catherine Christas of New Castle. They were attired in pink taffeta formals, wore rhinestone tiaras and carried red roses and lilies. The best man was George Manis of Martins Ferry, Ohio. The ushers were John Manis of Martins Ferry, Mike Thomas of Bridgeport and Earnest Pacios of Weirton. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the Ahepa hall. Covers were laid for four hundred. The tables were decorated with floral designs. The bridal table was adorned with a beautiful wedding cake. Dancing was the diversion of the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Brown left for Detroit, Michigan, for a two weeks trip. They will make their home with the bride-groom's parents, on avenue B, Weirton.

**Mary Barbush Weds Gust Brown**  
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Interviewed: James Barkley II

Interviewer: Pam Lashorn

"My father was born in Scotland. He immigrated here in 1888 at the age of 25. His parents were dead. He came here to get rid of bad memories, and for the great opportunities this country was supposed to have.

"His port of entry was New York. From New York he moved to Pittsburgh, where he resided for a short while. After moving from Pittsburgh, he moved to Hanlin Station.

"When he was in Scotland he had many odd jobs, but when he moved to Hanlin Station Road, he acquired his first steady important job. He was a horse trainer on Shaw Hill on Hanlin Station Road. His next occupation was an advancement. He became a lamplighter for the Pennsylvania Railroad.

"His job was hazardous at times when the weather was bad, but being that the job was close and he wasn't away for great periods at a time, he worked for the railroad the rest of his life, in spite of the hazards.

"My mother was born in Ireland. She immigrated here with her parents in the year 1900. She was only 17.

"My parents met and were married here in the United States. They lived on Hanlin Station Road with my five sisters, three brothers and me. Later my father passed away, but my mother didn't have it hard because my brother Eddie and I provided for her. My father's pride and joy was his family."

**James Barkley II**  
**Interviewed as Problems of Democracy class project**  
**October 1975**

Interviewed: James Barkley, Jr.

Interviewer: Melinda Barkley

"When my father James Barkley, Sr. was 25 years old it was just the beginning of his life. This is how old he was when he made the long journey to "The Land of Opportunity" which is the United States. He came from the old country of Scotland. It was a long and lonely journey for him because he came alone, his family being all dead. All were gone except one brother who stayed behind to keep up farming.

"He settled in the Pittsburgh area until his new job brought him to Burgettstown. He was to be a horse trainer. His landing point was Hanlin Station. But this job didn't satisfy him for long. He went on to bigger and better jobs.

"Then his life changed again. He met Mary Catherine Eyart, an immigrant from Ireland. Her trip to the United States wasn't as treacherous. She came with her family. It wasn't long before they got married, and then came the first child. Not long after, James Barkley, Sr. got his permanent job with the Pa. Railroad.

"This is a little part of his short life in the Burgettstown area. Every Saturday my dad traveled to Pittsburgh for groceries and necessities. He would get up early around six o'clock and would not return until 12 that night. He went by way of train. He would catch it at the station in Hanlin Station.

"Also on Saturdays, a peddler came around to the towns selling coffee. Another would be selling meats. The kids nicknamed the old meat peddler "Tony Bologna." My family would usually buy veal pockets and liver pudding, which was our Sunday dinner and breakfast. We had this every Sunday; it was a custom. My mother would do very much baking on Sundays, and the meal was big.

"Most everyone around Hanlin Station had cattle, a garden and pigs. The gardens were usually in the back yard enclosed in a fence to keep rabbits and other pests out. The usual crops were carrots, cabbage, lettuce, tomatoes, potatoes and corn. My mother would put up cans of tomatoes and fruits. They were usually kept in a cave that was dug out from the side of a hill. It was dark and cool in there.

"Our family usually had about 13 acres of pasture and graze land for cattle. The cattle were kept mainly for dairy products and not for butchering. There wasn't enough room for beef cattle, and the dairy cows proved more profitable.

"What we did butcher were the pigs. The best time for butchering is late fall or early winter. The meat will not be apt to spoil as fast and wouldn't smell as bad. The pigs were fed a mixture of corn or slop made up of the scraps from the table. In our house the dogs were jealous of the pigs because they got the scraps from the table, but when the dogs saw what happened to the pigs I guess they were glad. The pigs were also fed middlings (a mixture of water and a special formula).

"Butchering was mainly the men's job. The women made sure they had a giant feast waiting for them when they were finished. The men killed the pigs and boiled water and made the fire in which to boil the water. The water was used to take the hair off of the pig's skin. The men cut the pig into different portions and hung them up in white feed sacks on a big hook in the smoke house. The women did make sausage. They either salted it or smoked it to preserve it.

"I don't think butchering is gone forever. I agree it went out of style, but now with the high meat prices, it's coming back into style. The industries didn't help any. When they came many farmers went to work in them and forgot about butchering and raising hogs. Industries took up much of the land also.

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Our holidays were all special, but I guess the most looked forward to was Easter. The entire family went to church together, and it was a day of rebirth. Many of the men worked the whole week and they really enjoyed Sundays.

"Christmas ranked second to Easter. There was one custom we had in our family, and if any of us broke it, we would have been broken. We never left the Christ out of Christmas, and instead write Xmas. That was a strict rule in our house. Then there is the chore of going out into the woods and chopping down the family Christmas tree. You weren't entitled to a big tree until your first child was born. Until it is born, you must have a small tree.

"The women and children strung popcorn and hung the decorations that were passed down from generation to generation in the Irish family. And to this day we still use them.

"The children were busy with plays in Sunday School and decorating the tree. And the little kids (like me) always managed to get in the way.

"Another holiday that I especially looked forward to was Halloween. We didn't go door to door and get candy but we did visit several houses loaded with tomatoes and eggs. But my father was very strict, and if we ever were destructive or broke anything, that was probably the last Halloween we would ever see.

"I started working at 13 so I thought I deserved some fun. And Halloween was the time I got it."

Interviewed: Mary Bartoletti

Interviewer: Ted Culley

Evelyn Zambell came from Italy in May of 1907. Mary Bartoletti explained to me many of the different customs her mother has told her about. The Christmas holiday is celebrated in Italy on Christmas Eve. A lot of different fish are served along with baked goods and vegetables. Many friends and relatives get together for the Christmas holiday.

All the women of Italy sew their own clothes. They also did a lot of embroidery. The women worked hard in the fields or big gardens because most of their living was off the land. They made their own wine by getting into a huge tub of grapes and smashing them with their feet. (Of course their feet were cleaned.)

Women got married at a very early age. They had to ask their parents' permission. A lot of weddings were already arranged by their parents. The reception lasted for a couple of days. They served a lot of food of different kinds, and there was a lot of dancing.

Another Italian custom is the christening celebrations. When a child is christened, a big party for the godmother and godfather is held. Friends and relatives are invited to the party. They bring gifts of money. The godmother and godfather were really important, more than today. The gifts of money were pinned on the baby. This was money for the child when it got older.

Mary Bartoletti also told me a story about her mother when she was born. The title of the story is "Jenny".

Jenny lived in a small town in Italy with her husband and son Nickolas.

She had just had a miscarriage and was unhappy about losing the baby. In fact it was her fifth miscarriage.

There was an orphans' home near her home, and since she had a lot of milk they let her feed a little baby. The baby was beautiful, so Jenny and her family fell in love with her. The baby was born of wealthy parents; the mother of the baby was very wealthy and her dad was a doctor.

The baby's mother got in trouble, and her parents put her in a convent. She was very unhappy. She wasn't married, and they wouldn't let her marry.

So that's how Jenny took care of baby Evelyn. In the meantime they had applied for a passport to go to America. Finally they heard that everything was fine and they could leave. Jenny and her family were frantic about Evelyn and hated to leave her. She was like her own, nursing her and taking care of her.

So they decided to take Evelyn with them. It was a great risk, but they decided to do it.

They took a boat to America and never notified the orphans' home. They had a good arrival to America. Moving to a small town, they proceeded to live happily ever after. But somehow they were traced to America. The couple in Italy had run away together and married. They wanted their baby.

**Mary Bartoletti**

**Interviewed as Problems of Democracy class project**

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So Jenny and her husband kept moving so they wouldn't be traced. They were very lucky because the parents never did find Evelyn. But poor Evelyn, although she was given very good care, would never know her real parents.

When she grew up she found out and decided to try to find her mother and dad. Never finding her real parents, Evelyn married and had three lovely children--Mary, Larry and John Lauro. Her husband was Frank Lauro of Washington, Pa.

At the age of 31, Evelyn died of cancer, never knowing her real parents.

# Post office proposal headed to Trump's desk

A proposal to name the Canonsburg post office in memory of a slain borough police officer is headed to the president's desk for his signature.

The House of Representatives this week approved the measure, which would name the U.S. Post Office on West Pike Street in Canonsburg the "Police Officer Scott Bashioum Post Office Building."

The members of Pennsylvania Senate delegation – Democrat Bob Casey and Republican Pat Toomey – introduced the bill last year. President Trump is expected to sign the bill.

The seven-year veteran of the department was killed while responding to a domestic violence call on Nov. 10, 2016.

Bashioum, 52, died less than an hour after Michael



Officer Scott Bashioum

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Cwiklinski shot him from a house on Woodcrest Drive. Cwiklinski, 47, ambushed Bashioum and other officers as they answered an early morning report of a disturbance at the home, also wounding Bashioum's colleague, James Saieva.

Cwiklinski also killed his estranged wife, 28-year-old Dalia Sabae, during the chain of events that ended with Cwiklinski fatally shooting himself.

Sabae was three months pregnant.

Bashioum was assistant chief of Slovan Fire Department. He'd previously retired as a senior master sergeant after spending 29 years in the U.S. Air Force.

The former Central Avenue Bridge in Canonsburg was renamed in Bashioum's honor on the one-year anniversary of his death.

**Officer Scott Bashioum  
Post Office proposal headed to Trump's Desk**

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# Police officer to ride bicycle in Bashioum's memory

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For the last six years, former Hanover Township police Officer Shawn McMinn has pedaled hundreds of miles in honor of fallen comrades.

This year will be no different for McMinn, now a member of the Aspinwall police department in Allegheny County, when he takes to the road to honor the memory of fallen Canonsburg police Officer Scott Bashioum, who was killed Nov. 10 while responding to a domestic call in the borough. He also will be riding in memory of K-9 Aren of the Port Authority of Allegheny County police, who was stabbed during an incident in January 2016.

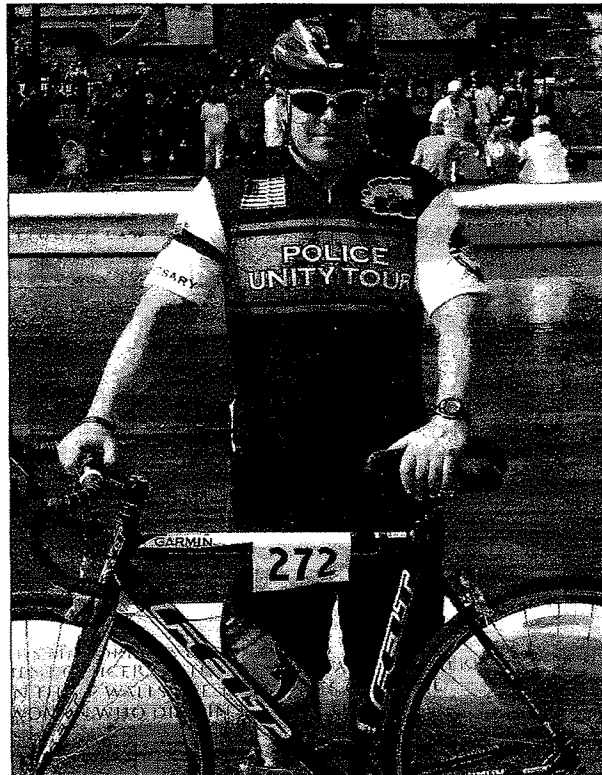
McMinn will be part of the Police Unity Tour, a four-day, 320-mile ride from East Hanover, N.J., to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., arriving May 12 as part as National Police Week. The ride is a fundraising effort for the memorial.

The unity tour was organized 20 years ago by a New Jersey police officer and has several chapters across the country. McMinn is a member of Chapter 1. Each chapter starts from a different location, but all end at the memorial.

"I ride in honor of officers who have been killed in the line of duty in this area," McMinn said. "I feel that they gave up their lives, it is the least I can do. By riding, I am able to keep their memories for their families and friends they left behind."

The ride has been rough at times over the years.

"The first year I rode, there were 35-mile per hour winds and pouring rain," McMinn said. "We are all supposed to average about 7 miles an



Aspinwall police Officer Shawn McMinn will be riding his bicycle in the Police Unity Tour in honor of fallen Canonsburg police Officer Scott Bashioum and Allegheny County Port Authority K-9 Officer Aren.

hour, but I think we were going about 2 miles an hour."

McMinn said he is required to raise \$1,850 in sponsorships to participate in the tour. He added that almost \$16 million has been raised and donated to the memorial.

Donations can be made by going to [www.policeunitytour.com](http://www.policeunitytour.com),

clicking on the "sponsor a member" tab and typing Shawn McMinn. Checks or money orders can be made out to Police Unity Tour and mailed to Aspinwall Police Department, Attn.: Officer Shawn McMinn, 217 Commonwealth Ave., Aspinwall, PA 15215. Donations must be received by May 1.

## **John Bates 84, Celebrates Birthday**

Mr. and Mrs. Orlan Miller of Hanlin Station entertained with a birthday dinner Sunday in honor of the latter's father John Bates who was 84 years old April 9.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bates and son of Hickory, Mr. and Mrs. James Wade and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wade and children, and Lindsay Wade all of Bergholz, O., Mrs. Halford Sutton and son of Richmond, O., Mrs. John Steele and son of Steubenville, O., Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Bedillion and son of Hickory, Mr. and Mrs. James Nunn and son of Langeloth and Mr. and Mrs. Orlan Miller and family.

Ernestine and Dessie Mae Wade, six year old great grandchildren of Mr. Bates, sang "Happy Birthday".



# Memories are all that remain for children

By Liza Northrop  
For The Enterprise

## Both parents lost in two-year span

Fleeting memories and pictures. Those are all two young boys have as reminders of their parents.

Doug Baumgardner 5, and his brother, Joshua, 2, lost their mother, Mary Baumgardner, when she died of heart problems three months after Joshua was born in 1990.

Early Saturday morning, June 27, their father, Doug Baumgardner Sr., 32, was killed when he was struck by a car while walking along a road in Indiana County.

"I promised Dougie I would take him to the cemetery," Baumgardner's half-brother, Mark Dorsey, said. "He's a smart kid, quick. We went up there and sat beside his parents' graves. He asked a lot of questions, and I tried to answer them. And he kept asking, 'Why?'"

"I just wanted to make sure Dougie understood. I didn't want to say, 'Daddy's up in the sky,' making him think he could get on an airplane and be with him. He knows his daddy isn't coming home."

After their mother died, Baumgardner and his sons had been living with his mother, Betty Dorsey Baumgardner, on Hall Avenue in Washington.

In the aftermath of Baumgardner's death in a hit-and-run accident, the children have come to live with Dorsey, his wife, Deb, and their two children, Trina, 12, and Justin, 6, in Avella. And, despite the chaos and cramped quarters, that's where they'll stay.

"He was my half-brother, but we never distinguished that," Dorsey said Tuesday, the day after Doug was buried in Washington Cemetery. "We were very close.

"Doug wanted Deb and I to raise the kids, so we're going to do that. I'm still beside myself wondering how we're going to do it."

"I don't think there was any question whether we would take them or not," said Deb Dorsey. "I think we're just scared."

Baumgardner was just beginning to get his life in order when he was killed. After being laid off from a job at the Millcraft Center, he began working at the CrossRoads Food Mart on Murtland Avenue. There he got to know several Washington County sheriff's deputies. Soon thereafter, he was working part-time as a sheriff's deputy, but he was laid off in December.

"He was a super guy and a model employee," Chief Deputy Sheriff Sam Seccret said. "It was a tragedy

this occurred."

Baumgardner recently began working as a dispatcher for Intergovernmental Communications Organization and also worked as a security guard at Star Lake Amphitheater.

He had decided to become a police officer and was scheduled to graduate from the Municipal Police Training Academy in November.

"He took an interest in law enforcement," Dorsey said. "He was halfway there. All he did was work and be with his children."

Baumgardner was taking law enforcement courses at Carnegie Mellon University. Classes not available through CMU were offered on weekends at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. That's where Baumgardner was when he was killed.

He was struck from behind as he

walked on the side of a four-lane highway. The vehicle that killed him never stopped, and state police there have no clue as to the driver's identity.

Dorsey, who is police chief of McDonald Borough, will be going to Indiana to look at the police reports and try to answer some of his own questions.

The coroner's report showed Baumgardner suffered a fractured shoulder, legs and skull. Dorsey also has learned that his brother was struck high on his body, near the buttocks area. From that, he said, police are concluding it was an older-model car. Dorsey thinks the vehicle could have been a truck.

"It was foggy. The trooper said you could only see maybe two car-lengths in front of you," Dorsey said. "But when you hit something, you're going to stop. This person knows he hit my brother."

Because he was working only part-time and attending classes, Baumgardner had no savings or life

insurance when he died. Although the children now have medical coverage from public assistance and will receive Social Security survivor benefits, there's not much else.

Fund-raising efforts are under way to help with expenses and the costs of raising the children. Serving on a committee to coordinate the project will be Seccret, his wife, Kym, Harold Purdy, Richard Schmac, Lyman Bellaire, Tim and Sherrie Nease, Washington County Sheriff James (Fuzzy) Fazzoni and Dave Richards.

A benefit dance will be held Aug. 29 at the McDonald Fire Hall. A golf tournament also may be planned.

A special savings account has been established at Washington Federal Savings Bank. Anyone wishing to donate can send checks, payable to Baumgardner Memorial Fund, to Box 1192, McMurray, PA 15317.

Memories are all that Remain for Baumgardner Children  
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## Steamboat 'Round the Bend

By James F. Mullooly

By JAMES F. MULLOOLY

Florence, Pennsylvania, was once known as "Briceland's Cross-Roads", and is the oldest village in that portion of Washington County. James Briceland, who afterwards kept the recently razed stage-stop in Washington, Pa., known as the Auld House, was one of the founders of present day Florence. Thus for many years it was known by the name of its early resident.

"Briceland's Cross-Roads" was once an important village before the coming of the Panhandle Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad in the southern portion of Hanover Township. Located at the junction of the Pittsburgh - Steubenville turnpike and the Washington-Georgetown road, the "Cross-Roads", or Florence was a teeming community in the days of the stage-coach. At one time it had a newspaper, an academy, a female seminary, a tavern, an annual fair and many business houses.

The Florence Academy was opened in 1832 by a Robert Fulton, and the rural Female Seminary welcomed young ladies of the section for the first time in 1835. Headmistress Mrs. Paull and a Miss Cutter were the first faculty members.

A small newspaper called the Florence Enterprise was published in the year 1845, and an Agricultural Society was formed to promote exhibitions in 1858.

As mentioned previously, the entrance of the Iron Horse into the lower portion of the area changed the picture mightily where Florence was concerned. Today it is a rather meek and unpretentious hamlet compared to its pre-Civil War status.

The historic and quaint Cross-Road's Presbyterian Church is located at Florence. It was organized originally at King's Creek, in 1786, but the location was changed to its present site just west of the signal light on Route 22, in the year 1798.

Among early pastors were the



### PISTOL BALL MARKS—

The headstone of Captain John Bavington in Cross-Roads Church cemetery at Florence still retains evidence of a duelist's skill. In the upper right hand corner can be seen the two pistol ball marks that struck it in 1811.

Ens. Richard L. Hobbs

well-known Elisha McCurdy, who was installed in June of 1800, the Rev. Daniel Deruelle in 1836, Rev. William Burton in 1838 and many other active ministers who helped guide the spiritual welfare of the bustling cross-roads community before its decline.

On August 11, 1811, in the city of Pittsburgh, two officers had a dispute, and they resolved to settle their troubles by fighting a duel (it was the fashion at that time). It was planned that the contest should take place in the then state of Virginia, now West Virginia.

One of the parties had traveled ahead of the other on the old Pittsburgh - Steubenville pike, and had gotten as far as Briceland's Cross-Roads during

the first day on the road.

Early the next morning, the officer arose and decided to practice a bit in the churchyard of the Presbyterian Church. One or two of the shots struck the headstone of Captain John Bavington, a Revolutionary War veteran, and the two indentations can be seen to this day.

That same day his antagonist left Pittsburgh, but when he got as far as the old North Star hotel, he was thrown from the sulky he was riding in, and had his leg broken. The crippled officer was taken back on a litter to Pittsburgh and the duel was called off.

As for the headstone of Captain Bavington, it's still there today to verify the story. . . On June 20, 1810, Captain John Bavington had attempted to cross the Ohio River at Kelley's mouth of Harman's Creek) with a wagon loaded with whiskey and flour, along with four horses.

Suddenly, when halfway across, by the action of the stamping of the horses hooves, one of the floor boards came loose, the boat filled with water and sank. And Captain Bavington, after braving the rigors of the American Revolution, met a water death in company with the ferry man.

When the bodies were found, Captain Bavington had his whip firmly grasped in his hand. A determined soldier to the end. The depth of the Ohio at this point did not cover the bows of his wagon.

Altho' the church building itself recently burned, the visitor to the Florence area will find the historic markers of the Cross-Roads cemetery extremely interesting. And if you look deep enough into the sod below the headstone of Captain Bavington, you just MIGHT find the misshapened lead balls that indented the upright plate.

**Florence, Pa was once Known as Briceland's Cross Roads**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



"GENTLE SPRING."

Under the above caption the Toronto Commercial publishes a "spring" poem by our fellow townsman, William C. Bavington. "Billy" evidently thinks the weather man is not doing the proper thing by us.

The snow has vanished from the hills,  
The water murmurs in the rills,  
The bluebird pipes his sweetest note,  
The robin tries to split his throat,  
And "Weary Waggles" heaves a sigh,  
And treads once more the railroad tie.  
The fisherman recounts his lies;  
Medicine men all advertise,  
"For that tired feeling take our pills,  
You'll be relieved of all your ills."  
Down in the swamp the bullfrog croaks.  
The papers print Spring poem jokes,  
The wife, in abbreviated skirt,  
Attacks the winter's gathered dirt.  
Leafers desert their winter lair  
To sniff the warm and balmy air.  
The caw of crows falls on the ear  
To tell us Spring again is here.  
So with contentment full and deep  
We hie us to our beds and sleep,  
To dream of sun and balmy air,  
And wake to "cuss," and tear our hair,  
For on the morn a blizzard blows,  
And all that day it snows, and snows;  
The mercury drops out of sight,  
And lowering clouds make day like night.  
With streaming eyes, and ditto nose  
We swear at frosted ears and toes.  
And then we hear a rancorous sound  
That wells up from beneath the ground,  
Where, safely housed beside his mate,  
We hear the groundhog cachinnate,  
And chatter, with derisive glee,  
"Great Gosh! What fools these mortals be;  
They pin their faith to birds and sun,  
And think that winter's race is run.  
But I'm the only real thing  
And when I'm ready, we'll have spring.  
Kicking will be of no avail  
For I am mighty and must prevail."

W. C. BAVINGTON,  
Burgettstown, Pa.

Poem by  
William C. Bavington

## Awarded Diplomas From Valley Hospital



JUDY ANN BEE

Judy Ann Bee and Betty Mae Gallo were awarded diplomas from the Ohio Valley Hospital School of Nursing at graduation ceremonies held September 9 at Harding School, Steubenville, Ohio.

Miss Bee, a graduate of Weirton high school, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin A. Bee, of R.D.1, Burgettstown. Miss Bee was a member of the Student Chorus for three years, a member of the basketball team, secretary of her freshman class and president of her senior class. She has accepted an



BETTY MAE GALLO

appointment as a staff nurse at the Ohio Valley Hospital in the operating room.

Miss Gallo, a graduate of Union high school, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arduin L. Gallo, of R.D.2, Burgettstown. She was a member of the Student Chorus for two years, treasurer of her freshman class, president of her junior class and treasurer of the student body in her senior year. She has accepted an appointment as a staff nurse on Third Women's Department of the Ohio Valley hospital.

**Judy Ann Bee and Betty Mae Gallo Awarded Diplomas  
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 16, 1964 Edition**



## "Butchie" Bell Is Home For Thanksgiving After 23 Hours In Avella Wooded Section

An Avella mother and father have something very big to be thankful for this Thanksgiving season. They are George Bell, a Follansbee mill worker and his wife, 22 year old Betty May Bell. Their small two year old son George "Butchie" Bell has been returned to them after being lost in the wooded area adjacent Avella for 23 hours over last week end. Two hundred residents of the Avella community joined in the search for him after he strayed from his home on Saturday afternoon. He was found about one mile from his home Sunday afternoon, almost none the worse for his exposure, except for scratches about the face and body. He was taken immediately to the Washington hospital, where his condition is reported as good, and indications are that he will be back home to eat his Thanksgiving dinner.

The boy was discovered by Norman Williams, a 21 year old steel worker and the father of a 14 months old child himself, and his nephew James Raineri, who had started out by themselves, when they heard additional volunteers were needed to continue the search.

Climbing a hill near the old P.W. Coal mine and the mine washer, they saw something white in the distance. Clashing through a dense thicket they discovered "Butchie" sitting in the mud, whimpering from the cold. The child was clad only in a thin t-shirt and over-alls. Quickly they stripped off their jackets, wrapped the tot in them and soothed him with the promises of "mommy" and home. As they descended the hill, a posse nearby saw them and spread the word back in the village. The siren was sounded and men and young boys who had been searching the area were called in.

The search for the tow-headed blue-eyed youngster began shortly after noon Saturday when his mother first missed him. Mrs. Bell relates that Butchie had gone to the yard to feed the turkey being fattened up for the Thanksgiving Day dinner. He was accompanied by his little brown dog. When the tot did not return Mrs. Bell searched the neighborhood and by 2 o'clock, asked the assistance of the Avella Volunteer Fire Department. "Butchie's" pet dog, "Brownie", returned alone at 3 p. m.

Steve Gianotto, fire chief, got up a posse of firemen and citizens and began searching the section near the Bell home. Soon others joined the group, including volunteers from the West Middletown and Hill Station Fire Companies. By evening the State Police sent a detail of men to Avella, and continued sending troopers throughout the night. The posse tramped the woods until 5 a.m.

The lad's father and grandfather James Bell, and a few friends never ceased in their search until he was found.

Members of the posses, going home for a rest, resumed the search early Sunday morning and others joined.

Women volunteers were at the fire department hall to prepare hot coffee and lunch for the men participating in the search.

Mrs. Bell, who is expecting a child in May, collapsed after the boy was placed in her arms, and was given sedatives by a physician.

The boy's father recalled that little "Butchie" had suffered pneumonia seven times previously, but as he clasped his still-shivering son, the youngster seemed little the worse for his harrowing experience. Where the child was those 23 hours and through what woods and thickets he had wandered may never be learned, but the Avella community was once again peaceful after many anxious hours.

**"Butchie" Bell is Home for Thanksgiving  
After 23 Hours in Avella Wooded Section**

**Burgettstown Enterprise-November 27, 1952 Edition**

#### SUES TO RECOVER

A suit to recover more than \$2,500 for the alleged death of her husband, Ralph H. Bell, who, it is claimed, was killed while a passenger in the defendant's car, has been filed by Helen W. Bell, Burgettstown, against William Craig, Burgettstown. The alleged accident occurred about 12:50 a.m., May 29, 1952, on Route 22, between Florence and Paris, Hanover township. The complaint sets forth that Bell was a guest in Craig's car and they were on their way to Steubenville, Ohio. It is stated that about six miles west of Florence the car upset and Bell was fatally injured. Mrs. Bell also brings another suit as executrix of her husband's estate to recover more than \$2,500.

**Helen W. Bell Sues to Recover**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-April 9, 1953 Edition**



### JOE BELLA

Joe Bella came to the United States from near Turin, Italy, in 1907. He returned to Europe for his bride, bringing her back to the States before 1913. The couple soon had a daughter, Ada. The Bellas lived in an upstairs apartment of the bakery building near Rottas on Main Street, but after a fire that demolished all their possessions, they purchased a store and residence combined in a building which many years before had been the Methodist Church. It stood on the site of the present Super Dollar. There Joe began his patient waiting on school children. In 1923, he bought a house across the street, tore off the porch and added the long restaurant where he and Rena continued as proprietors until 1942. At that point, their daughter, Ada, was educated and had married Clair Martin so the couple moved to a new home on Route 22. But retirement was not for them, so Joe built a diner on the highway where they could meet people and keep busy. They did so until 1957 when Joe passed away.

Years went by and Rena grew feeble. She entered the Weirton Convalescent Home where she still is today.

Clair and Ada live in River Vale, New Jersey. Their two surviving sons are married, and the Martins have three grandchildren.

## Joe Bella

Burgettstown Enterprise-Centennial Edition, May 20, 1981 Edition



# Memories of Army friend brought back yearly

## Annual visit to cemetery honors his comrade

By Judy Chestnutt  
The Record-Enterprise

It's a warm, spring day and George Bennett stands on top of the green, rolling hill with the sun beating down on him.

As he has done each year since 1946 around Memorial Day, the 82-year-old man has traveled from Greensburg to Robinson Run Cemetery in Sturgeon.

He goes to the gray granite stone that bears the name Steve Bawolak.

He brushes off the dirt, pulls a few weeds and pauses.

Memories.

The year was 1943.

Bennett and Bawolak had been drafted into the World War II battle. Although they were both from McDonald, neither knew the other until being inducted into the U.S. Army in October of that year.

By November, they were shipped out of Canonsburg to Fort Meade, Md. They were both sent to Fort Knox, Ky. for basic training and then to Fort Ord, Calif., where they were assigned to the 727th Amphibian Tractor Battalion.

The pair became inseparable.

"During these programs, Steve and I were always assigned to the same companies, same barracks," Bennett said. "Where one was, the other was there. We had leaves together, and we were always in one another's company."

When they would come home, Bawolak would visit his wife, now Gladys Zombeck, and Bennett would



GEORGE BENNETT VISITS the Robinson Run Cemetery grave of his Army buddy.

visit his first wife, Aileen.

After a furlough to visit their hometown, the pair was ordered to New Guinea, where they shared the same tent.

"That was just the Army way of doing things," Bennett said. "His name started with B and so did mine. I guess that's why we were always paired together."

A short time later, the battalion was reorganized and the pair was split.

Bennett, who was 28 at the time, was assigned to Company B.

Bawolak, a few years younger, was assigned to Company A.

Bawolak was ordered to combat duty in the Invasion of Leyte, Philippine

Islands.

Meanwhile, Bennett was assigned to the Invasion of Luzon, also in the Philippines.

It was Christmas Day, 1944.

After securing the area, Bawolak, with a group from his battalion, decided to attend Christmas services in the next town.

"While going around the end of the airport on a LVT landing craft, one of our dive bombers was taking off and could not get up high enough to clear the LTV," Bennett said. "Steve and four others were killed."

He was 26.

Bennett didn't learn of the tragic news about his friend until the compa-

nies joined after the Invasion of Luzon.

"I was very shocked because he was such a close friend," Bennett said.

Bawolak's wife, Gladys, didn't receive word of her husband's death until that January.

When hearing the news, she immediately remembered her husband's last Christmas present to her.

"He died on Christmas day," she said. "For Christmas, he sent me a dozen red roses. But there were 13 in there. Ever since then, I've been a little leery of 13."

When Bennett was discharged in 1946, Bawolak's wife brought the body home for burial. Bennett served as an Honor Guard and pall bearer at the funeral conducted by the American Legion Post 485 from McDonald.

"Steve served his country and gave his life to preserve our freedoms," Bennett said. "He has probably been forgotten by all but a few of us - Gladys and I."

Gladys had only been married to Bawolak for two years when he died. Those two years were full of tragedy.

The couple's son, Steve, died within a week of his birth. Bawolak died the next year.

Bawolak was the last of his family. Gladys re-married seven years after his death. Her second husband, Henry Zombeck, was also a WW II veteran. He was on the same island when Bawolak was killed.

"I always think about it on Memorial Day," Gladys said.

For the past 14 years, surviving members of the 727th Amphibian Tractor Battalion have gathered for a reunion to share memories and comradeship. The most recent was hosted by Bennett and his second wife, Alice, in Greensburg, where Bennett now lives.

"Along with the entertainment, we devoted one complete afternoon to remembering those members we lost in



Steve Bawolak

combat and those who have passed away during the last 52 years," he said. "It is our desire to always remember our fallen comrades until the end of time."

Approximately 55 years after they first met, Bennett can still recall the day before he and Bawolak left for basic training.

The two decided to make their rounds to the merchants in town, Bennett said. As they were going around town, Bennett noticed something odd.

"I always said so long, but Steve said good-bye," Bennett said. "I said, 'Steve, why are you saying good-bye? I'm coming back.' Steve said, 'I'll never be back.'"

Memories of Army friend, Steve Bawolak Brought back Yearly by George Bennett  
The Record-Enterprise-May 20, 1998 Edition



## Bernard - 100 years

Edith Bernard of Hickory will celebrate her 100th birthday with a family dinner and card shower.

She was born May 5, 1916, in Chartiers Township.

On August 18, 1934, in Wellsburg, W.Va., she married Louis Bernard, who died April 23, 2003.

Her children are Carol (the late Ken) Cox of Eighty Four and the late John Bernard. Surviving is her daughter-in-law, Priscilla.

Her grandchildren are Michael Bernard, Michelle Helfer and Eric and Jeff Cox.

She has six great-grandchildren.



Mrs. Bernard is a member of St. Patrick's Church and Chartiers-Houston Senior Citizens. She enjoys playing bingo.

**Edith Bernard Celebrates 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
**Observer-Reporter-May 3, 2016 Edition**

## **Berresford Reunion**

The Berresford reunion was held Sunday, July 15, at Burgettstown Community park. 81 members of the immediate family attended.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Max Berresford and children from Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Dora Allison and family, Mrs. Loretta Goodlin and family from Chester, W. Va.; Wayne Berresford and family, East Liverpool, Ohio; Clifford Berresford and family, New Wilmington, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Harris and family, Burgettstown, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Louer and family, Monaca, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Berresford and family, Harmony, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Arnot Berresford and family, Scotdale, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. William Nicholson Jr. and family, Wexford, Pa.; and Mr. and Mrs. Scott Berresford, Burgettstown, Pa.

The day was spent in playing horseshoes, swimming and other recreation. There were 10 of Mr. and Mrs. Berresfords, 11 children, 39 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren present. One daughter and her husband were away on vacation. Four other grandchildren were unable to attend.



### Ballerina Making Television Debut On W D T V Saturday

A childhood dream of enchanted fairyland and twinkling, dancing fairies are becoming a reality for little Lois Audrey Bert, toe and ballerina dancer, who appeared in a show for the Westinghouse picnic at Kennywood Park last summer. Audrey's dance, "Prelude To the Stars", is the theme-song for Studio One TV show.

The nine-year old fourth grader is the talented daughter of Wesley Bert, formerly of Raccoon, and the former Ethel Jackson of Sloan. Audrey has been taking dancing lessons for three years and has appeared in three dance recitals.

Interesting for all her friends to know is that Lois auditioned for the television program, "Happy's Party", which appears on WDTV Saturday mornings co-starring "Happy" and Ida Mae. Ida Mae notified Lois that her audition was successful and her appearance date with "Happy" was scheduled for Saturday's show, Dec. 6, at 10 a.m.

# High winds destroy Jefferson Twp. barn, shed

BY KATHIE O. WARCO  
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David Bertovich looked out the window of his home on Bethel Ridge Road in Jefferson Township at 7:50 p.m. Tuesday and watched as branches from pine trees blew past.

"Things just didn't look right," Bertovich said. "Within 15 or 20 seconds, the wind was done."

And so was a dairy barn near the home of his mother, Catherine Bertovich, on the other side of the road. It had stood on the family's 240-acre farm for about 160 years. Also swept away by the wind

was a shed on the property.

"It lifted the roof right off," Bertovich said. "Part of the barn came down in the middle of the road."

Bertovich's brother-in-law, Randy Wargo, said he looked out about the same time from his home down the road to see the cows in the field running away from the barn.

"When he saw them run, he knew something was up," Bertovich said. "Then he saw the barn blown apart by the wind."

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CELESTE VAN KIRK/OBSERVER-REPORTER

David Bertovich stands next to the family's barn that was destroyed by strong wind shortly before 8 p.m. Tuesday. A machine shed also was destroyed on Bethel Ridge Road near Avella.

## Winds

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Bertovich's wife, Linda, said she watched as the machine shed was destroyed.

"The lightning was so bad, it lit up the sky," she said.

David Bertovich said the destruction of the property was stressful for his mother. She and her late husband owned the farm for 60 years.

The barn, which had been used as part of his father's dairy operations, most recently housed machinery and hay. Bertovich said everything inside the structure

was intact. Linda Bertovich said the barn was well-maintained, recently getting a new roof, doors and paint.

While he is looking at a major cleanup, David Bertovich said he is just grateful no one was injured and their homes were not damaged. His mother told him the wind rattled the back door of her home.

Several large pine trees also were uprooted and others snapped off. A high-lift was brought in to remove the debris from the barn from the road and lift the fallen trees in the area.

Brady Mermon, who is a township supervisor as well as chief of Jefferson Volun-

teer Fire Department, said it took him 20 minutes to get to the fire station after the storm hit because he had to stop along the way to remove trees and other debris.

"I have been a firefighter for 49 years and never saw it like this," Mermon said. "For whatever reason, Bethel Ridge seemed to have gotten it the worst."

A roof built a month ago on a garage on Bethel Ridge also was blown off, Mermon said.

Mermon said firefighters checked all of the roads in the township to make sure they were passable before finishing up for the night.

"I've never seen it like this,"

he said Wednesday afternoon.

Lee Hendricks, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Pittsburgh, said the destruction of the barn resulted from a downburst, a localized area of damaging winds caused by air flowing out of a thunderstorm. He said the event was recorded at 8:05 p.m. in an area about two miles south of Eldersville and occurred as a line of squalls passed through the area in advance of a cold front. Another line of high winds blew through the area Wednesday morning as the cold front passed, and Hendricks said gusts as high as 52 mph were reported.



CELESTE VAN KIRK/OBSERVER-REPORTER

A barn was flattened by high winds Tuesday night along Bethel Ridge Road in Jefferson Township.

High winds destroy Bertovich barn and shed  
Observer-Reporter-April 5, 2018 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



## Abstracts of the Washington Reporter 1817-1820

### Monday, January 3, 1820

**1302.** A Valuable farm for sale. The subscribers offer for sale a farm situated in Smith's township, Washington county, on the forks of Raccoon creek, containing 340 acres, 95 cleared, 15 of which are good bottom meadow, 40 more may be made; on this farm there are two square log houses and a kitchen, two cabin houses, a large double barn, two large stables and shed, a still house, there are two orchards and two sugar camps, also several coal banks and stone quarries. The turnpike road leading from Pittsburgh to Steubenville Passes through it-it is an excellent stand for either a tavern or store. It is 22 miles from Pittsburgh, 22 from Beaver, 20 from Georgetown, 16 from Steubenville, 22 from Charleston, 20 from Washington, 18 from Canonsburgh, and 4 from Burgettstown. It is contiguous to several merchant mills, meeting houses, &c. the land is first quality and in point of situation is excelled by none. It will be sold low for cash. Any person wishing to purchase can know the terms by applying to the subscribers on the premises.

**/s/Henry & T. P. Bevington**

**THEODORE BIDDLE  
ELECTED DEAN OF  
8-13-42 MEN AT PITT**

Theodore W. Biddle, son of Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Biddle of Florence, has been elected Dean of Men of the University of Pittsburgh. He succeeds Dr. Vincent Lanfear, who a year ago was transferred to the head of the School of Administration.

Dean Biddle graduated at the University thirteen years ago with the degree of Bachelor of Science and later took the Master's degree. He at once was given a position in the Dean's office under Dr. Clothier. Three years later, Dr. Clothier was called to be President of Rutgers College and Biddle was named one of the assistant deans, with Mr. Lanfear as Dean. The past year Theodore has been acting dean. He is a member of the National Association of Deans and Advisors of Men, The Pittsburgh Personnel Association, The National Interfraternity Conference, Pi Kappa Alpha, Omicron Delta Kappa, Scabbard and Blade and Druids.

**Theodore Biddle Elected Dean of Men at Pitt  
Burgettstown Enterprise- August 13, 1942 Edition**



## MANAGER FOR CAP-GOWN SHOW

"Head Over Heels" is the subject of this year's Cap and Gown show of the University of Pittsburgh, which will be produced in the Nixon theatre the latter part of April.

Prominent in production affairs will be Theodore W. Biddle, son of Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Biddle of Florence. Mr. Biddle is graduate manager at the



**Theodore W. Biddle**

University and is supervising publication of the music for the 1941 show.

"Head Over Heels" with an all male cast, will be directed by Edward A. Morgan, theatrical entrepreneur of Springfield, Mass. Registration of students interested in cast and chorus parts for the show is nearing completion. A special "dancing class" to limber up prospective members of the boys' and "girls" choruses was initiated by Undergraduate Cap and Gown Seniors Ed Trembath and Martin Schlesinger.

**Theodore W. Biddle**  
**Manager for Cap-Gown Show**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-February 27, 1941 Edition**





## HERE AND THERE

Katherine Pyle 947-5600

# Local man's canteen found in Guam

Marie Malardie Bigger was surprised, to say the least, when she answered the telephone late one evening recently to learn that the call was coming from Guam. Neither Marie nor her husband, Thomas C. Bigger, who live near Murdocksville, knew anyone in Guam. But the caller identified herself as Frances L. Siguenza of the Veterans Affairs Office at Agana, Guam.

She was endeavoring to locate the next of kin, or a relative, of Clyde Bigger, a soldier from Burgettstown who was killed on the island of Guam during World War II over 50 years ago. Why was she interested? Because a surveying team working in the wild terrain at the base of Mt. Alifan in Guam had found a canteen with Clyde Bigger's name distinctly marked on its base. Perhaps a relative would be interested in having the canteen which, though somewhat rusty with age, was still very much intact.

The Veterans Affairs Department had searched the files and learned that Clyde Bigger had served with the Army's 77th Infantry Division attached to the 1st Provisional Marine Brigade and that he had landed at Agat, Guam, on July 21, 1944. Only about two weeks later he was killed on Aug. 3, 1944, at Mt. Barrigada, several miles distant from Mt. Alifan. How the canteen had got there "is anybody's guess," Ms. Siguenza said. It had been found by John Fulcher of Ridgeway, Va., who was on active duty with the Navy at the time the surveying team was at work.

Learning that Bigger's hometown was Burgettstown, Pennsylvania, Ms. Siguenza consulted the phone directory and found Tom Bigger's name.



**LOCAL FRIENDS PICTURED** in Florida: Raymond Riddile, Willard Allison and Clyde Bigger.

**Local Man's Canteen Found in Guam**  
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 22, 1995 Edition



He was able to tell her that he was a cousin of the late Clyde Bigger and that his (Tom's) aunts had resided across the street from Clyde Bigger's home when he lived in Burgettstown. Since the soldier had no surviving family, Tom explained, he would be interested in having the canteen.

~~It arrived at Tom Bigger's~~ Bulger address a week later together with a letter from Ms. Siguenza, maps of Guam showing where Pfc. Bigger had landed, been killed and where the canteen had been found. In the box was also a booklet about the 50th anniversary of Guam's liberation held in 1994.

As one fingers the canteen, which has a stopper that still screws into the neck of the bottle, one can only wonder if Bigger lost the canteen during a long trek through the jungle before reaching Mt. Barrigada. Or, when his body was retrieved, did someone carry the canteen back to Mt. Alifan? Whose lips last drank from the canteen? How could it possibly be in such good condition after lying for half a century in the thick vegetation of the island? These questions will forever be a mystery.

But much of Clyde Bigger's life is not a mystery. He was born Nov. 3, 1910, the son of Richard and Susan Burford Bigger. Richard Bigger died when Clyde was still young, and the boy and his mother are remembered as living together on South Main Street in the house now occupied by Dan Castellino. Mrs. Bigger was a nurse and Clyde was used to helping her at home. He attended Union High School in Burgettstown and graduated June 12, 1929. He was a blonde, fun loving fellow. He enjoyed playing basketball and tennis, and he and his cronies frequently "hung out together" at a little lunch room owned by the late Clarence and Anna Cowan near the intersection of Main and Church Streets. Clyde often did odd jobs for the Cowans. He worked for Jack Sloan at his service station on North Main Street, and he delivered parcel post in Burgettstown Borough for a time. He and Willard Allison were friends and made trips to Detroit, Florida and California together.

Clyde entered the Army March 27, 1942.

After his death on Guam in 1944, his body was interred on the island but, at his mother's request, it was sent home in 1948. Visitors were invited to view his casket at his home on Main Street, and a funeral service was then held on April 11, 1948, at the First United Presbyterian Church (now Westminster) with the Rev. Richard Sutton officiating. Clyde is buried in Robinson Church Cemetery. Pallbearers at his funeral included Jack Sloan, Willard Allison, Lee Robinson, Domenick Cody, Ed Wagner and Raymond Riddle. Business men and residents along Main Street kept flags at half mast at the time of the service. Mrs. Bigger, who was considered a Gold Star Mother, continued to keep a flag in her window for many years.





Log House of the Bigger Family



Stone Home of the Bigger Family

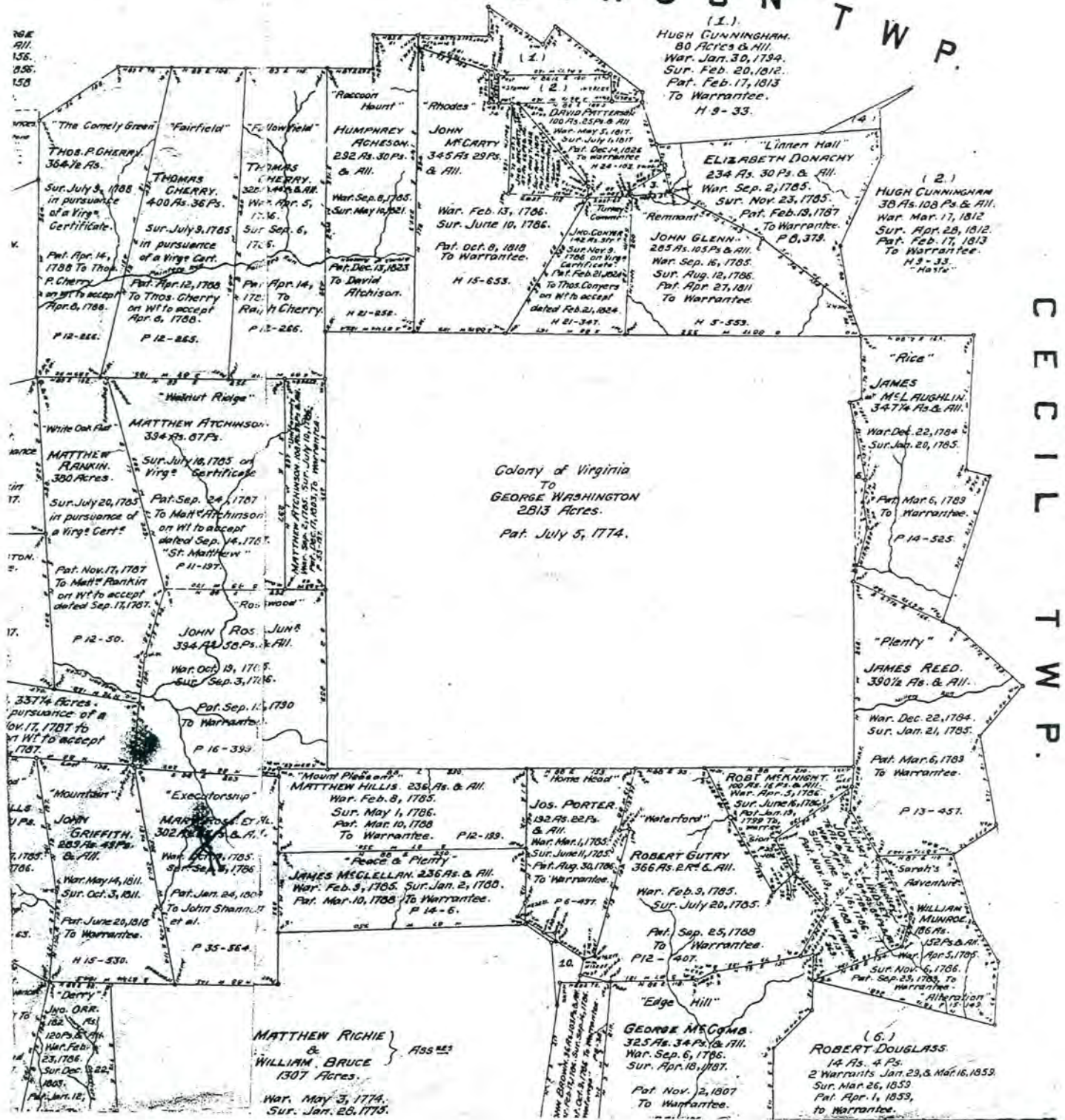
**Barn on the Bigger Farm**





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HUGH CUNNINGHAM.  
80 ACRES & ALL.  
War. Jan. 30, 1794.  
Sur. Feb. 20, 1812.  
Pat. Feb. 17, 1813  
To Warrantee.  
H 9-33.

(2.)  
HUGH CUNNINGHAM  
38 As. 108 Ps. & All.  
War. Mar. 17, 1812  
Sur. Apr. 28, 1812  
Pat. Feb. 17, 1813  
To Warrantee.  
H 9-33.  
"Hasty"

Colony of Virginia  
To  
GEORGE WASHINGTON  
2813 Acres.  
Pat. July 5, 1774.

"Rice"  
JAMES  
M'L RAUGHLIN  
347 1/4 As. & All.  
War. Dec. 22, 1784  
Sur. Jan. 20, 1785.  
Pat. Mar. 6, 1783  
To Warrantee.  
P 14-525.

"Plenty"  
JAMES REED.  
390 1/2 As. & All.  
War. Dec. 22, 1784.  
Sur. Jan. 21, 1785.  
Pat. Mar. 6, 1783  
To Warrantee.  
P 13-451.

MATTHEW RICHIE  
&  
WILLIAM BRUCE } Asses  
1307 Acres.  
War. May 3, 1774.  
Sur. Jan. 28, 1775.

(6.)  
ROBERT DOUGLASS.  
14 As. 4 Ps.  
2 Warrants Jan. 29, & Mar. 16, 1859.  
Pat. Apr. 1, 1859,  
to Warrantee.

**Bigger-Avery.**

Miss Ruth Elizabeth Bigger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac D. Bigger, and Charles Lynn Avery, both of Oakdale, were united in marriage at the home of the bride by the Rev. James E. Speer, pastor of the Oakdale United Presbyterian church, on Saturday afternoon, June 16, 1934. Following the ceremony and a luncheon the couple left for a Canadian trip. Upon their return they will reside at Oakdale. The bride was a graduate of the Florence high school and after attending Muskingum College was a teacher at Heidelberg several years.

**Ruth Elizabeth Bigger Weds Charles Lynn Avery  
June 16, 1934**



An elderly relative of Woodrow's said the McCauslands and others carried their long rifles to church and leaned them in the corner. Logs from this church, he said, were still in evidence about 1905.

The old burial ground is grown up in briars, weeds, and poison ivy and is among a grove of locust trees. It is northwest of Florence, west of Route 18. You drive north on Route 18 to the road that cuts off to the left at Grandview or old Florence Cemetery. The burial ground is about a half mile off a dirt road and across an open field.

I am forever grateful to Woodrow for leading me to the spot. When he noticed the Bilderback tombstone near McCausland's he decided to look for the name in the phone books and found George Bilderback listed in a Steubenville phone book. I was notified by Bilderback's son and got in touch with Woodrow for the visit to Mountaintee.

The will of Thomas Bilderback is on file in Washington County (Will Book 4, page 640). His death was reported in the Saturday, January 17, 1832, issue of the Western Telegraph and Washington (Pa.) Advertiser. The report said simply:

Died on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> ult. of the head pleurisy, Thomas Bilderback of Hanover Township at an advanced age.

The simple gray stone which marks his burial spot is still remarkably well preserved. It simply states:

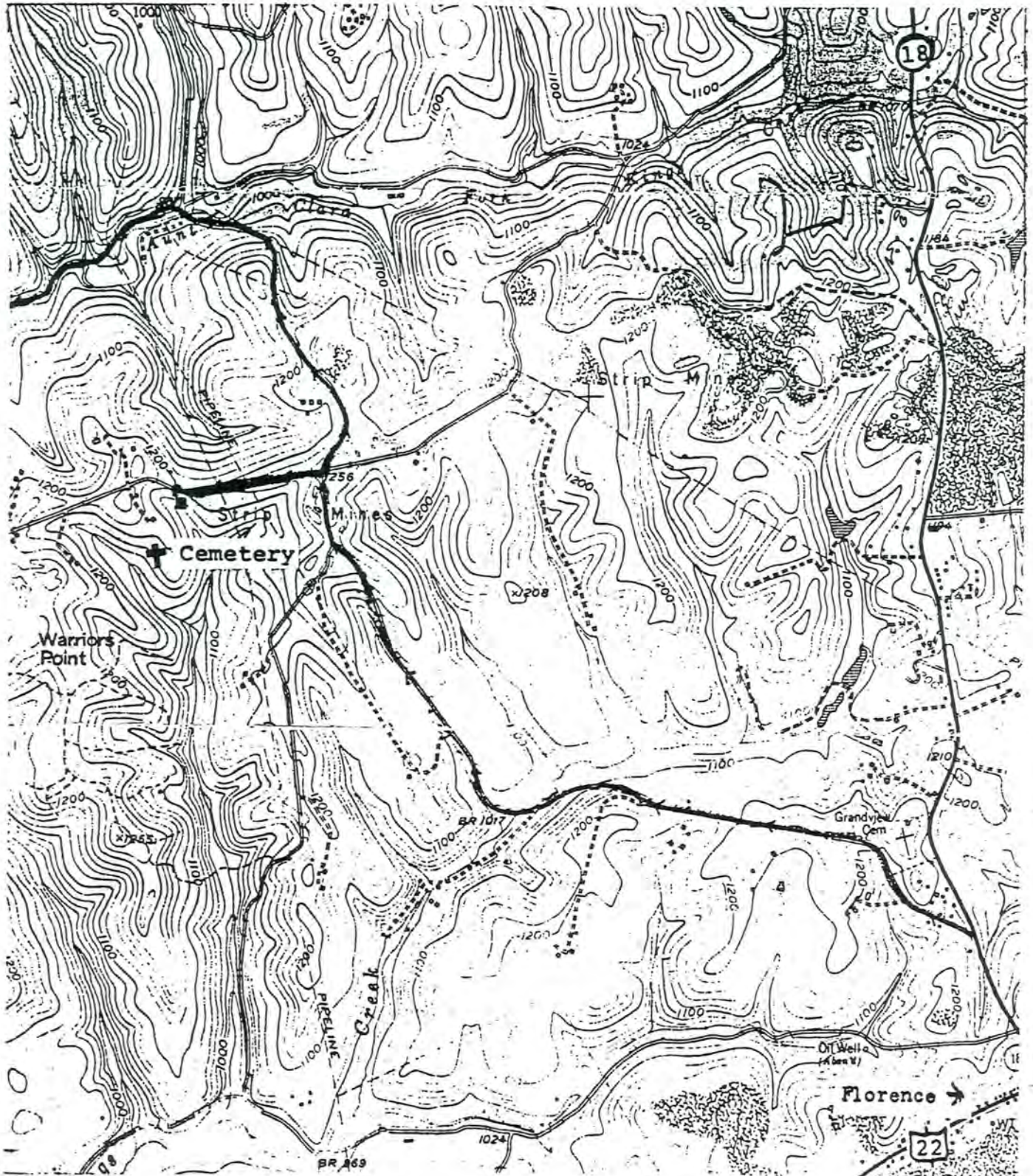
T Bilderback

Deceased

Dec th 30 A.D. 1831



But standing in front of the tombstone and reading those words provided me with a stirring moment. That is the lure of genealogy.







## Mrs. Marko Bingula 89 Years Old; Operates Store For 52 Years

Mrs. Marko Bingula, above, holds a flowering azalea she received in honor of her 89th birthday April 9. She has operated the "general store" in Erie Mine the past 52 years.

In the Erie Mine section of Burgettstown stands a gray weatherbeaten frame building, large and angular, resembling no known geometrical figure. Its few windows are covered with the same gray boards, with the only exposed panes on either side of the large gray door. It is the "general store" for folks of the area.

One needs only to climb the few wooden steps and enter the huge room to imagine himself in the generation of his grandfather. The room is lighted by a single 60-watt bulb, near the door, the illumination reaching only to the center of the great expanse of storeroom. The far end is in semi-darkness.

The countless shelves which line the walls from floor to ceiling are for the most part empty, mute evidence of the more prosperous days before the birth of the modern supermarket. A few shelves near the "counter" are stocked with scant supplies of canned goods, bread and other staples for the modern day table. Old fashioned glass candy cases still contain penny candy and nickel candy bars, as well as a few bags of potato chips.

A pot-bellied coal stove just inside the door serves as the heating plant. A large wooden barrel from which several brooms are protruding and a few rolls of asphalt roofing grace the center of the floor. Electric light cords dangle from the ceiling at spaced intervals the length of the structure, and with the exception of the 60-watt bulb, hold old time "tear-drop" type bulbs in their sockets.

The charming little lady in the "babushka" and sweater, who has operated the store for the past 52 years, is Mrs. Marko Bingula. Since 1910 she has waited on customers of Erie Mine, and has watched the children of three generations grow into man and womanhood. The eager youngsters who once pulled themselves up to their full height to point to a desired morsel of candy in the cases on the counter, now have grandchildren who follow in their footsteps.

Mrs. Bingula observed her 89th birthday Monday, April 9. She modestly relates that she has all her own teeth, has never worn glasses, hears well, and has never been sick a day in her life. She doesn't believe in doctors, having required the services of one only once, for an ulcer on her leg. Her faith in doctors was shaken for life when he accidentally gave her the wrong salve, causing a severe burning sensation, instead of the soothing preparation intended for the wound.

The store building was built by Mrs. Bingula's first husband Joseph Valek, who passed away in 1920. The first store was kept in their home across the road until the present building was completed. The upstairs rooms were used for the first Catholic church in Burgettstown. Downstairs in addition to the large store room is a huge stockroom containing the remnants of by-gone days. Included in the assortment of articles is a grindstone, numerous birdcages, copper boilers, lamp chimneys, kegs of nails, and antique pitchers and soap dishes. Until two weeks ago, the shelves in the store were stocked with such items as oil lamps and high button shoes. It was then that a collector from another state heard of the treasure and bought the whole lot.

Mrs. Bingula, a native of Czechoslovakia, married Mr. Bingula in 1923. She has no family and spends most of her time reading several newspapers. When asked why she has kept her store for such a long time, she answered, "Because I don't like to keep house."

**Mrs. Marko Bingula 89 Years Old; Operates Store for 52 Years**

**Burgettstown Enterprise-April 19, 1962 Edition**

**Written by Kathryn Slasor**



**PETER BINY  
CELEBRATES 74th  
BIRTHDAY WITH PARTY**

Thursday, July 23rd was Peter Biny's seventy-third birthday and to make it an occasion long to be remembered and to properly celebrate the event, his relatives gave a party in his honor. Accordion and guitar music was furnished by Batisto Salvatore and Peter Brono. Refreshments were served and a pleasant social time was enjoyed by all.

Mr. Biny, who is well known in the Community as a Commercial Photographer with studios on Main street, was born in Castellina, Italy, in the Province of Florence on July 23, 1868 and settled in Monongahela in 1893. He came to Burgettstown in 1907 and has resided here since.

Guests at the birthday celebration were his brother, Ansalmo, a photographer of Pittsburgh, Battista Salvatori and family of Studa, John Robatta of Studa, Jean and George Martini, Melvin Moon, George Mascaro, Geno Colpo, Nemo Colpo, Pete Bruno John Puttini, John Biny, and Mr. and Mrs. Sereini all of Burgettstown.



## Mrs. O. G. Blaine Has 80th Birthday

Mrs. O.G. Blaine, of Center avenue, was the honored guest at a surprise party Sunday, January 6, in observance of her 80th birthday. The family gathered at the home of her son, Paul Blaine, in Florence, and showered her with lovely gifts and cards. A cake decorated with white, pink and yellow frosting was served, along with ice cream and pop.



Present were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Blaine and family; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blaine and family, Burgettstown; Harry Blaine, Midway; Mrs. Ed Seeley and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Weddell and children, Niles, Ohio. The day was spent in reminiscent conversation.

Mrs. Blaine, who lives alone, has four children, ten grandchildren, and fifteen great grandchildren. Her husband, O.G. Blaine, passed away three years ago last October. She is very active and enjoys good health. She spends much time in making afghans, having made six in the past year. She enjoyed reading until her eyesight began to become dim.

Mrs. Blaine was born near New Castle, and lived there until 35 years ago, when she moved with her family to Burgettstown. She has lived in the same house on Center avenue for 24 years. In October, 1959, she and her husband celebrated 57 years of married life. She still likes to do her housework, and enjoy her friends.

**Mrs. O.G. Blaine has 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-January 10, 1963 Edition**

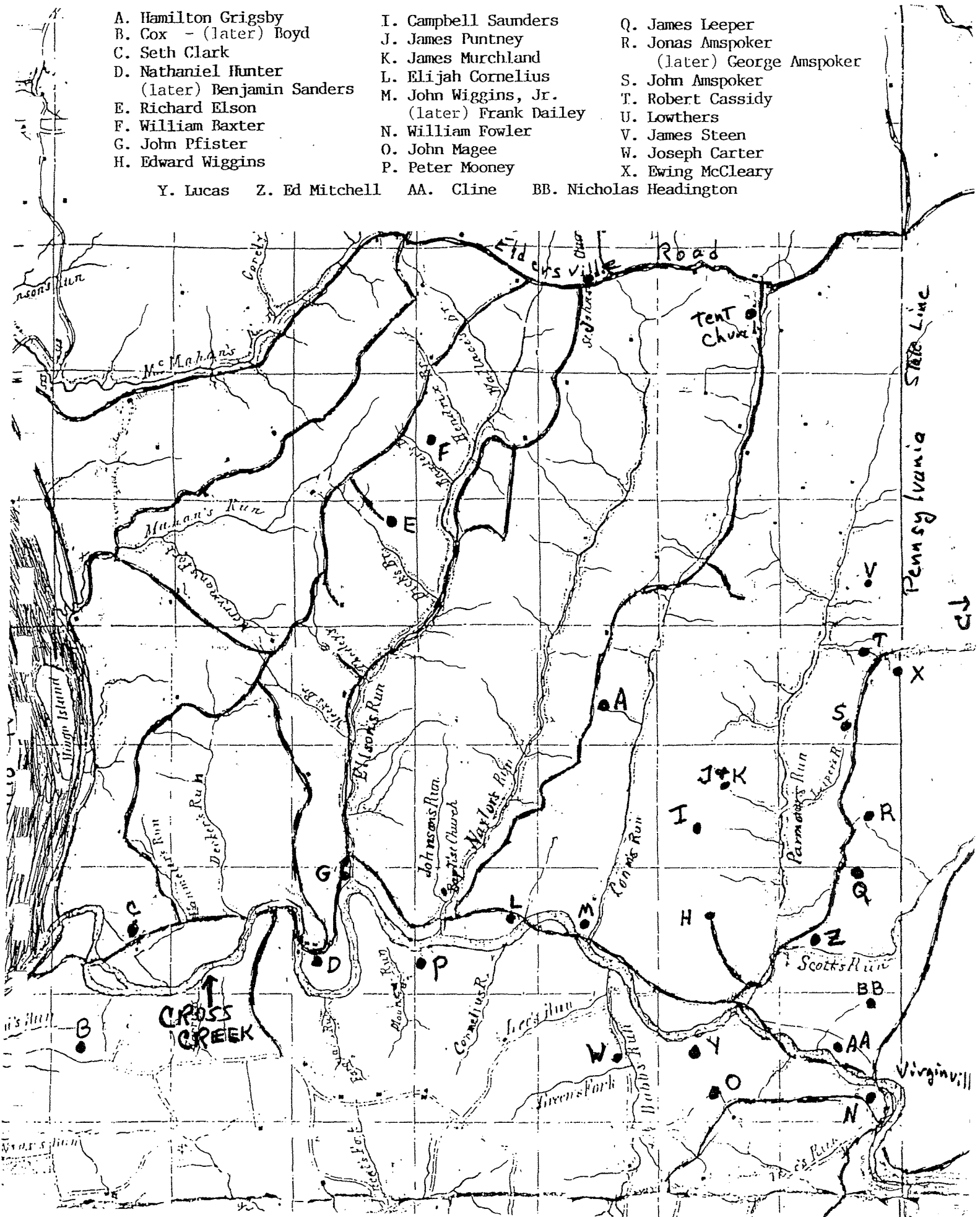
# **Frank Blaskovich Family**

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THE EARLY FAMILIES

- |   |  |                         |
|---|--|-------------------------|
| A. Hamilton Grigsby                             | I. Campbell Saunders                         | Q. James Leeper         |
| B. Cox - (later) Boyd                           | J. James Puntney                             | R. Jonas Amspoker       |
| C. Seth Clark                                   | K. James Murchland                           | (later) George Amspoker |
| D. Nathaniel Hunter<br>(later) Benjamin Sanders | L. Elijah Cornelius                          | S. John Amspoker        |
| E. Richard Elson                                | M. John Wiggins, Jr.<br>(later) Frank Dailey | T. Robert Cassidy       |
| F. William Baxter                               | N. William Fowler                            | U. Lowthers             |
| G. John Pfister                                 | O. John Magee                                | V. James Steen          |
| H. Edward Wiggins                               | P. Peter Mooney                              | W. Joseph Carter        |
| Y. Lucas  | Z. Ed Mitchell                               | X. Ewing McCleary       |
| AA. Cline                                       | BB. Nicholas Headington                      |                         |



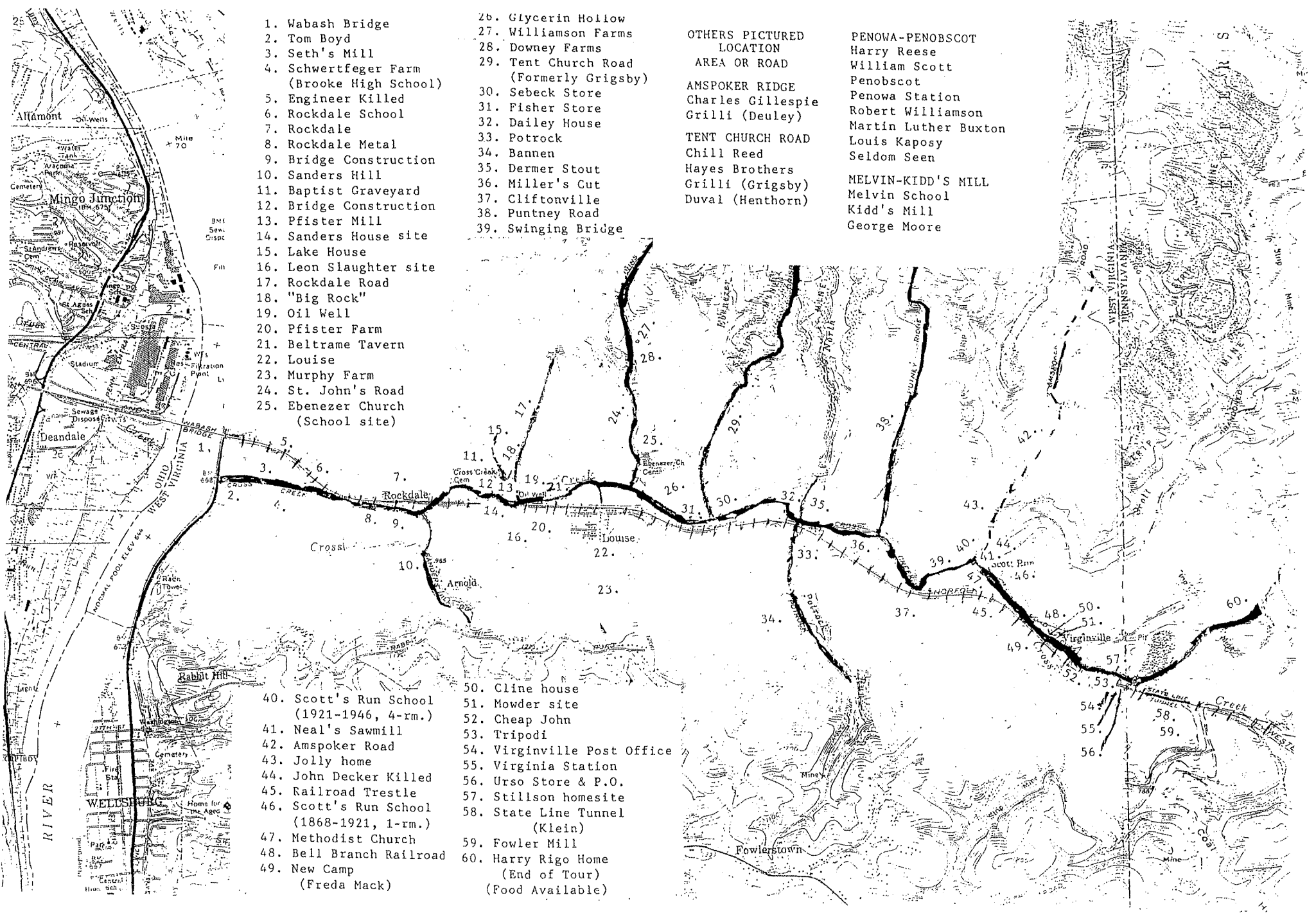
1. Wabash Bridge
2. Tom Boyd
3. Seth's Mill
4. Schwertfeger Farm  
(Brooke High School)
5. Engineer Killed
6. Rockdale School
7. Rockdale
8. Rockdale Metal
9. Bridge Construction
10. Sanders Hill
11. Baptist Graveyard
12. Bridge Construction
13. Pfister Mill
14. Sanders House site
15. Lake House
16. Leon Slaughter site
17. Rockdale Road
18. "Big Rock"
19. Oil Well
20. Pfister Farm
21. Beltrame Tavern
22. Louise
23. Murphy Farm
24. St. John's Road
25. Ebenezer Church  
(School site)

26. Glycerin Hollow
27. Williamson Farms
28. Downey Farms
29. Tent Church Road  
(Formerly Grigsby)
30. Sebeck Store
31. Fisher Store
32. Dailey House
33. Potrock
34. Bannen
35. Dermer Stout
36. Miller's Cut
37. Cliftonville
38. Puntney Road
39. Swinging Bridge

- OTHERS PICTURED  
LOCATION  
AREA OR ROAD
- AMSPOKER RIDGE  
Charles Gillespie  
Grilli (Deuley)
- TENT CHURCH ROAD  
Chill Reed  
Hayes Brothers  
Grilli (Grigsby)  
Duval (Henthorn)

- PENOWA-PENOBSCOT  
Harry Reese  
William Scott  
Penobscot  
Penowa Station  
Robert Williamson  
Martin Luther Buxton  
Louis Kaposy  
Seldom Seen
- MELVIN-KIDD'S MILL  
Melvin School  
Kidd's Mill  
George Moore

40. Scott's Run School  
(1921-1946, 4-rm.)
41. Neal's Sawmill
42. Ampsoker Road
43. Jolly home
44. John Decker Killed
45. Railroad Trestle
46. Scott's Run School  
(1868-1921, 1-rm.)
47. Methodist Church
48. Bell Branch Railroad
49. New Camp  
(Freda Mack)
50. Cline house
51. Mowder site
52. Cheap John
53. Tripodi
54. Virginville Post Office
55. Virginia Station
56. Urso Store & P.O.
57. Stillson homesite
58. State Line Tunnel  
(Klein)
59. Fowler Mill
60. Harry Rigo Home  
(End of Tour)  
(Food Available)





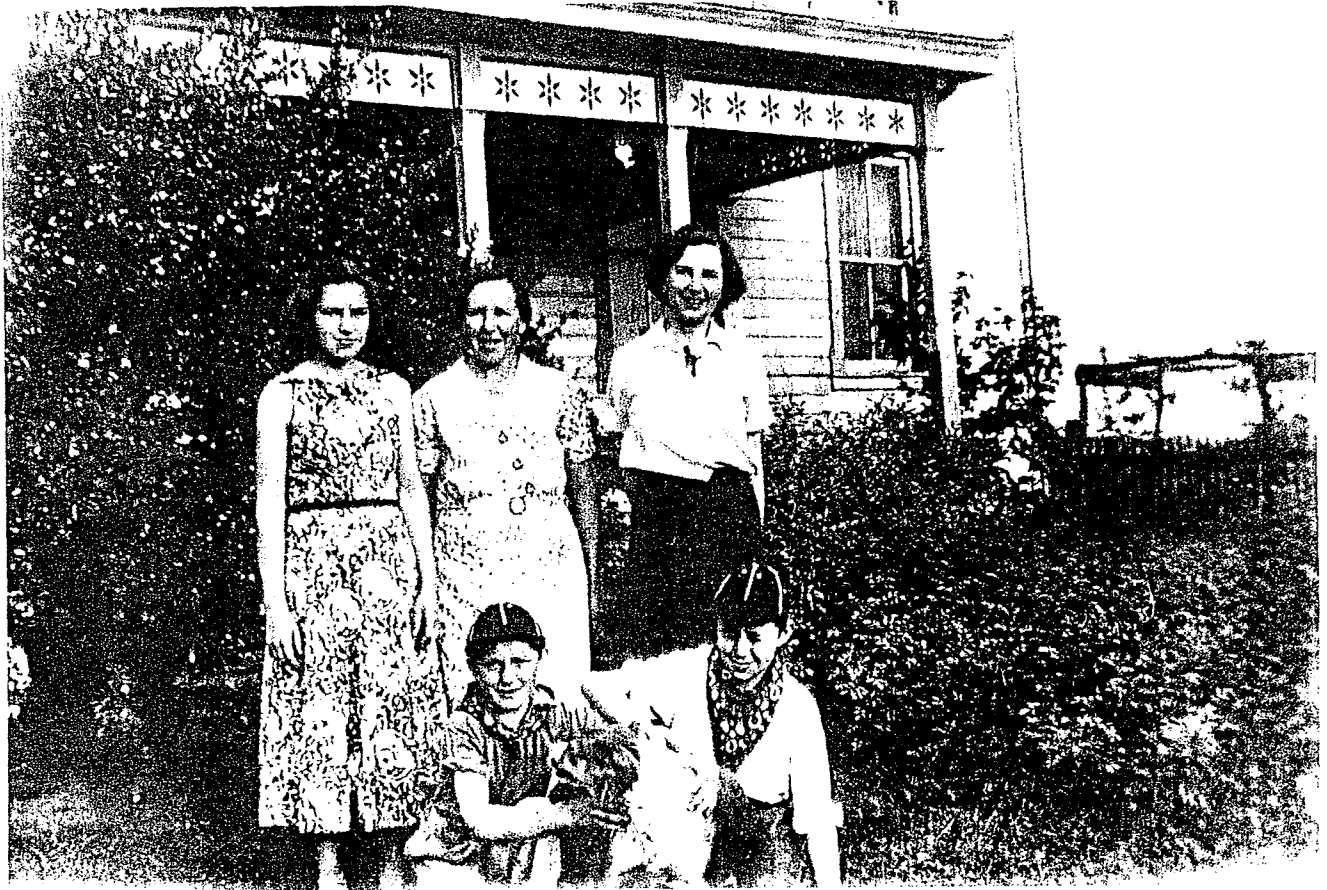
## FRANK BLASKOVICH

An historical undertaking such as this issue of Leaves of History, involves research in which much of the information sought cannot be found in cemetery listings or legal documents in the nature of wills and deeds. One must, therefore, of necessity, resort to secondary sources such as interviews with knowledgeable persons. Often, these are people who have lived all of their lives in the area, as have their fathers and grandfathers before them. Generally speaking, the boundaries of the lands, the passing of ownership, the tales of the lives of the early people - all are an inherent part of their make-up. Perhaps from having heard those tales repeated over and over again, and having walked with their fathers over the hills and valleys, they have come to truly "know" the land, until it has become part of them. But once in a million years, there appears a man whose ancestry does not touch the targeted area at all; yet, for some unknown reason, he has adopted it completely and made it his own. Such a rarity it was the good fortune of this writer to encounter in the form of Frank Blaskovich of Tent Church Road.

Frank has lived in Brooke County for 63 years. His mother, Theresa Fisher Blaskovich, was widowed at a very early age. Her husband, Peter Blaskovich, died of tuberculosis, leaving her with four children, the youngest of which was three years of age. Realizing she was to be the sole provider for her family, Theresa reasoned that she could not do this well in a city atmosphere. She therefore traded her home in McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania, for a farm of 100 acres on Tent Church Road, Brooke County, Virginia. Although her two sons were not even of school age, she managed with the help of her daughters, who were a little older, to survive. As time went by and the boys grew, even the teachers at Scotts Run School cooperated by allowing Frank and Pete to miss classes when planting or harvesting needed to be done. Hard work was the story of their lives, but they found peace and a measure of joy in the love that surrounded them in what had once been the old Hamilton Grigsby house.

As Frank passed from childhood to manhood, he must have been continually alert to what he could learn about the history of the area. Today, he is extremely well versed - not only in who lived where, when - but in the location of the line fences, the streams, the houses, and outbuildings of nearly every farm on Tent Church Road, Puntney and Amspoker Ridges. And as the old familiar places gave way to the coal strippers, and as new roads replaced old ones, Frank continued to remember. He remembered the way it once was - where the old road once made a bend, or where the orchard used to be. And he retained that knowledge. Frank is an amazing man of deep insights into distances, terrain, direction, and elevations. He sees in his mind the larger, over-all picture of the area. Through his expertise, many of the "puzzles" of the area have been solved.

If reincarnation is a fact, this writer would be inclined to believe that Frank Blaskovich is either Robert Murchland or Edward Wiggins, or perhaps Richard Elson come back to the old home for one more go-around. And if it is not a fact, then Frank Blaskovich is indeed a rarity of a man - one who came, like Abraham of old, into the promised land, and made it a home. If this writer had the authority, she would bestow upon Frank the honor of "Historian Emeritus of the Hilltops above Cross Creek". Since that is not possible, she hopes these two little words will somehow convey her gratitude - "Thanks, Frank!".



Pictured above is the old Hamilton Grigsby house on Tent Church Road, later the Blaskovich home. In the back row, left to right are: Tillie Blaskovich Graf, widow of Tom Graf; Theresa Fisher Blaskovich ( mother of the other four in the picture), and Catherine Blaskovich Smith. In the front row are Peter Blaskovich and Frank Blaskovich. Pete and Frank each built a home on the old farm and are today ( 1998) living there comfortably with their wives. Hamilton Grigsby had married Lily Belle Carter, the daughter of Lewis Washington Carter and Isabelle Puntney Carter. Lily Belle fell heir to the old Carter farm on Puntney ridge when her brother, John T. Carter, was struck by lightning and died, leaving no heirs. The descendants of Hamilton and Lily Belle are the only persons with Puntney blood in their veins who come down from the six children of James and Mary Murchland Puntney for whom Puntney Ridge was named. Theresa Blaskovich purchased her beautiful farm from Hamilton Grigsby when she came to Brooke County 63 years ago.



## **George Blehi At Winona School**

George Blehi, of the Blehi Studio, Main street, Burgettstown, has completed an intensive, week-long course in color printing and processing at the Winona School of Professional Photography, Winona Lake, Indiana, and has been awarded a special Certificate of Merit from the school.

In this course, students processed their own prints, studied quality control, procession faults and dye correction for color changes, etc. Purpose of the course was to teach methods of overcoming simple as well as difficult problems encountered in color printing.

The Winona School, the world's foremost school of professional photography, is owned and operated by the Professional Photographers of America, Inc., and provides portrait, commercial and industrial photographers, as well as general photographic practitioners, an opportunity to broaden their knowledge through short but significant refresher courses held each summer.

### Governor's Secretary



GEORGE I. BLOOM

Attorney George I. Bloom of Washington, Pa., who was born and grew up in Burgettstown, was named by Governor-Elect Edward Martin, this week, as his Personal Secretary. George was busy last Sunday receiving many of his boyhood friends and former neighbors from Burgettstown and Smith township, who made a trip to the County Seat to congratulate him, when the announcement was made.

In making the announcement, Governor Martin said, "I am glad to be able to announce that George Bloom, one of my closest friends has agreed to serve as my personal secretary. I realize I am asking George to sacrifice his personal interests but he has consented to fill the position so important to me. I deeply appreciate his willingness to accompany me to Harrisburg."

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## George Bloom is Known As A "Perfect Secretary"

In a copyright article in the Philadelphia Inquirer, a recent Sunday edition, Joseph H. Miller extolls George I. Bloom, Burgettstown Native, as the "man with the perpetual smile" and labels him the "ideal secretary" to Governor Edward Martin. The Inquirer says, in part,

The accomplishments of the Governors of the 48 States often are heralded throughout the Nation, on front pages of the newspaper and on the air-waves, but little is heard of the men-behind-the-scenes who act in the dual roll of advisors and policy-framers.

These men, who help shape the destinies of our Commonwealths and States, sometimes called the official buffers and, paradoxically, greeters are Executive Secretaries to the Governors.

In their positions they can help make or break a Governor, no matter how dominant the personality or how widespread the influence of the State Executive is as an individual. Some political observers declare that a Governor is as his secretary makes him.

The Secretary to a Governor must be a man of many qualifications, so diverse that he can meet any situation and do the right thing at the right time. For doing the wrong thing at the wrong time may bring heaps of criticism upon the Governor, who must bear the brunt of the mistakes made by his right-hand man.

To acquire a secretary who will meet the proper requirements, many Governors reach into the newspaper profession, others select lawyers. There is no restriction concerning the type of person a Governor can select as his secretary. He should possess these cardinal qualifications to fulfill his job properly:

He must have a knowledge of State Affairs; be well grounded in politics.

He should possess a basic understanding of governmental finances.

Be affable. Extend courtesy to all persons.

Have a wide acquaintance with politicians.

Know who should and should not see the Governor.

Display intelligence, commonsense and diplomacy.

Although in the past there have a few secretaries to Pennsylvania Governors who have met all these qualifications, today the Keystone State has one who fulfills every requirement.

He is George I. Bloom, Executive Secretary to Governor Edward Martin and lifelong friend of the State Executive.

Bloom, an Attorney in private life is the ideal secretary to a Governor. He was one of Martin's earliest supporters for Governor last year, and is a neighbor of the State Executive in his home town, Washington, Pa.

Not only does Bloom know the needs of his superior, but he possesses the qualities to meet and greet people and he knows his way around politically. As a result of his legal training, which has established him as one of the foremost lawyers in his home town, he is an excellent aide

when it comes to determine what represents good government and what does not serve the best interests of the public.

On Capitol Hill at Harrisburg, George Bloom is known as the man with the perpetual smile. Of average height, stockily built, well-groomed, he makes a splendid impression at once. He has endeared himself to all who know him. He stands ready to talk to anyone at any time. No one is too important to awe him and none is so insignificant as to be turned away.

To George Bloom everyone is important enough to be heard and no person visiting him leaves disgruntled, although he may be compelled to disappoint some politicians seeking impossible favors. News papermen covering Capitol Hill call him a newspaperman's secretary, one who hides nothing, treating every reporter equally with no favorite getting "big news" items exclusively.

A veteran of the First World War, Mr. Bloom is 44 and a bachelor. He has been practicing law since his early 20's and is associated professionally with his brother. Although he devotes most of his waking hours to his State job he finds time occasionally to go back home and try a knotty law suit.

While Bloom is continually making friends, not only for himself but for Governor Martin some of his predecessors conducted themselves in a manner unbecoming to public employes. One of these predecessors did most things wrong with the result that when his term expired with his superior he went out of office one of the most disliked men who ever hit Capitol Hill.

Pennsylvanians who have business with the Governor's office welcomed the departure of this secretary. They shouted with joy when one of George Bloom's calibre, qualifications and personality found his way into the secretarial chair.

Not only should Governor Martin be proud of George Bloom—proud that he has the ideal secretary—but the people of Pennsylvania are grateful to Martin for installing as his Executive Secretary a man who not only knows the problems of the State but who treats all who meet him courteously.

**George Bloom is Known as a Perfect Secretary  
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 8, 1943 Edition**

**Celebrated Wedding Anniversary.**

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bloom on Wednesday evening of last week celebrated the 37th anniversary of their wedding with a family dinner. Those present were their sons, Attorneys I. C. Bloom and George I. Bloom, and family friends, Dr. Martin Stutz and Benny Kobe. Gifts included beautiful floral pieces. George I. Bloom made a little speech in which he paid affectionate tribute to his parents and expressed the hope that all present may be permitted to celebrate the couple's golden wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Bloom were married at Steubenville, and resided continuously in Burgettstown during the 37 years.



# Man with ties to area murdered in N.C.

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Babyak

One of four people found shot to death Monday in Charlotte, N.C., had ties to Washington County. Charlotte police described the killings as the worst multiple homicide there in nearly 30 years.

Andrew John Babyak, 43, of Tega Cay, S.C., will be buried Monday in Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Mt. Pleasant Township, after a Sunday viewing in a Burgettstown funeral home.

His parents, Stephen Babyak Jr. and Evelyn McMullen Babyak, are formerly of Slovan.

Babyak was one of four people found dead in a southwest Charlotte apartment.

A call to the Charlotte Police Department was not returned Monday evening. A call to the medical examiner in Charlotte was taken by an answering service that said the office would not be open or release information until Friday morning.

There is no telephone listing for Babyak in Tega Cay.

According to an article in the *Charlotte Observer* that appeared Wednesday, one of the four found dead, William Beaumonde Royster, was a tenant who had pleaded guilty to a drug charge a month ago and was to be evicted from the apartment.

In the article, Babyak was listed as living in York, S.C. His obituary lists his address as Tega Cay.

Please see Babyak, Page A2



ASSOCIATED PRESS

A man leaves his apartment Monday as police investigate the fatal shootings of four people at an apartment building in Charlotte, N.C. One of the victims was Andrew John Babyak, who had ties to Washington County.

## Babyak: Man with area ties murdered in North Carolina

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No arrests have been made.

In a Thursday article in the same newspaper, police said they did not know if any of the victims knew each other or what led to the killings.

People who live near the apartment, according to the newspaper, said they suspected criminal activity at the apartment.

The article also said Babyak and Royster had criminal records, but it did not specify the charges.

Another victim, Cheryl Jane Crawford, 31, had been charged numerous times, but most of the

cases were dismissed, according to the *Charlotte Observer* report.

The fourth victim has not been identified.

Police told the newspaper they had raided the apartment before and made drug arrests.

Babyak, who enjoyed flying and skydiving, was the owner of Insite Inc. There is no telephone listing for the company in the Tega Cay area.

He is survived by his parents of York, two children in Tega Cay; a brother and three sisters, none of whom live in Pennsylvania; and the mother of his children, also of Tega Cay.

**Andrew John Babyak  
Died-March 24, 2008**

## BOCEK-STANISH WEDDING TOLD

Miss Stella Bocek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bocek of Raccoon became the bride of Chester Stanish, son of Mrs. Louise Stanish of Cherry Valley, at a double ring ceremony performed in Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church, Wednesday morning, May 22, at 9 a. m. Father W. J. McCashin officiated.

The bride was attired in a white satin gown with a fingertip veil tiered from two gardenias which she wore in her hair. Her bouquet which she carried was also gardenias.

Miss Jane Maslyk of Raccoon, was the maid of honor. Miss Maslyk wore a pink gown with a headcrown of blue flowers and net and long blue gloves.

The best man was the groom's brother, Steve Stanish, of Cherry Valley.

Both mothers of the bride and groom wore black dresses with black accessories and corsages of yellow roses.

Following the ceremony a dinner was served to thirty guests in Pompe's Restaurant. The table centerpiece was a beautiful three tiered wedding cake topped with a miniature bride and groom.

Wednesday's bride is a graduate of Union, class of '38. She was formerly employed in Pittsburgh.

The groom attended Union for one year. He served 4½ years with the Infantry of the United

States Army and spent 26 months in the ETO. He received his discharge at Indiantown Gap in August, 1945. At present he is employed as a truck driver for Delfrate's Packing Company, Slovan.

The couple left Wednesday night for a few days. They will return and then leave on June 1st for a week's wedding trip to Geneva-on-the-Lake. They will reside with her parents in Raccoon.



**LOCAL AGENT RECEIVES  
RECOGNITION FOR RECORD**

At a meeting of the agency force of the Youngstown district, Thursday, May 15, J. G. Boggs, Jr., of McDonald, local agent of the Kentucky Central Life and Accident Insurance Co., was presented with a \$55 gold wrist watch in recognition of his outstanding sales record for the year 1940.

Mr. Boggs has been employed by Kentucky Central for 5 years, and was transferred from Pittsburgh to the Burgettstown debit in 1939.

**J.G. Boggs Receives Recognition for Record  
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 22, 1941**

#### Boice—King

Dr. and Mrs. James M. Boice of Burgettstown, Pa., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Louise Boice, to Dr. Alfred E. King of Woonsocket, R. I. The wedding will take place on June 16 in the Dwight Memorial Chapel, New Haven, Conn.

Miss Boice is a graduate of Southern Seminary and Duke University, and expects to receive her master's degree from the Yale School of Nursing in June.

Dr. King is a graduate of Tabor Academy, Brown University and the Yale School of Medicine. He is on the staff of the New Haven Hospital.

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## **King—Boice**

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., June 16.—The marriage of Miss Louise Boice, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James M. Boice of Burgettstown, Pa., to Dr. Alfred E. King of this city, son of Mrs. Leone King of Woonsocket, took place this afternoon in Dwight Memorial Chapel, Yale University. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Sidney Lovett, pastor of the Yale College Church.

Miss Marion Iglehart of Japan was maid of honor and Philip Lord of Norway, Me., was best man.

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**Belle Boles & Gourley's Old House**  
**Bavington Road**



#### BOLES REUNION

The descendants of Cornealius Boles, one of the early pioneers of Washington County, Pennsylvania, will hold their annual reunion at the Boles Grove, one mile northwest of Eldersville on August 10. Dinner will be served at one o'clock, D.S.T. All friends and relatives of the clan are most cordially invited to attend. Each guest is to bring silverware for the table.

A program is being planned by the committee for the afternoon.



# FIRST FAMILIES

OF THE CROSS CREEK COUNTRY  
THE BOLES FAMILY

by A.D. White

In addition to the land which he took up in Cross Creek Township, Jacob Buxton, the pioneer, took out a patent for a tract of land in present Jefferson Township. This area was originally a part of Cross Creek Township, since Jefferson Township was not erected until 1853. It was not settled as rapidly as was the present Cross Creek Township, due to the roughness of the terrain. The hills are steeper and the valleys deeper, and, generally speaking, there is not as much good arable land in present Jefferson Township as there is in Cross Creek.

There is a tradition in the Buxton family that the ancestor, Jacob, was the seventh white man to set foot in the present Jefferson Township area. It would be interesting to know who the other six were, but a good guess for one, would be Robert McCready, who is classed as one of the first settlers in this township. We can be sure that Jacob Buxton was one of the first to show an interest and to appreciate the value of the land there, from its location, if not particularly because of the terrain.

Records show that Jacob Buxton took out a patent for a tract of 413 acres, known as Buxton's Venture in the warrant, but referred to as Jacob's Well in the patent when finally granted to Mr. Buxton on February 3, 1803. This land is reported to have cost Mr. Buxton a total of \$9.17, which was probably the fee for securing the patent and for recording the title. It is, in part at least, incorporated in the present Orchard Hills Fruit Farm, which lies just a mile northeast of the village of Eldersville. This land continued in the Buxton-Boles family line until 1939 when, upon the death of the last of the Boles Family to live here, it passed into other hands.

When Jacob Buxton died in 1836, item 3 in his will bequeathed "to daughter, Nancy Boles, \$500.00 besides the farm she lives on containing 106 acres and whatever else she may have got." This Nancy Boles was the wife of Cornelius Boles, Sr., and from them and their family of ten children appear to have descended all those of the Boles name who have lived or who now reside in the general area served by the Burgettstown Enterprise. Cornelius Boles, Sr., and his wife, Nancy Buxton, are both buried in the old graveyard at Cross Creek. They are listed in the graveyard history under the name of Bowls, but the name still legible on Nancy's tombstone is clearly "Boles." Cornelius died in 1821 and Nancy in 1864, and they are buried near Jacob and Hannah Buxton in this old graveyard. Here is another case of a surviving widow being left in a long widowhood (43 years in her case) and with a large family to raise.

Following the death of Nancy Boles, her son, William, seems to have come into possession of the old farm. He was not the oldest son, since his gravestone in Eldersville Cemetery shows his date of birth to have been 1820, so he was probably the youngest or next to youngest in the family, since, as above noted, his father died in 1821. It seems likely that the rest of the family each left home as they attained adulthood, while William was left to care for the mother and eventually to come into possession of the farm. We will tell something of William and his family after telling briefly of others in the family.

The order of this family as listed in Nancy Boles' will is as follows: William, Thomas, Mary, Catherine, Hannah, Jacob, John, Aaron, James and Cornelius, Jr. On the families, if any, of several of these children, this writer has discovered no records. Like most families, some of them probably removed to other communities, so are largely lost sight of in this area.

Hannah Boles became the wife of James McClelland, and they were the parents of Dr. Hugh K. McClelland, who was a prominent physician at Eldersville and throughout the whole Cross Creek Country, as well as having been the inventor of the fountain pen, which he is reputed to have fashioned out of the old-time medicine dropper. Several members of the McClelland family, including those just mentioned, are buried in Cross Creek graveyard.

Jacob Boles, named for his Grandfather Buxton, was the father of Samuel Parkinson Boles, of the so-called Tent Community along the Eldersville-Follansbee road in Brooke County, West Virginia. Parkinson Boles was a well-known farmer of that area who died at his home on January 22, 1934. The people of Eldersville remember him as one, who, during his later years, would ride into Eldersville on a large mule to do his shopping and for others errands and calls. He left a son, Harry Boles, of Lisbon, Ohio.

James Boles, another son of Cornelius and Nancy, married Isabella Cunningham, of Independence Township, and they made their home for many years in that township. Their children were: Mrs. Ella Boles Stewart, wife of George Stewart, of Brooke County. She was the grandmother of the Rev. George Stewart, of Hancock County, West Virginia. Mrs. Stewart had a brother, George F. Boles, whose life was spent as a farmer in Independence and Cross Creek Townships, and who retired to West Middletown, where he died on December 29, 1938. His wife was Rebecca Kidd, of Londonderry, Ohio, and their children are: Mrs. Bertha Fryer, of

Cross Creek; Mrs. Wiletta Kuhns, of Salem, Ohio; Ainslee Boles, of Washington; and the well-known Robert L. Boles, now living in retirement at Cedar Grove. Quite a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Boles can also be found where members of this family live.

Cornelius Boles, Jr., last named in his mother's will, was a well-known blacksmith in Eldersville during his lifetime. As an indication of his ability as a craftsman, his grand-daughter, Mrs. Alice Grove, of Cedar Grove, has a steel hatchet made by her grandfather. This is so constructed with a hollow handle that by unscrewing a plug or two from the end of the handle and from the head of the hatchet, a pipe (for smoking) can be made. This implement was nickel-plated for Mrs. Grove by her cousin, Doc Boles. Actually, it looks more like a tomahawk than a Peace Pipe, but it is an interesting curiosity at any rate. Cornelius Boles, Jr., was followed in the blacksmith trade at Eldersville by his son, Robert Boles, who conducted business in the old shop for many years, and who lived, with his family, in the old Allingham Hotel building in the village. This family was mentioned in connection with the story of the Great Eldersville Murder Case, written up in these columns in September, 1967. Mrs. Alice Grove is the only surviving member of the Robert Boles family. Another descendant who is, or was, a constant reader of these columns, is a grand-daughter, Mrs. Willa Sanders Cotterman, of Damascus, Maryland. "Are you listening, Willa?"

And now for the family of William Boles, who remained during his lifetime on the home farm. He is said to have had a harelip, a handicap for which, in his day, probably surgical treatment was unknown. He married Ruth Ann Jackson, who, with her husband and daughter, Nancy E. Boles (1854-1910) are buried in Eldersville Cemetery. They had a family of several children consisting of another daughter, Mrs. Susie White, and at least four sons: John A., James, Cyrus and McClelland T. Boles.



John A. Boles and his second wife, Isa Danley Boles, were the parents of Mrs. Helen Boles Coleman, popular teacher in Seventh Ward School, in Washington, and wife of Clark Coleman, of the Gradison Bus Company. James W. Boles, who died on October 27, 1930, and Cyrus W. Boles, who died on January 15, 1938, were never married. James Boles was long a resident of Washington, where he was employed by the Hazel-Atlas Glass Company. His brother, "Cy" Boles, followed in his father's footsteps by remaining on the home farm, and it was in the old home that his death occurred. The last surviving brother was the well-known McClelland T. Boles. He was named for Dr. J. R. McClelland, and, because of this fact, he was widely known to his friends and acquaintances as "Doc" Boles. He was also a bachelor and he had an interesting career in industry. As a young man, he served an apprenticeship with the Pittsburgh Locomotive Works, and later he became a tool maker in the Westinghouse Air Brake Plant, at Wilmerding. While employed there, his "tool-boy" for some years was the late Dr. Edwin Swartz, later of Hickory.

As early as 1911, "Doc" Boles began setting out fruit trees on the steep hillsides of the old home farm back in Eldersville. By the time he was ready to retire from Westinghouse, these trees were of bearing age and were producing fruit, so his orchard and fruit work occupied Mr. Boles' later years. On February 25, 1939, Mr. Boles was critically injured in an automobile accident in Eldersville, and death came as a result two days later. He was aged 78 years.

John J. Boles and his son, Clarence, both late of Eldersville, and his grand-daughter, Mrs. Arlene Boles Alexander, of the same village, are descendants of Cornelius and Nancy Boles through their son, John Boles, and his wife, Margaret Matthews Boles. Park Boles and Mrs. Ella Boles Walker, also late of Eldersville, belonged to this family.

# Jacob Boles

A narration presented at

Jefferson Township Sesquicentennial held on June 21, 2003. The Bethel Pageant was held at the Bethel Church on Bethel Ridge Road about three miles south of the Village of Eldersville.

Scripts were written using factual data taken from local histories, family genealogies, graveyard inscriptions, censuses, obituaries and interviews with the elder of the community who were familiar with families represented. The personalities included in the pageant were chosen very carefully, there being a large number of honest, respected, hard working individuals who were buried here from which to choose. Criteria used in the selection were: a) burial was in the Bethel Graveyard, b) were representative of a family that lived in the area in the early days of settlement, c) in their lifetime were credit to Jefferson Township, d) enough data and human interest stories were available to make this writing possible.

Persons chosen to portray the "Personalities from the Past" were also carefully selected. Where possible, direct descendants of the personality, or some knowledgeable individual with close ties to the family or the homestead of the family were invited to participate.

June Campbell Grossman-Welch  
Pageant Director & Author of Narrations

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



## Jacob Boles

My name was Jacob Boles. I was born the eighteenth of December in 1804 on the old Boles homestead near Eldersville, known today as Orchard Hills. My father was Cornelius Boles, an Irish immigrant who became one of the first blacksmiths in Jefferson Township. My mother was Nancy Buxton.

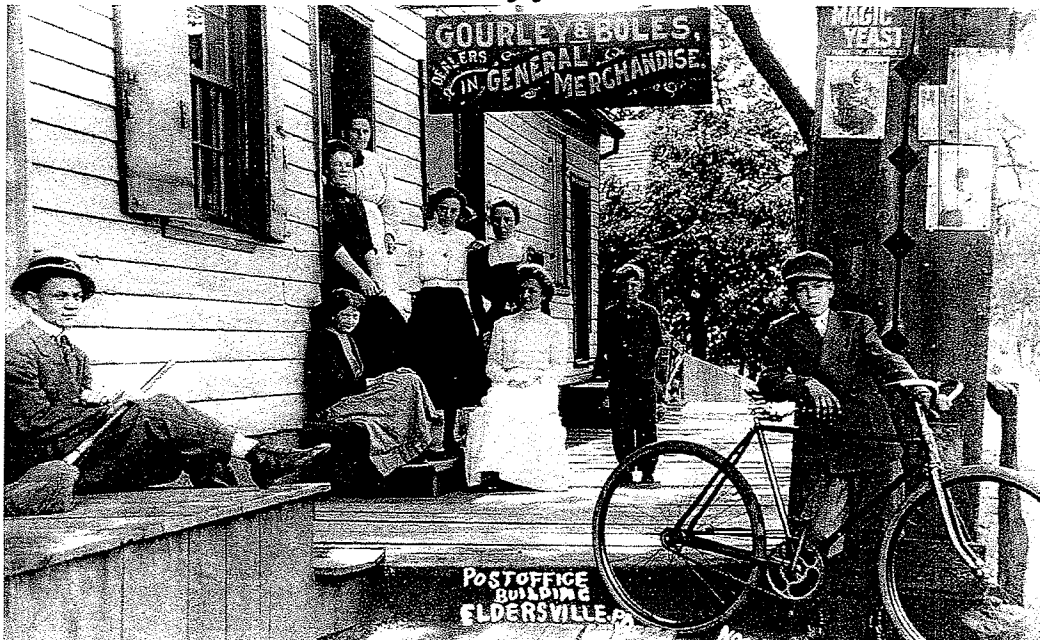
When my mother was just a little girl, the family was coming down the Ohio River bound for Kentucky when their boat capsized near Georgetown and they lost all of their possessions. But her father was a resourceful person and eventually patented the land on which I was born. When my parents married, he gave them this property and it became the Boles Homestead.

I was the fifth of their twelve children, and their second son. My father, Cornelius Boles, died when he was 53 years old, just 3 days after my mother had given birth to her twelfth child. I was 17 years old at the time.

As a young man, I married Rachel Cunningham, daughter of another Irish immigrant, John Cunningham. We lived first near my mother on the old Boles homestead, and then moved on the hill above what is now the Kidds Mill area of Jefferson Township. This became our home for the rest of our lives and it was here that we raised our family.

Our first little girl died at the age of two. Our hearts were broken as we took her body to the graveyard at Bethel Church where we were members. But our next two little girls grew up and married well, living happy lives for the most part. Their biggest sorrow was when Susanna's only son, Francis Melvin, was killed on the railroad near Hanlin, leaving a wife and six little ones.

Our last four children were sons. John, the eldest, established a Boles Homestead of his own near the old McCarrell farm below Bethel Ridge. Three of his children were well known in the Eldersville area. His son, John, helped operate the Boles Store on the corner in Eldersville for many years.



Our second son, James, never left the farm. He married but had no children. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> son, Francis, died at the age of 19 - a loss very hard for us to bear. And our baby, Parkinson Boles, moved just across the state line behind our farm to the old Murchland property where he lived out his life.

Having had seven children, Rachel and I thought the Boles name in the township would be secure for generations to come. But it was not to be.

When nearly the age of 90, on October 23 in 1893, I died on my farm. What I did not know was that my only great grandson with the Boles name who stayed in the area, Clarence Boles, had but one child - a daughter. So the Boles name is gone from Jefferson Township where once it was so prevalent. And at the death of my son, James, high above Kidds Mill my beautiful farm was sold to the Lloyd and Jackson families who later sold it for strip mining.

Today it is impossible even to find the spot where we lived for 60 years.

You who look at my headstone here at Bethel today will forget my name and life story in a few days. But if you will, please remember this one thing: nothing earthly lasts.



**On the left is Jacob's son, Parkinson Boles & Wife.  
On the right is Jacob's grandson, John Boles & Wife.**



## MANY RELATIVES ATTEND REUNION OF BOLES FAMILY

The annual Boles reunion was held at Boles Park, near Eldersville, Sunday with 75 members present. Under the supervision of Mrs. Isa A. Boles, a basket picnic dinner was served at noon, with sandwiches and ice cream being served by the committee.

Devotions were in charge of George Stewart, the president, who also offered the invocation. The address of welcome was given by Miss Adlene Boles.

This clan is composed of the descendants of Cornelius Boles and Nancy Cunningham who settled in the vicinity of Eldersville in the latter part of the seventeenth century. An interesting history was given by C. E. Hager, Detroit. Mr. Stewart read a paper on the history of the descendants of James L. Boles, who was the tenth son of the first settler, Cornelius Boles.

Mrs. Rebecca Boles, West Middletown, was the oldest member present while her great-grandson Kenneth Kuhns, Salem, Ohio, was the youngest. Mrs. Boles also received the recognition of having four generations present in two relationships.

The second oldest member was John Boles, Eldersville. The member traveling the longest distance was Otto E. Hager, Detroit. James L. Boles had the largest representation of descendants present.

The president presided at the business meeting. Officers elected for the next year were: President, George Stewart; vice-president, Chester Stump; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Clarence Boles.

It was decided to hold the reunion in 1942 on the first Sunday in August at the same place.

Several musical selections by Frances Boles and his orchestra of Washington added to the entertainment. Miss Bertha Fryer, Cross Creek, played a piano solo.

Members were present from Cleveland, Detroit, Steubenville, Salem, Canton, Amsterdam, Millersburg, East Palestine, Wilkinsburg, Wheeling, Washington, Avella, Independence and Eldersville.

**Many Relatives Attend Reunion of Boles Family  
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## PROFILE ON MARY JANE BOLES

# She's living a full life - at 97

By Kathryn Campbell Slasor  
for The Record-Enterprise

Mary Jane Boles believes in living for others.

Her theme throughout the past 97 years has been to live "a pure, clean life." Whatever her system, it works for Mary Jane.

Her chief activities today are associated with the Cross Creek Senior Citizens. She is the oldest member, and has been among them since its beginning several

years ago. She will be the honor guest at a Feb. 15 party at the senior citizens for her 97th birthday, which was Feb. 2.

She is full of vim, vigor and vitality, and, at this advanced age, presents a much younger appearance.

She remembers one day years ago when she attended the Burgettstown Fair in company with several others. She was riding in the back seat with



three of her small children. The gate attendant scanned the car's interior and fixed his eyes on Mary Jane.

"Is that girl in the back 16?" he asked the driver.

Mary Jane Deer married Robert Boles on Nov. 2, 1916. At the age of 13, she had moved from Bulger to Cedar Grove, where she lives today. Her father was a motor boss in the Cedar Grove Mines. Later her husband also became affiliated with the motor system in the mines. When the mines shut down, he worked

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## Profile

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with the Sutherland sawmill and helped Jim Wiegmann in the funeral business. When the sawmill was in full swing, she and her husband were living in a log house near West Middletown.

"Times were bad, especially during the Depression," Mary Jane recalls. "I fed the sawmill men."

She remembers that at least five or six men who worked on the sawmill roomed and boarded with them in the log house. And, with several small children, this income supplemented that of her

husband.

Another way of helping support the family was the dressing of turkeys around holiday time. She also raised chickens as a sideline.

Her friends and neighbors remember that throughout the years, Mary Jane could always be called upon in time of sickness or need. During the Depression, she kept busy in the "Soup Kitchen" at St. Michael's Church on a daily basis. She helped cook and serve the food to the unemployed and hungry of the Avella area.

She recalls distributing bread from Roland's Bakery, and other food, including flour, to the poor. She sewed and quilted, giving some away and selling some.

Mary Jane said, if all of her children had lived, she would have had seven boys. As it was, she raised four of them, only to lose one as an adult. Her youngest, Vern, is deceased. Her one, Holland, Charles and Robert Jr. remain with their families, and are near during her times of need.

One of those "times" came about three years ago, when she became violently ill. She passed out upon reaching the hospital. All she remembers was the beautiful level field of green grass she was strolling through, looking for the man who was to help her through the field. The "field", she believes, was the Valley of Death, as, when she awoke, the man was at her bed-

side, talking softly to her.

"I was afraid I wasn't going to get you to come back," he told her. "The man" was apparently one of the staff at the hospital.

Changes in 97 years?

"I liked the old times," she reminisces. "Parents took care of their children. They were kept busy, with no time such as is the like today, to get into trouble. And women looked like women, not men. They worked in the home, not running for office and doing men's work."

"I like to help people. I took care of my mother and my husband in their final illnesses. That's what I'm here for, to help others."

Profile on Mary Jane Boles  
The Record Enterprise-February 1996 Edition





John Boliver Jr.



Joseph Bongiomi III



Anthony Madison



Mary Rhoads

# In honor of sacrifice



SCOTT BEVERIDGE/OBSERVER-REPORTER

A photo featured in the book, "13 Soldiers: A Personal History of Americans at War," shows Mary Rhoads of California Borough returning home in March 1991 shortly after a Scud missile crushed her barracks during the Persian Gulf War.

## Service to mark 25th anniversary of Iraqi Scud missile attack

BY SCOTT BEVERIDGE  
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The nightmares return for Persian Gulf War veteran Mary Rhoads every time the anniversary of the Feb. 25, 1991, Iraqi Scud missile attack that killed 13 of her comrades, including two from the Mon Valley and another from Hickory, draws near.

The bad memories experienced by the former California Borough meter maid intermingle with the those of the good times she shared with other members of the 14th Quartermaster, a Hempfield Township-based water-purification unit that suffered the worst casualties during the brief war.

"I still miss them every day," Rhoads, 59, said Thursday, a week before a memorial will be held at the Hempfield base to mark the 25th anniversary of the attack that also injured 43 members of her unit.

"It's nice to let the KIA (Killed in Action) families know that we haven't forgotten them," she said.

**"IT'S NICE TO LET THE KIA FAMILIES KNOW THAT WE HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN THEM."**

**MARY RHOADS, SURVIVOR OF THE FEB. 25, 1991, IRAQI SCUD MISSILE ATTACK**

A U.S. Patriot missile that day failed to intercept the Scud, which decimated the unit's barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Rhoads left the building shortly before the Scud landed and killed her best friend, Spc. Beverly Sue Clark, 23, of Indiana County.

Also killed were Spc. John August Boliver Jr., 27, of Monongahela; Sgt. Joseph Phillip Bongiomi III, 20, of Hickory; and Spc. Anthony Erik Madison, 27, of Monessen, Westmoreland County.

Rhoads later became a symbol of the physical and emotional wounds veterans of that war suffer. She was among the first vet-

erans of the conflict to win a disability case for having undiagnosed illnesses associated with Persian Gulf syndrome. There also is a chapter about her in U.S. Sen. John McCain's 2014 book, "13 Soldiers: A Personal History of Americans at War."

"I stirred up the pot," Rhoads said when the book was released in November 2014.

Discovering last year that the monument to the 14th Quartermaster had been neglected and was in disrepair made matters worse for some of its veterans and those of other military conflicts.

The U.S. Army apologized for its condition, and it invested \$197,000 in approach of the 25th anniversary to refurbish the monument at 900 Armory Drive, where the memorial service will be held at noon Thursday.

"It broke my heart," Rhoads said.

The public is invited to attend the memorial program, said Maj. Julius D. Penn, public affairs officer for the 316th Expeditionary Sustainment Command in Coraopolis.

**In Honor of Sacrifice**  
**Observer-Reporter-February 20, 2016 Edition**

## BONIS CELEBRATE 47th ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. John Boni, Sr., of 44 Center avenue, esteemed local residents, quietly celebrated the forty-seventh anniversary of their marriage in their home with members of their family on Tuesday, October 18. The Bonis, who have lived in Burgettstown all their married lives met and were married in Rome, Italy in 1908 when Mr. Boni was serving a three year tenure in the Italian army. She is the former Josephine Zuccaro. He had come to Burgettstown at -a paq pua sraol gi jo aSe auj turned to Italy for conscripted army service. Mr Boni, 70, and Mrs. Boni, 65, are in excellent health and are the parents of eight sons and daughters. Mr. Boni was employed, until retirement by the Pennsylvania railroad. They are members of the Italian Christian church.

Members of the family are: G. F. Boni, Archer Lane; Arthur, Church street; Mary Loncarik, Church street; Rocco, Erie Mine; Dino, Langeloth; John, Houston; Wilma Froats, Center ave. and Henry, Bell avenue, also 23 grandchildren.

**Boni Celebrate 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-October 27, 1955 Edition**



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Form W-2  
U. S. Treasury Department  
Internal Revenue Service

WITHHOLDING RECEIPT—1945  
For Income Tax Withheld on Wages

Employee's Copy  
DUPLICATE

EMPLOYER BY WHOM PAID (Name, address, and S. S. identification No.)

AMERICAN ZINC & CHEMICAL COMPANY  
Langeloth, Pa. 25-032283

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| Total Wages paid in 1945<br>\$ 2291.32 | Federal Income Tax withheld<br>\$ 278.80 | Soc. Sec. Tax Deducted<br>\$ | SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/><br>MARRIED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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EMPLOYEE TO WHOM PAID Print full name, address, Social Security No.

175-10-2814  
ROCCO BONI  
Burgettstown, Pa.

To EMPLOYEE: Change name and address if not correctly shown  
APP. B. I. R. 12-27-44

To EMPLOYEE: Keep this Withholding Receipt. You will need it when you file your 1945 income tax return after December 31, 1945.

You may use a Withholding Receipt as your 1945 income tax return if your 1945 income meets the TEST below. A married couple may make a combined return on this Withholding Receipt, if their total income meets the test. Their incomes should be combined on Lines 1, 2, and 3, and shown separately on Line 4. The Government will figure the tax on either the combined or the separate incomes, whichever is to the taxpayers' advantage.

LINE 1 Write total of wages shown on this and all your other 1945 Withholding Receipts (Form W-2) \$  
LINE 2 If you got any wages from which no tax was withheld, or any dividends or interest, write total \$

LINE 3 Add Lines 1 and 2. Write total here \$  
TEST: If Line 2 is not over \$100 AND Line 3 is less than \$5,000, you may use this Withholding Receipt as your return provided you had no income other than wages, dividends, and interest. If your income does not meet this test, use Form 1040.

LINE 4 If Line 3 includes income of both husband and wife, show husband's income here \$ ; wife's income here \$

EMPLOYEE SHOULD KEEP THIS COPY  
FOR HIS RECORD.

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IDENTIFICATION CARD

I. U. of M. M. & S. W.  
"Langeloth Smeltermen's Union No. 95"

To Whom It May Concern:

This Certifies that:

Rocco Boni

is a member of the "Langeloth Smeltermen's Union No. 95" and is entitled to all rights and privileges granted by our Constitution and By-Laws.

Manuel Nunez Rec. Sec'y  
M. M. Masena Pres.  
Mike Bolles Fin. Sec'y

Signature of Member

INDEPENDENCE



**BONI-FROATS WEDDING  
WILL TAKE PLACE ON  
THURSDAY, JULY 15**

Miss Wilma Josephine Boni of Center avenue and George Allen Froats of Center avenue, will be united in marriage on Thursday, July 15, in the Italian Christian church, Washington, Pa. The Rev. Louis Monte Calvo will officiate. Attendants will be Mr. and Mrs. Nick Loncaric, sister and brother-in-law of the bride. Miss Boni will wear a powder blue dress with pink accessories and will carry a bridal bouquet of baby breath and American Beauty Roses. Mrs. Loncaric will wear a pink ensemble with blue accessories and a corsage of roses and baby breath.

The young couple expect to live at Erie Mine. Mr. Froats graduated from Union High school in 1938 and is employed at the A. Z. and C. Co.

The bride elect was guest of honor at a shower in her home on Tuesday evening, July, 13.





**MICHAEL BORSOS**

### ***New Captain Rank***

Michael Borsos of 328 Lincoln Street, Berkeley Heights, N.J., a former resident of Atlasburg, has been promoted to the rank of captain with the Berkeley Heights Police Department.

Borsos has been with the department for 21 years and has previously held titles of Juvenile Detective, P.B.A. Delegate and Lieutenant.

He resides in Berkeley Heights with his wife, Mary (Lombardi), formerly of Langeloth, and sons, Michael Glenn and Richard Alan.

His mother is Marie Borsos of Atlasburg.

**Michael Borsos**

**Burgettstown Enterprise-January 13, 1988 Edition**

**Unsettled Ledger  
Accounts Belonging  
to the  
Estate of James Bowland  
4<sup>th</sup> April 1814**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



Unsettled accts  
belonging to the Estate  
of James Bowland  
14<sup>th</sup> Apr, 1814 -



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| Mary Mercer                        | "     | 30             | 1.01                                   |
| Daniel Rogers                      | "     | 39             | 4.78 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> bad   |
| W <sup>m</sup> Stephenson          | "     | 43             | 18.48 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>      |
| James Marshall                     | "     | 54             | 2.04 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>       |
| James D. Barr S <sup>r</sup>       | "     | 62             | 5.43 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>       |
| John Penken                        | "     | 85             | 9.72 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> bad   |
| Daniel Britton                     | "     | 104            | 5.15 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> bad   |
| Ann Wiley (Miss Ann Wilkin)        | 109   |                | 1.25                                   |
| W <sup>m</sup> Pearson             |       | 114            | 5.47 bad                               |
| W <sup>m</sup> Seepier             |       | 121            | 45                                     |
| Rebeckah Kelly                     |       | 129            | 84 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>         |
| Thomas Marshall                    |       | 137            | .6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>         |
| Joseph Vance S <sup>r</sup>        |       | 137            | 50 bad                                 |
| George Adams                       |       | 141            | 1.50 gone                              |
| <del>Brownie Rev<sup>d</sup></del> |       | <del>154</del> | <del>26<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub></del> |
| Mary Davice                        |       | 157            | 27 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>         |
| Robert McClelland                  |       | 164            | 6.20 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> bad   |
| David Stephenson                   |       | 171            | 16.05 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> gone |
| Betsy Ball                         |       | 184            | 1.51 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>       |
| Peggy Stephenson                   |       | 192            | 11.44 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>      |
| Nancy Mercer                       |       | 206            | 2.75                                   |
| Andrew Stephenson                  |       | 217            |  |
| Esther Adams                       |       | 222            | 33                                     |
| Hugh Hartshorn                     |       | 228            | 2.11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>       |
| Robert Rosebury                    |       | 250            | 14.05 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> bad  |
| Thomas Stephens                    |       | 251            | .09                                    |
| Matthew Bowland                    |       | 252            | 37 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>         |
| Jonathan Smith                     |       | 253            | 35                                     |
| Samuel Philips                     |       | 255            | 06                                     |
| Thomas McKegg                      |       | 276            | 31 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>         |
| Josiah Stevens                     |       | 277            | 14 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>         |
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| Alex <sup>r</sup> M'Millan .. | 291    | .43 $\frac{3}{4}$                   |
| Jean Burget                   | 295    | 3.00                                |
| Joseph Glasgow                | 303    | 8.84                                |
| Daniel Smith                  | 306    | (gone) 16.06 $\frac{1}{4}$          |
| David Chesnut                 | 315    | 18 $\frac{3}{4}$                    |
| School House                  | 316    | 1,22 $\frac{1}{2}$                  |
| Dan <sup>r</sup> M'Grew       | 319    | 70                                  |
| John Richmond                 | 325    | # 68 $\frac{5}{8}$                  |
| John Mercer                   | 329    | 3.30                                |
| James Pauley                  | 331    | 1.75                                |
| Thomas Pauley                 | 331    | 3.67 $\frac{1}{4}$                  |
| Doctor D. G. Mitchell         | 331    | 11.75                               |
| Robert Richey                 | 347    | 1.49                                |
| Joseph Penken                 | 348    | 3.03 $\frac{1}{2}$                  |
| Wm Galagher                   | 353    | .17                                 |
| Outstanding on bandage list   |        | \$ 201.19                           |
| Joseph Caldwell               | \$0.20 | 62.63                               |
| Matth <sup>r</sup> Bowland    | 37.10  |                                     |
| Alex <sup>r</sup> Bowland     | 3.60   | \$ 263.82                           |
| Andrew Stephenson             | 7.91   |                                     |
| James Edgar                   | 70     |                                     |
| Thomas Moore                  | 60     |                                     |
| Robert M'Millan               | 1.00   |                                     |
| Charles Sloop                 | 1.01   |                                     |
| Wm Gattis                     | 25     |                                     |
| Joseph Glasgow                | 1.26   |                                     |
| Joshua Canon                  | 9.00   |                                     |
|                               |        | \$ 62.63                            |



**Unsettled Ledger  
Accounts Belonging  
to the  
Estate of James Bowland  
4<sup>th</sup> April 1814**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



Unsettled accts —  
belonging to the Estate  
of James Bowland  
14<sup>th</sup> Apr 1814 —



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|-------------------------------------|-------|----------------|---|
| W <sup>m</sup> McCreary             | Folio | 27             | \$15. 48 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>    |
| Mary Mercer                         | "     | 30             | 1. 01                                   |
| Daniel Rogers                       | "     | 39             | 4. 78 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> bad   |
| W <sup>m</sup> Stephenson           | "     | 43             | 18. 48 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>      |
| James Marshall                      | "     | 54             | 2. 04 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>       |
| James D. Barr J <sup>r</sup>        | "     | 62             | 5. 48 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>       |
| John Penken                         | "     | 85             | 9. 72 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> bad   |
| Daniel Britton                      | "     | 104            | 5. 15 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> bad   |
| Ann Wiley (Miss Ann Wilkin)         | 109   |                | 1. 25                                   |
| W <sup>m</sup> Pearson              |       | 114            | 5. 47 bad                               |
| W <sup>m</sup> Seepier              |       | 121            | 45                                      |
| Rebeckah Kelly                      |       | 129            | 84 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>          |
| Thomas Marshall                     |       | 137            | 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>           |
| Joseph Vance J <sup>r</sup>         |       | 137            | 50 bad                                  |
| George Adams                        |       | 141            | 1. 50 gone                              |
| <del>Brownlie Rev<sup>d</sup></del> |       | <del>154</del> | <del>26<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub></del>  |
| Mary Davice                         |       | 157            | 27 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>          |
| Robert McClelland                   |       | 164            | 6. 20 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> bad   |
| David Stephenson                    |       | 171            | 16. 05 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> gone |
| Betsy Ball                          |       | 184            | 1. 51 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>       |
| Peggy Stephenson                    |       | 192            | 11. 44 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>      |
| Nancy Mercer                        |       | 206            | 2. 75                                   |
| Andrew Stephenson                   |       | 217            |   |
| Esther Adams                        |       | 222            | 33                                      |
| High Hartshorn                      |       | 228            | 2. 11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>       |
| Robert Rosebury                     |       | 250            | 14. 05 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> bad  |
| Thomas Stephens                     |       | 251            | 09                                      |
| Matthew Bowland                     |       | 252            | 37 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>          |
| Jonathan Smith                      |       | 253            | 35                                      |
| Samuel Philips                      |       | 255            | 06                                      |
| Thomas McKegg                       |       | 276            | 31 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>          |
| Josiah Stevens                      |       | 277            | 14 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>          |
| (Over)                              |       |                | \$ 128.55                               |



Amount Brought forward ————— \$128.53

William Morris Folio 288 ————— 16.36 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

Alex<sup>r</sup> McMillan .. 291 ————— .43 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

Jean Burget ————— 295 ————— 3.00

Joseph Glasgow ————— 303 ————— 8.84

Daniel Smith ————— 306 ————— 16.06 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

David Chesnut ————— 315 ————— 18 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

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Outstanding on van due list ————— \$204.19

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Wm Gattis ————— 25 —————

Joseph Glasgow ————— 1.26 —————

Joshua Canon ————— 9.00 —————

\$ 62.63



Thomas R. Brimmer, formerly of this place, has sold his electrical supply store in Washington and gone to Doylestown, Pa., where he has been engaged to superintend the erection of an electric light plant, and to manage it after it is in operation.

**Thomas R. Brimmer**  
**The Burgettstown Call-March 2, 1892 Edition**



# World War II veteran recognized for heroism

By BARBARA S. MILLER  
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He fought the Nazis and helped liberate the Buchenwald concentration camp, so there was no way Clarence Brockman, 94, was going to be deterred by a snowstorm that coincided with his trip to the French Embassy in Washington, D.C., where he was scheduled to receive a medal that has enshrined heroes since the days of Napoleon Bonaparte.

The Legion of Honor, France's highest distinction, singles out those who risked their lives fighting on French territory.

Those who are appointed are known as "chevaliers," the French word for knight.



BARBARA S. MILLER / OBSERVER-REPORTER

Barbara Brockman points to the Chevalier of the Legion of Honor medal the French government awarded to her father, Clarence Brockman, earlier this month in Washington, D.C.

The Washington County commissioners took note of Brockman's honor Thursday morning.

"Thank you for everything from Washington County. That's all I can say," the World War II veteran told the audience.

"He is Sir Clarence Brockman," daughter Barbara Brockman pointed out, eliciting a chorus of awe from the crowd gathered at Courthouse Square.

Thursday's gathering was a bit more informal than the one the Brockman family attended earlier this month at the French Embassy, where Brockman received the medal which features a five-armed cross and a green laurel wreath.

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## Veteran

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Barbara Brockman recalls Consul General Olivier Serot Alméras fighting back tears as he said, "I can never express to you what you have done for my country."

After the medal ceremony, the guests enjoyed a champagne-and-pastry reception while a pianist played music popular in the 1930s and '40s.

Fighting the snow, son James Brockman, his wife, Lynn, Barbara and Clarence Brockman headed back to McDonald, winding up a 17-hour day.

The father and daughter

also traveled to a reunion at Buchenwald in 2010. A story at the time in the *Observer-Reporter* described the scene: "As Clarence H. Brockman of McDonald walked through the gates of the Buchenwald concentration camp several weeks ago, a man in a striped prisoner's uniform joyfully threw his arms around him. Although Viktor Savyt'skyi from Ukraine does not speak English, what he was conveying was obvious. He was thanking Brockman and other American soldiers who liberated the Nazi camp 65 years ago. According to Barbara Brockman, Savyt'skyi 'saw my dad's commander's cap and the 80th (insignia) and just went crazy.'"

Barbara Brockman said the Associated Press photo of her father embracing the man in striped prison garb was published in 9,000 newspapers.

In addition to his honor from the French, the World War II veteran has two Bronze Stars. Although he suffered frostbite during the Battle of the Bulge, he declined to be treated and, therefore, he does not have a Purple Heart among his medals.

Of the 13,000 members of Brockman's 80th Division, he is one of just a handful to receive the Legion of Honor. Brockman joins Generals Dwight D. Eisenhower and Douglas MacArthur as those who received this token of gratitude from the French.

**WWII Veteran, Clarence Brockman is Recognized for Heroism**  
**Observer-Reporter-March 21, 2015 Edition**



Children from Greater Burgettstown Community are guests of Sam Broida at Birthday Matinee last Saturday afternoon.



**Children from Greater Burgettstown Community are  
Guests of Sam Broida at Birthday Matinee  
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 1, 1943 Edition**



#### Graduates at Harvard.

Frank Broida, better known as Francis Broida, a former Burgettstown school boy, will be graduated with honor from Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., on June 23rd. He is a son of Sam Broida, local merchant. He has made fine marks in academic work and made a great reputation in tennis, having been a member of the Harvard team which recently defeated Yale.

**Frank "Francis" Broida**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise- June 9, 1932**

**SAM BROIDA IN  
BUSINESS 37 YEARS  
IN BURGETTSTOWN**

One of the most popular clothing stores in the community was Sam Broida's which, during the teens, was apparently called "The New York Bargain Store." It stood across the Main Railroad tracks where McCoy's have a furniture storage building.

Sam Broida came to the Pittsburgh area from Lithuania in 1893 when he was just 14 years old. He married Elizabeth Ulmar and had four children, two sons, Fran and Julius, and two daughters, Mildred and Rachel. Mr. Broida was in business in Burgettstown for 37 years, retiring in 1948 to make his home in Pittsburgh. He died November 8, 1958.

**Sam Broida, Owner of "The New York Bargain Store" for 37 Years  
Burgettstown Enterprise-Centennial Edition, May 20, 1981**



**SAM BROIDA TO CELEBRATE  
BIRTHDAY BY GIVING MOVIE  
MATINEE FOR CHILDREN**

Sam Broida, for thirty-one years a merchant in Burgettstown, will celebrate his birthday Saturday afternoon by inviting all the children in Greater Burgettstown Community to attend a matinee at the Keith Theatre at 2:30 o'clock as his guests. A fine program of selected comedies, shorts and features has been chosen for the entertainment of the children, who will be admitted free of charge as guests of Mr. Broida.

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**Sam Broida to Celebrate Birthday by Giving Movie Matinee for Children  
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 25, 1943 Edition**

The Brosky-Chatter-Zinitz reunion was held Sunday, August 7, at Mill Creek Park, with about 100 members of the family attending. Relatives attended from Avon, Amhurst and Lorain, Ohio; Pittsburgh; and the Tri-State area.

Chad and Brad Meley, grandsons of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Plate, of Fredericks Street, recently represented their father's Diamond M. Ranch at Huntsville, Texas, in the Crockett, Texas, Rodeo. Brad, riding his quarter horse, Lady, received trophies in the following categories: Straight Away Barrels, Clover Leaf Barrels and Halter. Chad was awarded a trophy in the Halter category riding Moxie, his palomino. Chad and Brad are living in Allison Park, Pittsburgh, but the boys have been in Huntsville for the summer.

**The Brosky-Chatter-Zinitz Reunion**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-August 17, 1983 Edition**



## MANY YEARS PASSED IN WEDDED COMPANY

Venerable Couple of Avella Celebrate  
Fifty-Third Anniversary  
of Marriage

Travleing together, through sunshine and shadow, as man and wife for more than half a century, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Brown of Avella last week celebrated another anniversary of their wedding; this time the fifty-third. The couple are well known in Burgettstown and throughout the countryside.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown were married at the parsonage of the old church at Patterson Mills. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. A. Myers, a popular clergyman of the long-ago day. Their attendants were Miss Anna Allen and S. S. Campbell. Following the wedding ceremony the newlyweds drove by two-horse carriage to Wellsburg, W. Va., where they spent a brief honeymoon period. Returning, they took up their residence on the old Brown homestead in the section now called Browntown.

Mr. Brown was 80 years old on January 4th last. He and his good helpmeet are believed to be the oldest married couple living in the local community. Five children were born to the couple, three of the children surviving. They are Mrs. Jessie Vance, Mrs. Sara Mae McGinnis and Clyde Brown, worthy decendants of worthy parents.

The celebration of the wedding anniversary of the venerable couple was made the occasion for many friends to express felicitations and hopes for many more years of happiness for both.

**Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Brown**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-May 28, 1931**

# Family link to Civil War hero found

## Reader locates document detailing connection to Washington County

By BARRARA S. MILLER  
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During a summer when the 150th anniversary of the Civil War looms large, there has been much published about the conflict. An *Observer-Reporter* story published Memorial Day weekend focused on the Battle of Vicksburg and an Ohioan who took part in a pivotal assault on the Confederate bastion that held the key to control of the Mississippi River, which functioned in those days like a superhighway.

Uriah H. Brown, a Medal of Honor winner who was among a group of 150 volunteers known as "forlorn hope" when storming the Confederate stronghold, is buried in Paris Cemetery, Hanover Township, but what brought him to Washington County remained something

of a mystery when the story appeared May 26.

A reader, Becky Carson of West Finley, was able to find a document on the Internet that answered that question.

Brown's wife, Sarah Elizabeth Greer Brown, was from Washington.

Carson found an online copy of the death certificate of Sarah Brown on the website of the West Virginia State Department of Health, Division of Vital Statistics.

Uriah H. Brown died Jan. 24, 1927, at age 87 while living in Holliday's Cove, W.Va. The widowed Elizabeth Greer Brown died later that same year of nephritis, a kidney dysfunction she had had for three to four of her 83 years.

Uriah Brown's sketchy biography, preserved for posterity in part because of his Medal of Honor, indicates he was born in Covington, Ohio. He joined the



Uriah H. Brown

30th Ohio Infantry, and his headstone shows his rank was that of private.

He and his wife lived in Washington County in 1900 and 1910, according

to U.S. Census records.

What brought them to this area may have been Sarah Greer Brown's family connections.

Her death certificate gives her birthplace on Jan. 13, 1844, as Washington, Pa., listing her father's name as William Greer and her mother's maiden name as Elnor Taylor. Their birthplaces are also recorded as Washington, Pa.

How Uriah and Sarah Greer Brown met remains as another piece of their puzzle, but they apparently married after the Civil War.

One blogger, Eric Wittenberg, in "Rantings of a Civil War historian," noted that when Gen. William T. Sherman called for volunteers to serve as a storming party on Vicksburg, he allowed only unmarried men to join in the effort because the risk of death was so great. The volunteers, Wittenberg wrote, would build a bridge over a ditch and plant their scaling ladders against an embankment. The main body would follow behind and would use those scaling ladders to attack the Confederate fort.

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Uriah H. Brown-Family Link to Civil War Hero Found (Pg. 1)  
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Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



# Hero

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Nearly 85 percent of the “forlorn hope” volunteers were either killed or seriously wounded in the attempt to capture the point above the Mississippi River that some have called “the Gibraltar of the West.”

In 1894, Brown’s Medal of Honor citation stated, “Despite the death of his captain at his side during the assault, he continued carrying his log to the defense ditch.

“While he was laying his log in place he was shot down and thrown into the water. Unmindful of his own wound he, despite the intense fire, dragged five of his comrades from the ditch, wherein they lay wounded, to a place of safety.”

Brown’s final resting place might go unnoticed except for a marker along

Steubenville Pike in Paris Cemetery that alerts passersby that a Medal of Honor recipient is buried there.

Joanne Weish also added a bit of information about Paris Cemetery and the 230-pound granite marker bearing Brown’s name.

In a letter postmarked Orlando, Fla., she wrote, “It was very emotional for my dear friend Ersilio (Bill) Marsella as he set the marker at the Paris Cemetery. Bill lived all of his life in Burgettstown except for years of service to our country as a Marine. He worked at Paris Cemetery from 1970 to 2010, when he moved to Florida.

Bill was a heavy equipment operator and was assistant caretaker of Paris Cemetery. He has dug many of the graves and set many stones at Paris Cemetery.”

Attempts to contact Marsella for this update were unsuccessful.

**Uriah H. Brown-Family Link to Civil War Hero Found (Pg. 2)  
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*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

**IRENE BROWN MARRIES  
ROBERT KIDD JULY 21**

Miss Irene Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reed Brown and Robert Kidd, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Kidd of Eldersville were united in marriage in the Eldersville Methodist Church, Wednesday, July 21 at 7:30 p.m., by the Rev. Harry Leland. The single ring ceremony was performed before an altar of palms and ferns flanked with candelabra.

Mrs. E. A. Gillespie played a recital of wedding music and Miss Peggy Gillespie sang "Always" and "I Love You Truly".

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white slipper satin fashioned with sweetheart neckline, long sleeves pointed at the wrist, and bouffant skirt. Her veil was held in place by a satin cap and plait of orange blossoms. She carried white carnations on a white prayer book.

Mrs. Wilbert Donaldson of Washington, sister of the bride, was matron of honor and wore a pink gown similar to that of the bride with matching head-piece. Her bouquet was pink and white carnations.

William Kidd, brother of the bridegroom, was best man and ushers were Donald Brown, brother of the bride and Dernon Wiegmann, cousin of the groom.

The bride's mother wore a pink linen suit with white accessories and a white carnation corsage. Mrs. Kidd wore a yellow suit with white accessories and similar corsage.

A reception for 200 guests was held following the ceremony at the bride's home. The wedding cake was four tiered and topped with a bride and groom.

Mrs. Kidd is a graduate of Union high school, class of 1945, and has been employed at the employment office of Weirton Steel Corporation. Mr. Kidd is also a graduate of Union high, class of 1942 and is an employee of the Jefferson Strip Mining Company.

Following an eastern honeymoon of two weeks, the couple will be at home in Eldersville.

**Irene Brown Marries Robert Kidd Wed  
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 22, 1948 Edition**



## FACTS ON FRANKFORT COME FROM MISSOURI

Former Frankfort Springs Resident  
Writes Interesting Letter  
On Name of Town

The Enterprise is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Agnes M. Bryte, of Versailles, Mo., a former resident of the Frankfort section, relative to the proper name of Frankfort. A part of the letter follows:

"I saw in the Enterprise where a sign directing tourists to Frankfort has the name spelled 'Frankford.'

"When a postoffice was established there, the office and village were called 'Frankfort Springs,' the name being in honor of a small fort built early in pioneer times by a settler named Frank.

"There was a meeting of citizens called for the purpose of giving the village a name, and at this meeting it was agreed to call the place 'Frankfort Springs,' in order that the name would not conflict with Frankford, a town near Philadelphia, Pa. Letters not having 'Springs' included in the address frequently went to Philadelphia, and eventually would be returned, marked 'Try Beaver Co.'

"I remember once, on a dark, rainy night, a stranger came in the store to get warm. He said he had driven his team many miles, and supposed he had yet many miles to go in looking for the home of Robert McHugh, of Frankford. He took out a piece of paper, and we discovered the McHugh in question lived near at hand. I said, 'we will have to quit going by addresses on envelopes. We all live about eight miles from the addresses put on envelopes.'

"Persons interested in naming the town were Eastern people, among whom were the Dungans and Roberts family. The Dungans came from Philadelphia about 150 years ago. My grandparents, Levi and Mary Dungan, located a few rods from where the town is. My great grandfather, Richard Roberts, came from Virginia about 130 years ago.

"Mrs. Andrew Stevenson and I can well remember when we, as small girls, heard grandfather tell of the meeting at which Frankfort Springs was given its name."

*Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Guernsey Bryte  
announce the marriage of their daughter*

*Emma Conkle  
to*

*Dr. Harry Oliver Pollock  
on Wednesday, May the seventh  
nineteen hundred and thirty  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*

**Miss Emma Conkle Bryte and Dr. Harry Oliver Pollock  
Wedding Announcement-1930**



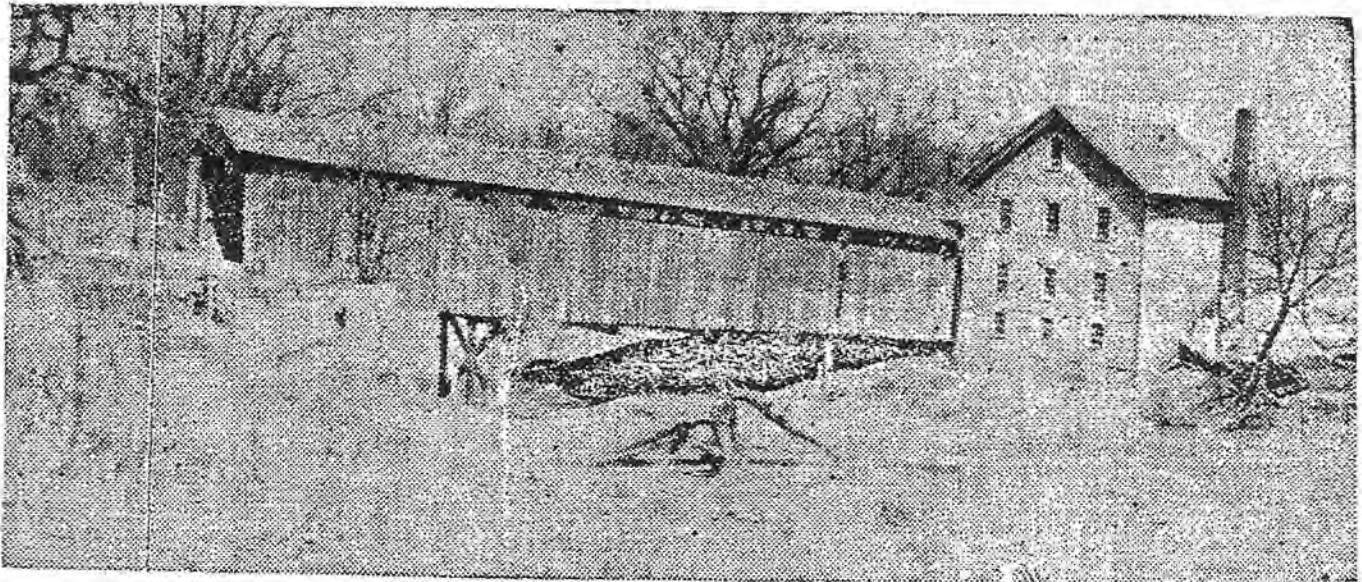
# Miss Emma C. Bryte's Engagement Announced

**M**R. AND MRS. ORRIN G. BRYTE, Sr., of Burgettsown announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Emma Conkle Bryte, to John Werner, Jr., of the East End. No wedding date has been set.

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**Miss Emma Conkle Bryte and John Werner, Jr.  
Engagement Announcement-Unknown Date**

## Taylorstown's Grist Mill Is Razed and Covered Bridge Will Be Torn Down Soon; Both Landmarks



Construction of a new modern bridge at a cost of \$26,000 at Taylorstown is getting under way and will result in the passing of two landmarks — the Buchanan flour mill and the old covered bridge.

The mill and bridge have stood on the same location on the bank of Buffalo Creek for over a century. The mill has been in the Buchanan family for almost three quarters of a century, it having been purchased by them from William McHugh in 1864.

The mill and the adjoining bridge were destroyed by fire in 1877 only to be replaced with the present four-story structure built by the late John F. and Alexander Buchanan in the year 1878.

The rebuilt mill was equipped as a modern up to date plant. The entire structure as well as a great part of the machinery was of wood construction which still remains intact. The power unit was the once well-known mill dam and water wheel which gave way to steam a few years prior to the turn of a century.

Ganding at the old mill was

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and Covered Bridge Will be torn down soon; Both Landmarks  
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*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



## OLD GRIST MILL AT TAYLORSTOWN RAZED

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on a percentage basis. The miller would take a certain per cent of the finished product as payment for grinding the farmer's grain. The second story of the mill had been converted into use for the manufacture of medicated stock salt.

The covered bridge which adjoined the mill, likewise was built in 1878. It replaced a bridge built in 1820 at a cost of \$700. The bridge was constructed entirely of wood. The massive wood timbers are of white pine, morticed and fastened together with wooden pins. It is built on an approximate five per cent grade and is 121 feet in length. It had no center pier until a few years ago.

Many times in the horse and buggy era the covered bridge was a haven from the storm to oil country teamsters and farmers in the era during which Taylorstown was the center of the richest oil production in Western Pennsylvania.

The Ross Leonard Construction Company on April 21 commenced the razing of the Buchanan Mill, a landmark of the community, to make way for change of road way to meet the construction of the new bridge above the present bridge. This mill is the last of six flour mills along Buffalo Creek reaching to the Ohio River, several of them of historic significance, providing flour and feed for farmers and residents of their respective areas.

The earliest mill providing for Taylorstown community was a log structure erected more than 100 years ago. It was replaced with a frame building erected in 1854. Water power was used in its operation. To provide for the storage of water a stone-breasted dam of near 60 feet in width and near 10 feet in height was constructed. It was solidly built. The water backed up the creek more than half a mile, reaching to the fork of the two Buffalo branches below the iron bridge. It provided a fine, smooth body of water the entire distance and of good width, with one or two very deep holes. In one of

**Taylorstown's Grist Mill is Razed (Pg. 2)  
And Covered Bridge Will be torn down soon; Both Landmarks  
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#### **BUCHANAN MILL BEING RAZED**

**Last of Buffalo Creek flour mills**

these Carson Campbell, of Washington was rescued by Walter McCleese and Tom Buchanan, after he had gone down the third time, when they were swimming. It was a fine place to swim and there was plenty of good fishing, while for skating it was one of the best courses. There were row boats for boating. Along the creek on occasions the road over which many heavy materials had to be transported, in addition to foodstuffs, groceries and other other necessities, became very bad. Mr. Donlay operated a machine shop near the Dutton home. He had a flat boat built and when the roads were real bad for hauling transportation was had on the flat boat in the creek. In a great flood in 1897 or 1898 the dam was washed out. Steam power had been installed at the mill prior to that time and water power was not then being used.

**Taylorstown's Grist Mill is Razed (Pg. 3)  
And Covered Bridge Will be torn down soon; Both Landmarks  
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The second mill was destroyed by fire and the building being razed was erected in its place. For more than sixty years to the end of its existence the Buchanans were connected with the mill. Wm. McHugh, father of Mrs. G. W. Dickey, owned the mill before the Buchanans gained possession. Alexander Buchanan, who was a millwright by trade and had been employed at the Noble mill further down the creek at John Sawhill place and his brother, John F. Buchanan, operated it. The former's sons, William A. and Thomas Buchanan, succeeded them, while Gaylor A. Buchanan adopted the suggestion of a friend and followed in the footsteps of his father, Wm. A. "Billy" Buchanan. His Uncle Tom had become disabled and he carried on to the end, becoming secretary to the District Five Draft Board.

The Buchanans were always attentive to patrons and would go out of their way to render a service, a trait of the three generations. Prior to the advent of motor vehicle transportation the Buchanans used horse power in delivery service. Car lots were hauled over from the Station. Much of the delivery was done by John F. Buchanan, who had one arm. Frequently he used four horses in hauling a big load. Many men with two arms could not do better than he in teaming. Deliveries were made to Washington and many towns and communities of the southwest. It was a service Mr. Buchanan enjoyed. Typical in height, build and driving efficiency, and having but one arm, is J. J. Irey, of West Finley, the two frequently contacting each other

**Taylorstown's Grist Mill is Razed (Pg. 4)  
And Covered Bridge Will be torn down soon; Both Landmarks  
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*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

The National Society  
of the  
Sons of the American Revolution



*William K. Buchanan*

is hereby awarded the

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*George Washington Chapter*

*Albert W. White*  
President

*November 21, 2002*  
Date

*Harry C. Kellen*  
Secretary

**William K. Buchanan**  
**Sons of the American Revolution-Certificate of Appreciation**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



## GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bukovinsky, Sr., of Avella, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 31 with a family dinner at the George Washington hotel. A mass was said in their honor at St. Michael's church, Avella.

Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bukovinsky, Jr. and children; Rev. Father George Benton, pastor of St. Michael's church, Avella; Mr. and Mrs. Alan Gould and son, Bruce; and Mr. and Mrs. James Purash and daughter.

The couple were married June 2, 1914, in Czechoslovakia and came to the United States in 1921.

Mr. Bukovinsky, 70, is a retired miner and is janitor of St. Michael's church and rectory. Mrs. Bukovinsky, 69, is housekeeper of St. Michael's Rectory.



They are members of St. Michael's church, Avella and enjoy good health.

Golden wedding bands were presented to them by their children.

**Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bukovinsky Celebrate Golden Anniversary  
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 24, 1964**

George Burget

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to

Rosannah Burget

Articles of Agreement entered  
into this twenty eighth day of Sep-  
tember Anno Dom 1749 Between

George Burget Eldest son of  
Boston Burget deceased on behalf

of himself & Phillip Burget his Brother and <sup>Burget</sup> Agnes  
his Sister, of the one part and Rosannah Burget

the Heir of the said Boston Burget deceased of  
the other part **witneseth** that the said George

on behalf of himself & his aforesaid brother and sister as  
well as the said Rosannah to part and end to all contro-

versy concerning the Estate of the said Boston at present

to exclude all controversy in future the aforesaid Parties  
have agreed as follows Viz the said George on behalf

of himself & his brother & sister, doth agree that four-

hundred acres part of the Claim & Property of my  
Father Boston Burget shall be for the use of the

aforesaid Rosannah for her support for and during her  
Natural Life & for the support of her children

which she had by the said Boston Viz John Burget  
Andrew Burget, Mary Burget Isaac Burget, Eliza-

beth Burget, Sarah Burget & Boston Burget



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in testimony by any claim that may set up that  
that in such case the four hundred acres shall  
be opened in proportion as any deduction shall be  
made by such loss of Land - the aforesaid prin-  
ciples of Division shall also be allowed to the  
aforesaid George Burgett agrees to give the Said  
Rosannah three Cows, also two Horses one Plough  
& Plow Irons, also four Sheep, one pot, one bed &  
bed clothes - two set of Gears to plow with also  
two Hens two Barrows for next fall one a year  
for Pork & six Shirts, and it is further  
agreed by the Said George Burgett that he will  
provide the Said Rosannah with every thing  
Necessary for her Support for the Space of one  
Year & will also support the Said Ishingbrooks  
Mary, Isaac Elizabeth & Sarah of Boston her  
children aforesaid that shall & they are  
to have the privilege of dwelling at the House  
Boston Burgett Late deceased for and during one  
one year & the Said George agrees to support the  
House Cows Hays & Sheep &c during the space of  
one year - And the Said Rosannah on  
behalf of her self & the aforesaid Ishingbrooks  
Mary, Isaac, Elizabeth, Sarah & Boston doth

to be held by the Said Susannah & her said children  
John, Andrew, Mary & Isaac, Elizabeth Sarah & Boston  
as tenants in common & after the decease of the Said  
Susannah it is intended & meant that the aforesaid  
four hundred acres shall be the right & property of  
the Said John, Andrew, Mary, Isaac, Elizabeth Sarah  
& Boston their heirs & assigns forever & it is further meant  
that the Part that is hereby conveyed shall be laid off  
in the following manner, Viz, by a line dividing the whole  
Tract agreeable to the course the divisional fence now  
runs & should it happen that Said Line will throw  
off from the South or South east Side four hundred  
Acres that shall be the line of Division - the side  
upon which the Mill Stand is meant to be retained by  
the Said George for his own part of Said Boston Burgetts Estate  
but should there not be a sufficiency of Land on the South  
or South East Side then the deficiency is to be made up  
out of the Wood Land so as not to effect the present im-  
provements - if the aforesaid divisional should com-  
prehend more than four hundred acres then the surplus  
is to be thrown off in Wood Land so as not to effect the present  
improvements it is also understood, as there is a dispute  
existing should it happen that any part of the  
aforesaid Claim of my father Boston Burgett should



Agree hereby to relinquish all claim to any other  
part of the said Boston Burgetts Estate being full-  
ly satisfied with what is herein before recited  
And the said George & Susannah agree to  
the premises under the Penalty of one thousand  
pounds. In witness of the premises the parties  
have hereunto set their hands & seals the day &  
date aforesaid

Done in presence of  
David Bradford  
Caleb Brown  
John Renkin

George Burgett  
Rosannah Burgett  
mark

Washington County, S.C.

on the 26 day of Dec. 1789 Before me  
James Edgar one of the justices of the Peace and  
Court of Common Pleas in and for said County. Per-  
sonably came George Burket and Rosannah  
Burket within mentioned and acknowledged  
the within Articles or Instr. of Writing as and for  
their Act and Deed and desired that the Same be  
Recorded as such Given under my hand and seal  
the day and year above written J<sup>r</sup> Edgar

Recorded the twenty eighth day of December  
in the year One thousand Seven hundred and Eighty

More  
at the House of the Clerk of the Court  
The Clerk of the Court

**COAL! COAL!**

We would respectfully inform the public that we have opened a new coal bank, on the B. G. Burgett farm and will constantly have on the platform at the bank a supply of FIRST-CLASS COAL. Price 3 cents per bushel.

SPENCER & PERRINE.



Exhibitions were held on these grounds until 1860, and on June 2d of that year nine and a half acres of land were leased for ten years of B. G. Burgett, at the expiration of which time additional ground was added, and it was released for ten years, and again, Feb. 11, 1780 (1880?), was leased for ten years. At the present time the company have inclosed seventeen acres. The grounds were fenced and permanent buildings erected the first year the society came into possession of the grounds, and fairs have been held there continuously. No account was kept of the amount of voluntary contributions for erecting fences, grading the tract, and other work.

The cost of rent of fair grounds from the first year (1856) to the present time has been \$3350; repairing grounds, \$2500; music, \$2140; buildings, halls, stalls, etc., \$9690; printing, \$2187; amount of money paid for premiums from the first, \$24,000. Receipts from entries and tickets, \$49,832.34. The receipts from the fair held Oct. 4, 5, and 6th, 1881, was \$2165.10.

**B. G. Burgett lease for Union Agriculture Fairgrounds  
Smith Twp.-Crumrine**

## **BURGETT DESCENDANT VISITS HOME OF SIRES**

**Sixth in Line of Burgett Family  
Pays First Visit to Town  
Founded by Relatives**

Philip L. Burgett of Chicago and W. M. Burgett of Pittsburgh, were distinguished visitors last week to the old town founded by Sebastian Burgett in the long ago. While W. W. Burgett lives in the near by city and is a frequent visitor, this was the first time Philip Burgett had ever seen the town which bears the name of his illustrious great-great-great grandfather.

There is a possibility the statistician may be somewhat mixed in the number of "greats" that belong properly to the designation, but Philip is the sixth of the Burgett line from the original Burgett of Burgettstown.

The history of the Burgett family is voluminous and exceptionally interesting. The local town's founder lost his life here while endeavoring to transport some grist mill machinery to the town. Other members of his family were scattered about the country, which at the time was practically all wilderness. Tracing through the family connections of this sixth-in-line member, it is found that a son of Sebastian Burgett, named Philip, went from here to Ohio. His son, George Washington Burgett, was born and lived his life in Ohio. A son of this man, Philip Boston Burgett, went from Ohio to Iowa, where his son, Alcinus Burgett, lives. Philip L. Burgett, whom this sketch deals with, is a son of Alcinus.

Thus, is traced the history of the town's recent visitor back to the founding of Burgettstown. Mr. Burgetti, the sixth, is connected with a banking institution in Chicago, and resides in Evanston, Illinois. The other members of his immediate family connection remain in Iowa.

Many of the older residents of Burgettstown and the countryside may remember some of the Burgetts, although none of the name has lived here in many years. The visit of the Chicago man revives interest in the history of the old town.

## **Burgett Descendant Visits Home of Sires**

**Burgettstown Enterprise- November 5, 1936**



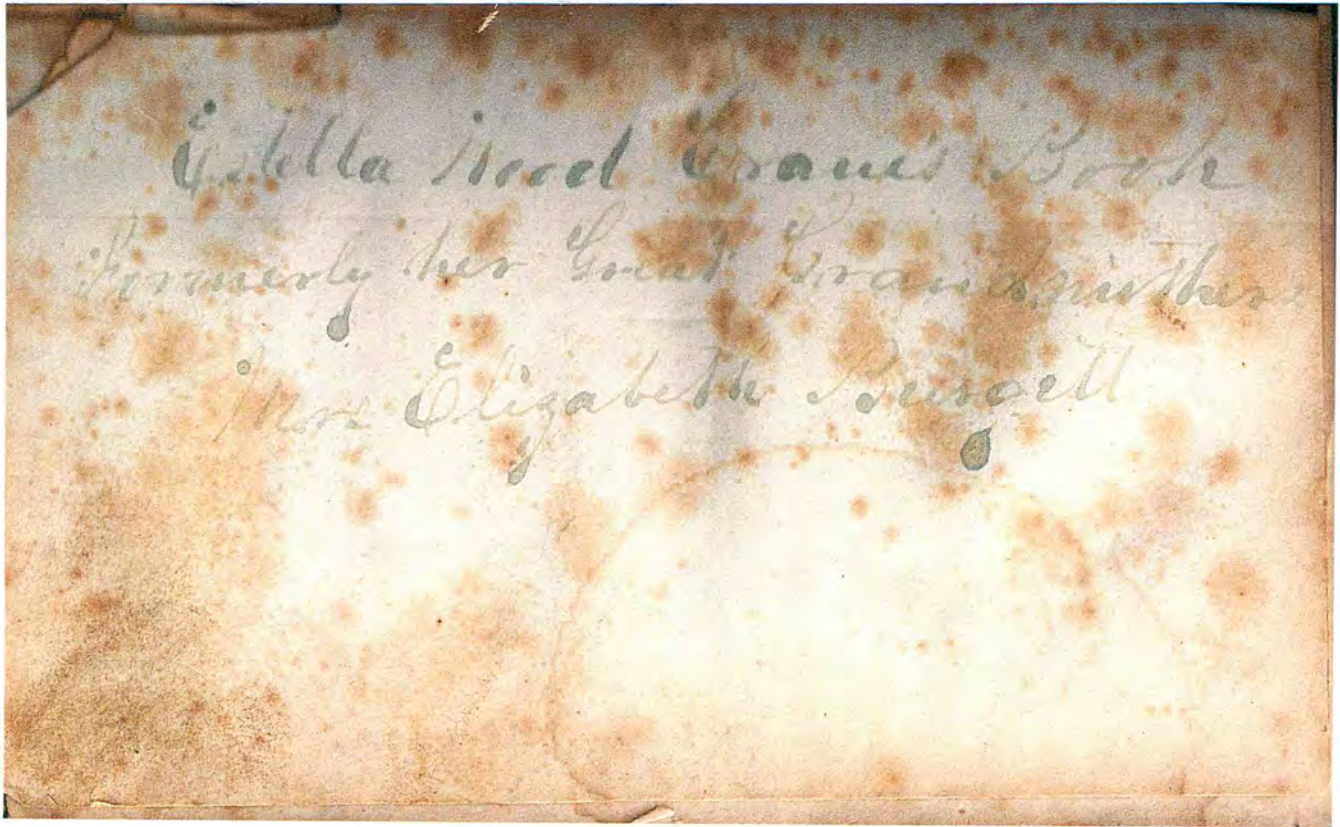
## Abstracts of the Washington Reporter

### Monday, June 7, 1819

**1039.** Died on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April last, in the city of New Orleans, Doct. Boston G. Burgett, in the 30<sup>th</sup> year of his age, formerly a citizen of Burgettstown, Washington County, Pa.

### Monday, January 24, 1820

**1329.** Will be sold. On Friday, the 11<sup>th</sup> February next, at the house of Rosanah, and Andrew BURGET, in the vicinity of Burgettstown, the following property, belonging to the estate of Doct. Boston G. BURGET, deceased, viz: and elegant library of medical and other useful books, and one book case and desk. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock, P.M. where due attendance, will be given by /s/Jesse Spencer, administrator, Burgettstown, Smith Township.



**Inside page of "The Saint's Everlasting Rest."  
*Estella Wood Grave's Book. Formerly her Great Grandmother.  
Elizabeth Burgett***



**Bookmark found in the book.  
It is red thread cross stitched on paper.**

**Owner of the Book-Elizabeth Burgett**  
Book was donated by Nelle Duncan Blaine Barrett. June 6. 1974



Miss Elizabeth Barrett  
Barrett  
Esq

**ANNE BARRETT**

**ROBERT CRANE**

Presented to the Library  
of Burgetts Hill  
Society by  
Nelle Duncan Blaine Barrett  
June 6, 1974  
June 6, 1974

Elizabeth Barrett  
Barrett  
Washington born  
1849

Front and back inside pages from

"The Saint's Everlasting Rest."

Owner of the Book-Elizabeth Burgett

Book was donated by Nelle Duncan Blaine Barrett, June 6, 1974



**HER MOTHER'S EAR.**

They sat at the spinning together,  
And they spun the fine white thread;  
One face was old and the other young,  
A golden and silver thread.

And at times the young voice broke in  
song  
That was wonderfully sweet,  
And the mother's heart beat deep and  
calm,  
For her joy was most complete.

And at times the mother counselled  
In a voice so soft and low,  
How the untried feet of her daughter  
Through this strange rough life should go.

There was many a holy lesson,  
Inwoven with silent prayer,  
Taught to her gentle, listening child,  
As they two sat spinning there.

"And of all that I speak, my darling,  
From my older head and heart,  
God giveth me one last thing to say,  
And with it thou shalt not part :

"Thou wilt listen to many voices—  
And, ah woe, that this must be!—  
The voice of praise and the voice of love—  
And the voice of flattery ;

"But listen to me, my little one,  
There's one thing that thou shalt fear :  
Let never a word to my love be said  
Which her mother may not hear.

"No matter how true, my darling one,  
The words may seem to thee,  
They are not fit for my child to hear  
If they cannot be told to me.

"If thou'lt ever keep thy young heart pure,  
And thy mother's heart from fear,  
Bring all that is told to thee by day  
At night to thy mother's ear."

And thus they sat spinning together,  
And an angel bent to see  
The mother and child whose happy life  
Went on so lovingly.

And a record was made by his golden pen  
And this on his page he said,  
That the mother who counselled her  
child so well  
Need never to feel afraid ;

For God would keep the heart of the child  
Who, with tender love and fear,  
Should kneel at her mother's side at night,  
With lips to her mother's ear !

—*Christian at Work.*

**Article found in the book.**

**Back of the newspaper from which the verse printed,  
the newspaper refers to multiple dates from the fall of 1877.**

**Owner of the Book-Elizabeth Burgett  
"The Saint's Everlasting Rest."**

**Book was donated by Nelle Duncan Blaine Barrett, June 6, 1974**



**Miss Emma M. Burgett,**

Daughter of the late Boston G. Burgett, of Smith township, this county, taught an independent term the summer of 1871, in room No. 2, Union school building. She married Frank McCune, February 15, 1876. Mr. McCune is yard master for the P. C. C. & St. L. Railway Company, at Sheridan, Allegheny County, Pa.

**Emma M. Burgett**



**Burgett Family Home-1946 Side View**  
**South Main Street, Burgettstown, PA**

*Fort Vance Historical Society*





**Steps from the street leading to Burgett home. Burgettstown, PA.  
The full set of steps are gone due to the widening on the road.**

*Fort Vance Historical Society*





**Burgett home-Burgettstown, PA.  
Tennyson Family in the foreground**

*Fort Vance Historical Society*





**Burgett Family Home-In the Background**

*(Neighbors in the photos)*

**South Main Street, Burgettstown, PA**

*Fort Vance Historical Society*

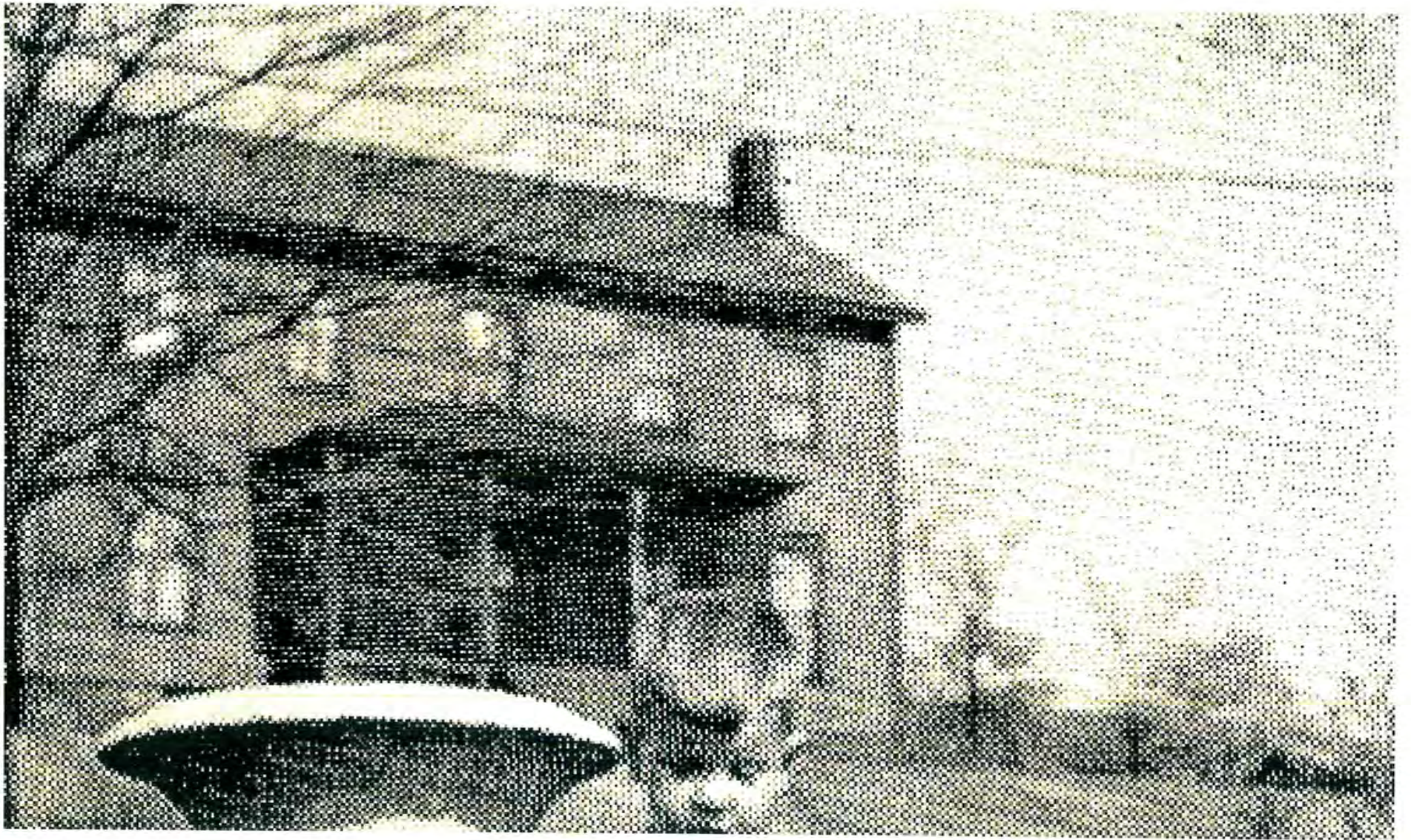




**Burgett barn in the background-Burgettstown, PA**

*Fort Vance Historical Society*





**Burgett home-Burgettstown, PA.**

*Fort Vance Historical Society*





**Current Burgett steps-Burgettstown, PA**

*Fort Vance Historical Society*





**Log House on Market Street, Burgettstown, PA (pg. 1)  
Restoration 1994**

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**Log House on Market Street, Burgettstown, PA (pg. 2)  
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**Log House on Market Street, Burgettstown, PA (pg.3)  
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**Log House on Market Street, Burgettstown, PA (pg. 4)  
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Bessie Mae Gilbert Gatho and Harriet Gilbert



**Gilbert Home circa 1910**

L-R: Harriet Rebecca (McCullough) Gilbert, Phillip Henry Gilbert, Verda (Fleming) Stewart with doll, Bessie Mae (Gilbert) Gatho, Esther Mae (Fulton) Drummond in front.

**Log House on Market Street, Burgettstown, PA (pg. 5)**

**Earlier Views**

*Fort Vance Historical Society*

Mary Burgett.

~~Dau-Phillip & Sarah (Thompson) Burgett.~~

| 1 COL | 2 COL | 3 COL | 4 COL | 5 COL AND LARGER |
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~~Born-Feb. 16-1793-Died Feb. 7-1801~~

~~REMARKS AND IDENTIFICATION~~

~~Buried Burgettstown, Penna.~~

~~Died before the family left Washington county Pa., and before settling in Jefferson Co.~~

~~Interment was made in farm burial plot but afterwards moved to Burgettstown.~~

Nancy Burgett.

~~Dau-Phillip & Sarah (Thompson) Burgett.~~

| 1 COL | 2 COL | 3 COL | 4 COL | 5 COL AND LARGER |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------------|
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~~Born Apr. 22, 1795- Died Mar. 12, 1798.~~

~~REMARKS AND IDENTIFICATION~~

~~Died at Burgettstown-Penna. Interment~~

~~made in farm burial plot. but later Mrs.~~

~~Frank McCune moved remains to Burgettstown cemetery.~~

## Mary and Nancy Burgett Burial Notes



# **Philip Burgett**

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**Burgett Day**  
**May 19, 1971**

*Fort Vance Historical Society*

It is a pleasure to be with you with the evening and I am doubly pleased to know that you have such an active historical society and interest in the past. I have been through Burgettstown a number of times-my first visit being in 1936 when my cousin, Willard Burgett, of Pittsburgh, now deceased, showed me around. It was he who gathered most of the history of the Burgett family. At that time, I met Mr. Maurey, then editor of the Enterprise, and later sent him an outline of the Burgett family in as much he occasionally received inquiries relative to the family.

I was fortunate in meeting Dr. and Mrs. Say in Ft. Lauderdale, where we spend our winters and where he was an associate minister of the First Presbyterian Church. He began his ministry at Cross Creek, where he met and married Martha Dunbar of Slovan, who graduated from high school there. It was through them I met Mr. and Mrs. White and subsequently Mr. and Mrs. Holt. Through Albert Miller I met his brother, Del, a year ago and, accompanied by Mary Lib, his wife, we had the pleasure of visiting Meadowcroft Village, a most interesting place. I have also called on Mr. and Mrs. Culley upon the introduction of their daughter, a genealogist who noticed my listing in a genealogical service. My great grandfather Hawkins came from Uniontown and my wife's grandparents the Rubles and Mitchells, came from Fayette County. By way of further introduction I am the fifth generation descendant from Sebastian Burgett. I was born and raised in Iowa, with my business life in Chicago with Northern Trust Company Bank, living in Evanston, a suburb. I graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and in that way at one time knew a large number of students from over the state.

Most of my information relative to the Burgett family here is taken from Crumine's History so you know more about the early history of the family than I do. It was probably been thirty years since I reviewed this history. Upon Cousin Willard's death, his files were left to me, which contained considerable correspondence with a Mr. J.R. McNary of this city and Mr. J.V. Thompson of Uniontown, who was related to the Markle family. There are now very few families Bearing the name of Burgett in our branch, none so far as I know arising from Sebastian's second marriage.

There are two other principal lines of the Burgett family in this country, the largest being a Holland line with the name spelled Burghardt, settling near Albany, NY and Great Barrington, Massachusetts, shortly before 1700. Another line apparently settled in Franilintown, Maryland, now a part of Baltimore. From there members of that family settled in Purgittsville, West Virginia, and probably Burkittsville, Maryland. Few early German settlers could write and could only speak brokenly so spelling was poor. In fact George and his stepmother are listed in the 1790 census as Burkett. There is a lady in Idaho who acts as a clearing house on the Burgett name and publishes a quarterly leaflet called "Burgett Briefs".



Little or nothing is known of Sebastian Burgett and his family prior to their coming to this country, which I presume was through the port of Philadelphia. It was traditional in my family that we were French Huguenots with the same name originally "Bourget"-meaning little village. There is a prominent lake of that name in southern France, with a little village of that name at the head of the lake, which we visited. There is also a Bourget airport outside of Paris, which takes its name from a small suburb. About 20 years ago we were in Sachingen, Germany, near the head of the Rhine River, and we saw a sign "Adolph Burgett, Jeweler". We talked to the daughter, who had inherited the business and who knew something of the history of her family, which seems to tie in with tradition in my family. She subsequently sent me this plaque of the Burgett Coat of Arms, somewhat embellished, containing the Huguenot symbol, with the year 1669 representing the year of their coming to Germany. I tried to verify this through the National Library in Paris but could only find the name in persecutions because of their religion. I have a few copies of these letters with me, which you may have. In it she says that the family was in the lower rung of French nobility and that the head of the family immigrating to Alsace Lorraine was Francois Antoine Bourget. Four of his children were married and separated, - some going to Holland and possibly coming to this country in New York state 25 years later. Names in the family included Cornelius from which Coenradt head the New York Line, may have been derived, and Philip, a common name. This lady subsequently went to South Africa to be with her daughter, where she died shortly afterwards. I have seen the name "Burgett" in German telephone books and I intend to secure a genealogist to check the name further for us.

Sebastian Burgett is believed to have come to this country possibly through the port of Philadelphia in 1769, probably coming down the Rhine and sailing from Rotterdam from which most of the Germans came. It is said he could speak fluently but he spoke German almost entirely and could only speak English brokenly. He is believed to have spent only one winter in Moselem Springs in Berks County, where his wife died. He is said to have then left with a band of emigrates, with his children in the care of the Markle family, for Westmoreland County, then Bedford County, locating at Mill Grove, now known as West Newton. Leaving his children in the care of the Markle family, he took up a tract of land known as West Boston on a tributary of Raccoon Creek, later known as Burgett's Fork. Upon it he erected a stockade known as Burgett's Fort. On my first trip here, the Gulf Oil Company issued an historical map of Pennsylvania which showed "Burgett's Fort". He married Roxanna Markle in 1772, with whose parents his children had been living in Mill Grove. She would have been 16 years of age with Sebastian twice her age. He could then have moved his family about that time.

He had three children by his first wife, whose name is unknown, George, born in 1766, Philip Boston, my forebear born 1767, and Agnes, born in 1769. George married Fannie Rogers, a sister of Rowland Rogers, who kept a tavern here and to whom he sold the mill adjoining property. Philip married Sarah Thomson, the daughter of William and Jean Thomson, whose land bordered that of John Rankin, whose land in turn bordered that of Sebastian. She is believed to have been a sister of Tommy Thomson, the tailor, a well known citizen here. We have no information relative to Agnes, although Crumrine says she is mentioned as late as 1790 concerning the estate of her father at which time she would have been 21 years of age.

There are 8 children by the second marriage with Roxannah or Rosanna Markle, - John, a boatman; Isaac, a hatter; and Boston Grimm Burgett, a doctor. All moving to Adams County, Mississippi, presumably Natchez. They are believed to have been single but I cannot help thinking that one of them must have married inasmuch as John was 4 years of age when he dies in 1817. I have found John on tax rolls in Mississippi from 1810 to 1816, with assessed property of \$1500; Isaac on tax rolls from 1807 to 1813, dying in 1815. Boston Grim Burgett studied medicine under Dr. S.J. Perry here and died in 1819 in Mississippi of yellow fever. Elizabeth and Sarah both died in infancy. Andrew, who lived here, died in 1848. Mary married John Smith and moved to East Liverpool, Ohio, dying in 1828. Alizabeth married Zachariah Linn and moved to Millersburg, Ohio, dying in 1861. Roxannah outlived all of her children and step children except Andrew and Alizabeth.

Sebastian acquired two tracts of land, one called West Boston, consisting of 100 acres, upon which the fort and mill were erected and which, upon his death, was inherited by the children of the first marriage, and the other called Radius, consisting of 292 acres and inherited by Roxannah and her children. During the Revolutionary War he served as a Ranger to protect the community, a second class private in Captain Peter Kidd's roll under Colonel John Marshall. On the roll he is listed as both Boston Burgett and Baustian Burgett, both given names being a contraction of Sebastian. Sebastian was killed in 1789 within two miles of his home while returning from Pittsburgh with castings or a millstone for his mill. His wagon upset, pitching him out, either breaking his neck or crushing him under the castings or millstone. This occurred four days prior to the birth of Boston Grim Burgett. Crumrine, in his history written in the 80's, gives the date of his death taken from a slab in the family burial ground. His widow subsequently sold 92 acres to Benjamin Shipley in 1804 and the remainder was divided among her children, subsequently acquired by Andrew Burgett.



George Burgett became the head of the family and ran the mill and farm. His brother, Philip, my forebear did not seem to care for work and was said to have been more of a hunter and trapper. His step-brother John, of the second marriage was only 16 years of age. George was listed in the 1790 census with two males over 16 and one female so Philip and his sister Agnes. Must have been living with inasmuch as I have January 25<sup>th</sup>, 1791, as the date of his marriage. He had nine children, all of whom were born here except his youngest son who was born two months after his death. He may have had another son inasmuch as the history of Richland County, Ohio, to which he moved, mentions a William Burgett as superintendant of Olivesburg School in 1829, with his grave in the Olivesburg Cemetery. He may have been the Alexander, the eldest member of the family born in 1791, of which there is no information. George took the oath of allegiance, together with his brother Philip and his neighbors on November 2, 1794, following the Whiskey Rebellion.

In 1795, George Burgett had Peter Kidd lay out a town for him called "West Boston". Crumine tells of the various purchasers including John Vance. In 1801 Peter Kidd laid out another portion. In 1808, Rowland Rogers purchased the mill property and 11 acres of land. The last lots were sold in 1810 when it is believed he moved to Jefferson County, Ohio where his brother Philip had settled in about 1804. He only stayed there two or three years for it is recorded in the History of Ashland County written in 1876 that he moved to that county in the spring of 1813, settling three miles west of Ashland. It is recorded that so dense was the forest, they were compelled to cut a way for the terms. He returned to Jefferson County in the fall and returned with his family in the spring of 1814. He only lived four years afterward, dying in 1818. He was buried on his farm in Clear Creek Township. His wife died in 1841 and is buried in Olivesburg Cemetery nearby where most of the family lived. Both families are said to have kept in touch with their step mother and their relation until their deaths.

As it can be seen, people were on the move going down the river to the Mississippi and to Ohio which had become a state in 1803, although sparsely settled and largely along the rivers. His grandchildren were on the move again. Two grandsons went south and were in the Confederate Army. One was killed in the war and the other returned to Ohio and died shortly after of consumption. A number were in the Union Army. One grandson fell in the battle of Black River Bridge and was buried on the battlefield. A grandson, a minister and the son of Joseph Rogers Burgett, went south for his health shortly before the Civil War, locating in Mobile, Alabama and was the minister of Government Street Presbyterian Church for 41 years. His family was prominent there. Joseph Rogers Burgett operated a tannery in Olivesburg, Ohio, learning his trade from Uncle Philip in Jefferson County. Another grandson, Milton Montgomery, was Brigadier General in the Civil War, later practicing law in Lincoln, Nebraska. Another grandson, Colonel Benjamin Montgomery, a brother of General Milton Montgomery, was a prominent lawyer in Iowa and Nebraska, later moving to Colorado where he became Lieutenant Governor, dying in office in 1912.

Philip Boston Burgett, my forebear, as I have indicated, is said to have been by nature a woodsman, trapper, and trader rather than a farmer like his brother. He traded pelts at Fort Pitt for powder and lead which he supplied his neighbors, for blankets and trinkets with which to trade with the Indians. In 1784 when the Pennsylvania and Virginia line was established upwards to the Ohio River, he is said to have assisted in the survey because of his knowledge of the country. In 1787 when he was twenty years old he assisted in surveying the first seven ranges in Ohio. Following the death of his father he is thought to have sold his interest in the estate to his brother, George, who had been insisting that he help more with the farm and mill work. He is believed to have moved to Springfield Township in Jefferson County, Ohio, near Salineville, some forty miles distant, in about 1804, on which was later known as Burgett's Run, again a heavily timbered area. It is recorded in the history of Belmont and Jefferson Counties that he and John Tucker discovered salt on Yellow Creek in about 1802 while hunting in the vicinity and which became one of the items of trade with the Indians.

He had nine children, all but three born here. Two died in infancy in 1778 and 1801 and were probably buried in the family burial lot here. The eldest, Jane, married Baziel Blazer, whose family lived near Florence and who may have moved there with Philip. George Washington Burgett, the second oldest to live to maturity, was my great grandfather. All of Philip's children continued to live here but the grandchildren really took off - moving to Iowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota and as far west as Denver. Philip and his wife died in 1835 and 39 and were buried on their farm, although there is a memorial marker in the Presbyterian Church Yellow Creek Cemetery.

My great grandfather lived on the west edge of Salineville and was a freighter until the railroads came through, plying between Pittsburgh, East Liverpool, Steubenville, and Wheeling and as far as Columbus, driving six horse teams. In the winter he boiled salt. He had eleven children, all living to maturity and marrying, except two sons who died in their twenties, one in East Liberty, Pa. of black diphtheria and the other drowning in Iowa. My grandfather was the second eldest and was born in 1823. He knew his grandfather Philip inasmuch as he was twelve years old when he died. My grandfather was a boatman on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers flat boating produce to New Orleans until 1856 when he married. Upon his marriage he came to Iowa where he took up farming, eventually acquiring a section of land, I was born on the farm and lived there until I was five years old. This farm remained in our family until about twenty years ago.

Owen Burgett, Kenneth's grandfather and Cousin Willard's father, was next to the youngest, twenty one years younger than my grandfather. He was a Union soldier and lived on the home place outside of Salineville.

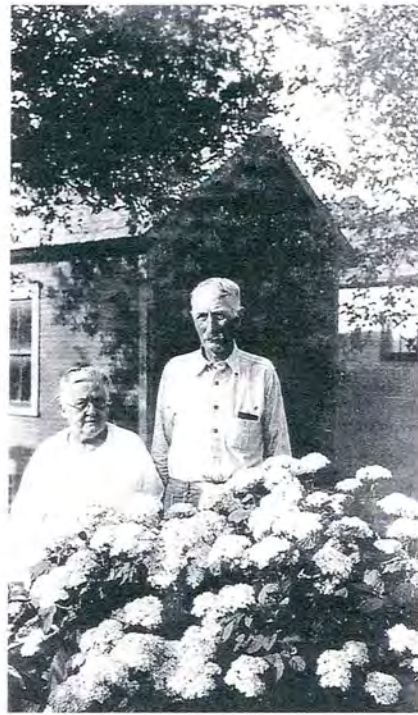
Andrew F. Burgett, the second son of Sebastian by his second marriage, was the only one to stay in Burgettstown. He was born in 1778 and died in 1848 and was probably buried in the family burial ground. He purchased the rights of his brothers and sisters in the farm known as "Radius". He lived with his mother until he was 41, marrying in 1819 to



Jemina Teeple. They had two children, Boston Grimm Burgett, who died here in 1890, and a second son who died here in 1826 only five years of age. His first wife lived only three years after their marriage. Four years later he married Elizabeth Simpson Miller, the widow of Thomas Miller, who conducted the Blue Bell Tavern in Hickory and is said to have been the first postmaster here. Andrew is said to have operated the Keystone Tavern in the Burgett home. He was also a farmer and dealer in livestock and rather prominent in the community, with it recorded that he was the captain of the Washington Militia in a military parade in 1840. In his will he left his real property to his son, Boston Grimm Burgett, and if he had no heirs, it was to go to Boston Burgett Smith, his nephew in East Liverpool. Boston Grimm Burgett married his second cousin, Sarah Jane Markel, in Steubenville, her family having also gone to Jefferson County, Ohio. He and his wife are buried in the United Presbyterian Church Yard and upon their death, their daughter, Mrs. Frank McCune, is said to have moved the graves in the Burgett family cemetery to the Church cemetery, probably only establishing memorial markers. He had three daughters, Mrs. William Truman (Rachel Jemima) of Pittsburgh, who had two daughters residing on Kinsman Road and Beechwood Boulevard, and Emma Miranda, Mrs. Frank McCune. Living at 1619 Shady Avenue in Pittsburgh, who had a son, Boston McCune, living in Sandusky, Ohio and a daughter, Glodogh, who was single, dying in 1937.

The record of the family goes on and becomes rather voluminous although it is now about forty years old and I have made no attempt to keep it up to date. As far as I know the Burgetts have always been substantial people in their communities, originally well known farmers, members of school boards, township commissioners, with a sprinkling of ministers, lawyers, and other professional and business men.

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



1927

**Harriett and Henry Gilbert  
22 Market Street, Burgettstown, PA**





**Bessie Mae Gilbert-1926**



**Bessie Mae Gilbert and her mother,  
Harriett McCullough Gilbert**

*22 Market Street, Burgettstown, PA*



**MARKEL, T. ABRAM, (Jefferson Co.)**

Capt and Col in Pa Mil. Br Feb 20, 1762, Berks Co, Pa. Parents: Col Caspar Markel and Mary E. Grim. Mar Rachel Blackburn, 1796. Children; Caspar, Joseph, Dr. Abraham, Dr. John, Deborah, Eliza, Maria, Rachel, Hannah Rosanna, Jacob, Sara Jane, Benjamin and Martha. D 1841, Island Creek, Jefferson Co, O. Bur Island Creek Church Graveyard. Family lot. MI: "Abram T. Markel. 1762-1841." GM Steubenville D. A. R. by bronze marker, June, 1923. Served in Westmoreland Co Mil, 1777-1779. Commissioned Major 1800, 1st Bn of 54th Regt, Pa Mil, 13th Div, Cos of Westmoreland, Allegheny and Crawford. Served seven years. Ref: D.A.R. Lin Bk, Vol 26; Jordan Encyclopedia of Biography for Pa, Pa Archives; Markers in Island Creek Cem; Probate Court Records of Berks Co, Pa, and Commission fr Pa Mil in private possession of family. Fur infor Steubenville Chap.

**Abram T. Markel**

**Father of Sarah Jane Markel Burgett**

**Sarah was married to Boston Grim Burgett**



# Grave marker dedication honoring Burgett

BURGETTSTOWN — The Daughters of the American Revolution will hold a grave marker dedication honoring Real Daughter Sarah Jane Markle Burgett at 1 p.m. Oct. 25 at Fairview Cemetery located on Smith Township State Road.

Sarah Jane Markle Burgett was the wife of Boston Grim Burgett and

the daughter-in-law of Sebastian Boston Burgett, a German immigrant and founder of Burgettstown. Boston Grim Burgett was the youngest of Sebastian Boston Burgett's 10 children by two wives, born in 1820 to Sebastian Burgett's second wife, Roxanna "Anna Rosina" Markle of Berks County. Boston Burgett later studied medicine.

Sebastian Boston Burgett settled in the area in 1780, building a grist mill and blockhouse along Raccoon Creek, near present-day West Pittsburgh Street.

Burgettstown was originally named "West Boston" and laid out in 1795. A post office was opened in 1811. The Panhandle Rail Road came through the area in 1865,

and another small community grew up around the depot, now located along Main Street, eventually being absorbed by Burgettstown. A charter was granted to Burgettstown in 1881.

Sarah Jane Markle Burgett joined the DAR Pittsburgh Chapter in 1898. Her father, Col. Abram Markle, served on Gen. George Washing-

ton's staff from 1777 to 1779. He was a Pennsylvania native.

Pennsylvania Regent Bobbi McMullen will preside over the dedication marking her grave and honoring Sarah Jane Markle Burgett as a "Real Daughter," a designation reserved for DAR members who were daughters of Revolutionary War soldiers. Sarah Jane Markle Burgett was one of three Real Daughters associated with the Pittsburgh Chapter.

She was born in Island Creek Township, Jefferson County, Ohio,

in 1820 and died in Burgettstown in 1898, aged 77. Her husband, Boston Burgett, died two years later, in 1890, in Burgettstown.

Sarah Jane Markle Burgett was buried in an unmarked grave in Fairview; she is the last Pennsylvanian Real Daughter whose grave will be dedicated.

A dessert reception will immediately follow the dedication.

Make a reservation by contacting Diane McVicker at (412) 487-3065 or dianemcv@verizon.net by Tuesday.

Grave marker dedication honoring Sarah Jane Markle Burgett  
PA Focus-October 17, 2013 Edition

## Transcript between George Burgett and Rosannah Burgett

George Burget to Rosanah Burget

Articles of Agreement entered into this twenty eight day of December Anno Dom 1789 Between George Burget, Eldest son of Boston Burget deceased, on behalf of himself and Phillip Burget his Brother and Agnes Burget, his sister, of the one part and Rosannah Burget the ("Widow" but the word looks like Relect) of the said Boston Burget deceased of the other part. **Witnesseth** that the said George on behalf of himself and his aforesaid brother and sister as well as the said Rosannah to put an end to all controversy concerning the estate of the said Boston at present and to exclude all controversy in the future the aforesaid parties have agreed as follows. **Viz** the said George on behalf of his brother and sister doth agree that four hundred acres, part of the Claim and Property of my Father Boston Burget, shall be for the use of the aforesaid Rosannah for the support for and during her natural life and for the support of her children which she had by the said Boston. **Viz** John Burget, Andrew Burget, Mary Burget, Isaac Burget, Elizabeth Burget, Sarah Burget, and Boston Burget [End of Page 1]

be taken away by any claim that may be set up that \_\_\_\_\_ in such case the four hundred acres shall be lessened in proportion as any deduction shall be made by such loss of Land – the aforesaid principles of division shall also be allowed to the aforesaid George Burget agrees to give the said Rosannah three cows, also two horses, one plough and plow irons, also four sheep, one pot, one bed and bedclothes – two sets of gears (?) to plow with, also two sows, two barrows for next fall once a year for pork and six shoats and it is further agreed by the said George Burget that he will provide Rosannah with everything necessary for her support for the space of one year and will also support the said John, Andrew, Mary, Isaac, Elizabeth, Sarah, and Boston her children aforementioned that shall and they are to have the privilege of dwelling at the house of Boston Burget late deceased for and during one year. And the said George agrees to support the horse, cows, hogs, sheep during the space of one year. And the said Rosannah on behalf of herself and the aforesaid John, Andrew, Mary, Isaac, Elizabeth, Sarah, and Boston doth [End of Page 2]

to be held by the said Rosannah and her said children, John, Andrew, Mary, Isaac, Elizabeth, Sarah, and Boston as tenants in common and after the decease of the said Rosannah it is intended and meant that the aforementioned four hundred acres shall be the rightful property of the said John, Andrew, Mary, Isaac, Elizabeth, Sarah, and Boston their heirs and their assigns forever. It is further meant that the part that is hereby conveyed shall be laid off in the follow manner. **Viz** By a line dividing the whole tract agreeable to the course the divisional fence now runs. Should it happen that said line will throw off from the South or Southeast side four hundred acres that shall be the line of division the side upon which the Mill stands is meant to be retained by the said George for his own part of said Boston Burget estate. But should there not be a sufficiency of land on the South or the Southeast side then the deficiency is to be made up out of the wood land so as not to affect the present improvements if the aforesaid divisional should comprehend more than four hundred acres then the \_\_\_\_\_ is to be thrown off in Wood Land so as not to effect the present improvements. It is also understood as there is a dispute existing. Should it happen that any part of the aforesaid claim of my father, Boston Burget, I should [end of page 3]

agree hereby to relinquish all claim to any other part of the said Boston Burget Estate being fully satisfied with what is herein before recited and the said George and Rosannah (in the original, it appears that the writer mistakenly entered "Susannah") agree to the premises under the Penalty of one



thousand pounds. *In Witness* of the promises the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and date aforesaid.

George Burget (Seal)

Rosannah Burget (By Mark) (Seal)

Done in the presence of  
David Bradford  
Caleb Brown  
John Renkin  
Washington County

On the 26<sup>th</sup> day of December 1789 before me, James Edgar, one of the Justices of the Peace and Court of Common Pleas in and for said county personally came George Burket and Rosannah Burket within mentioned and acknowledged the written Articles or Instrument (?) of Writtings and for their acts and deed and desired that the same be recorded as such given under my hand and seal the day and year above written. James Edgar Recorded the twenty eighth day of December in the year one thousand and seven hundred and eighty nine.

Thomas Stokely - Recorder

(Some undecipherable writing)

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## SCOUT FAILS TO GET A WIFE.

Medal-Wearer Pays \$1 to Matrimonial Agents—Says He Needs Guardian.

*Special to The New York Times.*

PITTSBURG, Penn., May 14.—From fighting Indians in Wyoming in the regular army in 1876 under Gen. Crook and gaining several medals for marksmanship awarded by the Government at the time, to being fleeced by answering an advertisement and giving a dollar to have his name enrolled as a prospective benedict in the Union Social Club, a matrimonial bureau, which came to such an untimely end this morning in the United States District Court, is a long step, but it was taken by George Burnham, special officer for the Pittsburg Coal Company at Burgettstown, Penn.

Last Fall Burnham saw the advertisement of the Union Social Club in a newspaper, which stated that a wife would be supplied for a certain amount of money. It ended by asking the prospective wooer to inclose a dollar, and further instructions would be sent. Burnham did as directed. After waiting for a reasonable length of time and receiving no answer the writer grew suspicious, and sent a letter of inquiry to the club. However, before doing this he had the letter registered, and in due time he received a receipt for his registered letter, but nothing else.

To-day Burnham heard Leon Lewis and Lena Miller plead guilty in court. Burnham had them arrested. The old Indian fighter appeared in court with several Government medals attached to him.

"I guess I need a guardian," said the old scout. "Whenever a pair of babies like those can take me in—and they did—it's time to look up the old man's home."



# Davis Buxton

A narration presented at  
Jefferson Township Sesquicentennial held on June 21, 2003. The Bethel Pageant was held at the  
Bethel Church on Bethel Ridge Road about three miles south of the Village of Eldersville.

Scripts were written using factual data taken from local histories, family genealogies, graveyard inscriptions, censuses, obituaries and interviews with the elder of the community who were familiar with families represented. The personalities included in the pageant were chosen very carefully, there being a large number of honest, respected, hard working individuals who were buried here from which to choose. Criteria used in the selection were: a) burial was in the Bethel Graveyard, b) were representative of a family that lived in the area in the early days of settlement, c) in their lifetime were credit to Jefferson Township, d) enough data and human interest stories were available to make this writing possible.

Persons chosen to portray the "Personalities from the Past" were also carefully selected. Where possible, direct descendants of the personality, or some knowledgeable individual with close ties to the family or the homestead of the family were invited to participate.

June Campbell Grossman-Welch  
Pageant Director & Author of Narrations

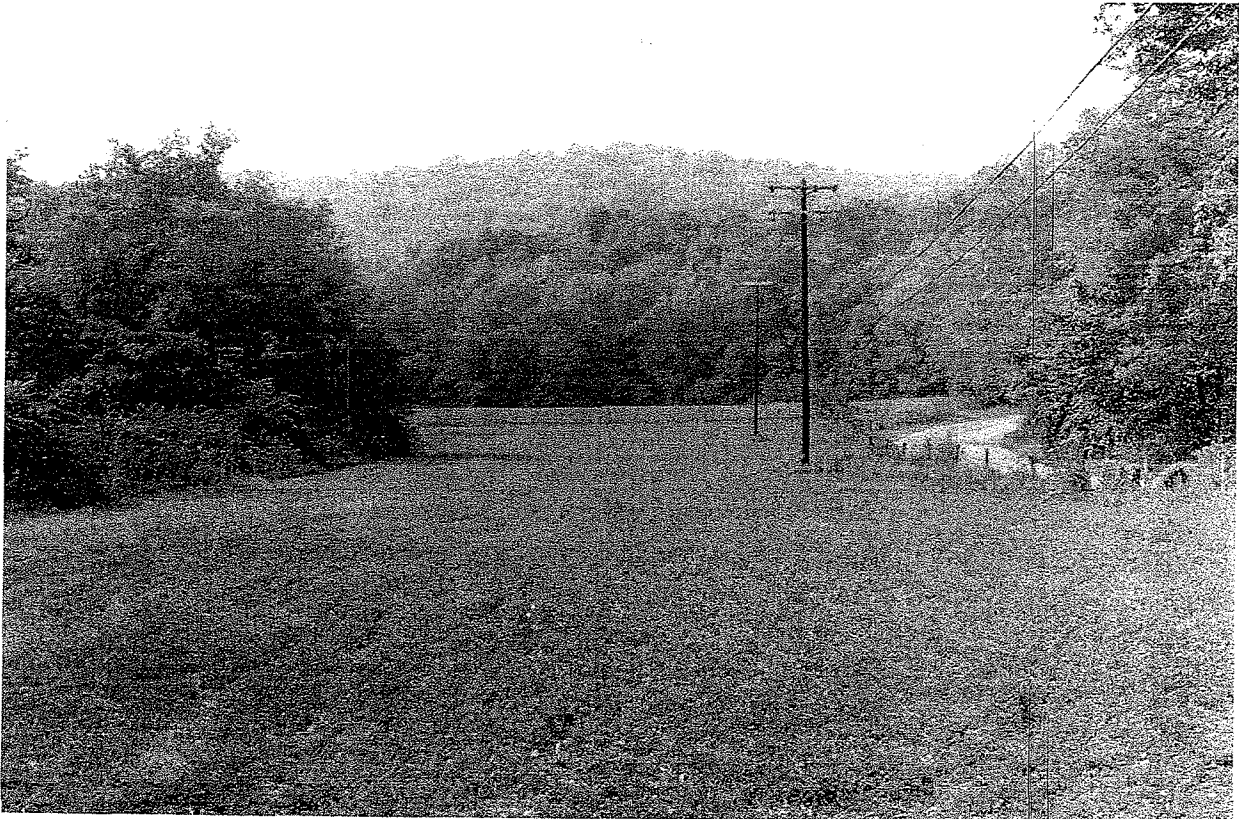
*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

## **Davis Buxton**

**My name was Davis Buxton. I was born the 28<sup>th</sup> of April in 1810, the son of Jacob Buxton, Jr. and his second wife, Elizabeth Davis. My father had been married before to Mary Sparks, by whom he had six children. He was 34 years old when he married my mother who was but 19 years of age. My mother gave birth to 14 children, including a set of twins – of which I was one. My twin sister, Avis, died shortly after birth.**

**My grandfather, Jacob Buxton, Sr., was an early settler in Cross Creek Township. My grandmother, Hannah Young Buxton, was well known in the area because of her expertise in healing. She was known far and wide as “The Herb Lady”. At one point in time, she was able to prescribe an herbal remedy for an early congressman who had been to many well-known physicians of the nation, but without success. He suffered terribly and they feared for his life. But Grandma knew exactly what to do. The man was so thrilled with the results, that he spread the news of her medical knowledge wherever he went. Although travel back then was very difficult, it is amazing how many people came to her for healing.**

**My father, Jacob, Jr., operated a grist mill and sawmill on the stream of Cross Creek just northwest of present-day Avella. The mill was so close to the state line that the mill race was in Virginia.**



**Site of the Buxton Mill on Cross Creek**



One day in 1836, my mother was helping him at the mill where he was pulling sacks of grain up to the top floor of the mill, which was quite high above the ground floor. As he worked, somehow he became entangled in the ropes and fell to the ground from that top floor and lay dead at my mother's feet. The fall had broken his neck. My mother never got over this tragedy. The mill was later sold to a nearby family and was thereafter known as the Maguire Mill.

In the meantime, in 1832, I had married Hannah Criss of the Hanlin Station Criss family. We were a farming couple in the southwestern corner of Jefferson Township. We worked hard and, as was often true in those days, we had many sorrows in our 49 years of married life.

In the year 1837, a terrible epidemic swept through the entire area, taking the lives of people in what seemed to be an indiscriminate pattern. The tombstones in the graveyards of Bethel, Eldersville, Cross Creek, and even across the line in Brooke County, will testify to the terrible toll this disease took in the community. Most were children. Among these were two of our own who died just three months apart at the ages of 1 and 3 years. The following year, just before Christmas, our little Emaline, just a year old, went to join her two little sisters. But our troubles were not quite over because 13 years later our baby Lewis died as a two-year old. Their four little graves are near ours here in the old graveyard at Bethel Church.

Although we never forgot their little faces, we concentrated on raising our remaining 3 sons and 4 daughters. My beloved Hannah died in 1881 at the age of 68. It was almost nine years later that I followed her to the great beyond.

Fifteen years after my death, there were 7 families bearing the name of Buxton in southwestern Jefferson Township. Today, there are none. But here at Bethel, on these weather-beaten gravestones, the name of Buxton still exists. These faded inscriptions are but a silent reminder of a long ago, bygone day.



Grinding Stones from the Buxton Mill on Cross Creek, Brooke Co., WV

# Buxton promoted to vice president

CLEVELAND — Mark W. Buxton, the son of William and Margaret Buxton of Langeloth and a 1982 graduate of B u r - gettstown Union High School, has been promoted to senior vice president of the North-coast Private Client Group of National Bank.



**Buxton**

He is responsible for executing estate planning and investment management marketing strategies to penetrate the closely held business owner, corporate executive and professional services and health care markets.

He has 12 years of financial experience.

Buxton earned a bachelor of arts degree in economics

from Bethany College, Bethany, W.V., a master's degree of business administration from Kent State University, a law degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and is a certified financial planner.

He is a member of the advisory board of Y-Haven and is a volunteer for the Hunger Network of Greater Cleveland.

National City Corp. is an \$85 billion financial holding company with headquarters in Cleveland.

The company has banking assets ranking 12th in the United States.

The company offers a full range of financial services, from investment banking and brokerage services to traditional banking services for individuals and businesses.

National City has offices in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois and Michigan.

**Mark W. Buxton Promoted to Vice President  
PA Focus-December 30, 2000 Edition**



#### **Constable Made Defendant**

Maria Volsi Calderelli, of Avella, has filed a suit for \$1,000 damages against Samuel Adamson, of that place. She claims this sum by reason of the alleged unlawful seizure by the defendant of a certain horse and the sale of it. It was taken as the property of Pasquale Calderelli, at the suit of W. M. Scott & Co., on a judgment entered against Pasquale Calderelli, before C. P. Buchanan, a justice of the peace of Avella. The defendant is constable in that township. The plaintiff sets forth that she conducts a bakery and had purchased the horse to be used in making deliveries. It is further set forth that after the horse was taken by Constable Adamson the plaintiff secured a writ of replevin from the court, which was placed in the hands of the sheriff. It is averred Constable Adamson accepted service of said writ by telephone, the sheriff being unable to reach him personally until the next day. It is averred the defendant promised to hold the horse until the next day, but notwithstanding this it is claimed, the defendant turned the horse over to W. M. Scott & Co., who took it out of the jurisdiction of the court.

**Maria Volsi Calderelli filed suit against Constable Adamson  
The Burgettstown Call-February 18, 1915 Edition**



## PROFILE ON ARTHUR CALDWELL

# He's very proud of his Classic autos

By Kathryn Campbell Slasor  
For The Enterprise

This is the 75th year of the Lincoln. And Arthur Caldwell, of Devil's Den Road, Paris, plans to take advantage of it. He is taking his 1930 Model L, 7-passenger limo with the Willoughby Custom body to Dearborn, Mich. There he will take part in celebrating 75 years of Lincoln manufacturing. Although this exquisite Classic has only 18,000 original miles, he does not plan to let it travel by way of its own wheels. He will haul it there, in time for the largest gathering of Classic Lincolns in history, from July 18 through July 23.



ARTHUR CALDWELL

His 1937 Cadillac, Model 75 Fleetwood Sedan, gets its share of attention through Art's participation in local tours. And at

any parade, onlookers might see Art flashing his broad smile and waving vigorously from his 1931 Model A 4-door Phaeton. The 1930 Lincoln that is soon bound for Dearborn has been to shows as far away as St. Louis, Kalamazoo, Chicago, Hershey, Williamsport and others areas in Ohio and Illinois. One of only 475 Willoughby bodied Lincolns manufactured, this favorite of Art's has been owned by him since 1969. It is no wonder that Art is Head Judge on the L Model Lincolns in the United States, as well as Technical Advisor for the same.

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## Caldwell: he's proud of his Classic autos

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All Classics, says Art, are Antiques, but not all Antiques are Classics. A Classic must have been manufactured between the years 1925 through 1948, whereas the term, Antique, is given to any vehicle 25 years old or older. Several guidelines determine whether or not a vehicle is a Classic, such as original cost, size, high quality, custom-bodied and other features.

Both of Art's Lincolns have aluminum bodies and are large, weighing approximately 5,000 pounds. They contain 384 cubic inch engines, have power brakes, built-in air compressors for pumping the tires and thermostat-controlled radiator shutters. He has just rebuilt the engine on the Cadillac. He is driving it, but has no plans to restore it.

In 1984 and 1985, Art was president of the Lincoln Owners Club in the United States. This also includes several foreign countries. In 1986 and 1987, he was president of the Western Pennsylvania Region of the Classic Car Club of America. He has also won national trophies and awards for his quality restoration, and the Edsel Ford Perpetual Trophy on two occasions.

Excellent feature articles appearing in, "The Fork & Blade," published by the Lincoln Owners Club, contain the by-line, "by Arthur Caldwell." These articles are accompanied by outstanding photographs of the cars and their owners. These also products of Art's skills and talents. Two other national magazines, "The Classic Car" and "Lincoln and Continental," features his articles on a regular basis. Art has been named the official photographer of "The Classic Car." These publications may be found not only in the United States, but in several foreign countries as well.

Art has always been a machinist by trade. He owned and operated his machine and welding shop, along with co-owner Arthur Morra, for 31 years. It was located on Old Route 2, near Stark Van Lines. The business was known as DACMOR Inc. Prior to this, he was an electrician for construction work, and he had a television repair shop for several years.

Another line of work which interested Art was that of driving tractor-trailers. He began with his own truck in 1950, hauling steel and pipe in the northeastern section of the country. He drove sporadically for 12 years.

Art served his country for two years during the Korean War, from January 1951 to December, 1952.

An amateur radio operator

since 1959, he has contacted amateur radio operators all over the world. He was known through his call letters, K3LHZ. He has also built a number of radio sets.

A ski enthusiast from the age of six, Art was an amateur instructor between 1955 and 1980. His skiing adventures have taken him to Colorado, Vermont, Massachusetts, New York and several spots in Pennsylvania, including Seven Springs.

The Caldwell family name has been prominent in the Hanover Township area since the late 1700's. Art's great, great-grandfather, James, emigrated from Ireland. His great-grandfather, Thomas, was born in 1805. His grandfather, James, was born in 1841, and his father, Donald, who was the last surviving World War I veteran of Hanover Township, was born in 1891. He died at the age of 98 in 1989. He was well-known as a carpenter and is remembered by today's Hanover Township residents as having possessed a remarkable memory for local history. Grandfather, James, was also a carpenter.

Beers' 1893 Washington County history tells the story of the Caldwell family, and lists each of the generations as being excellent farmers. Of Grandfather James, Beers states, "He was a popular citizen, took an active interest in elections and during almost every political demonstration, his wagon and horses bore an enthusiastic load of Democrats to the meeting." James was married to Amanda Freshwater, also of Hanover Township, who was Arthur's grandmother. His mother was Ethel Long, of another prominent Hanover Township family.

Art is married to the former Rose Pavlovic of Russellton. Rose has been secretary of The Fork & Blade Club for several years. She is employed by Consolidated Natural Gas, Pittsburgh. He has a sister, Wilma Brammer of Devils Den Road, and a brother, Charles Caldwell of Massachusetts.

Art has countless friends all over the United States, as well as in a number of foreign countries. He feels that he has accomplished many goals since his days at Weir High Trade School, where he learned the skills that have carried him through life. He is proud of his heritage, and he is happy with his hobbies, especially those associated with antique and classic vehicles. Due to these special interests, he has been voted a member of the board of directors of the Transportation and Technology Museum, the future site of which will be near the Arden Trolley Museum, Washington.



Colwell - Caldwell

Thomas Colwell Born Aug. 22, 1805 Died Oct. 24, 1875 70 yr 2 m 6 d  
 Jane Carson Born Dec. 4, 1816 Died July 19, 1885 69 yr 7 m 15 d  
 They were married Feb. 15, 1838 and had the following children:

Mary Jane Born Oct. 11, 1839 Died May 27, 1845 5 yr 7 m 16 d  
James Born Jan. 26, 1841 Died March 17, 1912 age 71  
 Hannah E. Born July 31, 1842 Died Jan. 26, 1875 32 yr 6m 4 d  
 Samuel C. Born May 12, 1844 Died 1909 age 65  
 Isabella J. Born April 30, 1846 Died Oct. 10, 1879 33 yr 5 m 10 d  
 Matthew R. Born Sept. 6 ( or 15 ) 1848 Died Dec. 26, 1911 age 63  
 Married Elizabeth Groves, Sept. 30, 1897  
 They had 2 children : Zelda ( Eisnagle ) deceased and Catherine  
 Mary C. Born July 14, 1850 Died Feb. 26, 1875 24 yr ( Matlock )  
 John T. Born Sept. 15, 1852 Died May 29, 1886 33 yr  
 William B. Born May 1, 1855  
 Jefferson D. Born Sept. 13, 1858

James Caldwell married Amanda Elizabeth Freshwater Feb. 17, 1876  
 Amanda Born March 5, 1852 Died Sept. 15, 1937 age 85

They had the following children:

Charles Born Feb. 5, 1877 Died July 17, 1907 Age 30  
 Elizabeth Born August 16, 1878 Died Nov. 8, 1960 Age 82  
 She married Grover Brandon Jan. 11, 1912 He died March 10, 1925  
 Robert C. Mar. 23, 1880 Died July 5, 1980 3 months 10 days  
 James Leslie Born April 27, 1881 Died April 12, 1951 Age 70  
 Jennie Mae Born April 4, 1883 Died Sept 14, 1963 Age 80  
 Grover Cleveland Born April 9, 1885 Died July 27, 1886 15 months 10d  
 Mina Matilda Born June 8, 1887 Died Oct. 1, 1964 age 78

Mina married Fred Gardner June 19, 1905 He died Jan. 18, 1956  
 They had the following children:

James Frederick Born Aug. 5, 1905 Died Dec. 15, 1973  
 John Sherman Born June 22, 1907 Died August 14, 1980  
 Harry Cully Born Sept. 19, 1909  
 Mina Alma ( Haber ) Born August 18, 1913  
 Oliva Wilma ( Lyons ) Born August 10, 1916  
 LaVera Lucille ( Kobulnicky ) Feb. 11, 1919  
 Eugene Johnston Born Oct. , 1921  
 Doris Elizabeth ( Anders ) Born April 26, 1924  
 Frank Junior Born March 29 1927  
 Estella Louise ( Allison ) Born Dec. 21, 1933  
 Clara Belle Born April 11, 1889 Died April 28, 1979 Age 90  
 She married Horace Walker Hanlin Dec. 2, 1908. He died Sept. 7, 1945

They had the following children:

Mildred ( Elliott ) Born Feb. 2, 1910 Died Sept. 10, 1981  
 Clyde Born Sept. 16, 1915 Died June 10, 1981  
 Floyd Born June 21, 1917 died June 5, 1981  
 Elizabeth ( Gaffoli ) Born June 19, 1919  
 Carl Born June 9, 1921  
 Helen ( Call ) Born August 27, 1922  
 Donald Durwood Born July 20, 1891

He married Ethel Long Oct. 20, 1927. They had the following children

Arthur Leroy Born June 10, 1928  
 Charles Edward Born July 21, 1930  
 Wilma Louise ( Brammer ) Born Oct. 25, 1932  
 Elaine ( called " Lainie " ) Born May 17, 1898 Died Feb. 4, 1981 age 83  
 She married E.E. Bowen March 25, 1920. They had the following children:  
 Helen ( Heidenreich ) July 2, 1921  
 Ramon Bowen Born Dec. 8, 1928

## Caldwell - Riker

Kristen Riker and Eric Caldwell were united in marriage October 4, 2014, at the Hart Farm, Limestone, W.Va., with Jeff Riker, uncle of the bride, officiating the 4:30 p.m. ceremony.

The bride's parents are Darlene and Steve Riker of Washington. Her grandparents are Delbert Wagner of Hickory, the late Marge Wagner and the late Carol and Harry Riker.

Parents of the bridegroom are Crystal and Bruce Caldwell of Elm Grove, W.Va. His grandparents are Angie Caldwell of Wheeling, W.Va., the late Choke Caldwell and the late Clyde and Hazel Harris.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents.

Maid of honor was Rachel Cicero of Erie, and matron of honor was Tami Coyle-Wood of Morgantown, W.Va. Bridesmaids were Ashlee Grandstrand and Missy Nichol, both of Washington, and Kelly Wagner of Hickory, cousin of the bride.

Flower girl was Aleena Grandstrand.

Best man was John Hart II of Limestone. Ushers were



Justin Marinar of Wheeling, Jesse Baker of Ellsworth, Lani Hart of Alexandria, Va., and Mike Wagner of Hickory, cousin of the bride.

Ring bearer was J.J. Hart.

The bride is a graduate of Trinity High School and Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where she was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. She works at Main Street Bank.

Mr. Caldwell is a graduate of John Marshall High School and West Liberty University. He is territory manager at Allied Waste.

A reception was held at Stratford Springs, Wheeling.

The couple honeymooned in Riviera Maya, Mexico.

They make their home in Moundsville, W.Va.

## Caldwell-Riker

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**A Short Sketch  
of the History  
of the  
Campbell Family**  
By  
J.P. Campbell

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

A SHORT SKETCH OF THE HISTORY OF  
THE CAMPBELL FAMILY

(Probably written in 1920 since the author says he  
is 89 years of age and was born in 1831.)

My great grandfather, James Campbell, was a Scotch-Irish Presbyterian who came to America about the beginning of the Revolutionary War, and became a pack saddle merchant, carrying merchandise from Philadelphia, PA, on horseback, crossing the Allegheny Mountains and selling his goods in the backwoods settlements of Pennsylvania and West Virginia, and through this lucrative trade became wealthy, owning a large body of valuable land. One of his granddaughters told me that his treasure chest was so heavy that she could not lift one end of it. I formerly had his gold scales for weighing gold but lost them in rambling from place to place. The Scotch-Irish were not thought to be the most peaceable people in the world, but observation teaches us that under like conditions and environment, more kind are of about the same character and kind all over the world. All got so bad at various intervals as to need killing. When my great grandfather settled on Kings Creek in Hancock County, WV; about the close of the Revolutionary War, he built his log fort near where the first Iron Furnace west of the Allegheny Mts. was afterward built. The Indians were then making frequent murderous raids into West Virginia. Great Grandfather soon had use for this Fort for his own security and that of others, as his son-in-law, William Ephraim Langfit, who resided on a farm at the head of spring at the



north fork of Kings Creek, had fled with his family to the Fort, and he, having gone back to his farm on horseback with another man to get some grain, were way laid in the spruce thickets bordering the creek by the Indians and Langfit's companion killed, and he so badly wounded that he barely escaped with his life by clinging to his horse until he carried him to a place of safety.

Another man by the name of Campbell and his children were killed and scalped about the same time on Kings Creek, two miles east of Campbell's Fort. His wife escaped by being in the woods gathering sap of the maple sugar. None of those old pioneers knew at what moment an Indian attack might bring death to them and their family and destruction to their home, so that it was necessary for them to carry their guns with them, even to church. No one can now realize what dread and anxiety this was to our forefathers.

Great Grandfather first located on Chartiers Creek in Pennsylvania, perhaps as a squatter as no one ever knew of his selling the land he left. He owned the ole red mill built in a narrow gorge on Kings Creek where the mountain shows signs of an ancient landslide carrying large rocks with it. I was in this old mill when fishing and not more than five or six years old. Not a vestige of it now remains. Its site was about one mile from the Ohio River near this. A later built mill formerly owned by James Campbell, my wife's father, is now going to wreck. The solid rock dam having been torn out by a cloudburst flood. We saw an old deed a few years ago made by Alexander Edie to James Campbell in 1890 for 600 acres of land

bordering the Hollidays Cove Valley and joining the other Campbell lands. The old Three Springs Presbyterian Church was on this land and the unmarked grave of Great Grandfather is near the site of this church of which he was a member. And all other graves of the cemetery once in the woods have been plowed over and the land cultivated. This church was the scene of what was called "The Great Falling Down". After a large protracted meeting, people became so excited as to fall down in a kind of epileptic fit and had the jerks so that their hair was said to crack like whips, but it died out and it never had a recurrence and the church moved to a new location and two churches now originated in this old pioneer church, one in Hollidays Cove, the other in Paris, Pennsylvania. This old church building was in ruins when I first passed it, when not more than four or five years old, which I did with quick step lest some of the ghosts that some of my superstitious ancestors told me lurked about old deserted churches should attack me. When last I visited the graves of my grandparents and saw the desolation, it seemed to me as if all the solemn voices of nature were singing a sad requiem over the fallen dead. The man that cannot be impressed by such scenes bring up memories of the past must have a flinty sensibilities. The first church I attended when a little child was at or near the brick road with the Pennsylvania line. So far as I know, not one of that congregation now lives in this world except myself, but many of the names of my kindred and friends are on the monuments in the nearby cemetery.



My great grandfather had five sons and one daughter. One son drowned near Steubenville in trying to swim across the Ohio River near the mouth of Kings Creek, his skeleton thought to have been found in the grading of the PanHandle Railroad. Another son, it was reported, deserted from the army and changed his name to Anderson and located in Tennessee. At the old man's death, his land, so far as I know, was divided among his three sons: James, Alexander, and Robert, and the son, James Campbell, carried his brother's share in the estate in specie in saddle bags on horseback through the then wild woods to Tennessee, an undertaking of great peril then and not one of safety yet.

I remember one of my great days for a child of four or five years of age when my father and I went to the old furnace on Kings Creek to fish and on the wooden dam our old dog "Bull" in trying to pass us on the narrow ledge of the dam, came near throwing us into the creek, and in throwing out my first fish I caught, I watched it so close that I fell backward. Those were our happy days. Happy days never to be forgotten.

Another example of the daring of the James Campbell who carried the specie to Tennessee was in along guarding Great Grandfather's old red mill with his gun at night to prevent the Indians from burning it or stealing its contents\_ something few would have dared to have done, showing that he at least had the old Punacious spirit of the old Scotch Irish more than anyone else in the family. It was asserted that he took part in the Moravian massacre of the Indians in Ohio. Whether true or not, I do not know, but he, I think, was too brave a man to kill defenseless people unless he was drunk. My Great Grandfather's three sons were every unlike in disposition. James carried a chip on

his shoulder for a fight and used too much whiskey and apparently was not given to too much pity, but his brother, Robert, was of a more sober and quiet disposition and a staunch Presbyterian, and Alexander, my grandfather, was a cross between the two. He and his wife parted in old days but I never did know why they did so. I think their temperament was not in harmony but the Campbells were above the average in morals and gentility of that age. As many of the pioneers were little above the savage Indian in civilization or refinement, some of them were very filthy in appearance and conversation and very profane.

In my great grandfather's day, game was plentiful in the woods, so that no one need starve for want of meat. But the mode of life was primitive as their houses were generally one room, rough, round, log cabins with puncheon floors, clapboard roofs with stick chimney and open fireplace where they did all their cooking with a limited supply of pots and kettles and a few of the crudest style of house furnishings and often with no windows, and the women spun, wove, and made up the clothing which was not calculated to excite peacock pride in the wearer. The farm work was done with the wooden mould board plow, the sickle for a reaper, and the flail for a threshing machine. It was wooden instead of steel forks and no wagons or carriages and no roads to run them on. All travel and carriage of products went on horseback in early pioneer days. If it had not been for the danger of wild beasts and savage Indians, such a life might have been more enjoyable than the present era of high taxation and the rush and grind of selfishness in a procession in which the weak are run down and trampled upon by the surging throng.



The writer was born in what is now called Hancock County, West Virginia, about one half mile from the old iron furnace on the sixth day of January, 1831. My father was Robert Campbell and my mother was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Purdy. I was born in one of the old and rudest of pioneer cabins with the usual scant supply of a pioneer's outfit for a home. My recollections of life began very early and I remember of sitting in the old cabin door at night and looking up into the starry vault and listening to the whipporwill in the nearby dark woods and indulging in meditations as to the mysteries of my wonderful environment, mysteries of which some of the wisest of men have not been able to solve. At the time of my birth, my father lived on his father, Alexander Campbell's, land. My father and mother, according to common report, were very honest, pious, Presbyterians, and they, so far as I could see, did their best to fit their children for living an honest and upright life. If any of us came short of this, it might be ascribed in part at least to the Scotch-Irish blood that we inherit from the ancient Campbell clan. Of my Grandfather Purdy's antecedents I know nothing as they came from Westmoreland County, PA, and settled on a farm adjoining the Campbell's lands. I only know that after they came to this land that they were above the average in industry, intelligence and morals, and they were also Presbyterian, and that the happiest and sunniest hours of my life were spent in their home. So happy that after, life seemed like a nightmare or troubled dream. The many

would gather at night and we would have what we called a stag dance and make the old shanty tremble. One Eli Stein furnishing us with music from an old violin. Man is a fool when young and still a fool when old but less noisy when his joints stiffen. Maham, report says, has been dead a number of years. The last time I passed his farm it had grown up into a town.

I was married on Friday the 13th day of April, 1855, to a second cousin, Mary Josina Campbell, one of nature's best efforts in giving us a perfect woman and my strongest wish and earnest prayer is to join her in a future state in our youthful prime with all our imperfections left behind, so that we may renew the rapturous joy and happiness as it began at our first meeting that soon led to our marriage. My wife left this world August 4, 1913, We never fully appreciate our partner in life until we lose them. Then we would give the world to call them back to reveal to them how much we appreciate them and how great is the blank that is left behind, never to be filled on earth. Man's great First Love is all the perfect love he will ever have for woman. All other is defective.

My father bought a farm for a brother and I near his own and I bought the brother's interest and I think it was wrong to leave him in his declining days when he had worked so hard to fit us out for a home, but I might have been more a hindrance than an advantage to him, as many other sons have been but the Civil War came on and demoralized me and having been brogught up in an extreme states rights democratic neighborhood and all children are almost sure to adopt the politics and religion of the father and stick to them. Through this environment



and training I became a radical states rights democrat so called, though no man that upholds slavery is a democrat, so that my position brought me into antagonism with the Union Party, and it got so warm for me that when some Union soldiers entered and surrounded my house to capture me and take me to Camp Chase PRison, I, not relishing such entertainment, made my secape from a second story window and escaped on m y fastest time to the woods and they gave up the pursuit. This decided me to leave home, so I got to rambling about and was in Canada a short time. So that instead of taking care of my farm and making money out of the war, like the others did, I was getting behind in the race of life. But I lived to see the errors of my ways and the folly of being an extreme radical in politics or religion.

One James Wright and I bought and ran a sawmill one season soon after the close of the war when I sold my interest. In 1879 I sold my farm at Mount Horeb for \$5,500 and not having any location in view, was in doubt as to where to go and wandered around until time to get out and came to Jackson County and bought 1100 acres of rough wild lands at \$5.00 per acre, an exorbitant price at that time, and instead of occupying my own land, I rented a poor farm for seven years at high rent and did other fool, speculative things until I was near bankruptcy, when I sold land that cleared me out of debt. All this time my mind was fixed on sheep husbandry and after moving to my own land and getting some land cleared, I began to keep a few sheep and this turned out to be my most profitable venture as my land was better fitted for that than anything else. I sowed the first bluegrass

of the common brotherhood of mankind. Still houses were numerous in our grandfather's day and whiskey 12 to 25 cents a gallon and everyone used it more or less. When I was a little boy we had a jug of whiskey at one end of the harvest field and I had to supply water at the other end and this use of intoxicants had much to do with demoralizing many of the old pioneers of that period. Use of intoxicants and refinement of society will not stay in the same country.

Having just heard that my brother in Joplin, ME, has been operated on for strangulated hernia reminds me that our family of twelve children will soon be numbered with the generations of the past, and that my stay here will be short, but is not our life prolonged in order that through the decay and wasting away of the old dead body of sins and death we may have a foretaste of that better sinless future life in another world. Sin being the cause of all our woes here, no one can conceive of what joy, peace, and happiness it will be to realize that we are forever released from sin and its consequences. Then we can realize why a Christian can serenely enjoy his old age when he knows that the day of departure is near at hand. So called death is the beginning of real life. The only death man can die is to be dead in tresspasses and sin. The inner man that never sleeps, never dies. He belongs to the eternal, sp~~iritual~~iritual world and can never cease to exist somewhere, whether he wills it so or not. He that brought immortality to light has clearly taught us this.

One incident connected with the old iron furnace on Kings Creek I forgot to mention was that cannon balls by which Perry won his victory over the British Fleet on Lake Erie were carried on horseback to him from this old furnace in the War of 1812. There being no wagons not roads.



And now at the end of this brief review of life and nearing the end of our career on earth, our failing sight sees clearly the scenes of youth growing more distinct and our old ringing ears seem to hear the endless hum of insects intermingled with the solemn notes of the cuckoo and the call of the quail to his mate by day and the pathetic wail of the whippoorwill by night in the dark forest. The inner man, I think, will carry these impressions with him into his future existence or they could not be so indelibly written on memory's tablet. Gad's works are perfect or in the process of perfection, but man's work is imperfect in all things, and therefore makes life unhappy so that an eternal life on earth would be miserable and unendurable and all, sooner or later, would want to leave it. And therefore Divine Wisdom has prepared something better for us in another world.

Want of records and ignorance of the writer has made this a very imperfect sketch or biography.

J.P.Campbell

# Barns, wagon shed, spring houses of the past

By Kathryn Campbell Slasor  
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## Buildings had unique place on farm

A barn is a vital element in the life of a farmer.

So is a wagon shed, a spring house, a chicken coop, a corn crib, an outhouse.

Barns have been necessary buildings since Biblical times, and probably before.

A Biblical example is of the man who paid more attention to his barn than he did to his soul.

Barns are sometimes large and austere looking, perhaps built on a hill where they stand as sentinels against the skyline.

Others have long ago abandoned anything resembling a coat of paint, and have absorbed a warm and friendly atmosphere of meekness and poverty, resigning themselves to a fate of imminent doom.

Wagon sheds, when one such building may be found, are usually farther along the road to dilapidation than are the barns. This could be due to the fact that a wagon shed is not very useful any more.

A wagon shed in the past housed the family's only means of transportation.

Today, no automobile would be caught with its bumpers down in a rickety old oblong, never-paint-

ed, open-on-both-ends and ready-to-collapse building such as a shed.

As for a spring house, one must search for the source of the farm water supply. This is usually at the foot of any hill.

A spring house is usually a little square building, made of wood, stone or brick.

A springhouse's chief claim to fame is its abundant supply of cool, clear water that ran through it, preserving the milk, cream and butter that had been placed in crocks in the oblong cement or wooden trough inside. As long as a heavy downpour of rain didn't cause the spring to rise and overflow the trough, upsetting the crocks, the situation was perfect.

Otherwise it was disastrous. Many times the occupants of the farmhouse have returned home to discover it had rained in their absence.

Overturned crocks, flat squares of slate (lids) and chunks of butter floated crazily in the swirling muddy, milky water.

The wagon shed on the Harry Campbell's farm in Jefferson Township has a lean-to type chicken house attached to its



**THE WAGON SHED** on the Harry Campbell farm in Jefferson Township. The sheep shed, attached to the main barn, may be seen behind the wagon shed.

lower side.

Between the two "compartments" was the corn crib.

To the rear of the corn crib was a granary where the threshed wheat or oats was stored.

The pointed low-ceilinged loft

was reached by a makeshift set of steps inside the corn crib, made from short two-inch boards nailed between two studdings, alternated with the "stringers" that formed the framework of the building.

This "stairway" was perpendicular, a feature that discouraged youngsters from climbing to the top.

Loose hay was stored on the far end of the loft.

Robert McCready is believed to

be the first settler in what is now Jefferson Township.

His log house was so built that Indians could be fired upon through slits between the logs on the upper floor.

For many years a coat hung in the attic that McCready wore by him in the Revolutionary War, as well as the spinning wheel upon which the family's flax or wool was spun into cloth.

McCready was not only one of the founders of the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church, but was the first school teacher in the entire area.

It was believed by some of the early McCreadys and other local historians, that the Mingo Trail, travelled by George Washington on his journey from Mingo to Fort Pitt, crossed this farm.

Historian James Simpson wrote, that in the fall of 1770, George Washington rode across from Mingo to Fort Pitt while returning from a canoe voyage down the Ohio.

Historians A.D. White and Elza Scott agreed that the McCready farm played a big part in this moment of history.

The Mingo Trail lives only through the pen of those seeking to preserve such history.

The wagon shed on a section of the old McCready farm is gone, as is the farm itself.

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## FIRST FAMILIES

of the Cross Creek Country.  
**THE CAMPBELLS OF CROSS CREEK TOWNSHIP**  
by A.D. White

The Campbells are coming! Oho! Oho!

This line from an old Scottish War Song, composed in 1715, when the supporters of the Stuarts in Scotland arose against the coming of George I to be King of England, suggests that great importance attached to the Clan Campbell in the Scotland of that era. For the men of this Clan were typical Scotch Highlanders, tall, raw-boned and formidable men of war. And they must have been a numerous people, too; at least they laid claim to great areas of land in the Highlands. As one inspects a map of domination, no area is greater than that of the Campbell's. They held a large area in the west of Scotland extending from the Firth of Clyde north to Loch Linnhe and extending far inland. Also, the Lowlands in the Valley of the Ayr, they were credited with holding a sizable portion of land. The Campbell Coat-of-Arms, with predominant colors of scarlet, black and gold, was assigned to the family of the Duke of Argyll, leading nobleman of this Clan. Sir Walter Scott mentions the Campbells frequently in his writings. From this Clan came Thomas Campbell, the Scottish poet, and also Thomas and Alexander Campbell, the founders of the Disciples of Christ Church of America.

How or when the Campbells of whom we are now writing came to America does not appear in any literature presently available to this writer. But we do know from whence the Cross Creek Township Campbells came when they migrated to this area. Like many another family, they did not come singly. In 1779, or 1780 according to some accounts, four stalwart Campbell men and their mother and sister and the wife of at least one of the men appeared on the frontier of the Cross Creek Country, coming here from York County, Pennsylvania. These men were John Campbell and his wife, Mary Jane Hammond, together with three or four children born to them in York County; William, Charles and James Campbell, four brothers in all, and one sister, Ann. The brothers settled land here as follows: John Campbell on a tract known as Fumanah lying on the eastern side of present Cross Creek Township; William Campbell on a tract adjoining that of his brother, John, and lying on the dividing ridge between the waters of Cross Creek and Raccoon Creek and in western Mt. Pleasant Township and near the Cross Creek Township line (this land is now the homes of the Pollana and Mungai families); Charles settled on a tract now embraced in part at least in the former Leech farm and now owned by Dean Fullerton in eastern Smith Township; the fourth brother, James Campbell, located on land in later years to be known as the William and Robert Lyle farm near present Atlasburg. Joseph Lyle, whose home is located on a part of this farm, is a descendant of James Campbell and of James Lyle, who married Mr.

Campbell's daughter. The sister, Ann Campbell, married Andrew Ritchey, and they lived their lives on the so-called Ritchey farm in Cross Creek Township.

In the old Cross Creek graveyard once could be seen an old stone on which was the inscription "I. C." which was believed to mark the grave of the mother of this family, but just who she was or the name of her husband, who must have died before the family moved here, is not known at the present time. Three of these brothers and their sister are buried in the Cross Creek graveyard, but only the grave of Charles Campbell and of his sister, Ann Ritchey, can not be identified by legible markers.

We shall confine the rest of this article to speaking of the family of John Campbell, who settled in Cross Creek Township. His family was a large one, consisting of six sons and four daughters. Four of the six sons, on attaining adulthood, migrated to and settled on a section of land situated on the waters of Wheeling Creek in Belmont County, Ohio. Some of their descendants are still in that area today, while many of them also are scattered far and wide over the entire United States. One of these four brothers, David Campbell, did not remain long in Ohio, but soon returned to Cross Creek and spent most of his life in this area. Two of these who migrated to Ohio married sisters, James and William Campbell married Margaret and Nellie Smith, while the other who continued in the Ohio location, John Campbell, Jr., married Mary Lyle, of Cross Creek Township. The account of their family and descendants can be found in "The Lyles of Washington County, Penna.", compiled by this writer in 1934 and 1963. One of the sisters of these Campbell men, Grizella (or Grace) married Thomas Bay, and they migrated to and settled near (New) Cumberland, Ohio, in Guernsey County.

Three of the Campbell family inter-married with members of the family of William Rea, also of Cross Creek Township: David, mentioned above, married Ann Rea, and George Campbell married Elizabeth Rea, while a sister, Elizabeth Campbell, was married to William Rea, Jr. The remaining daughter of the family, Mary Campbell, married William Fulton, of Mt. Pleasant Township. The oldest daughter in this family of John Campbell, Sr., Ann Campbell, died before reaching adulthood.

The last brother, not previously mentioned, Charles Campbell, remained at home, and upon his marriage to Miss Esther Mason, also a native of Cross Creek Township, they located on the family home farm, and he eventually came into possession of the eastern half of this old homestead. The western half of this old farm was occupied by his younger brother, George Campbell, and his wife, Elizabeth Rea. These two brothers lived here side by side on the adjoining farms throughout their lives, and when death overtook them, they were buried very near each other in the old graveyard near the Mt. Prospect Church. The family of George Campbell, known as George H., to distinguish him from his son, George W., all left the immediate area of the old homestead, and on the death of the head of this family, his farm passed into other hands, and is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Ullom, Sr.

Now for the family of Charles Campbell, son of John, Sr.

As mentioned before, Charles Campbell married Esther Mason. This was his first wife and the mother of all his children. Esther Mason Campbell was a member of the family of Masons, who came to Washington County from Northampton County, Penna., in 1802. It was a family of three sons and six daughters. This writer has been impressed with the quality of the families into which these daughters married, including the marriage



the youngest one, Esther, to Charles Campbell. After bearing her husband nine children, Mrs. Campbell passed from this life on February 1, 1825, and she was laid to rest in Cross Creek Graveyard.

The older generation of this Campbell Family were members of and liberal supporters of the Church at Cross Creek, and they are buried in the graveyard there. There seems to be a peculiar relationship between the church which these early folks attended and the place of their burial; not so strange, however, when we remember that early graveyards were very close to and sponsored by the churches. There was a certain convenience in this proximity of location. As long as these Campbells attended church at Cross Creek, their dead were buried at that place. When the new church was organized at Mt. Prospect near Hickory in 1825, the Cross Creek Twp. Campbells transferred their membership to that place, and in 1828, Charles Campbell was elected an elder there. Ever after, deceased members of the family were buried at Mt. Prospect graveyard.

Charles Campbell early learned the carpenter trade, but he soon began to devote his entire time to the cultivation of his farm and the raising of fine wool sheep, something for which the Campbells became noted. Their farm being located adjoining the one on which my own ancestors lived, one of the earliest stories which I ever heard about the Campbell men was their prowess as sheep-shearers. My own grand-father and great-grandfather were also great sheep-men and at shearing time, they always depended on the "Campbell boys" to come to their aid. And I suppose that this help was returned by the Whites and Dinsmores in a neighborly way as was the custom in those days.

After the death of his first wife, Charles Campbell, took for a second partner Miss Mary Fulton, of Mt. Pleasant Township, a sister of the man who had married Charles Campbell's sister. This companionship was to last only until Charles Campbell's death, which occurred on July 4, 1832, at the age of 46 years. His wife, Mary Fulton Campbell, survived him for 20 years.

The best known of Charles Campbell's children were his two sons, William Mason Campbell, who followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather in carrying on as a tiller of the soil on the old home farm, and David Rea Campbell, who studied for the ministry and took that calling as his life work. In 1848, Mason Campbell, as he was always known, was elected to the eldership in the Mt. Prospect Church. The following year that congregation called as its pastor, the brother, the Rev. David R. Campbell, a son of the congregation. So in that pastorate, there existed the most unusual relationship in that the pastor and moderator of the session was a brother of another member of that body. This relationship lasted for six years, which were saddened for the Rev. Mr. Campbell by the death of his wife, Sarah Letitia Taggart Campbell, who left a small son who was called for his uncle, William Mason Campbell. Mrs. Campbell was buried at Mt. Prospect. In 1855, David Campbell gave up the charge at Mt. Prospect and served other pastorates at St. Clairsville and Steubenville, Ohio. His second wife, Nannie P. White Campbell, was a daughter of Dr. John White, of Hickory, and they were the parents of a son, Attorney Charles W. Campbell, late of Canonsburg, and of a daughter, Agnes Campbell. Charles E. Campbell, of Bridgeville, is a son of Charles W. Campbell.

Mason Campbell, who remained on the home farm, was married, first to Isabella Ramsey, who bore him one son, David Campbell, who became a teacher at McKeepsort. Mr. Campbell later married Annie E. McIlvaine, of Mt. Pleasant Township, and their children were:

W. Clarence Campbell, who followed his ancestors in the management of the old home farm. His wife was Clara Caldwell, of Burgettstown, and their children were: Walter Mason Campbell, of Hickory, an elder in the old church at Mt. Prospect, and his sisters, Elizabeth Campbell Smiley, of Bridgeville; Evelyn Scouart, of Avella; and Margaret Spriggs, of Washington.

Mary E. Campbell, a daughter of Mason.

Jennie Campbell, another daughter, married Edward McNary.

Dr. Charles L. Campbell was a physician at Hickory and later at Ingram.

John L. Campbell, a ranchman and a farmer of Casper, Wyoming, where he settled many years ago in company with Edward S. White, of Mt. Pleasant Twp., and the Rankin Brothers, of Cross Creek Township. He probably had more sheep on his ranch at one time than the old farm in Cross Creek had seen during its years.

Annie L. Campbell married Robert L. Farrar, and they lived at Washington, Pa.

James Craty Campbell was a house-painter and lived at Ingram.

Alexander Mason Campbell, also a painter, spent most of his life in and near Cross Creek Township. He has a son, Mason Campbell, and daughters living at Coraopolis.

Another Campbell family still closely related with the Cross Creek Country and especially with Avella is that of David Campbell and his wife, Ann Rea. Their son, Samuel B. Campbell, lived in the homestead opposite the bank building in Avella, and he was followed there by his son, Samuel S. Campbell, on whose land the central part of Avella is located. He laid out the town and sold lots for that village when the Wabash Railroad was built through there in 1904. His son, J. Ernest Campbell, also lived in the old homestead. He was a surveyor and business man and operated the Avella Lumber and Supply Company now conducted by his son, also Samuel S. Campbell, Mrs. Alma C. Liggett, of Independence Township, and her family are also of this family.

May the Campbells keep coming! They have done well in the Cross Creek Country!

Note: There are many other Campbells in Burgettstown and Neighboring Towns. We hope that we can write about them at a later time.



## USS "Coral Sea"

Airman Joseph M. Campos, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Panfilo Campos, of 12 Pine street, Burgettstown, is serving aboard the 63,000-ton attack aircraft carrier USS Coral Sea, currently deployed to the Western Pacific with the U.S. Seventh Fleet.

Coral Sea has been in the Western Pacific since last December. In early February, the carrier launched the first retaliatory air strikes against North Viet Nam. For the post-World War II vessel, it was her first engagement in combat operations.

Since then, the Coral Sea has engaged in the most extensive combat operations since World War II --well over 10,000 combat sorties.

**Airman Joseph M. Campos USN-USS Coral Sea  
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## GRADUATES FROM NURSING SCHOOL



Sylvia Capozzoli, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Queenie Capozzoli of South Main street, graduated from Mercy hospital School of Nursing in Pittsburgh after a three-year course. She will begin work at the Weirton, W. Va., General hospital September 10. Miss Capozzoli graduated from Union high school in 1953.

**Sylvia Capozzoli Graduates from Nursing School**  
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### **JAMES CARNAHAN**

James Carnahan, A Civil War veteran, lived on Pittsburgh Street, where he also had a blacksmith shop. His home is now occupied by 'Minnie' Malone. Mr. Carnahan was the grandfather of Mrs. Anna Mary Puckett, "Brickie" Lee and the late Vance Lee.



## Three Car Collision Kills Two From Area

Three members of the family of John P. Carnali, 45 Tenan street, Burgettstown, well-known barber who operates a shop on Main street, were killed Saturday, July 14, in a three-car collision in southeastern Georgia as they were returning to Burgettstown after a vacation in Florida.

The victims were Mrs. John (Marilyn) Carnali, 31; her daughter, Pamela Sue, 8; and her mother, Mrs. Wesley T. (Erma) Bock, 58, formerly of Weirton, West Virginia, now living at Largo, Florida.

Mrs. Carnali's other two children, Bruce John, 6, and Susan Roberta, 4, and her father Wesley T. Bock, 63, were hospitalized. Bruce suffered a broken arm and Susan a broken leg and were listed in good condition at Wayne Memorial hospital, Jessup, Georgia. Mr. Bock was taken to another hospital and was listed in serious condition with multiple fractures.

Two other persons killed in the crash were Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Nelson, both about 50, of Kernersville, North Carolina. Their 12-year old son, Neil, was injured.

Georgia State Police said the crash occurred when one of the cars attempted to pass another on Route 301 near Glennville, sideswiped it and collided head on with a third vehicle.

Mrs. Carnali was born August 7, 1930, in Weirton. She graduated from Follansbee high school in 1948 and was married to John March 24, 1952. She was a member of the Resurrection Lutheran Church of Weirton and had lived in Burgettstown since 1951.

Pamela Sue was born December 10, 1953, in Weirton.

Mrs. Bock was born August 30, 1904, in Chester, the daughter of the late Albert A. Black and Carrie Evans Black Mentzer. She was married to Mr. Bock November 17, 1919, in Weirton and resided in Largo, Florida, for the past year. Besides her husband, she is survived by a son, William Wesley Bock; two sisters, Mrs. William J. (Vera) Long, Guilford Lake, Ohio; and Mrs. Thelma M. Fiedler, Portland, Oregon; and four grandchildren.

Mr. Bock and the two Carnali children are expected to arrive by air ambulance in Pittsburgh Saturday for transfer to the Weirton hospital. Pending arrival of Mr. Bock and Mr. Carnali from Georgia, funeral arrangements, by the Schwerha Mortuary, Weirton, are incomplete.

**Marilyn Carnali and her daughter, Pamela Sue  
Three Car Collision Kills two From Area  
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## Bitonti award

At California University of Pennsylvania, Janet Bitonti presented the 1994 John Bitonti Memorial Award which honors her late husband to Glenda R. Carter of Avella. Attending the ceremonies were, from left: Nancy Z. Nelson, provost and vice president for academic affairs; Dr. Stephen A. Paviak, dean of the College of Education and Human Services; Bitonti; Carter and son Daniel; and Richard R. Nemecek and Albert E. Yates, professor and chairman, respectively, of the communications disorders department. The daughter of Larry and Carol Carter of Avella, and granddaughter of Carl and Norma Eiler of McDonald, Glenda is a speech pathology and audiology major and member of the university's Speech and Hearing Club.

**John Bitonti Award-Glenda R, Carter**  
**The Enterprise-October 5, 1994 Edition**

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# **Carter- McCleary Family**

**Leaves of History-Cross Creek, Brooke County-Part II  
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## CARTER - McCLEARY

Joseph Carter and his wife, Catherine Fisher Carter, were among the early families of the Cross Creek Valley. The Carter homestead stood near the confluence of Pot Rock Run and Cross Creek. The beautiful Carter house, which must have followed an earlier log one, was located not far from today's railroad underpass on the road from Pot Rock to Washington Pike. In later years, it was the birthplace of some of the Cline children, as well as the home of the Saffle family at another period in time, but on the 1852 Brooke County Map, it is still the home of Joseph Carter. Brooke County deed books show that Joseph purchased land in the area as early as 1828, but it is not known to this writer if this first purchase was the Pot Rock tract.

Carter genealogies show that Joseph was one of eleven children born to Joseph, Sr. and his wife, Edith Bezar Carter. Joseph, Jr. died 31 March 1857 and was followed by his wife on 30 August 1859. He and Catherine were the parents of at least nine children.

Their daughter, Catherine, married William Thorley, while Harriett married Nathaniel Hunter of Hunter's Mill after the death of his first wife. The youngest daughter, Edith, married Ephraim Hedges of a very early Brooke County family.

The writer has been unable to find any information on their son, Joseph Carter III, but son John married Tamar McCoy and moved west. Hillary married Elizabeth Shipley while his twin brother, Cephas ( sometimes called Stephen), married Catherine Fisher. Cephas remained in the Brooke County area at least a number of years, as did their other two sons. It was from these two sons, Samuel and Lewis, that the majority of the later well-known Carters of Brooke County descend.

**BELOW: Carter Homestead near Pot Rock, later the home of Charles Saffle family.**

[ Charles Saffle of Weircrest was nine years old when he moved to this house with his family in 1930. His father traded a house on Heazlett Avenue, Weirton, for this farm. He bought it from a man named Paris, who had bought from the Joseph Carter heirs. Originally there were 86 acres. Saffles lived here until about 1952.]

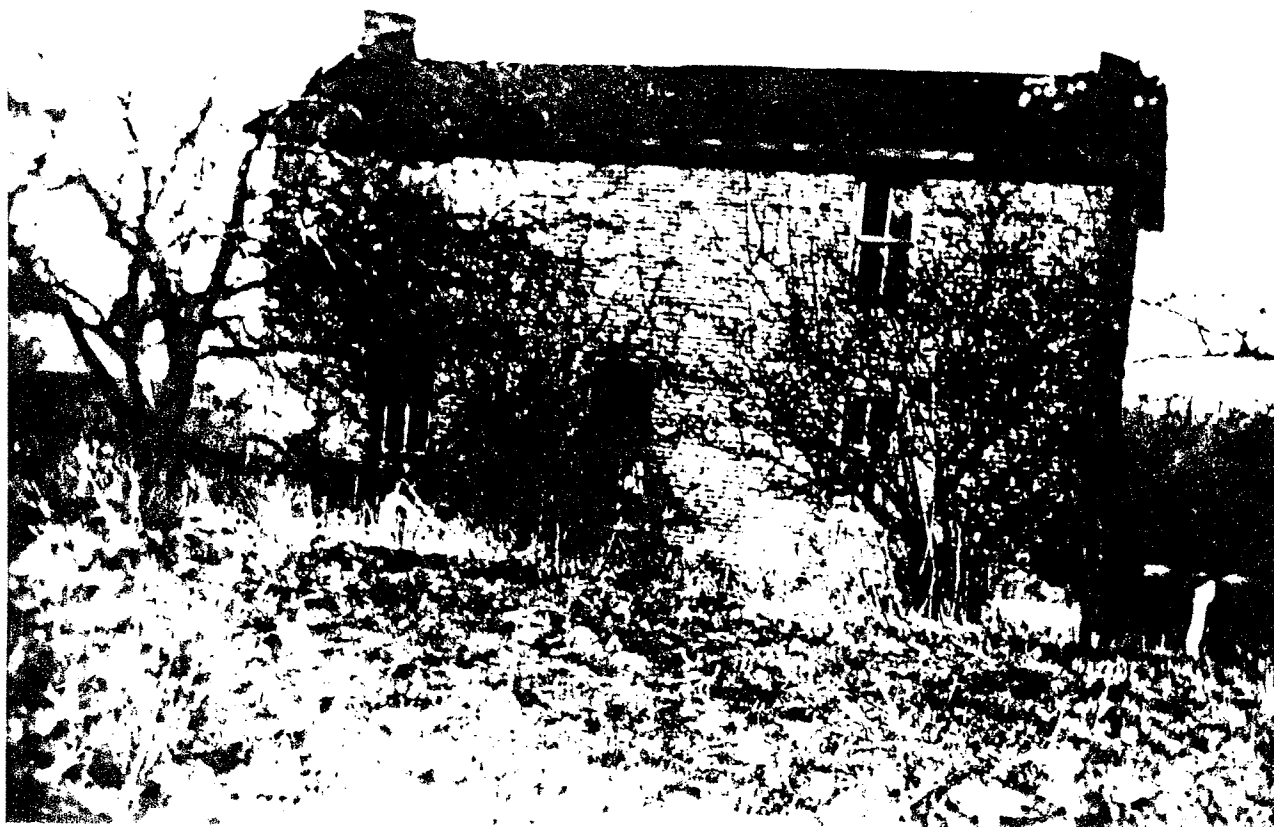




Samuel married Michal Wells and they were the parents of six children, best known of whom were Absolam, of the Follansbee- Eldersville Road, and Eli who married ALice Browning. Eli's son, Samuel, was well known as a gun-collector and as postmaster at Colliers for a number of years. He lived most of his life in the house which stands beside the Olde St. John's Episcopal Church and which contains within its walls the original log house first built there.

The other son of Joseph and Catherine who remained in the area, was Lewis Carter who married Martha McCleary. Martha was the daughter of Thomas and Mary McCleary who were very early Brooke County settlers. Thomas was born in 1762 and died 8 October 1850 at the age of 88. Mary followed her husband to the grave just six months later. They are laid to rest in the Old Baptist Graveyard on Cross Creek.

In his will, dated 4 April 1849, Thomas McCleary names five sons: James, John, William, Ewing, and Thomas, Jr., and six daughters: Jane Fowler, Mariah Scott, Eliza Kerr, Sarah Fowler, Martha Carter, and Julianna Reed. Of these eleven children, Ewing Carter married Mary Magee and together they raised their family of at least eight children. Ewing bought the Robert Cassidy property in Jefferson Township in 1843, joining Amspoker Ridge. The picture below is believed to be the Ewing McCleary brick house just over the state line above Kidd's Mill. It was in this house that the writer's mother and her brothers were all born at the turn of the century.





**Fannie Contriner Carter**

Ewing and Mary had but one child, William Leonard Carter. He and his wife, the former Maude Robinson, were the parents of Ewing Shirley Carter who died in 1997 in his ninetieth year. The writer received much of the information included herein on the Carters and McClearys from Shirley prior to his passing.

The Shirley Carter home is pictured on the next page. The property was purchased on 7 April 1885 by Shirley's grandfather, Ewing T. Carter from Hanson Elson. There were 80 acres in the original purchase and although most of it has been sold off in parcels, the house still stands and at the time of the death of Shirley had been owned by only two families - Elson and Carter. Richard Elson, one of Brooke County's first settlers was a soldier of the Revolutionary War and owned at one time in the neighborhood of 800 acres on Cross Creek. Shirley was very proud of his heritage. He was the last of the Ewing T. Carter line.

The union of Martha McCleary with Lewis Carter produced seven children. Mary married Samuel Hindman. Joseph married Margaret E. Cariens, the daughter of James and Ann. Caroline remained single. Sarah Ellen died at age 18. Martha Louisa married John Headington but died in 1870 with the birth of their daughter, Louisa.

Lewis W. Carter married Isabelle Puntney, daughter of James and Mary Murchland Puntney. Lewis and Isabelle's oldest son was John T. Carter, well known at the turn of the century on Puntney Ridge. John T. married Fannie Contriner, pictured at the left. Fannie's mother was Kate Pfister, a sister of John Pfister of Cross Creek. John and Fannie had no children. Fannie died in middle age, after which John became engaged to Celia Cline Saunders, whose husband, Campbell Saunders, had died at a very early age leaving her with three small children. Two weeks before the planned marriage, John was killed by a bolt of lightening. The second son of Lewis and Isabelle was James who never married. The only one to give them grandchildren was their daughter, Lily Belle, who married Hamilton Grigsby.

The other son, Ewing T. Carter, married Mary E. Montgomery, daughter of Daniel and Juliette Mahan Montgomery of Morton Hill.





Home of the late Ewing Shirley Carter, Brookview Drive, Follansbee-Eldersville Rd. It is located on the property purchased by his grandparents in 1885 from Hanson Elson, whose forebears first patented the land.



Ewing T. Carter



Mary Montgomery Carter  
wife of Ewing T.



William Leonard Carter  
Son of Ewing T. and  
Mary Montgomery Carter.  
Father of Shirley Carter.



Ewing Shirley Carter

Ewing Shirley Carter was a genealogist, an historian, a master craftsman, and a gentleman. It is fitting that he was the last to bear the name of Carter in Brooke County from the union of these two pioneer families - Carter and McCleary.



Shirley Carter and friends on his 89th birthday. He is center, white striped shirt and tie.



## Clarion Graduate



Donna J. Casciola will receive the degree of Bachelor of Science in Library Science at the winter commencement exercises of Clarion State College on January 16, 1966. She is the daughter of Alfonso and Amelia T. Casciola, of Burgettstown.

While in attendance at Clarion, Miss Casciola was active as a student resident, and was a member of Sigma Delta Phi sorority, the Pennsylvania State Education Association and the National Education Association. She was named to the Dean's List for every semester while in college, and was honored by being named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities."

Miss Casciola has accepted employment with the North Hills Joint Schools, in Pittsburgh.

# FINE REUNION IS HELD BY GASSIDY FAMILIES

10-13-32

Descendants of Pioneer Families of  
Western Pennsylvania Meet  
at Eldersville

Members of the Osborne and Cassidy clan met in reunion Saturday, September 24th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde V. Melvin, in Eldersville. They are the descendants of James and Mary McCutcheon Osborne, who emigrated from County Down, Ireland, to America previous to or about the year 1800.

They pitched their tent in Westmoreland county, near Latrobe, where they and their descendants have been prominent in social and business life ever since. Of several children, a number remained in Westmoreland county, but two, a son James, and daughter Jane came farther West and settled in Washington county.

Jane married John Cassidy, and with him spent her life on a farm in Jefferson township, near Bethel church, south of Eldersville, where their children, Margaret, William, Ann, James, Mary, Catherine and Martha grew up and established homes of their own. James Osborne, the brother, married Martha McKennett, of Robinson township, and settled there on a farm, where they reared their three sons, James J., George M., and Robert C.

It was the descendants of this brother and sister and a neyheW and two nieces, children of their brother, Robert Osborne, of Latrobe, who met at the reunion. The will of the pioneer Osborne was read, also letters written to their Westmoreland relatives by William Cassidy in the early 60's, and by Robert Scott in 1868.

Among those attending were: Robert Osborne, Latrobe, and two sisters, Mrs. Homer Anderson and husband, of Pittsburgh; Mrs. H. A. Rugh, of New Castle; Mrs. Cora Sutherland, of Pittsburgh; Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCready, of Follansbee; Oliver Scott, of Eldersville; Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Cassidy and daughter Miriam, of Burgettstown; Robert M. Cassidy, of Eldersville; Mrs. Ora Carlyle and daughter Jane, of Steubenville; Charles Wilbert, Fannie E. Scott, and Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Melvin, of Eldersville.

An organization was effected, naming R. C. Cassidy, president; Mrs. Cora Sutherland, secretary; Oliver Scott, treasurer, and Fannie E. Scott, historian. A future meeting will be held at the call of the president.

## Cassidy Reunion

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Mr. R. C. Cassidy Esq

Dear Sir I took a party out to  
take a look at your farm a  
month or so ago found House  
Empty and no one to Enquire was  
to find the key to the House now  
I cud not show the house to  
the party in side party thinks  
it out of Repair as wh cud not  
find a gate on the place it  
is in need of some one to  
Live on it and to take care of  
it now if it is fore rent let  
me know the <sup>rent</sup> and if one sale  
the lowest price per acre and  
one farm I might Dow some  
thing to wards renting it or selling  
it wood not say for. I've I cud  
sell or rent But the party is  
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at it if fore rent all right if  
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Post No. 3.



## Cassidy Target Of Uncle Zeke Banter



R. C. Cassidy, the target of Editor Cramer's banter, was born April, 1859, and died February 28, 1953. He was a native of Jefferson Township, but came to Burgettstown at age 25. He bought the J. W. Aiken grocery store in Burgettstown entering into partnership with George W. Osburn under the name Osburn and Cassidy. They continued in business for 10 years, when Mr. Cassidy was made assistant cashier of the Burgettstown Bank, a position he held until 1903, when he became secretary and treasurer of the Burgettstown Trust Company. Five years later, this company was absorbed by the Burgettstown National Bank and he became assistant cashier and director of the consolidated institution. About 14 years later, he disposed of his banking interests and engaged in general insurance and as a notary until his retirement. He was twice married, first to Miss Jennie Osburn in 1897, and then to Miss Fanny Gregory in 1901. Mr. Cassidy and his first wife had one daughter, Ora, wife of Edward Carlisle, (deceased). He and his second wife were the parents of Hope, Fanny, Robert, Lucy and Miriam. Hope (Mrs. A. A. Haines, of Waynesburg) and Robert C. Cassidy, of Florence, of this family survive. Robert C. Cassidy and his wife, the former Grace McDonnell, had three children: Robert III, Miriam and James, all of whom live with their families in the Burgettstown area.

**R.C. Cassidy-Target of Uncle Zeke Banter**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-Centennial Edition, May 20, 1981**





LANGELOTH'S NEW POSTMASTER

We believe it will be news to most of our readers that R. C. Cassidy, of Burgettstown, has been appointed postmaster for the new town of Langeloth. Mr. Cassidy received notice last Thursday of his appointment, but his innate modesty has kept him from noising it around. The Call got next to it just a little too late for mention in the last issue, and having one of his old daguerreotypes lying around the office deems it fitting and proper to make especial mention in this issue, since no extra expense will be involved. A close observer will note that the picture is an old one, having been snapped before Mr. Cassidy had attained his second crop of luxuriant tresses; it is also larger than we would have preferred, but we guess it will answer the purpose.

Robert C. Cassidy (we have no idea what the "C." is for) is one of the very biggest men in Burgettstown—from the avoirdupois standpoint. He was born at a very early age at Patterson's Mills, and is said to have been a pretty child; but he

soon outgrew it. He stayed on the farm until he had attained his growth, and then immigrated to Burgettstown. That was more than a quarter of a century ago. For ten years he was engaged in the grocery business here, and we have heard his friends boast that he had more sand than any man in town. Then his passion for handling big money got away with him, and he spent the next ten years behind the bars—of the Burgettstown National bank. To this day Mr. Cassidy holds that the present flourishing condition of that institution is due to his untiring efforts while there. At the expiration of the second ten years Mr. Cassidy conceived the notion of putting the Pittsburg Life Insurance company on an even more substantial footing, and enlisted as a supervisor of agents. To hear Robert tell about it he has been wonderfully successful; so far as we know the company neither denies or affirms the statement.

Oh, yes, we almost forgot to say that Mr. Cassidy has held quite a

number of offices from time to time, and is still hanging on to some of them. For about ten years (that mystic ten again) he has been a member of our board of education (we understand he went in with a great deal of opposition and will probably go out without any.) He is also secretary of Richard Vaux Lodge, No. 454, F. & A. M., which office he has held for many years, and is treasurer of Burgettstown Lodge, No. 1145, I. O. O. F. He is a member of the Burgettstown grange, has attained the mysteries of the Grand Orient, and holds an appointment as notary public. In his youth he was baptized in the Presbyterian faith, but, as the little kid said, "it didn't seem to take."

On the whole, Cassidy isn't a bad sort of a fellow, and it's surprising how many friends he has. Every one of them, while congratulating him and commending the judgment of those who made the appointment, are wondering how he broke into a Democratic administration on a Republican and Bull Moose record.

**Robert C. Cassidy-Langeloth's New Postmaster**  
**The Burgettstown Call- March 26, 1914 Edition**

A stately old Hanover Township house caught fire early Friday morning, March 22, and burned to the ground with only rubble and two chimneys left standing. Known locally as the Squire McDonnell house on Purdy Ridge Road, the white, two-story frame home was built in 1879, according to Grace Cassidy of Florence who grew upon the farm. In that year her grandfather, David McDonnell, built the house with about 10 rooms, a central hallway and staircase and a fireplace in just about every room. Bams, a stable and other out-buildings were added to the property.

Although the house was built in 1879, the farm had been in the family since the late 1780's when the first McDonnells came to America from Ireland and built a log cabin on their new property. Mrs. Cassidy's grandparents kept a nice lawn bordered by a picket fence around the house, and her grandmother had planted many pine trees.

W. C. McDonnell, the father of Grace Cassidy and her two brothers, George McDonnell of Erie, and Harold McDonnell of Lewisburg, was a Hanover Twonship school teacher and squire, or justice of the peace. Their farm neighbors when they were growing up were the Ramseys, Arnolds, McCrackens, McCauslands, Tarrs and Ralstons. Mr. McDonnell sold the property in the 1940's, but just as many old homes and areas retain their original descriptive names, it was still known to many long-time residents as the "old Squire McDonnell place."

**"Squire McDonnell Place" destroyed by Fire**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-April 3, 1985 Edition**



# GUS CASSIONIS RETIRES

Friends of Gus Cassionis, local restaurateur, marked his retirement last Thursday evening, June 20, with a party at the Hickory Room of the Farm Restaurant.

Mr. Cassionis, co-owner of the Farm Restaurant, came to the Bur-

gettstown area in 1952 with Michael Schooles as his partner. Born in Enrriania, Greece in 1890, Mr. Cassionis celebrated his 78th birthday on Monday, June 24.

He served as manager of Rosenbaum's Tea Room from 1945 until 1951 and then as manager of Anthon's Tea Room until 1951.

Guests attending the party from Pittsburgh included Mr. and Mrs. Paul Panagulias and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Panagulias, Mrs. Gus Panagulius, Mr. and Mrs. Tasso Cimarinos, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Mamas and family, Mrs. Nick Mamas and daughter, Mrs. and Mrs. Gus Galanos, Mrs. Anthony Chekeres, and Mrs. J. Savas.

Other out-of-town guests included Mr. and Mrs. A. Vlachos and family of Augusta, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Caudias of Weirton and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Christy of McKees Rocks.

Friends from the Burgettstown area included Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Spanogians, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sabatasse, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Enos, Mr. and Mrs. Dom Bovalina, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Mervosh, Mr. and Mrs. Dushan Nicksick, Violet Conjeski, Frank Bovalina and Andy Shuble.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Alrutz, Paul Wiegman, Mabel McPeak, Orville Gilliam, Glenn Newman, John Vallina, Mr. and Mrs. George McMahon, Mr. and Mrs. E.H. Vosburg, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tidball.

Helping to present the party were employees of the Farm Restaurant who prepared a delicious buffet luncheon. Over 80 present and past employees were in attendance and presented Mr. Cassionis with thoughtful remembrances.



Mr. and Mrs. Gus Cassionis



Partner Mike Schooles helps Gus Cassionis cut the cake at the farewell party. Shown below are just a few of the many Farm Restaurant employees who attended the Party to wish Mr. Cassionis well. Mr. and Mrs. Cassionis plan to travel extensively later this summer. Among places they will visit are Tahiti and Greece.

**Gus Cassionis Retires**

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**Gus Cassionis Retires**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-June 26, 1968 Edition (Pg. 2)**



#### "LIFE" RANK IN SCOUTING

Bill Castellino, member of Burgettstown Troop No. 1, is the first local Scout to qualify for the rank of Life Scout. Castellino was promoted to this rank at a Scout Board of Review held at the Amity Scout Camp last week.

Two other local boys received awards at the Camp last week. They were Jack Culley, a member of Troop No. 2, who was given a certificate in canoeing and Jessie Orrick, also a member of Troop 2, who received a beginner's Red Cross swimming certificate.

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Interviewed: William Castellino

Interviewer: Tammie Castellino

My grandfather's name is William Castellino, Jr. He was born in Sicily on July 22, 1896. His parents' names were Josephine and William. They were born in Sicily. He had five brothers (one deceased now) and no sisters. All his family came from Sicily, and his brothers still reside there. His education was little. He attended a small one-room school house until the sixth grade. He was brought up as a Roman Catholic by his parents, who also followed this religion. He went to church on every day at 6:00 in the morning. During World War I, he fought in the Italian army where he served as a corporal. While in the army, he attended a barber school which is his present occupation (1975).

He came to America as a man of 22 with the ambition of becoming a citizen. He arrived in New York in 1918 alone. He came to this country by way of a boat. After arriving, he was taken to a place where he had to get a vaccination. He came to the United States because this friend lived here and wrote him of the different freedoms and opportunities this country offered. His friend met him in New York and then took him to Burgettstown. He lived with his friend for awhile until he could learn our language. He attended a night school in our town where he learned to speak English. Up to this present day he cannot write in English except for his name.

After learning the language he bought a house where he now lives. In this house was a spare room where he soon began his business as a barber. Then in 1928 the Great Depression came. Its effects were terrible. People were starving because of lack of food, money and job opportunities. The nation had many problems to face.

Right before the Depression came about, William Castellino was married to Phillis Cavillier in 1924. She was a Catholic of Italian descent. She was formerly of Midway, Pa. Their marriage was just a simple house wedding held in Burgettstown, where just the immediate family and a priest attended. In 1926 their first son, William Michael, was born. Then in 1928 (Oct. 25) the second son, Joseph Richard, was born, and then finally in July 1932 their third son, Robert Dennis, was born. In 1944 he and his wife were separated and then later divorced.

My father (Joseph) recalls his life as being one of a strict nature. Schooling and religion were the most important things in my grandfather's eyes and still are for his grandchildren. He now resides in the original house purchased in 1918. His age now is 79 and in July will be 80. He is still in the barber shop business. He says each year he's going to retire, but he probably never will. He has seven grandchildren -- two girls and five boys ranging in age from 23 to 10. The holidays today are celebrated with the whole family getting together and going to mass at 9:00, then serving dinner at 12:30. My grandfather sits at the head of the table and everyone gets wine. He says grace, and then everyone sits down to eat. His hobbies include his job, and he loves to cook Italian dishes.

**William Castellino**  
**Interviewed as Problems of Democracy class project**  
**October 1975**



## ODD ACCIDENT HAPPENS ON ROAD NEAR SLOVAN

**Pedestrian Struck by Automobile is  
Badly Cut About Face From  
Handle of Car Door**

One of the most unusual automobile accidents ever reported in the local area occurred on the main highway between Burgettstown and Slovan about 7:30 o'clock on Wednesday evening of last week. Chester Castrilli, aged 35 years, of Slovan, was struck by an automobile driven by George Baker, colored, an employee of the Don Whalen service station of Burgettstown, as the car was proceeding southward while the pedestrian was traveling toward Burgettstown on the highway.

The man was struck by the right front fender of the car and fell against the side of the machine, striking the handle on the car door. The handle penetrated his cheek, tearing the side of his face to the mouth. Other lacerations resulted to his face, forehead and scalp. It was necessary to apply 16 stitches to close the numerous cuts.

Baker immediately brought his car a stop and hurried the injured man to a Slovan physician's office where he was given attention and later sent to the Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh. It is reported his condition is not serious beyond the severe cuts and lacerations. Reports that his skull was fractured have not been verified.

An investigation conducted by officials of the State Highway Patrol is reported to have brought out the fact that the accident was unavoidable, and the driver was not held for any further action.

**Local Attorney Injured.**

I. C. Bloom, attorney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bloom of Bloom's department store of Burgettstown, and senior member of the law firm of Bloom & Bloom of Washington, was seriously injured when a car he was driving struck a parked truck on the Hill church road near Mapleview early last Thursday morning. I. Weinberg of Pittsburgh, a salesman in the store here, who was with Mr. Bloom, also sustained injuries. Both men were taken to the Washington Hospital. Mr. Bloom suffered a fracture of the right knee and cuts about the face.

**Chester Castrill**

**Burgettstown Enterprise-October 10, 1934 Edition**

Interviewed: Samuel Celinesa

Interviewer: Melissa Bable

Albania is a small, mountainous nation in the Balkan peninsula of southeastern Europe. It borders Greece and Yugoslavia and is about as big as Maryland with only 60 per cent as many people. It has the population of two and one half million people. Seventy per cent are farmers.

"I was born in a small town of Greece called Makadomia. My country bordered Albania where both parents were born. When I was four years of age, my father was killed in World War I. My father left behind a small farm, in which my mother, sister, uncle and myself all lived together. Most people in Albania are farmers and every family depended on each other.

"When I was six years old, my mother sent me to a school with eight students in each class. The teacher only had eight or nine years of education. I only had five years of schooling because the Turks took over Albania and didn't permit anyone to teach. My mother and sister taught me what they could. Eighty per cent of the Albanian people didn't have much more education, so they couldn't teach me much more than I had already learned.

"When I grew older, I became very irritated with the other governments trying to take over Albania and telling us how to live. In Albania there was no future for us; unfortunately, I did not realize it soon enough. Many people left Albania in the last 20 years and came to the United States. We have read about how wonderful it was in the United States, although we were not permitted to read, but we did anyway. In spite of all the bad things they said about the United States, we found out it was all different.

"I got married and started a family, only to work the same fare I had worked since I can remember. We had no recreation in the old country, but to work, eat and sleep. Only time there was a party is when someone got married in the community. Everything was home grown: the liquor, the vegetables, butter, cheese and even our own clothes. When a steer or sheep was killed, we would cut it into many portions and distribute it among all of the families. There was no refrigeration so the meat could not be stored and kept fresh.

"As time went on, things didn't get much better. My people started to talk about Communism. I was very much against it, and so were many others. Finally in 1943, there was a revolution. It wasn't the north against the south, or east against the west, but Communists against the free people of Albania. Unfortunately, the Communists won. It was terrible because sometimes your relatives or neighbors were on the other side. It was more like village against village. It became so bad that you had to sleep with a gun by your side.

"Finally, in 1944, the Communists had taken over completely. Four other men and myself were forced to escape and leave our families behind. We escaped to Greece over the mountains which took us several days longer than expected. It was very cold; in some places the snow was four to five feet deep. Some of the men had frostbitten fingers and toes.

"I stayed in Greece as short as possible because it was also Communistic. Then I went to Italy and stayed for one year. I moved to France where I joined the United States Army. I wanted to be transferred to the U.S. I heard from

**Samuel Celinesa**  
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**Interviewed October 1975**



friends who fled from Albania in the 1920s that the United States was a good country, even though we would receive papers from Communists telling us that the United States was bad. The papers said that the Americans were lazy people.

"While I was in the army, they sent me to Germany where I met a lady who later became my second wife. I married Amna (the woman from Germany) a few months after I found out the Communists had killed my wife and daughter and put my son in a boy's school.

"When the war was over, all my immigration papers were taken care of because I was a United States Veteran of World War II. There, I met a cousin who lived in Weirton, West Virginia. Together we took care of my wife's immigration papers, and I sent for her a year later. I tried to get a job at Weirton Steel, but they refused to hire me because I was too old. So I got a job with a Phanition Blind Company. It wasn't hard because I understood what to do by watching the other men work. I couldn't speak English very well--it was broken--but I could speak perfect German, Greek and Albanian. I saved my money and built myself several homes which I rent out today.

"My name is Samuel Celinesa. I'm 65 years old and retired. I have three children, Fetina, Shapreshiz and Seckabonia. The youngest girl's name, Seckabonia, means a flock of eagles flying above in the sky. I've lived in the United States 23 years now, and it's a beautiful country. I'm very proud to be here. Before I die I'd like to return to my home land, but it is impossible, because I would be killed. I am very happy here with my family, friends and freedom."

# WOMAN BADLY BEATEN BY ATLASBURG THIEVES

Neighboring Village Scene of Hold-up  
and Brutal Attack When Large  
Sum of Money Was Stolen

Mrs. Paul Cellar, aged 46 years, was brutally attacked by two white men who looted her home at Atlasburg early Thursday morning last week. It is reported the sum of between \$2,500 and \$3,000 was secured in the hold-up of the woman who resides in house number 163½ near the Carnegie Coal Co. mine. Mrs. Cellar was struck in the face with such force, two teeth were knocked out and she was rendered unconscious. She was then securely bound and the intruders located the family savings which they carried away without interference.

One man was taken into custody, and another, alleged to have been an accessory to the crime, was arrested Friday by State Police and township officers.

Theodore Bjelan, a Serbian, was apprehended in the woods near Atlasburg Friday morning and is being held in the county jail, without bond, on a charge of aggravated assault and battery and carrying concealed weapons.

Another man, John Marich, 50, of Atlasburg, was arrested Friday afternoon by Constable Mike Robb and is being held on a charge of accessory before crime.

Mrs. Cellar was reported to have identified Bjelan as one of the men who beat her. State Police are confident the man is one of the guilty pair and are continuing an intensive search for the other.

Bjelan is said to have lived by his wits in the woods near Atlasburg. When apprehended he had only a small amount of money on his person and officers believe the stolen money is hidden somewhere in the woods near Atlasburg.

Marich, according to Constable Robb, who had the man arraigned before Justice of the Peace Steve Dugas, is responsible for the planning of the attack and robbery. Marich has lived in the neighborhood of Atlasburg for several months and is believed to have learned where the money was kept in the Cellar home. He was taken into custody at the Francis mine, apparently on his way to leave the vicinity. He refused to discuss the incident when arrested and officers are continuing their investigation for a third man.

Bjelan was arrested by Constables Kucera and Robb, accompanied by State Police O'Mara and Sanute.

**Mrs. Paul Cellar**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-June 30, 1932**



## **AUTO DEALER IS SUED FOR INJURY DAMAGES**

**Atlasburg Man Brings Action Against  
Local Automobile Dealer for  
Large Sum of Money**

For injuries alleged to have been received when struck by a wrecked automobile being towed by the defendant's wrecking car, Joseph Cerutti, of Atlasburg has brought suit against Walter M. Fulton, of Burgettstown, individually and trading as the Burgettstown Motor Company, to recover \$15,000.

The facts as set forth in the statement of claim are rather unusual. The accident occurred July 6, 1931, in the vicinity of the gasoline station near the intersection of the Burgettstown-Hickory road with the Cross Creek-Avella road. At the time of the accident the plaintiff claims he was walking on the sidewalk to the right of the concrete on the Burgettstown-Hickory road and was going in the direction of Hickory when he was struck by a Chandler sedan being towed by the defendant's wrecking car from Burgettstown to Wellsburg, W. Va.

Cerutti received a fracture of the right arm near the elbow, a concussion of the brain, while the muscles of the right shoulder were torn and the left hip joint injured.

The wrecking car was being driven by George Pappas, and the wrecked sedan in charge of Angelo Deluca. This car was owned by Ernest Bowery, of Wellsburg, W. Va.

The case represents some phases which are out of the ordinary.

**Joseph Cerutti Sues Walter M. Fulton, Burgettstown Motor Co.  
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 24, 1931 Edition**

Interviewed: Jean Chambers

Interviewer: Lori McCracken

In 1901 John Ferrel came to the United States from Stockton Tees, England, as a mine inspector. He worked for nearly a year, saving money to go back to England, marry and bring his wife to America. Before he could get back to England, though, he broke his leg and his savings dwindled. In August of 1902, he sent for Kate Murt, a registered nurse from South Shields, England. They were married in Charleroi, but later they moved to Cheswick when he joined the Bureau of Mines. His pay was \$1000 a year. They had two children, Letitia, born in 1907, and Jean, born in 1910.

On an afternoon in January, 1912, John and a coworker, Frank Seibert, entered a gaseous mine at Cherry Valley, Washington County. He was a first-aid man and had been with a testing station only a short time. He and Frank entered the mine to see whether it was safe to allow the company to resume work, as the mine was said to have been gaseous. Before they went into the mine, they explained to the others that if they didn't return within half an hour, start looking for them.

Shortly after they entered the mine, Frank complained of feeling sick and returned to the entrance of the mine. He had gone into the mine about 75 feet when the gas made him turn back. At that time he had been in the mine only about five minutes. John who started to return with him, disappeared into one of the entries and it seems that he walked about 225 feet in the other direction.

When Frank returned to the mine opening, James Reynolds, another first-aid man, went into the mine with an oxygen mask to look for John. He found him lying on his back with his helmet off. It was discovered then that he was dead.

Two months after her husband's death, Kate had another daughter, but she died in infancy. Left without support, she took her two girls and went back to England to be with her family and find work. When she returned to England, however, she discovered that her job opportunities weren't as great as in America and her family wasn't the same.

She then returned to America and opened a boarding house. After six years of managing the boarding house, she sold it and opened a candy store which she operated until 1927. She died in 1927 at age 52, after suffering a stroke.

Letitia died in 1931 as a result of burns suffered when her bathrobe caught fire from a gas heater. Jean Ferrell, now Jean Chambers, survives.

**Jean Chambers**  
**Interviewed as Problems of Democracy class project**  
**October 1975**



## Abstracts of the Washington Reporter 1817-1820

### Monday, February 3, 1817

37. Six Cents Reward. Ran away from the subscriber, in Burgettstown, on Wednesday morning, the eighth inst. An indented apprentice to the tailoring business, named Isaac **CHAMBERLAIN**, aged about twenty-four years; about five feet nine or ten inches high, dark Complexion, fair hair, and had on him when he went away a yellow coloured fulled Lindsey straight coat, wool hat and took with him a velvet pair of overalls, one pair Lindsey. The above reward will be paid, without any charges, for the delivery of the said apprentice, in Burgettstown, or in any jail so that the subscriber may get him. /s/**Thomas THOMPSON**

**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY  
FOR MR. & MRS. H. CHAMBON**

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chambon of Fanny street, McDonald, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with "open house" from 9 a.m., to 9 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 24.

The Chambons were married in Steubenville, O., 1902, and have resided most of their lives in Midway. Mr. Chambon is a retired Pennsylvania Railroad conductor.

They are the parents of the following children: Mrs. Edna Duke, Washington; Mrs. Cora Mae Les-calette, Burgettstown; Harry A. Chambon, Jr., St. Clairsville, O.; Mrs. Vera Cook and Mrs. Ora Margerum of McDonald. A son, George Wallace, died at the age of 15. Mr. and Mrs. Chambon have 15 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Children of the couple will honor them with a family dinner in their home Monday, Dec. 22.



### Lyle-Chapman

At the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Irene J. Chapman, of Rea, Thursday August 26th, occurred the marriage of her daughter, Clara Blanche, to Mr. Joseph Robertson Lyle. Promptly at the hour of 12 the bridal party entered the parlor to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march played by Miss Mabel B. Reed, an aunt of the bride, who also played Love and Roses, by Lang, during the ceremony. Rev. O. S. McFarland, of Cross Creek, pastor of both bride and bridegroom, performed the ceremony. The bride was gowned in white crepe meteor and carried an armful of brides roses. The bridesmaid, Miss Emma Chapman, sister of the bride, wore pink silk de chine and carried pink roses. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. Austin Walker, of Steubenville, a cousin. An elaborate three-course wedding dinner was served. The bride's table was beautifully decorated in pink and white and the color scheme of pink and white was carried out in all the decorations. The guests, who were all relatives of the bride and bridegroom, numbered 60. The presents were numerous and beautiful. The bride is the second daughter of Mrs. Irene Reed Chapman, of Cross Creek township, and the bridegroom a son of R. J. Lyle, of Smith township. The young couple left for an extended trip to Washington, D. C. Atlantic City and other eastern points.

**Clara Blanche Chapman to Joseph Robert Lyle**  
**Personal Scrapbook Marriage-August 16, 1915**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

## **Eldersville Woman Has 96th Birthday**

The oldest resident of Eldersville, and probably in the immediate area, observed her 96th birthday Saturday, March 17. Mrs. Mary Chappell, who lives with her daughter Mrs. Rose Cox in their trailer home adjacent to the Keith Fish residence is in fairly good health and actively interested in news of the day.

Although blind the past 35 years, Mrs. Chappell spends her time quilting and sewing. She mends her own clothing and enjoys having members of her family read to her. She keeps abreast of all current events and was overjoyed with Col. John Glenn's successful journey in space.

Mrs. Chappell was born at Bavington, 1866, and has lived in Raccoon, McDonald and Pittsburgh. She was married in Washington, to Seymour Chappell, who passed away in 1940. They were the parents of five children. Besides Mrs. Cox, she has three sons, Melvin of Florence; Frank, Cleveland, O., and Harry, Cross Creek. One daughter, Mrs. Katherine Browning, is deceased.

She also boasts of 30 grandchildren, 56 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She has made her home with her daughter the past 17 years, the last two of which were spent in Eldersville.

**Mary Chappell**  
***Oldest Resident in Eldersville Observes 96<sup>th</sup> Birthday***  
**March 17, 1962**



A farm for sale-middle fork of Raccoon, 150 acres, 30 acres good bottom ground fit for scythe and cultivation, 70 acres upland under good cultivation, good repair. Good dwelling house and large barn, and out-house, good bearing orchard.

January 24, 1814

Ephraim Chidester

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

Crafton Allegheny Co Pa  
Feb 22 1892

Mr James Simpson  
Dear Sir  
Your letter  
of the 21<sup>st</sup> was rec<sup>d</sup> this  
Evening, & I hasten to reply -

In the regard to what members  
of the Chidester family (to whom  
my Father's Mother belonged)  
are buried <sup>at Cross Creek</sup>, cannot certainly  
say. Will send your letter  
to one of the family Dr  
Ephraim Chidester of Masil  
Lon Ohio and he may fur-  
nish some light on the  
matter

I did not know that  
the statement that you  
make was in "Old Red  
Stone" I am under-  
stood that we are descend-  
ed from New England  
origin but cannot  
say certainly that we

Letter to James Simpson from C.S. Jennings  
Concerning family of Ephraim Chidester-February 22, 1892 (Pg.1)



Travis Come down from  
the Mayflower Pilgrims  
In fact from never  
heard that before thought  
it might be true -  
I think we cannot  
trace our ancestry far  
ther back than Jacob Pen-  
nings my Great Great  
Grandfather who lies  
buried at Round Brook  
New Jersey in the burial  
ground of the Presbyterian  
Church where he was  
an elder - He was the  
father of Dr Jacob Penning  
of Dunlap's Creek, Tex-  
as & Co, and he the father  
of Ebenezer Penning M.D.  
the father of my father  
Ebenezer Penning M.D.  
his wife Mercy Chidester  
Penning - Their son

**Letter to James Simpson from C.S. Jennings  
Concerning family of Ephraim Chidester-February 22, 1892 (Pg.2)**

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



My father's brother Jacob Jennings  
who was a lawyer and he  
sister, my aunt - Mrs Maria  
Mercer all lie buried together  
and their place marked by a  
square stone - a small  
monument in the Cross Creek  
Cemetery. Some of the Child  
estors may have been buried  
near the same spot - but their  
graves had no marks  
Hints -  
I could not say how  
many generations it was  
from the Pilgrims of 1620  
to myself that is should  
be descended from them  
Any further information  
that I can obtain  
I will send you. You  
might possibly obtain some  
information about the Child  
estors from some of the

Letter to James Simpson from C.S. Jennings  
Concerning family of Ephraim Chidester-February 22, 1892 (Pg.3)

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



**W. S. CLARK**

Dr. W. S. Clark was a well known dentist in Burgettstown for many years during the Teens, Twenties and Thirties. He had his office on the second floor of the Enterprise Building. His home was on Center Avenue. Dr. Clark and his family operated the Clark Hotel on Main Street before they moved to California.

**Dr. W.S. Clark-well known Dentist  
Burgettstown Enterprise-Centennial Edition, May 20, 1981**

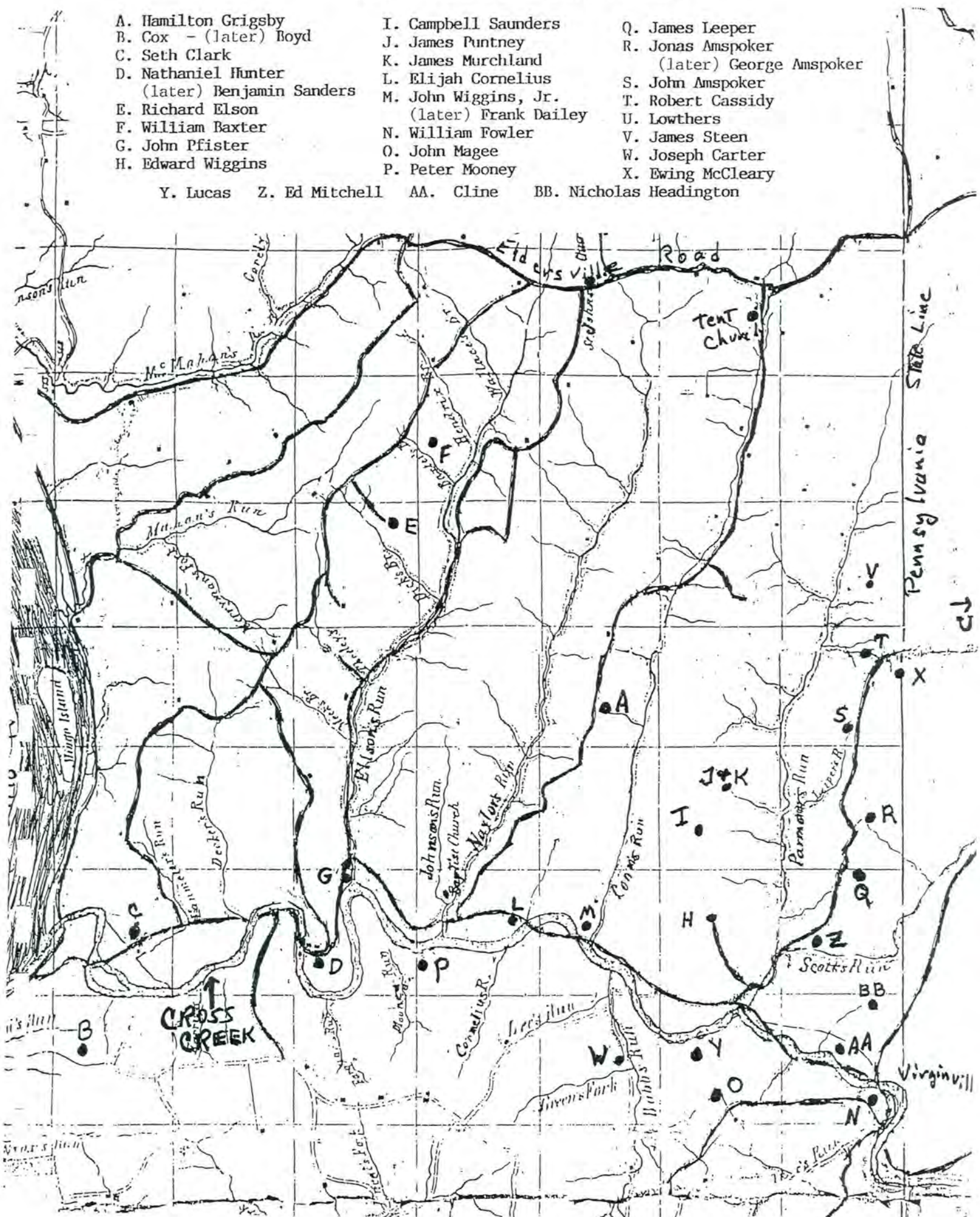
# **Seth Clark Family**

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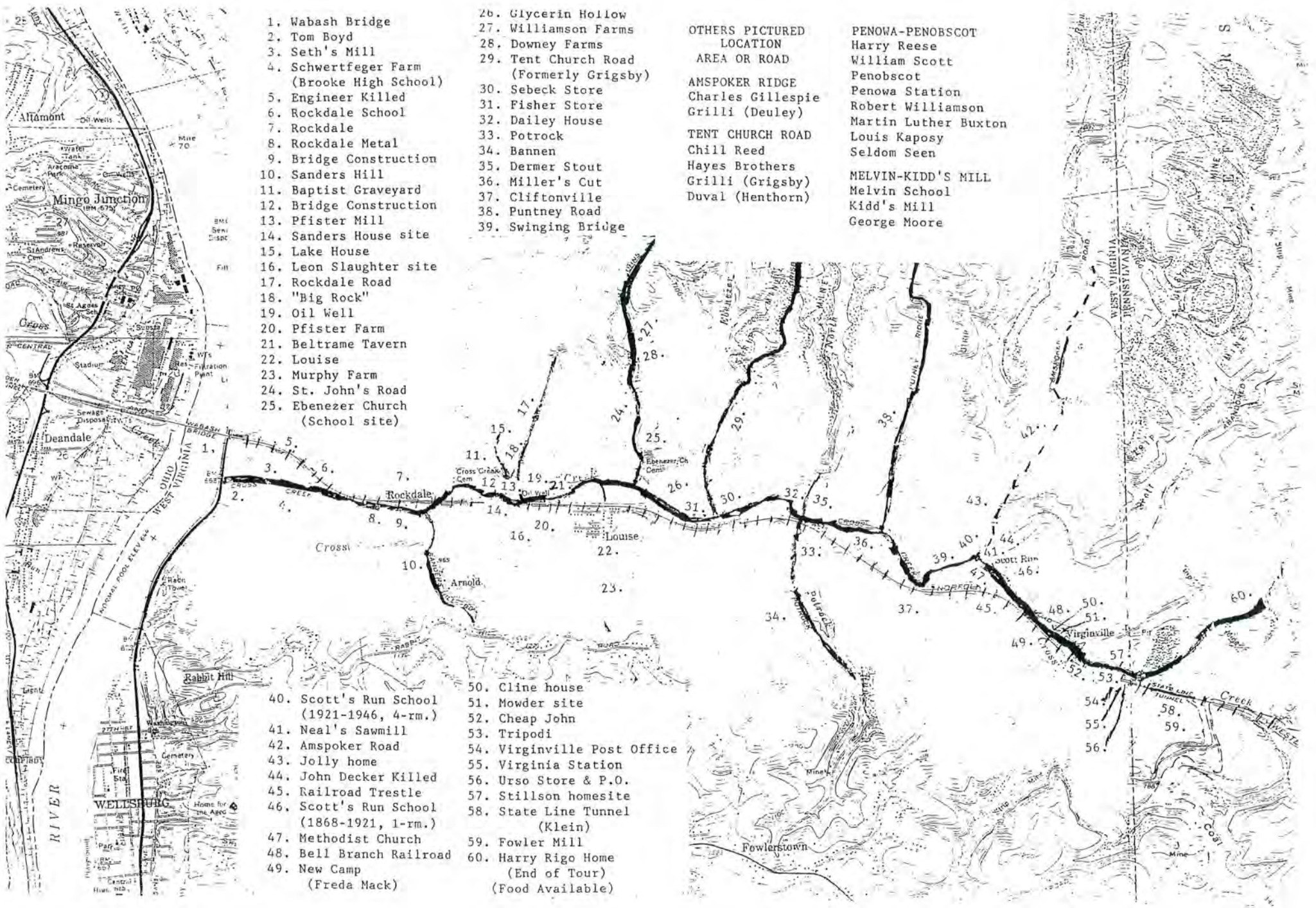


THE EARLY FAMILIES

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|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| A. Hamilton Grigsby      | I. Campbell Saunders | Q. James Leeper         |
| B. Cox - (later) Boyd    | J. James Puntney     | R. Jonas Amspoker       |
| C. Seth Clark            | K. James Murchland   | (later) George Amspoker |
| D. Nathaniel Hunter      | L. Elijah Cornelius  | S. John Amspoker        |
| (later) Benjamin Sanders | M. John Wiggins, Jr. | T. Robert Cassidy       |
| E. Richard Elson         | (later) Frank Dailey | U. Lowthers             |
| F. William Baxter        | N. William Fowler    | V. James Steen          |
| G. John Pfister          | O. John Magee        | W. Joseph Carter        |
| H. Edward Wiggins        | P. Peter Mooney      | X. Ewing McCleary       |
| Y. Lucas                 | Z. Ed Mitchell       | AA. Cline               |
|                          |                      | BB. Nicholas Headington |







1. Wabash Bridge
2. Tom Boyd
3. Seth's Mill
4. Schwertfeger Farm (Brooke High School)
5. Engineer Killed
6. Rockdale School
7. Rockdale
8. Rockdale Metal
9. Bridge Construction
10. Sanders Hill
11. Baptist Graveyard
12. Bridge Construction
13. Pfister Mill
14. Sanders House site
15. Lake House
16. Leon Slaughter site
17. Rockdale Road
18. "Big Rock"
19. Oil Well
20. Pfister Farm
21. Beltrame Tavern
22. Louise
23. Murphy Farm
24. St. John's Road
25. Ebenezer Church (School site)

26. Glycerin Hollow
27. Williamson Farms
28. Downey Farms
29. Tent Church Road (Formerly Grigsby)
30. Sebeck Store
31. Fisher Store
32. Dailey House
33. Potrock
34. Bannen
35. Dermer Stout
36. Miller's Cut
37. Cliftonville
38. Puntney Road
39. Swinging Bridge

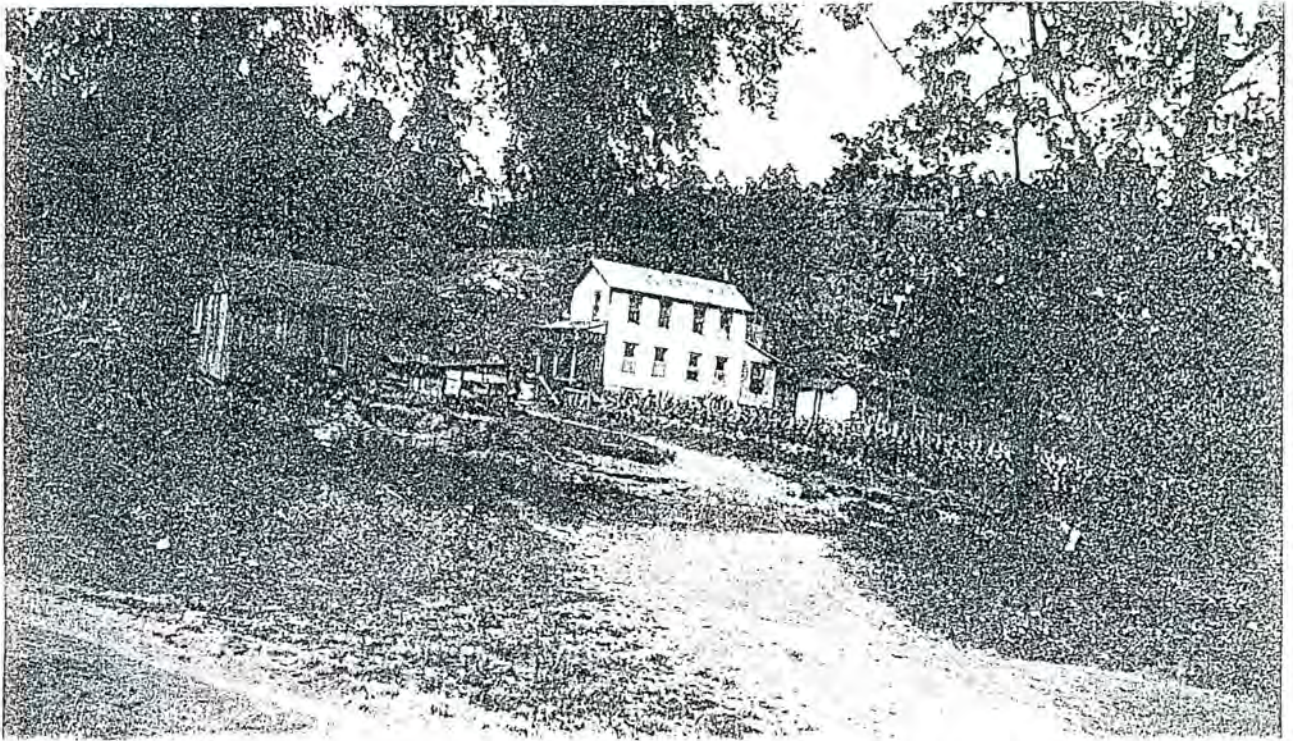
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AREA OR ROAD
- AMSPOKER RIDGE  
Charles Gillespie  
Grilli (Deuley)
- TENT CHURCH ROAD  
Chill Reed  
Hayes Brothers  
Grilli (Grigsby)  
Duval (Henthorn)

- PENOWA-PENOBSCOT  
Harry Reese  
William Scott  
Penobscot  
Penowa Station  
Robert Williamson  
Martin Luther Buxton  
Louis Kaposy  
Seldom Seen
- MELVIN-KIDD'S MILL  
Melvin School  
Kidd's Mill  
George Moore

40. Scott's Run School (1921-1946, 4-rm.)
41. Neal's Sawmill
42. Ampoker Road
43. Jolly home
44. John Decker Killed
45. Railroad Trestle
46. Scott's Run School (1868-1921, 1-rm.)
47. Methodist Church
48. Bell Branch Railroad
49. New Camp (Freda Mack)

50. Cline house
51. Mowder site
52. Cheap John
53. Tripodi
54. Virginville Post Office
55. Virginia Station
56. Urso Store & P.O.
57. Stillson homesite
58. State Line Tunnel (Klein)
59. Fowler Mill
60. Harry Rigo Home (End of Tour) (Food Available)





The Cline house which once stood near Scotts Run at the foot of Amspoker Hill

### SETH CLARK

At the mouth of Cross Creek very near the Ohio River once stood a busy flour mill and distillery. From 1827 until 1855, it was owned by a man named Seth Clark. He had come from Maryland in 1812, along with another family named Browning, and settled on Mahan's Run a mile or so north of the present town of Follansbee. Brooke County Deed Book 5 page 388 bears witness to the fact that Clark purchased 200 acres of Mingo Bottom ( now Follansbee) on 29 May 1815 from Jeremiah Browning. Browning, upon arriving in the area, had bought 650 acres of Mingo Bottom at \$20 an acre. Seth Clark established a ferry which crossed the Ohio about where the Wheeling Steel Bridge stands today. On 1 September 1827, Deed Book 8 page 218, he bought 25 acres containing a mill and distillery at the mouth of Cross Creek in partnership with a friend, Michael Tiernan. The mill had been operated by and probably built by a man named Rogers. Rogers had died and his heirs were willing to sell the mill to Clark and Tiernan.

[ An interesting side-line connected with these families can be noted in the old Baptist Cemetery just a small way up the creek near the site of Sanders Mill. This lengthy tombstone inscription was once readable. It said:

"Mary Tiernan, consort of Michael Tiernan, and daughter of John and Elizabeth Rogers, was born May 8, 1795, married July 29, 1811, and departed this life March 24, 1820, aged 24 years, 10 months, and 16 days."

It is possible that the John Rogers mentioned as her father, was the Rogers who once owned the mill and, if so, from whose estate his son-in-law, Michael Tiernan bought the mill. Tiernan later married as his second wife, Elizabeth Clark, daughter of his partner, Seth Clark. Two other graves with surname Rogers are also found in the Baptist Cemetery.]



The two partners did a thriving business, shipping products down the Ohio and also north to Pittsburgh, and even to Philadelphia. Clark soon bought out Tiernan and did quite well financially until the great flood of 1832 which was believed to be the worst of its kind ever in the history of the Ohio Valley to that date. The water was reputed to be over five feet deep at the Court House. The heavy waters destroyed Clark's distillery by upsetting his still tub. He believed it was too great a loss to rebuild, so he abandoned the whiskey business at that time but continued making flour until his death in 1855.

Seth Clark's will recorded in Brooke County Will Book 3 page 349 is very revealing. He apparently had no sons to carry on his milling or his name, but he mentions two daughters and nine grandchildren. His wife was Cassandra, daughter of Jeremiah Browning in whose company he had made the wearisome journey over the mountains by wagon in 1812. After providing for her, he lists the following bequests: to his daughter, Mary Brown, he left the 183 acres where he lived plus "the Bradford Tract" plus 20 acres off the east end of the Ferry Tract; to his daughter, Elizabeth Tiernan, he bequeathed the Mill Tract of 259 acres plus 150 acres remaining in the Ferry Tract. To all appearances, he had two other daughters who were deceased when he made his will in 1855 since he names granddaughter, Cassandra Hughes to whom he willed 20 shares of stock plus another large amount of the estate, and grandsons Morris Jones and Seth Clark Jones. Morris was given 30 shares of stock plus \$200, while Seth was given \$3000 in cash. He then left the remainder of his estate to his three Tiernan grandchildren and his three Brown grandchildren. For that day and age, these bequests would label him as a man of great means.

Tom Boyd, pictured on the right, who owns the Sunshine Farm near the site of Clark's old mill, has told the writer that its exact location is easy to find. As you start east up Cross Creek on Bruin Drive, stop on the first bridge on the highway where it crosses over the creek. Face north toward Follansbee. The mill sat on the right side of the water just beyond the bridge.

Descendants of Seth Clark bearing the Clark surname are not to be found, inasmuch as he had no sons. It being difficult to trace female branches of a family, the writer has been unable to ascertain if any of the descendants of his daughters still inhabit the area. But the name, Seth Clark, is very prominent in three places on the old 1852 Brooke County Map.

In the accompanying picture, Tom Boyd proudly displays two remnants of Cross Creek's old mills. The wheel in the picture is from the Sanders Mill upstream, and beneath Tom's feet and not visible to the eye, is the bottom granite grinding stone from Seth Clark's old mill. And Tom, who does not refer to it as Clark property, says old timers always called it simply "Seth's Mill".





## Mr. And Mrs. Clawson Of Rea Will Celebrate 50th Anniversary With "Open House" Oct. 10



Mr. and Mrs. Lamoil Clawson, shown above, will celebrate their fiftieth anniversary at their home, Patterson Mills, Rea, R. D. 1, with an open house party from 2 to 7 o'clock on Saturday, October 10. Friends and neighbors of the couple are invited to call.

The Clawsons, who are enjoying comparatively good health were married at Centerburg, Knox County, Ohio, October 9, 1903. They came to Avella and lived there from 1921 to 1941, when they moved to their present home. Mr. Clawson, who is 71 years of age, engaged in farming, and also worked in area coal mines, until his retirement in 1941. Mrs. Claw-

son is the former Lida Meeker and she is 70 years of age.

They are the parents of four daughters and three sons, 15 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren, all of whom will visit them on their anniversary, with the exception of the ones living in California.

Members of the family are: Mrs. Ruth Kneubuhl and Mrs. Dorothy Hallam of Columbus, O., Chester of Charleston, W. Va., Henry and Vernor of Pittsburg, Calif., and Mrs. Effie Smith and Mrs. Vivian Yukevich of Burgettstown.

A family dinner to commemorate the event will be held at the Clawson home on Sunday, October 11.

**Mr. and Mrs. Lamoil Clawson of Rea  
Will Celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with "Open House" October 10  
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 24, 1953 Edition**

## **FAMILY REUNION**

The Cline reunion was held at Follansbee Municipal Park, Sunday, July 1, with 124 in attendance. From the local areas were Earl Cline, Burgettstown; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pcsolinski and family, Eric Mine; Mr. and Mrs. Marion Malone, Slovan; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Kover, Slovan; Mr. and Mrs. George Cline and Mr. and Mrs. James Cline, Cedar Grove; Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Cline, Avella, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bongiorno, Atlasburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thoarpe, Cecil.

Others were present from Pittsburgh, Steubenville, Wellsburg, Follansbee, and Moundsville. The next reunion will be held the first Sunday in July, 1963, at Follansbee.



# **Cline-Lucas- Mitchell Family**

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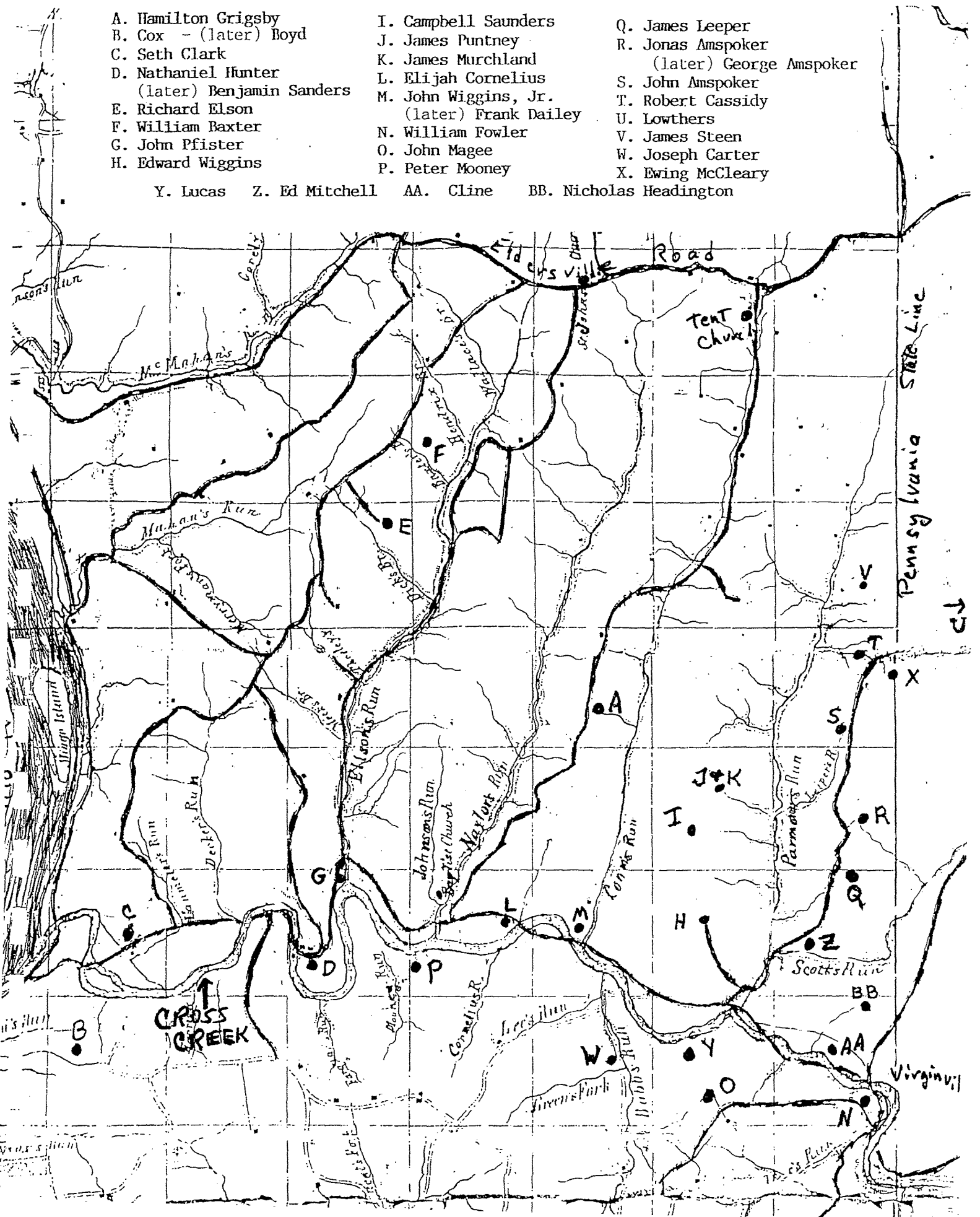
Without you, the former and the present residents of the Cross Creek Valley, this book could never have become a reality. To each of you, a hearty THANK YOU.

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| Karyn Adamson                      | Lois Slasor Early                  | Ida Moore                        | Fred and Florence Moore Thomas                                     |
| Anne Aftanas                       | Albert and Esther Moore Fisher     | Judy Moore                       | Julia Tisik  |
| Chester and Helen Tisik Aftanas    | Earl Fowler, Jr.                   | Pearl Mae Moore                  | Lou and Helen Tokas Tranquill                                      |
| Joe Aftanas                        | Eugene Georgetti                   | Delbert Morris                   | Theresa Tripodi  |
| Arlene Boies Alexander             | Bernice Gist                       | Dorothy Morton                   | Alice Ulrich   |
| Betty DeGarmo Baileys              | Ruth Neth Gillespie                | Arlene Yost Mowder               | Charles Ulrich   |
| Cecil and Ruth Robb Baker          | Elizabeth Grigsby Gillespie        | John Mowder                      | Nellie Uphole  |
| John R. Bannen                     | Bob Gracey                         | Dorothy McFarland Muzopappa      | Anchony Valenti  |
| Walter Baranowski                  | Carl Granato                       | Mae Fisher Newton                | Elizabeth Tokas Velegol  |
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| Tony Beltrame                      | Lewis Grigsby                      | Elva Osaba                       | Frances Baranowski Wells   |
| Bill and Judy Bernardini           | Gabriel and Mary Ann Grilli        | Goldie Pastor                    | Sara Deer Welsh  |
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| Tom Boyd                           | Jean Lucas Javersak                | Charles Rangos                   | Mike Young   |
| Ralph Brady                        | Doris Lake Jones                   | Amanda Reed                      | Virginia Pfister Young   |
| Aubrey Brothers                    | Jim Jones                          | Annabelle Horvath Reese          | Ernest Zambarda  |
| Mary Rigo Bryan                    | John Jones                         | Anne Puskarich Resnik            | Millie Fisher Zambarda   |
| Margaret Burkhart                  | Louis and Gladys Kaposy            | John Resnik                      | Sarah M. Zang  |
| Tom Butcher                        | Lawrence Kimbail                   | Harry and Agnes Rigo             | Mary Martino Zwierchowski  |
| Allan Campbell                     | Mike Klem                          | William and Bertha Maluski Rihel | DECEASED, WHOSE WORK IN WORDS AND<br>PICTURES IS STILL APPRECIATED |
| Becky Care                         | Jean McFarland Korpos              | Robert Rotunda                   | Helen Amspoker Boles   |
| John and Doris Pfister Care        | Ann Kress                          | Anna Bell Jolly Rouse            | Howard Cameron   |
| Bill and Betty Mitchell Carey      | Terissa Kvocka                     | Homer Roush                      | Fannie Clark Campbell  |
| John Cheripko                      | Tracy Rouse Lancaster              | Charles and Dorothy Saffle       | Shirley Carter   |
| Paul and Della Reed Chilensky      | Lucille Marker Legge               | Bill and Anna Mae Saunders       | Betty Fowier Fell  |
| Bob and Deloris Hess Cline         | Jay Leon                           | John and Mary Sebeck Schubenski  | Viola Cheesebrough Gillespie                                       |
| Gary Cline                         | Kern Lyons                         | C.M. and Alice Schwertfeger      | Helen Rigo Marus   |
| George R. Cline                    | James and Freda Mack               | Kenneth Schwertfeger             | Glenna Haworth Morton  |
| Dick and Millie Swearingen Cole    | Veronica Madis                     | Pete and Gay Sebeck              | Irene Vargo Popp   |
| Mae Conley                         | Bob and Teresa Dailey Marino       | Ron Sebeck                       | Anthony Muzopappa  |
| Judy Coulter                       | Gaylord Martin                     | Karen Beltrame Serafine          | Elza Scott   |
| Mary Ann Pfister Cox               | Ralph Martino                      | Jim and Sandy Shorts             | Harold Scott   |
| Howard Cline                       | Joyce McAlpine                     | Russell Slasor                   | Ed Taylor  |
| Gaye Cheripko                      | Alberta McKee                      | Miriam Legge Smith               | Helen V. Saunders  |
| Marie Reese Cribbs                 | Earl McLaughlin, Jr.               | Jean Ann Spear                   | A.D. White   |
| Alice Mowder Cunningham            | Earl McLaughlin III                | Howard Stanchis                  | Rudy Zambarda  |
| Margaret DeGarmo Cunningham        | Frank and Anna Mae McQuillan       | Jim and Alice Stevens            |  |
| Frank W. Craven                    | Michael Minda                      | Dominic and Pat Stillson         |  |
| Terry and Lois Saunders Dami       | Albert Miller                      | Carlton and Betty Stewart        |  |
| Russell DeGarmo                    | Harry and Charlotte Pratt Mitchell | Rae McFarland Sutermaster        |  |
| Arthur Deuley                      | Mary Ann Mitchell                  | Jim Schweizer                    |  |
| Matilda Rotunda Dorisio            |                                    |                                  |  |
| Freda Saunders Dunn                |                                    |                                  |  |



THE EARLY FAMILIES

- |   |  |                         |
|---|--|-------------------------|
| A. Hamilton Grigsby                             | I. Campbell Saunders                         | Q. James Leeper         |
| B. Cox - (later) Boyd                           | J. James Puntney                             | R. Jonas Amspoker       |
| C. Seth Clark                                   | K. James Murchland                           | (later) George Amspoker |
| D. Nathaniel Hunter<br>(later) Benjamin Sanders | L. Elijah Cornelius                          | S. John Amspoker        |
| E. Richard Elson                                | M. John Wiggins, Jr.<br>(later) Frank Dailey | T. Robert Cassidy       |
| F. William Baxter                               | N. William Fowler                            | U. Lowthers             |
| G. John Pfister                                 | O. John Magee                                | V. James Steen          |
| H. Edward Wiggins                               | P. Peter Mooney                              | W. Joseph Carter        |
| Y. Lucas  | Z. Ed Mitchell                               | X. Ewing McCleary       |
| AA. Cline                                       | BB. Nicholas Headington                      |                         |

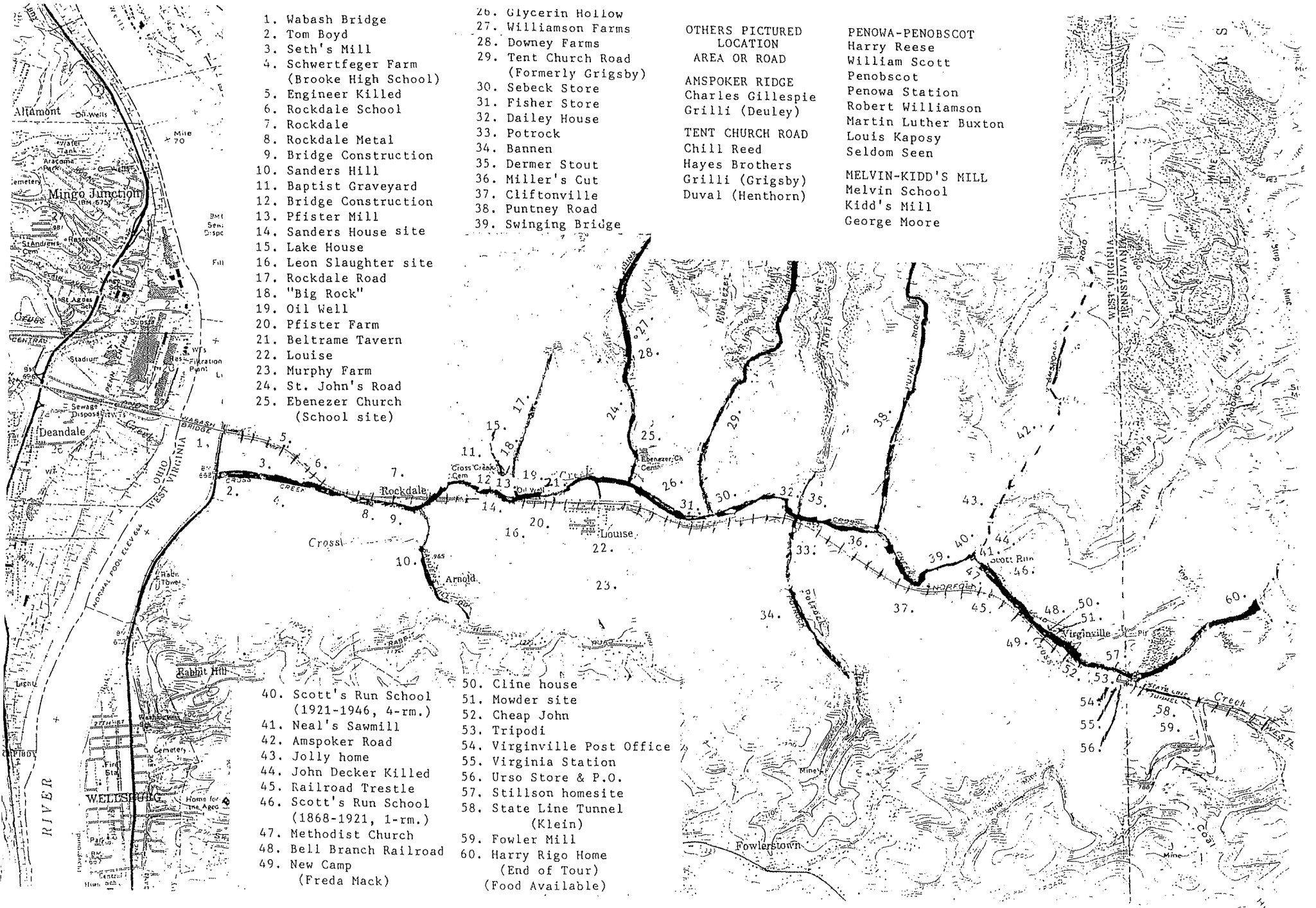


1. Wabash Bridge
2. Tom Boyd
3. Seth's Mill
4. Schwertfeger Farm (Brooke High School)
5. Engineer Killed
6. Rockdale School
7. Rockdale
8. Rockdale Metal
9. Bridge Construction
10. Sanders Hill
11. Baptist Graveyard
12. Bridge Construction
13. Pfister Mill
14. Sanders House site
15. Lake House
16. Leon Slaughter site
17. Rockdale Road
18. "Big Rock"
19. Oil Well
20. Pfister Farm
21. Beltrame Tavern
22. Louise
23. Murphy Farm
24. St. John's Road
25. Ebenezer Church (School site)

26. Glycerin Hollow
27. Williamson Farms
28. Downey Farms
29. Tent Church Road (Formerly Grigsby)
30. Sebeck Store
31. Fisher Store
32. Dailey House
33. Potrock
34. Bannen
35. Dermer Stout
36. Miller's Cut
37. Cliftonville
38. Puntney Road
39. Swinging Bridge

- OTHERS PICTURED  
LOCATION  
AREA OR ROAD
- AMSPOKER RIDGE  
Charles Gillespie  
Grilli (Deuley)
- TENT CHURCH ROAD  
Chill Reed  
Hayes Brothers  
Grilli (Grigsby)  
Duval (Henthorn)

- PENOWA-PENOBSCOT  
Harry Reese  
William Scott  
Penobscot  
Penowa Station  
Robert Williamson  
Martin Luther Buxton  
Louis Kaposy  
Seldom Seen
- MELVIN-KIDD'S MILL  
Melvin School  
Kidd's Mill  
George Moore



40. Scott's Run School (1921-1946, 4-rm.)
41. Neal's Sawmill
42. Ampoker Road
43. Jolly home
44. John Decker Killed
45. Railroad Trestle
46. Scott's Run School (1868-1921, 1-rm.)
47. Methodist Church
48. Bell Branch Railroad
49. New Camp (Freda Mack)

50. Cline house
51. Mowder site
52. Cheap John
53. Tripodi
54. Virginville Post Office
55. Virginia Station
56. Urso Store & P.O.
57. Stillson homesite
58. State Line Tunnel (Klein)
59. Fowler Mill
60. Harry Rigo Home (End of Tour) (Food Available)



LUCAS - MITCHELL - CLINE

Philip Lucas came from Baltimore County, Maryland, to Brooke County, Virginia, in 1799. He was the son of Rev. Thomas Lucas, a Methodist minister. In 1802 he married Elizabeth Cunningham and together they raised their children at their home on Pierces Run. Their son, Jefferson Lucas, married Pamela Magee.



Pictured above are Lorraine Mitchell  
and Elmer Lucas

It is uncertain just when any of the Lucases came to the Cross Creek area, but Alice, the daughter of Jefferson and Pamela, born in December of 1859, married Edward Mitchell. This couple were well known in the Cross Creek area all of their lives where they raised their three children: Lorraine, who married Virginia Cheesebrough; Lottie, who married Shirley Cline; and Daisy, who married Claude Georgia.

Lorraine's children were: Harry, who married Charlotte Pratt; Myrtle, who married Harold Carey; and Betty, who married William Carey. Lottie's children were: Cecil, who married Mary Jean Baranowski; Bobby, who married Deloris Hess; and Doris, who married Reggie Brindley.

Although Alice Lucas Mitchell was one of eleven children of Jefferson and Pamela Lucas, she and one brother were the only children out of the eleven to have issue. Alice's grandfather, Philip, who came to Brooke County in 1799, was apprenticed for a time as a cooper, and practiced that trade much of his lifetime. Five years before his death at age 75, he became helpless and totally blind, being cared for by a daughter, Elizabeth Lucas Green. It was said of Philip that " he was a remarkable man, inflexibly honest, cheerful and industrious to a fault. He was esteemed by all and was never known to have a personal enemy." . When this writer read those words, the thought came to mind that they might well have been written about Philip's great-grandson, Lorraine Mitchell, who was undoubtedly one of the finest men the Cross Creek area ever produced. Harry Mitchell, Betty Mitchell Carey, Cecil Cline, and Bobby Cline, grand children of Alice Lucas Mitchell, remained in the Cross Creek area, raising their families there.

Harry Mitchell and Bobby Cline are storehouses of information on the people and the land of Scotts Run area of Cross Creek. Their genuine love of its beauty and quaintness is evident in their every expression. It is to these two men who have shared their knowledge so graciously and freely that the writer is deeply indebted for much of the factual information in this issue of Leaves of History.



Pictured above is John William Mitchell, father of Ed Mitchell and great-grandfather of Harry Mitchell, Bobby Cline, and others of their generation.

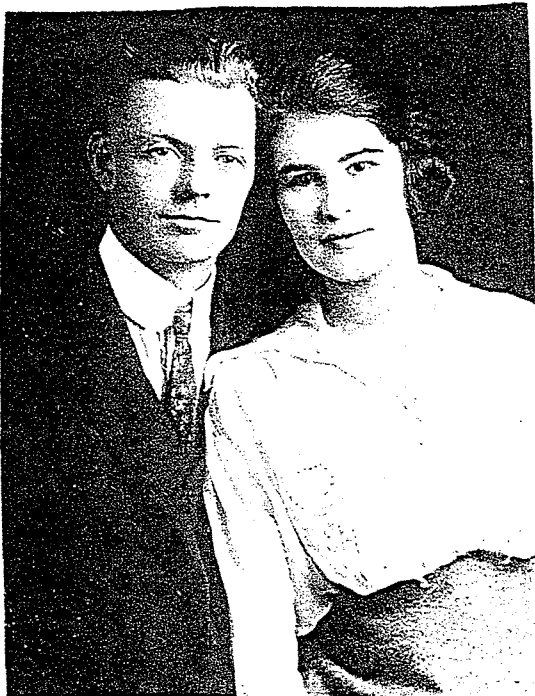




The family today believes that Great Grandma Mitchell was a Buxton before her marriage.



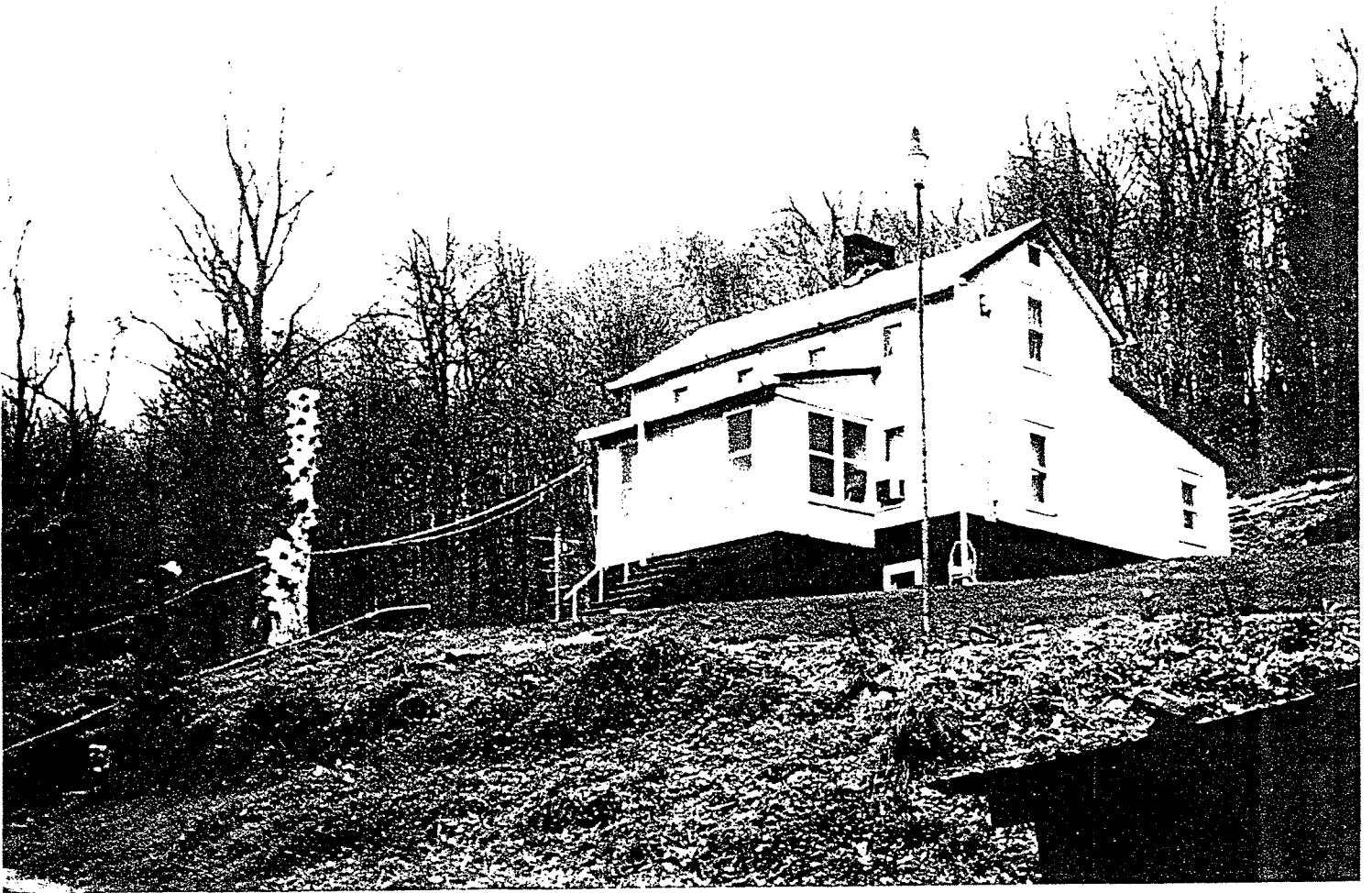
Ed and Alice Lucas Mitchell  
Loraine



Loraine and  
Virginia Cheesebrough  
Mitchell



Left to right  
Alice Lucas Mitchell  
Daisy Mitchell Georgia  
Ed Mitchell  
Lottie Mitchell Cline  
Grandma Mitchell



#### THE CLINE HOUSE

Neighbors along the Scott's Run-Virginville Road know this venerable old dwelling as the Cline house. Martin Cline and his wife came from Ohio before 1914. It was in this house that their first son, Martin, was born. Several of the later children were also born here.

A son, Howard, who lives in Follansbee, says that he does not remember who built the house, but he says that to the best of his memory, his father bought it from a Burkhart.

Present owners are Edward and Carol Campbell Thompson, who bought it last spring (1998). This newlywed couple has plans to remodel and landscape in the near future. Carol has a special reason for being happy over their purchase - this was at one time Headington land. And the Headingtons were her ancestors!

Danny Nickoles has maps and property deeds that show that many small home plots were carved out of the Headington farm. And since the Headington farm is still very much intact and is being farmed by Danny's three sons, this tells that it was mainly the perimeter from which these new plots were created.

Names of those who originally bought from the Headington land include Stillson, Martino, Mowder, McVicker, Blancato, Cline, Jaco, and Mathias and Frank Rigo.

Recent previous owners of the Cline house were Alex and Dorothy Cline Dawson, the last of the Cline name to own it. Thus it will no longer be known as the Cline house. A new name plaque will soon appear on a terrace between the house and Virginville Road. It will read, "Headington Hill!"



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### **Walks Lengthen Life**

McDonald, Dec. 16.—Walking—long walks and short walks winter and summer—just plain walking as a means of increasing long life and as the only health tonic that is effective, made it possible for Mrs. Ann (Campbell) Close, she declares, to celebrate her ninetieth birthday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. M. Deahl, in McDonald, several days ago.

Mrs. Close walks everywhere, she asserted today. She walks to church, and to visit friends. When she was living on a farm in Beaver county several years ago, she says it was her custom to walk many miles over the hills to town.

Last July Mrs. Close fell and injured her ankle. This disabled her to some extent, but still, she asserts, she will persist in walking.

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#### COBERN-McNARY WEDDING

The marriage of Miss Barbara Jean McNary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mason C. McNary of 440 Union avenue, Ingram, to James F. Cobern Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Cobern Sr., of Washington, took place at the Episcopal church of the Nativity of Crafton, Monday, May 19, at 12:30 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. John S. Taylor rector of the church.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a beige suit

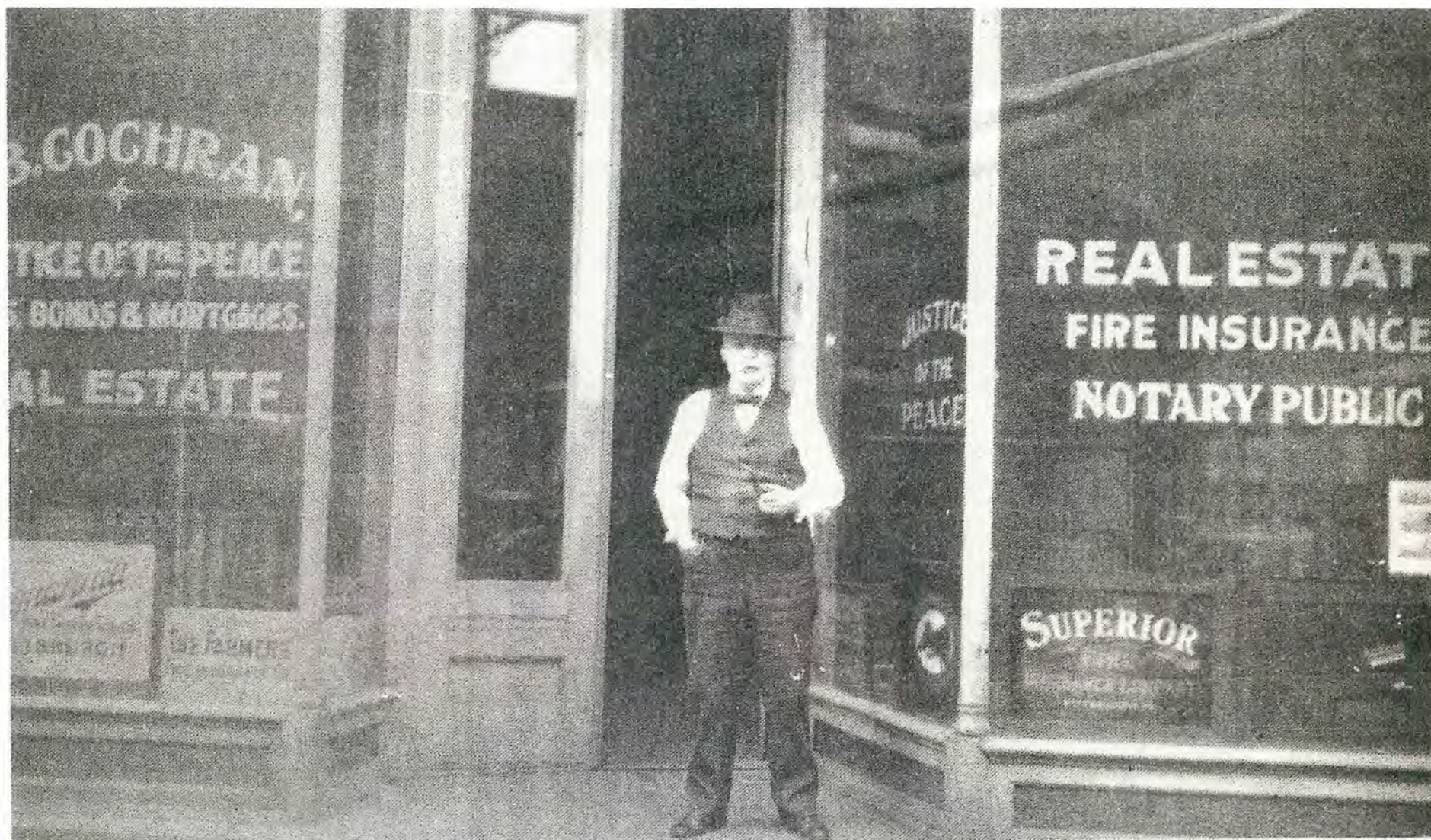
with brown accessories and wore a corsage of orchids. Miss Janet Gooding of Mt. Lebanon, the bride's only attendant, wore a purple ensemble with beige accessories and wore a corsage of roses.

Dr. Charles Cobern of Cincinnati served as best man for his brother.

Following the wedding a breakfast was held at the Morgan Coffee House, Ingram.

Mr. and Mrs. Cobern took a short wedding trip through the South and are now making their home at 906 Jefferson avenue, Washington, Pa.





**THE LATE "SQUIRE" A. B. COCHRAN** had his office on South McDonald Street in McDonald, the present site of Julio's Pizza Parlor, for 60 years during the first half of this century. Squire Cochran, who died in 1956, was the grandfather of current McDonald residents, Jane Lea Gibb and Robert Cochran.



# Annie Perrine Cole

A narration presented at

Jefferson Township Sesquicentennial held on June 21, 2003. The Bethel Pageant was held at the Bethel Church on Bethel Ridge Road about three miles south of the Village of Eldersville.

Scripts were written using factual data taken from local histories, family genealogies, graveyard inscriptions, censuses, obituaries and interviews with the elder of the community who were familiar with families represented. The personalities included in the pageant were chosen very carefully, there being a large number of honest, respected, hard working individuals who were buried here from which to choose. Criteria used in the selection were: a) burial was in the Bethel Graveyard, b) were representative of a family that lived in the area in the early days of settlement, c) in their lifetime were credit to Jefferson Township, d) enough data and human interest stories were available to make this writing possible.

Persons chosen to portray the "Personalities from the Past" were also carefully selected. Where possible, direct descendants of the personality, or some knowledgeable individual with close ties to the family or the homestead of the family were invited to participate.

June Campbell Grossman-Welch  
Pageant Director & Author of Narrations

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



## **Annie Perrine Cole**

**My name was Annie Perrine Cole. I was born just two days after Christmas in the year 1800. My father, Stephen Perrine, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He was a French Huguenaut and had been born in New Jersey. In 1793, he married my mother, Annie Mary Wortman, and they came to what is now Jefferson Township. Here he purchased a large acreage on what you know today as Bethel Ridge. It was later divided into three farms which today are owned by Larry & Carol Carter, Frank DeCook, and Nick and Catherine Bertovich. It was about the center of this property where my father built a stone house which is still standing today. It was there that most of us ten children were born and raised.**



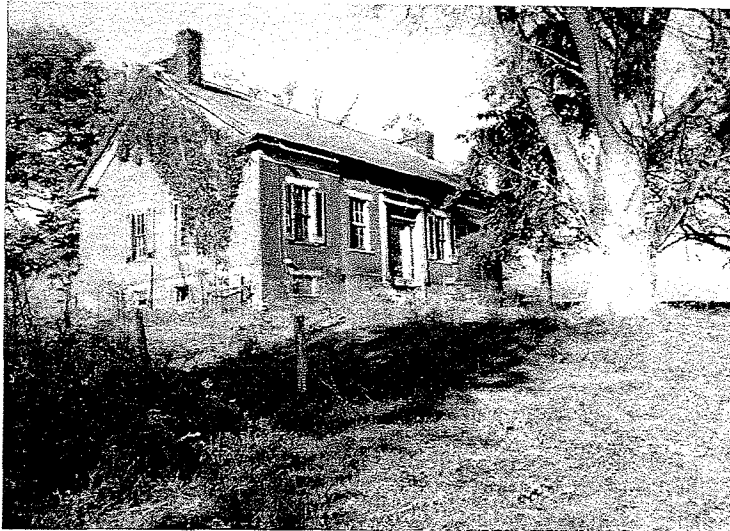
**Stephen Perrine Stone House**

**I had four brothers, but the Perrine name, from my father's blood line, did not extend beyond the lives of these, his four sons. When my brother, William, was 28 years old, he and my brother, David, began to drive a drove of hogs to market in Baltimore, Maryland. Shortly after they began the journey, William became ill and told David to continue with their plans and as soon as he recovered, he would catch up with him. This was quite possible since on a usual such trip, a distance of only 4 or 5 miles could be made in a day. David went on toward the east with the hogs, looking each day for William to overtake him. When he arrived in Baltimore, and William had still not appeared, he became terribly alarmed. After the sale, he hurried as fast as he could on the return trip back home. Just as he came over the hilltop near our home, he met a neighbor who gave him the sad news. William had become very, very sick and although everything was done that my parents knew to do, William had died. I think that David never did really get over that tragic event.**

**This death was the second loss of a son for my parents, my eldest brother, Peter, having died at the age of fifteen. David and Stephen were now the only hope for my father to have a male heir bearing the Perrine name in the next generation. But David never married. He later built the house known today as the Nick Bertovich home, and there, he lived out his life alone, except for the wonderful brotherly relationship he always had with my only remaining brother, Stephen.**

**Stephen's wife died at the birth of their son. But this son was taken at the early age of 15, and is buried here in the Bethel graveyard. It was the end of the Perrine name from my father's line.**

**My five sisters together, gave my parents five grandchildren, but of course their surname was not Perrine. But in 1825, I married my next door neighbor, Samuel Cole.**



***Samuel Cole Homestead***

**Samuel had been married to my first cousin, Amy Perrine, and they were the parents of 6 children. When Amy died, I married Samuel and stepped in to help raise his children. Little did I dream that Samuel and I would have 10 children of our own.**

**My six daughters married and gave me grandchildren whose descendants bear such names as Donovan, Kearns, Swarthout, and McClusky. But of my four sons, Samuel and David did not marry and Stephen, although he married, gave me no grandchildren. Only my son, William, gave me a grandson bearing the name of Cole. But when this little William married, he produced only daughters, so the Cole name from our 10 children disappeared. This did not trouble me, however.**

**I had lived a good life for nearly 90 years although I had rarely been off the farm where I was born and later, the farm where Samuel took me as a bride. During my long life, I saw many changes. I remembered my husband's mother saying that in her early days, she had seen as many as 24 Indians crossing the old Cole farm at one time, and she had given them food and shelter. I lived to see my grandchildren and great-grandchildren begin lives of their own. Thus it was that on August the fifth in the year 1890, I left this world for a better one. My children laid my body to rest here in the Bethel graveyard which my Perrine family had given many years before to the Methodists of the area as a burial ground. The cycle is complete. I rest in peace.**



### 3 To Enter Duff's

Three local students have enrolled at Duff's Iron City Business Institute, in Pittsburgh, according to an announcement made by Sally W. Weimer, president.

Judith Elaine Cole, 10 Main street, Slovan, registered in the National Cash Register Automation Accounting course. Registered in the Fundamental Accounting course are Darlene Mae Bruce, 7 Shady avenue, Burgettstown, and Sandra Butcher, 3 Erie street, Burgettstown.

Duff's is the oldest business school in the United States, having been founded in 1839.

**Judith Elaine Cole, Darlene Mae Bruce and Sandra Butcher Enter Duff's  
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#### **Pitt Students at Home.**

The following students of the University of Pittsburgh spent the holidays at their homes here: Henry Colteryahn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Colteryahn, R. D. 2; Lynn Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hill, Center avenue; John Hughey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard Hughey, Dinsmore avenue; Donald Saxton, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Saxton; John Stottlemeeyr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Stottlemeyer, Florence avenue; and Helen Thomassy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Thomassy, Elm street; Walter Clark, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Clark, Main street.



# **Colwell-Caldwell Family Record**

Family

Record.

BIRTHS.

DEATHS.

Thomas Colwell born Aug: 22: 1805

JANE Colwell born Dec: 4th: 1816.

Children.

Mary Jane Colwell born Oct: 11th: 1839.

JAMES Colwell born JAN: 26th: 1841.

Hannah E. Colwell born July 31st: 1842.

Samuel C. Colwell born MAY 2th: 1844

Thomas Colwell departed this life Oct: 21: 1875

Age 70 yrs. 2 mon. & 6 days JANE COLWELL, departed this life July 19th 1885. Age 69 yrs 7 mon & 13 days.

Mary Jane Colwell departed this life MAY 27th: 1845.

Aged 5 Yrs, 7 mon: & 16 Ds.

DEPARTED THIS LIFE MARCH 17, 1912 JAMES CALDWELL

Hannah E. Colwell departed this life JAN: 26th 1875 Aged 32 Yrs. 6 mo: & 4 Ds.

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Family

Record.

MARRIAGES.

MARRIAGES.

Thomas Col,  
well and JANE  
Carson married  
Febr: 15 th: 1838.

# Family

# Record.

## BIRTHS.

Isabella J. Colwell  
born April 30th: 1846.

Matthew R. Colwell  
born Sept: 6th: 1848.

Mary C. Colwell  
born July 4th: 1850.

John T. Colwell  
born Sep: 15th: 1852.

William B. Colwell  
born MAY 1st: 1855.

Jefferson D. Colwell  
born Sept: 3th: 1858.

## DEATHS.

Isabella J. Colwell  
departed this life October  
the 10<sup>th</sup> 1879 Aged 33y 5mo 10d

Mary C. Colwell  
departed this life Feb. the  
2<sup>d</sup> 1875  
Aged 24 Yrs 7mon 12D



## Colwell - Caldwell

|                |   |                           |
|----------------|---|---------------------------|
| Thomas Colwell | Born- August 22, 1805 Died-October 24, 1875 | 70 years 2 months 6days   |
| Jane Carson    | Born-December 4, 1816 Died-July 19, 1885    | 69 years 7 months 15 days |

Thomas Colwell and Jane Carson were married February 15, 1838 and had the following children:

|              |                           |                        |                           |
|--------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Mary Jane    | Born-October 11, 1839     | Died-May 27, 1845      | 5 years 7 months 16 days  |
| <u>James</u> | Born-January 26, 1841     | Died-March 17, 1912    | Age 71 years              |
| Hannah E.    | Born-July 31, 1842        | Died-January 26, 1875  | 32 years 6 months 4 days  |
| Samuel C.    | Born-May 12, 1844         | Died-1909              | Age 65 years              |
| Isabella J.  | Born-April 30, 1846       | Died-October 10, 1879  | 33 years 5 months 10 days |
| Matthew R.   | Born-Sept. 6, or 15, 1848 | Died-December 26, 1911 | Age 63                    |

Married Elizabeth Groves, September 30, 1897

They had 2 children: Zelda (Eisnaugle) deceased and Catherine (Matlock).

|            |                         |                        |          |
|------------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------|
| Mary C.    | Born-July 14, 1850      | Died-February 26, 1875 | 24 years |
| John T.    | Born-September 15, 1852 | Died-May 29, 1886      | 33 years |
| William B. | Born-May 1, 1855        |                        |          |
| Jefferson  | Born-September 3, 1858  |                        |          |

James Caldwell married Amanda Elizabeth Freshwater on February 17, 1876.

|                  |                    |                         |        |
|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| Amanda Elizabeth | Born-March 5, 1852 | Died-September 15, 1937 | Age 85 |
|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------|

They had the following children:

|                  |  |                         |                         |
|------------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Charles          | Born-February 5, 1877                                | Died-July 17, 1907      | Age 30                  |
| Elizabeth        | Born-August 16, 1878                                 | Died-November 8, 1960   | Age 82                  |
|                  | Elizabeth married Grover Brandon on January 11, 1912 |                         | He died March 10, 1925. |
| Robert C.        | Born-March 23, 1880                                  | Died-July 5, 1880       | 3 months 10 days        |
| James Leslie     | Born-April 27, 1881                                  | Died-April 12, 1951     | Age 70                  |
| Jennie Mae       | Born-April 4, 1883                                   | Died-September 14, 1963 | Age 80                  |
| Grover Cleveland | Born-April 9, 1885                                   | Died-July 27, 1886      | 15 months 10 days       |
| Mina Matilda     | Born-June 8, 1887                                    | Died-October 1, 1964    | Age 78                  |

Mina married Fred Gardner on June 19, 1905. He died January 18, 1956.

They had the following children:

|                             |                         |                        |  |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--|
| James Frederick             | Born-August 5, 1905     | Died-December 15, 1973 |  |
| John Sherman                | Born-June 22, 1907      | Died-August 14, 1980   |  |
| Harry Cully                 | Born-September 19, 1909 |                        |  |
| Mina Alma (Haber)           | Born-August 18, 1913    |                        |  |
| Olivia Wilma (Lyons)        | Born August 10, 1916    |                        |  |
| LaVera Lucille (Kobulnicky) | Born February 11, 1919  |                        |  |
| Eugene Johnston             | Born-October __, 1921   |                        |  |
| Doris Elizabeth (Anderson)  | Born-April 26, 1927     |                        |  |
| Frank Junior                | Born-March 29, 1927     |                        |  |
| Estella Louise (Allison)    | Born-December 21, 1933  |                        |  |

|             |                     |                     |        |
|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------|
| Clara Belle | Born-April 11, 1889 | Died-April 28, 1979 | Age 90 |
|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------|

Clara Belle married Horace Walker Hanlin on December 2, 1908. He died September 7, 1945.

They had the following children:

|                     |                         |                         |  |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Mildred (Elliott)   | Born-February 2, 1910   | Died-September 10, 1981 |  |
| Clyde               | Born-September 16, 1915 | Died-June 10, 1981      |  |
| Floyd               | Born-June 21, 1917      | Died-June 5, 1981       |  |
| Elizabeth (Gaffoli) | Born-June 19, 1919      |                         |  |
| Carl                | Born-June 9, 1921       |                         |  |

Helen (Call) Born August 27, 1922

Donald Durwood Born-July 20, 1891

He married Ethel Long on October 20, 1927. They had the following children:

Arthur Leroy Born-June 10, 1928

Charles Edward Born- July 21, 1930

Wilma Louise (Brammer) Born-October 25, 1932

Elaine (called Lainie) Born-May 17, 1898 Died-February 4, 1981 Age 83

She married E.E. Bowen on March 25, 1920. They had the following children:

Helen (Heidenreich) Born-July 2, 1921

Ramon Bowen Born-December 8, 1928

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



#### **Another Fatal Home Accident.**

Another fatal accident in a home in the local district occurring within a short time was that of Mrs. Santa Comis, aged 40 years, of house No. 12, Francis Mine, who died in Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh, Saturday, as the result of burns sustained when she attempted to light a fire in the cooking stove of her home with kerosene oil. She was burned almost over her entire body.

**Mrs. Santa Comis**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise- October 23, 1935 Edition**

## Glen Conklin Wins Event



Glenn E. Conklin, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Conklin, of Langeloth, is shown above holding his 52 Winchester .22 calibre rifle and trophy he won at a junior outdoor shooting contest held June 20 and 21 at Orwell, Ohio.

The competition attracted 45 shooters and was sponsored by the Amco Rifle Club, of Orwell.

Young Conklin, who is a sophomore at Union high school, finished first in the prone position firing with a perfect score of 100. Included in his ten bullseyes

were six shots within the inner circle.

Conklin fired his score from 50 yards, using metallic and peep sights.

His father, who is well known in national rifle shooting circles, recently competed in a National Rifle Association contest at Washington which drew a total of 2,501 entries from across the country. The elder Conklin, competing in small bore rifle classes, tied for 9th place with a score of 790 out of a possible 800.

(Enterprise photo)

**Glen Conklin Wins Event**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-August 19, 1964**





**George Connelly inside of the Burgettstown Block Tower-1950's**  
*Originally used Morse Code as communication between the tower and the train engineer. Manual track switches are located behind his left shoulder. The tower was located near Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery.*



**George Connelly retired from Weirton, WV-October 12, 1975**

**George Connelly**  
**Pennsylvania Railroad Block Operator**



# Conrad owned only Burgettstown tin shop

By **KATHRYN CAMPBELL SLASOR**

Special correspondent

2000

At one time, Burgettstown boasted of a tin shop. Henry Conrad was the proprietor of the only such shop in Burgettstown.

He was born Nov. 5, 1838, in Prussia, and was a son of Charles Conrad, whose father also was born and reared in that country.

He was married to a Miss Schules. Grandfather Conrad was a merchant and farmer, and both he and his wife died in Prussia.

Charles Conrad was born in 1798 in Prussia. In early manhood, he married Catherine Conrad, a member of another family of the same name. They had a fami-

ly of eight children.

In 1846, the family embarked in a sailing vessel for America. They landed at New York after a heavy storm, which lasted a day and a night. The crew and passengers thought every moment would be their last.

After arriving in New York, the family proceeded westward to Lock No. 17 Tuscarawas County, Ohio, where Mr. Conrad purchased a farm, on which he remained for 20 years. He then moved to Wabash County, Ind., and remained there the rest of his life.

Henry Conrad, a son of Charles and Catherine, lived with his parents until he was 16 years of age.

He then began learning the trade of tinner with John Luchenbough, of Canal Dover, Ohio. He served an apprenticeship for three and one-half years, then followed his trade in Zoar, Ohio. He spent a few years there, and later went to Pittsburgh.

A while later he went to New York for one year, then back to Pittsburgh. In 1873, he opened a tin shop in Burgettstown, where he remained for many years.

In 1876, he started a small greenhouse which increased to a magnificent collection of beautiful and varied vegetation. His son, George H. was educated in the Burgettstown schools. He also entered his father's tin shop at age 16. In 1892, he married Sadie Jones, of Midway.



## Cook Family To Live In California

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight N. Cook and son Robert of 11 Maple avenue will leave this week end for Hermosa, Cal., where they expect to make their home. This past week the Cooks have been guests at several events held in their honor.

Mr. Cook has resided in Burgettstown for the past 30 years having attended high school here, and for 11 years was employed at the old Washington National bank. Fourteen years ago he engaged in the Cook Hardware business and was well known to retail trade throughout the district. He discontinued his store recently because of ill health. Mr. Cook was active in community life for many years, being a member of the Burgettstown Borough Council and a former secretary of the Burgettstown Business Men's Association. He is a member of the Richard Vaux Masonic lodge 454 and served as master of the lodge.

Mrs. Cook has lived here all her life and has been active in community and church affairs. The Cooks are members of the Westminster Presbyterian church where Mr. Cook has served as an elder for many years. They will visit Mrs. Cook's mother, Mrs. John Kernohan and her sister, Mrs. Wilton Stone until they find permanent residence in Hermosa.

They have rented their home on Maple avenue to Mr. and Mrs. Crouch and small daughter who moved here from Wheeling, W. Va. this week. Mr. Crouch is the new manager of the G. C. Murphy Company store.

**Cook family to Live in California**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-November 9, 1950 Edition**

# Furniture Auction

MR. AND MRS. D. N. COOK

11 Maple Ave.

Burgettstown, Pa.

**SAT. OCT. 28 1 p.m.**

(Rain or Shine)

## Complete Home Furnishings

Also Willys 4-door Sedan (model 1940) runs good

2 pc. living room suite; good 7 pc. modern walnut bed room suite; Admiral Victrola and Radio Console combination; floor, table, pinup lamps; Hoover sweeper; 6 cu. ft. G. M. Refrigerator; table model radio; Automatic washer; mohogany and maple double beds complete; single rollaway bed; oak breakfast table and 4 chairs; rugs (9x12); throw rugs; chest of drawers; metal utility cabinet; wooden double door utility cabinet; oak sectional bookcase; card table and 4 chairs; Good Luck table top range; dishes; Utensils; kitchen stool; night stands; end and lamp stands; pull up chair; chaise lounge; coffee table; mirrors; Uph bed room chair; Singer sewing machine; Ladys writing desk; 6 folding chairs; curtains; corner what-not; open bookcase; rocker; magazine rack; 2 pr. drapes; blankets; spreads; wooden glider; Bric-a-brac; pictures; revolving book stand; games; oil lamp; 3 flat irons; stand; 10x12 Tarpaulin; garden tools; lawn roller and seeder; 300 used brick; odd lumber; 2 sleds; lawn chairs; 6 ft. step ladder; door checks; small tools; metal tool box; and other items:

TERMS — C A S H

HUBERT S. POST, Auctioneer  
Phone 1154-J Washington, Pa.

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**D. N. Cook Furniture Auction**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-October 26, 1950 Edition**



FIFTY FIFTH ANNIVERSARY  
OBSERVED AT HICKORY

Mr. and Mrs. Moses L. Cook of Hickory celebrated the 55th anniversary of their marriage on December 30th. Due to a fall sustained by Mrs. Cook last October in her home, a more elaborate celebration was inadvisable at this time.

The bride and bridegroom of 55 years ago, now both well past the four-score milestone, are held in high esteem by their many friends and neighbors.

They were united in marriage in the home of the bride's parents December 30, 1880, by the Rev. David Carson, pastor of the United Presbyterian church of Burgettstown in the presence of members of both families.

Mr. Cook is a son of O. P. and Eliza Pyle Cook, who were pioneer families, coming to western Pennsylvania from Northern Ireland prior to the Revolutionary War. Mrs. Cook is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Welch of Smith township, who were early Scotch-Irish pioneers.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Cook resided in the beautiful ancestral Cook homestead on the Burgettstown Valley road, where Mr. Cook was a successful farmer and stockman until he and Mrs. Cook retired to their newly built home in Hickory 14 years ago.

## **The Cooke Family of Smith Township**

James Cooke and his wife Esther Galbraith had an enormous family of whom three sons settled in Smith Township.

Samuel Cooke, never married, settled on the Cooke Farm closest to present Atlasburg, Pa.

David Cooke married Agnes Boggs Ritchey and they lived on the farm later owned by Lee Moore.

Oliver Perry Cooke married Eliza Lyle, daughter of Moses Lyle and grand-daughter of Aaron Lyle.

David and Agnes Cooke were the parents of Xenophon Cooke, who was the father of Oliver R. Cooke.

Oliver Perry Cooke and Eliza Lyle were the parents of:

Moses Lyle Cooke

Julianna Cooke, never married

Samuel Clarke Cooke, a lawyer in Minnesota

Frederick W. Cooke, who was, I think, the black sheep of the family

Oliver Cooke was undoubtedly the builder of the present farm house on his farm. He was also living when the barn, the larger barn was built on his farm.

Moses Lyle Cooke married Elizabeth Welch.

Their children are:

Clare Cooke married Charles M. Rea

Homer Cooke married Beulah Bell Brown

Lola Cooke married J. Lee Foster

Julius Reed Cooke, died at 6 years of age

**The Cooke Family of Smith Township (Pg. 1)**

**Submitted by A.D. White**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



James Cooke purchased the land in Smith Twp. in 1786, and he evidently divided it into three farms for his three sons, as shown on page 1.

James Cooke's first wife and the mother of his children was Esther Galbraith who died and is buried in Lancaster County, Pa. His second wife, Martha McComb had no children and is buried with James Cooke at Cross Creek.

Homer C. Cooke sold the farm in 1964, and moved to Manassas, Va. To be near their daughter, Julia Belle Cole. Homer died on December 11, 1974. Beulah Cooke died on March 3, 1976. Both are buried at Cross Creek.

The three Cooke houses are all shown in the Caldwell Atlas:

Samuel Cooke-Nearest to Atlasburg. Page 57.

David Cooke-Lee Moore Farm. Page 185.

Oliver Perry Cooke-Homer Cooke farm. Page 187.

## **The Cooke Family of Smith Township (Pg. 2)**

**Submitted by A.D. White**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



## The World Runs On

BY EDMUND VANCE COOKE

So many good people find fault with God,  
Tho admitting he's doing the best he can,  
But still they consider it somewhat odd  
That he doesn't consult them concerning his  
plan.  
But the sun sinks down and the sun climbs  
back,  
And the world runs round and round its track.

Or they say God doesn't precisely steer  
This world in the way they think is best,  
And if he would listen to them, he'd veer  
A hair to the sou' sou'west by west.  
But the world sails on and it never turns back  
And the Mariner makes never a tack.

Or the same folk pray "O, if thou please,  
Dear God, be a little more circumspect;  
Thou knowest thy worm who is on his knees  
Would not willingly charge thee with ne-  
glect,  
But O, if indeed thou knowest all things,  
Why fittest thou not thy worm with wings?

So many good people are quite inclined  
To favor God with their best advices,  
And consider they're something more than kind  
In helping him out of critical crises.  
But the world runs on, as it ran before,  
And eternally shall run evermore.

So many good people, like you and me,  
Are deeply concerned for the sins of others  
And conceive it their duty that God should be  
Apprised of the lack in erring brothers.  
And the myriad sun-stars seed the skies  
And look at us out of their calm, clear eyes.

CLEVELAND, OHIO.



February 1834  
Received of Samuel Cooke ten dollars  
worth hogs witness my hand and seal  
Joseph Vance

**February 1834 Receipt**  
**Samuel Cooke payment to Joseph Vance**

*Actual size 2" x 8"*

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

## 40th ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED



Wayne and Betty Cooke celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with an open house at the Cross Creek Village Grange on Sunday, March 14. Many friends and relatives attended to share the joyous occasion and presented Wayne and Betty with lovely gifts. A buffet dinner was served and there was music to listen to while everyone visited. A beautiful cake was made by Anita Cooke.

Wayne and Betty were married on March 14, 1942, at the Cross Creek Presbyterian parsonage by the Rev. D. S. Vance, and they spent their honeymoon at Niagara Falls. Betty and Wayne have three sons. Bob is married to the former Anita Reynolds. Ed is married to the former Nicki Drazick. Dennis is still at home.

They also have four grandchildren: Rita, Eric, Anita and Christopher. Rita and Eric are the children

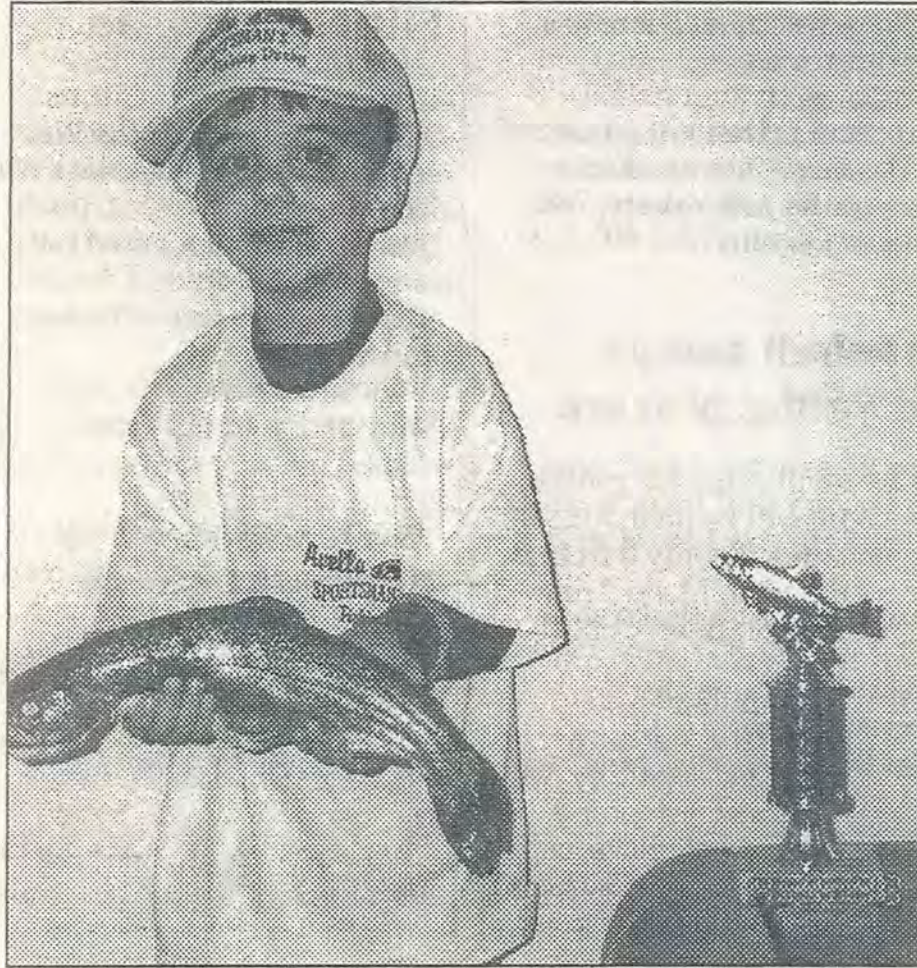
of Robert Cooke. Anita and Christopher are Edwin Cooke's children.

Wayne Cooke is the son of the late Robert L. and Margaretta Lawton Cooke.

Betty Cooke is the daughter of the late Dr. Richard S. and Helen Hindman Clark.

**Wayne and Betty Cooke Celebrate 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 31, 1982 Edition**





## Top catch

Four-year-old Levio Robert Corgnati of Midway won first place in the boys' division for the largest trout caught at the Avella Sportsmen Club Inc. Children's Fishing Tournament held April 25. His trout was 15 5/8 inches long. He is the son of Mark and Beth Corgnati of Midway, and grandson of Gig and Vee Jay Cochran of Midway and Levio (Peachy) and Dorothy Corgnati of Avella.

**Levio Robert Corgnati**  
**The Enterprise-May 20, 1998 Edition**

# **Cornelius Family**

**Leaves of History-Cross Creek, Brooke County-Part II  
Online use, Refer to Obituaries**



A C K N O W L E D G M E N T S

Without you, the former and the present residents of the Cross Creek Valley, this book could never have become a reality. To each of you, a hearty THANK YOU.

Karyn Adamson  
Anne Aftanas  
Chester and Helen Tisik Aftanas  
Joe Aftanas  
Arlene Boies Alexander

Betty DeGarmo Baileys  
Cecil and Ruth Robb Baker  
John R. Bannen  
Walter Baranowski  
Louis and Mercy Campbell Beltrame  
Tony Beltrame  
Bill and Judy Bernardini  
John Bernardini  
Nick and Catherine Strho Bertovich  
Robert and Pat Cline Bongiorno  
Carol Shepherd Boyce  
Pete and Helen Blaskovich  
Frank and Ruth Blaskovich  
Richard Boyd  
Tom Boyd  
Ralph Brady  
Aubrey Brothers  
Mary Rigo Bryan  
Margaret Burkhart  
Tom Butcher

Allan Campbell  
Becky Care  
John and Doris Pfister Care  
Bill and Betty Mitchell Carey  
John Cheripko  
Paul and Della Reed Chilensky  
Bob and Deloris Hess Cline  
Gary Cline  
George R. Cline  
Dick and Millie Swearingen Cole  
Mae Conley  
Judy Coulter  
Mary Ann Pfister Cox  
Howard Cline  
Gaye Cheripko  
Marie Reese Cribbs  
Alice Mowder Cunningham  
Margaret DeGarmo Cunningham  
Frank W. Craven

Terry and Lois Saunders Dami  
Russell DeGarmo  
Arthur Deuley  
Matilda Rotunda Dorisio  
Freda Saunders Dunn

Lois Slasor Early  
Albert and Esther Moore Fisher  
Earl Fowler, Jr.  
Eugene Georgetti  
Bernice Gist  
Ruth Neth Gillespie  
Elizabeth Grigsby Gillespie  
Bob Gracey  
Carl Granato  
Gizelle Vargo Grew  
Lewis Grigsby  
Gabriel and Mary Ann Grilli

Morris Harlan  
Lily Mae Harris  
Delbert and Laura Tredway Henthorn  
Mary Frances Pfister Hervey  
Gwen Hubbard  
Bob and JoAnn Higginbotham  
Dewey Hutton

Jean Lucas Javersak  
Doris Lake Jones  
Jim Jones  
John Jones

Louis and Gladys Kaposy  
Lawrence Kimball  
Mike Klem  
Jean McFarland Krcpos  
Ann Kress  
Terissa Kvocka

Tracy Rouse Lancaster  
Lucille Marker Legge  
Jay Leon  
Kern Lyons

James and Freda Mack  
Veronica Madis  
Bob and Teresa Dailey Marino  
Gaylord Martin  
Ralph Martino  
Joyce McAlpine  
Alberta McKee  
Earl McLaughlin, Jr.  
Earl McLaughlin III  
Frank and Anna Mae McQuillan  
Michael Minda  
Albert Miller  
Harry and Charlotte Pratt Mitchell  
Mary Ann Mitchell

Ida Moore  
Judy Moore  
Pearl Mae Moore  
Delbert Morris  
Dorothy Morton  
Arlene Yost Mowder  
John Mowder  
Dorothy McFarland Muzopappa

Mae Fisher Newton  
Danny and Grace Cameron Nickoles  
Elva Osaba

Goldie Pastor  
P & W Railway Co.  
Floyd and Nancy Hunter Petrel  
Ruth VanOrman Plunkett  
William N. Poellot  
John Popp  
Elvia Reese Pugne

Mike and Brenda Ragan  
Charles Rangos  
Ananda Reed  
Annabelle Horvath Reese  
Anne Puskarich Resnik  
John Resnik  
Harry and Agnes Rigo  
William and Bertha Maluski Rihel  
Robert Rotunda  
Anna Bell Jolly Rouse  
Homer Roush

Charles and Dorothy Saffle  
Bill and Anna Mae Saunders  
John and Mary Sebeck Schubenski  
C.M. and Alice Schwertfeger  
Kenneth Schwertfeger  
Pete and Gay Sebeck  
Ron Sebeck  
Karen Beltrame Serafine  
Jim and Sandy Shorts  
Russell Slasor  
Miriam Legge Smith  
Jean Ann Spear  
Howard Standish  
Jim and Alice Stevens  
Dominic and Pat Stillson  
Carlton and Betty Stewart  
Rae McFarland Sutermeister  
Jim Schweizer

Fred and Florence Moore Thomas  
Julia Tisik  
Lou and Helen Tokas Tranquill  
Theresa Tripodi  
Alice Ulrich  
Charles Ulrich  
Nellie Uphole  
Anthony Valenti  
Elizabeth Tokas Velegol  
Jacque Clark Verbon

Frances Baranowski Wells  
Sara Deer Welsh  
Charles and Frances Puskarich Welsh  
Don Wiggins  
Denny Williams  
George Williamson  
Robert and Dolores Williamson  
Howard V. Worley, Jr.

Wilbert and Helen Yost  
Mike Young  
Virginia Pfister Young

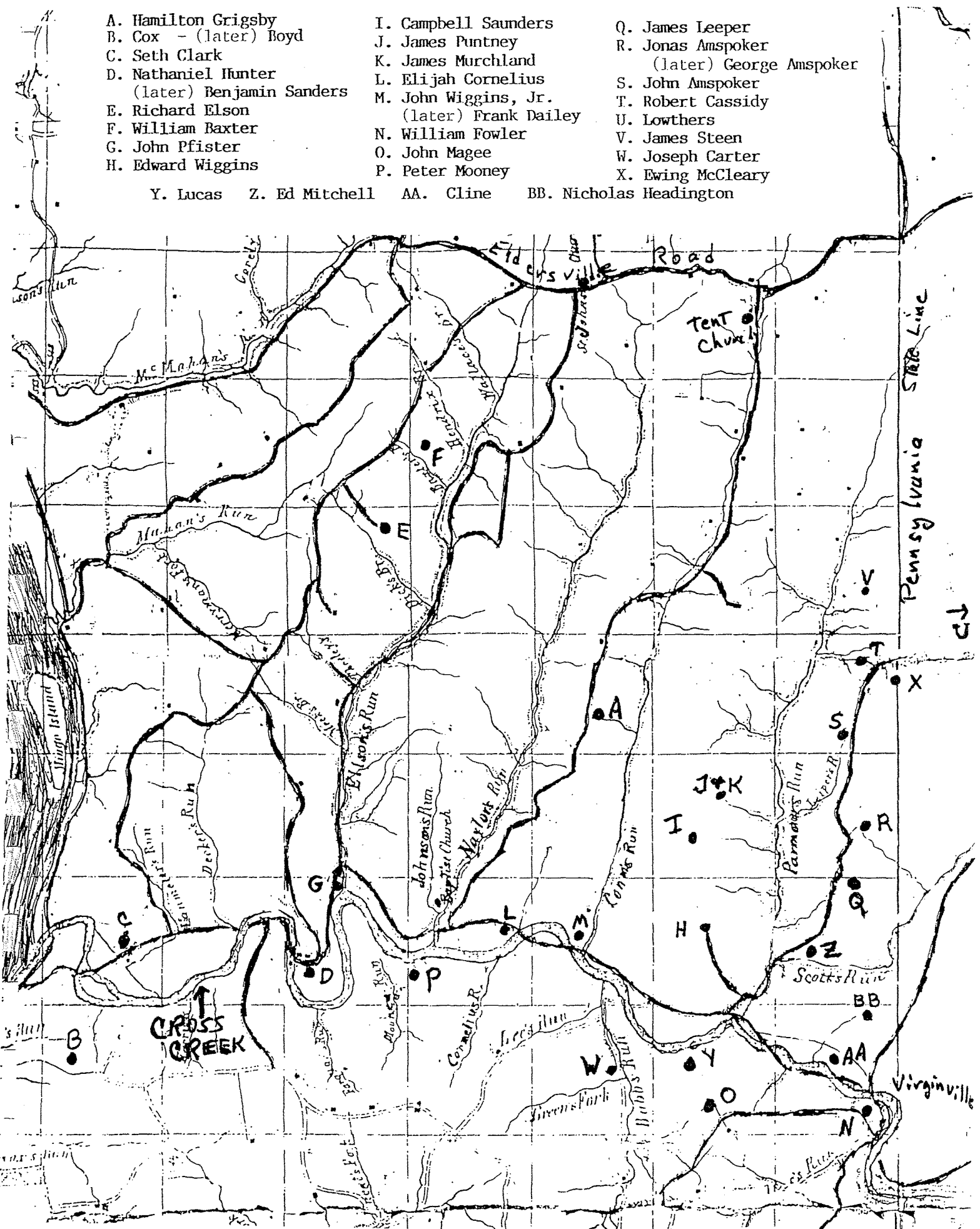
Ernest Zambarda  
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Sarah M. Zang  
Mary Martino Zwierchowski

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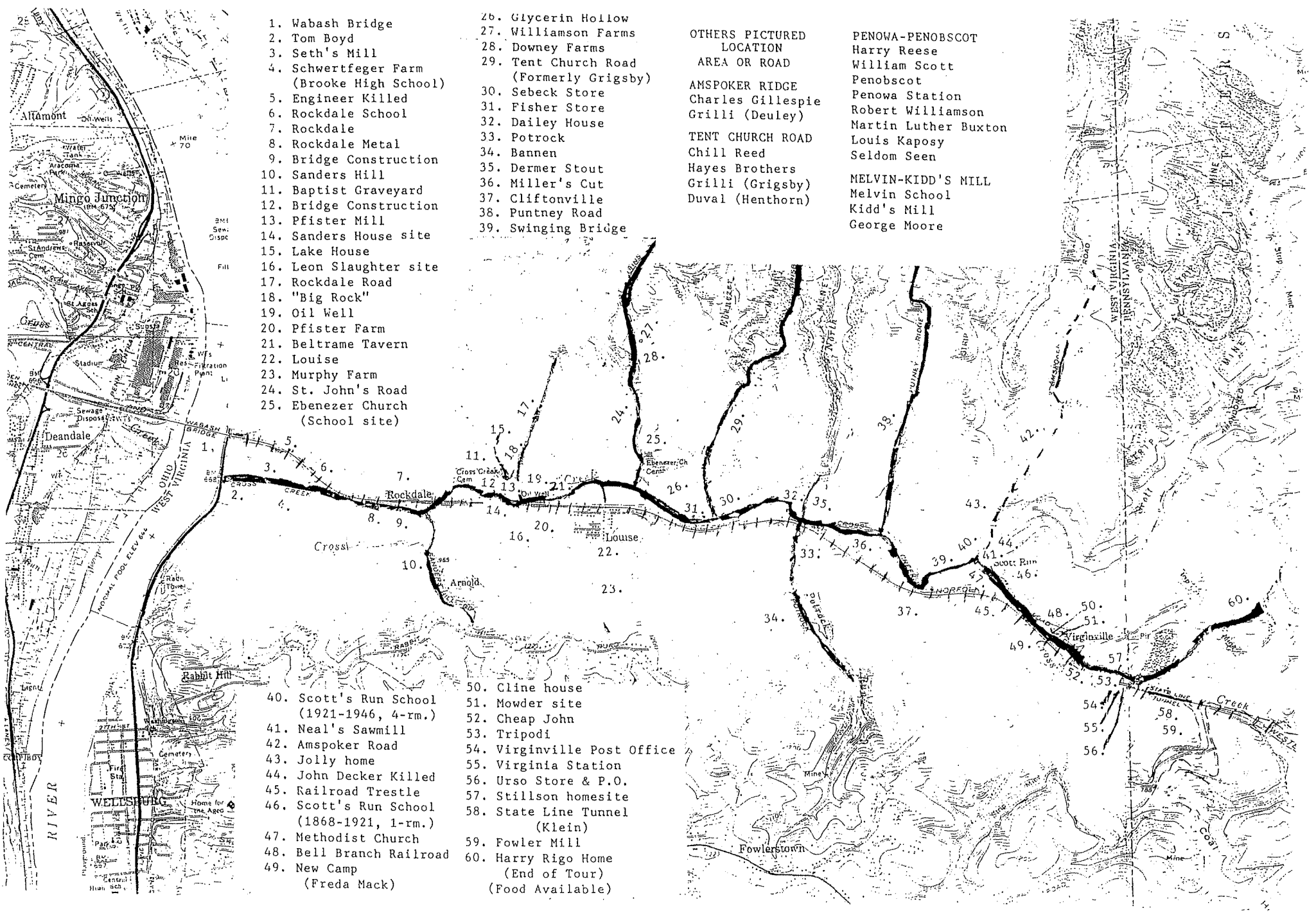
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Irene Vargo Popp  
Anthony Muzopappa  
Elza Scott  
Harold Scott  
Ed Taylor  
Helen V. Saunders  
A.D. White  
Rudy Zambarda

THE EARLY FAMILIES

- |   |  |                         |
|---|--|-------------------------|
| A. Hamilton Grigsby                             | I. Campbell Saunders                         | Q. James Leeper         |
| B. Cox - (later) Boyd                           | J. James Puntney                             | R. Jonas Amspoker       |
| C. Seth Clark                                   | K. James Murchland                           | (later) George Amspoker |
| D. Nathaniel Hunter<br>(later) Benjamin Sanders | L. Elijah Cornelius                          | S. John Amspoker        |
| E. Richard Elson                                | M. John Wiggins, Jr.<br>(later) Frank Dailey | T. Robert Cassidy       |
| F. William Baxter                               | N. William Fowler                            | U. Lowthers             |
| G. John Pfister                                 | O. John Magee                                | V. James Steen          |
| H. Edward Wiggins                               | P. Peter Mooney                              | W. Joseph Carter        |
| Y. Lucas  | Z. Ed Mitchell                               | X. Ewing McCleary       |
| AA. Cline                                       | BB. Nicholas Headington                      |                         |







1. Wabash Bridge
2. Tom Boyd
3. Seth's Mill
4. Schwertfeger Farm (Brooke High School)
5. Engineer Killed
6. Rockdale School
7. Rockdale
8. Rockdale Metal
9. Bridge Construction
10. Sanders Hill
11. Baptist Graveyard
12. Bridge Construction
13. Pfister Mill
14. Sanders House site
15. Lake House
16. Leon Slaughter site
17. Rockdale Road
18. "Big Rock"
19. Oil Well
20. Pfister Farm
21. Beltrame Tavern
22. Louise
23. Murphy Farm
24. St. John's Road
25. Ebenezer Church (School site)

26. Glycerin Hollow
27. Williamson Farms
28. Downey Farms
29. Tent Church Road (Formerly Grigsby)
30. Sebeck Store
31. Fisher Store
32. Dailey House
33. Potrock
34. Bannen
35. Dermer Stout
36. Miller's Cut
37. Cliftonville
38. Puntney Road
39. Swinging Bridge

- OTHERS PICTURED  
LOCATION  
AREA OR ROAD
- AMSPOKER RIDGE  
Charles Gillespie  
Grilli (Deuley)
- TENT CHURCH ROAD  
Chill Reed  
Hayes Brothers  
Grilli (Grigsby)  
Duval (Henthorn)

- PENOWA-PENOBSCOT  
Harry Reese  
William Scott  
Penobscot  
Penowa Station  
Robert Williamson  
Martin Luther Buxton  
Louis Kaposy  
Seldom Seen
- MELVIN-KIDD'S MILL  
Melvin School  
Kidd's Mill  
George Moore

40. Scott's Run School (1921-1946, 4-rm.)
41. Neal's Sawmill
42. Ampoker Road
43. Jolly home
44. John Decker Killed
45. Railroad Trestle
46. Scott's Run School (1868-1921, 1-rm.)
47. Methodist Church
48. Bell Branch Railroad
49. New Camp (Freda Mack)

50. Cline house
51. Mowder site
52. Cheap John
53. Tripodi
54. Virginiaville Post Office
55. Virginia Station
56. Urso Store & P.O.
57. Stillson homesite
58. State Line Tunnel (Klein)
59. Fowler Mill
60. Harry Rigo Home (End of Tour) (Food Available)

## CORNELIUS

Daniel Cornelius came to Brooke County, Virginia, sometime prior to 1810. In that year, his daughter, Elizabeth, married Jacob Johnson. By 1820, his son, Elijah, and Elijah's wife Letitia, had their own household while Daniel lived alone with two daughters. It is not known when Daniel was born, but by 1830 he is found in the Brooke census records, living with what is probably his daughter Elizabeth and family, at which time his age is between 70 and 80. He died in 1832. In his will, he mentions his son, Elijah, and daughters Elizabeth Johnson and Elender Scott, and two grandsons, Benjamin and John, sons of Elijah. His final resting place is not known to this writer.

Elijah Cornelius, son of Daniel, served in the War of 1812. He and Letitia had at least six children. Their son, John, married Mary Morton while Sarah married George Smith. Nothing has been found concerning Benjamin. David served in the Civil War in Company K, 12th Regiment, West Virginia Infantry. The youngest known child, Elizabeth, died at the age of 26. Catherine married William Baxter Wiggins. Two of their children, Margaret Ellen and William, Jr. died in an epidemic in 1863. Their daughter, Catherine died at age 24 unmarried. Nothing is known of the youngest daughter, Florence. But the other son, John Cornelius Wiggins married Margaret Jamison. They were the parents of four children, including Luella who married James Archer Marsh of the Morton Hill area.

Letitia, wife of Elijah, was one of the four founders of the Ebenezer Baptist Church when it split from the Regular Baptist Church of the Sanders Mill area.

The last any persons of the Cornelius surname appear in Brooke County census records is 1870 when David and his wife, Matilda, and children are still living in the area. Yet for half a century the Corneliuses were one of the established families of the Cross Creek Valley. Elijah, his wife, Letitia, and daughter, Elizabeth, are buried at the Old Baptist Graveyard among their old neighbors, the Headingtons, Sanders, and McClearys. Elijah and Lettie died in the 1850's, long before their proverbial promise of three score years and ten. No pictures of Elijah or his father, Daniel, or of their descendants have come to light. Not even a shot of what their home must have looked like can be found today. But on the old 1852 map, Elijah is shown to have owned two residences near the heirs of Peter Mooney, and the home of John Wiggins, Jr. on the north bank of Cross Creek, very near Ebenezer Church.

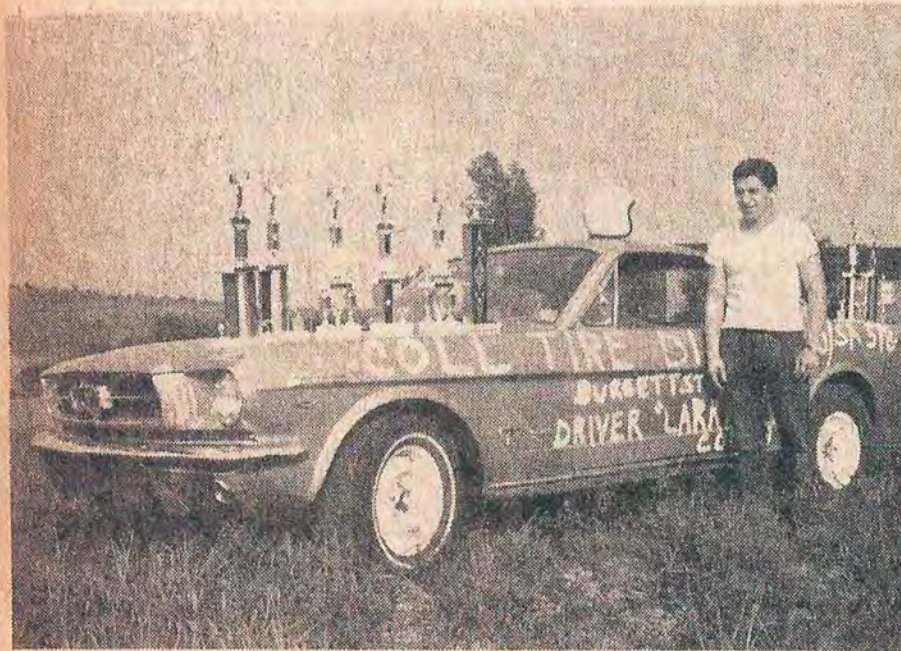


The faded and broken tombstones of Elijah and Letitia Cornelius, Old Baptist Graveyard, Cross Creek.





## Local Driver Wins Drag Race Awards



This is Larry Couch, local driver who has won number of awards and trophies at the Pittsburgh International Dragway.

He is pictured with a 1965 Ford Mustang that is equipped with a 289 cubic inch and 200 horsepower engine.

Couch is sponsored by Coll Tire Distributors, Inc., of Burgettstown.

Although this is only the first year of drag racing

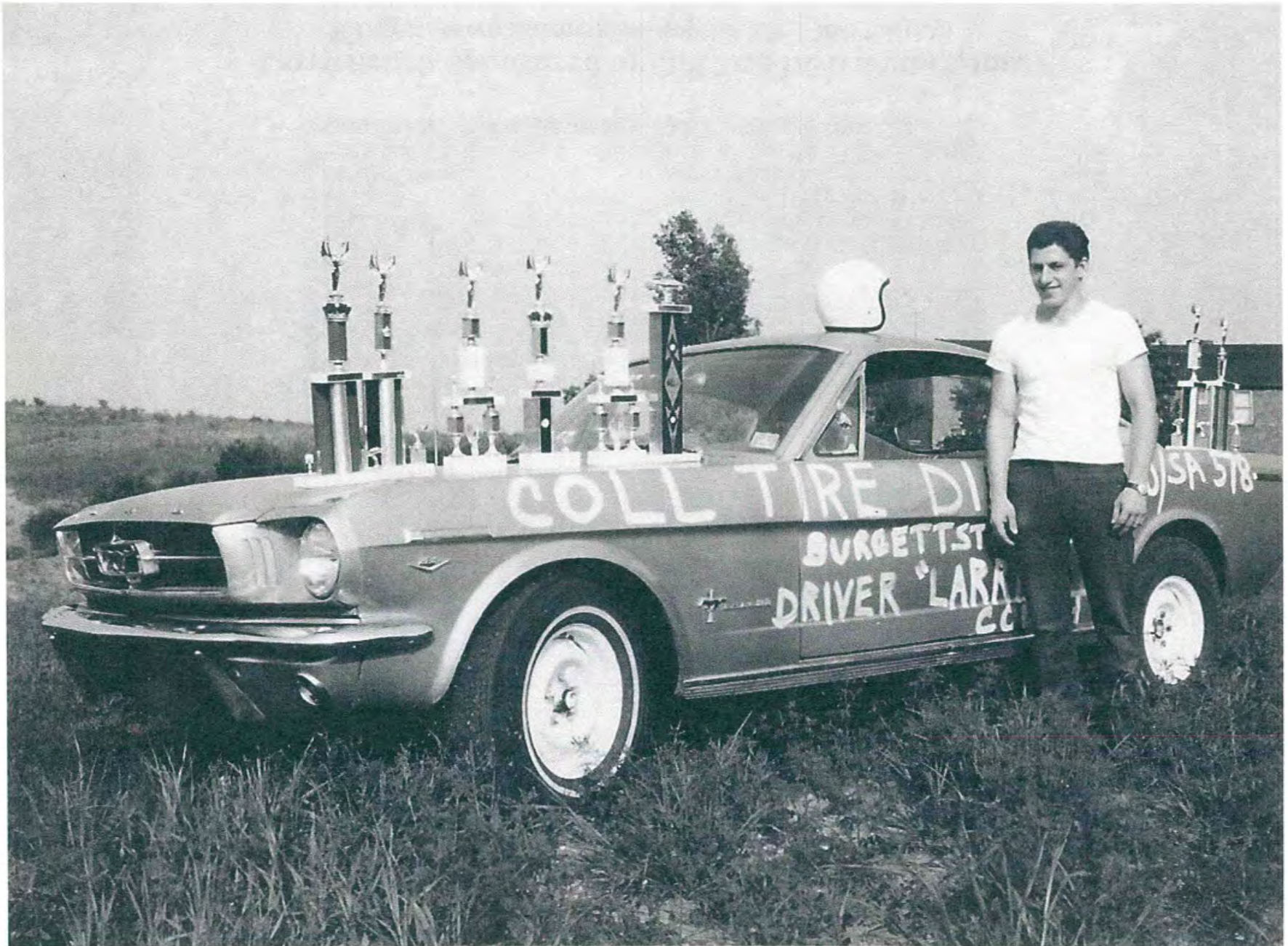
competition for him, Larry has so far won eight class races and has received trophies for each.

On Saturday evenings, he races in Class "J" and on Sunday afternoons he competes in Class "J/S."

Couch has also won the top eliminator competition on one occasion and finished second in another. He has received trophies for each of these finishes.

**Larry Couch, sponsored by Coll Tire Distributors, Inc.  
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 28, 1968 Edition**





**Larry Couch, sponsored by Coll Tire Distributors, Inc.  
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## WINS PLANE TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Emile Coulange of 45 Tenan street are beaming with pride this week for their son, Emile Coulange, who is making rapid progress in his chosen profession of Dermetic make-up and hair styling.

Emile, known as "Emile Your Hair Dresser", who operates his own shop in Indiana, Pa. received word this week from the Edlis Corporation and Dermetics company that he is winner



EMILE H. COULANGE

of an airplane trip to New York City for his percentage of sales of Dermetics, during a recent contest in Western Pennsylvania.

Emile is a graduate of Union high school class of '34 and during high school days was violin soloist in Union band. He studied violin at Carnegie Tech for two years and later entered the Felix Beauty School of Pittsburgh, where he graduated in 1938.

Prior to flying to New York, Emile spent several days last week visiting in his Burgettstown home.

**Emile H. Coulange**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise- August 8, 1940 Edition**

**MR. AND MRS. D. J. COULTER  
CELEBRATED FIFTY-SECOND  
ANNIVERSARY JUNE 24**

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Coulter of Tenan street, celebrated their fifty-second wedding anniversary Thursday, June 24. During the evening they received calls from Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Ruble and several neighbors. Mrs. Charles Dahl of Columbus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Coulter sent a beautiful bouquet of red roses and an anniversary cake for the occasion. Guests were served refreshments.



# The preservation of an old log house

By Kathryn Campbell Siasor  
For The Enterprise

From out of the past....

A familiar sight to travelers along Old Route 22, Bavington, until nearly 20 years ago, was a desolate-appearing structure dubbed "The old house on Windy Hill." Built in 1824 by John Coventry, the house's early occupants were well aware that it was constructed of huge logs. As the years passed, someone had the foresight to know that unless the logs were protected, time would take its toll. Thus it was covered and re-covered with various exterior materials, until it was eventually forgotten that underneath the sheeting, tar-paper and insulbric, was an original log house.

Known by later residents of the area as the Henry Doehre house, it was dismantled in 1975 and removed to Robin Hill Park, Moon Township. Members of the Old Moon Township Historical Society bought the house at that time, to be rebuilt into a meeting and exhibit place and as a memento to the pioneer past. Little did they know that with the removal of the first log from the square, problems would beset them. As it was loosened from the crumbling mortar, the ravages of time and weather raised an ugly head and the log broke in two. Each end dangled helplessly from the ropes of the crane.

Bill Vogel of Moon Township was one of the workers who was present as the house was being razed. He also had a hand in rebuilding it at its present location in Robin Hill Park, Moon Township, near the Pittsburgh International Airport. He recalls today that many of the logs had rotted and were in various stages of deterioration, so that only enough good material was salvaged to build a one-story cabin. The project required seven years and took its toll in the way of frazzled nerves, but Old Moon Township Historical Society members are proud of the heritage they have gained.

John Coventry was born in County Donegal, Ireland, in 1750. He came to America in 1775. Joining the Sixth Company of the Sixth Battalion of the Lancaster County Militia, he fought in the Revolution against the British. He was wounded severely, losing a leg, and was discharged from Valley Forge. He was fitted with an artificial leg, after which he began his search for his wife, who had gone into hiding from the British. He was finally successful and some months later, after the birth of their first child, Robert, in 1781, they made their way across the Allegheny Moun-



**THIS LOG HOUSE** stood in Bavington for more than 150 years, until it was removed log by log in 1975.

tains on foot to their new home in Hanover Township, Washington County, on a Revolutionary Land Grant.

During this rugged journey, John carried a churn and all their possessions, and his wife carried the baby. Seven children were born to the couple during the next few years.

John was not only a farmer, but also a weaver. And as most pioneers of that day he was also a builder. He built a crude log cabin, later building a more substantial one, known in those early times as the Coventry house. It was later purchased by Henry Doehre, whose name it carried until more recent times.

John's son, Robert, and a daughter, Martha, known to the family in later years as Aunt Pattie, lived in the house for many years, probably until Robert's death in 1865. Aunt Pattie, born in 1796, died in 1873. Neither were married.

John Coventry built the first school in the area near Old Steubenville Pike in Hanover Township. It was not far from the log house, and later residents of the house, including today's Filipponi family of Slovan, attended school

there in the 1920's. The Filipponi twin girls, Gina and Dina, were born there, and their older sister, Mary Filipponi DiOrto, has memories of both the house and the school. Parts of the school remained on the site until 1930.

The Coventry family walked to Burgettstown to attend church services, a distance of three to four miles. John died at the age of 95 in 1845, and he is buried in the old United Presbyterian graveyard atop the hill overlooking Burgettstown. All of the hundreds of acres of Coventry farmland were eventually divided and sold, the final parcels being purchased in 1940 by Harmon Creek Coal Company.

Miss Helen Coventry, late of Crafton, was a great-great-granddaughter of John Coventry. During her later years she was extremely interested in the family's history, the log house and in the restoration of the burial grounds of her Revolutionary ancestors in Burgettstown. In the Bicentennial year of 1976, she was happy with the efforts of local Eagle Scout Troy Cain in the cleanup of the cemeteries on the hill. Had she known of the efforts of Jerry Stiffler, local Commander of the

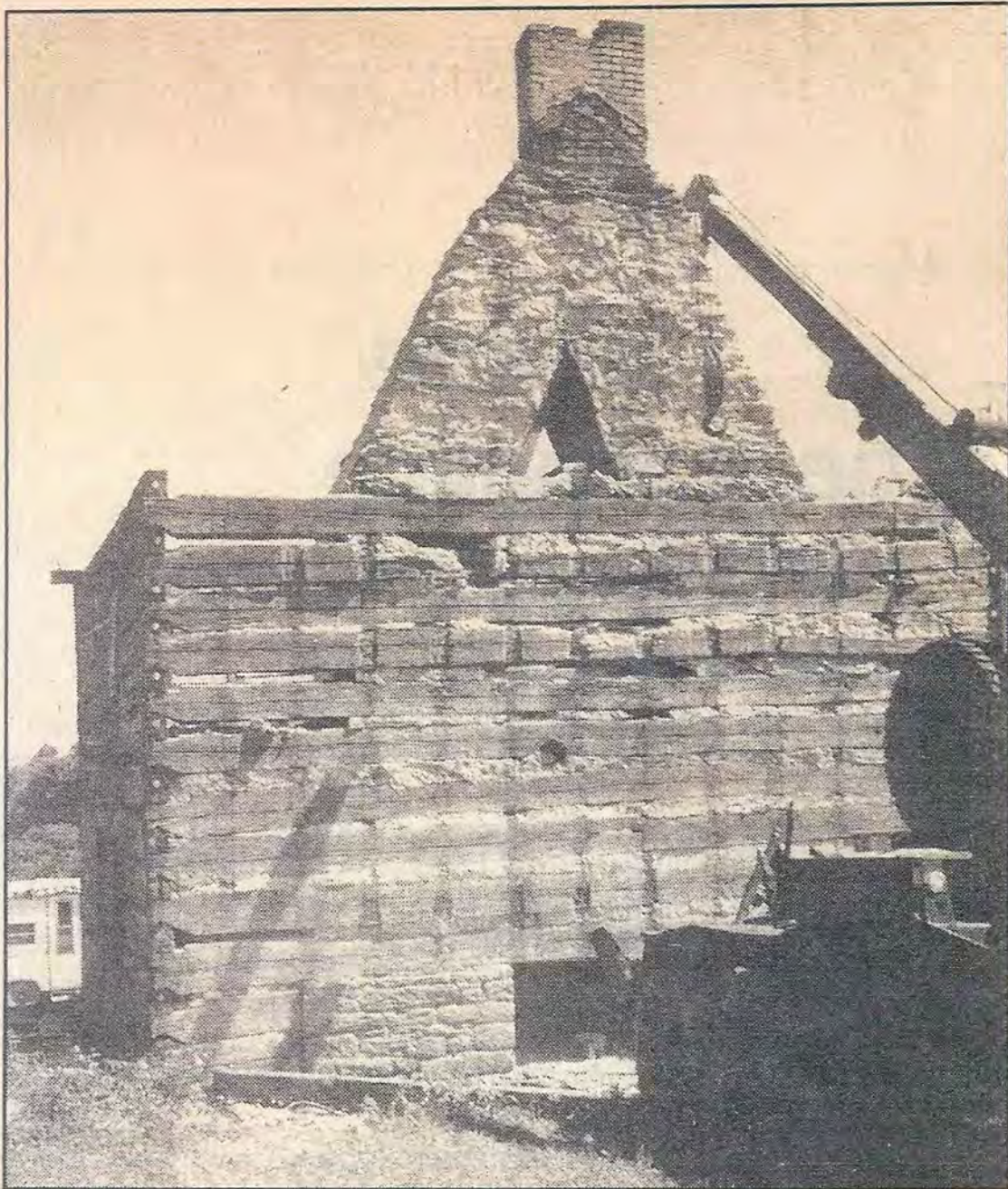
Burgettstown American Legion, who, in November 1992, made a gallant attempt to rectify the neglect suffered by the graveyards over the years, she would have been overjoyed.

It is not known when the iron fence around five of the Coventry graves was erected in the Old United Presbyterian lot atop the hill. This apparently was an attempt by the early family to control the desolation that was destined to beset the entire graveyard. Although John Coventry and his wife, Martha Brown, their son, Robert, daughter, Martha, and Jane Coventry are all laid to rest within this enclosure, the ravages of time have played no favorites. Until Mr. Stiffler's crew, and others who gave freely of their time and efforts, made their way into the overgrown neglected burial grounds of Burgettstown's forefathers, even the iron fence was difficult to find.

But, thanks to members of the Old Moon Township Historical Society, the old log house on Windy Hill will remain in Robin Hill Park as a memento to the life-threatening struggles of pioneer John Coventry.

**John Coventry-Log House (pg. 1)  
The Preservation of an old Log House  
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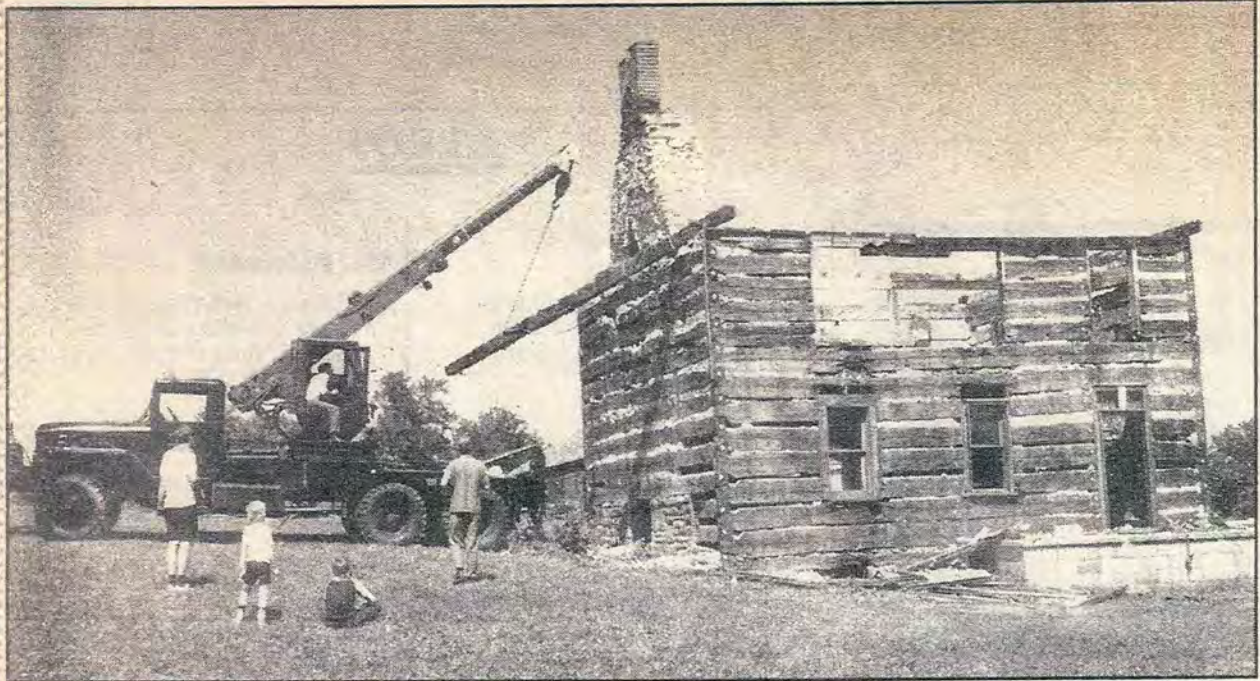




**THIS VIEW OF** the west side of the house shows the unique A-line inside stone chimney, the bottom of which nearly covers the entire wall.

**John Coventry-Log House (pg. 2)  
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**THE CRANE DANGLES** the first log from the square.



**THE LOG CABIN** as it stands in Robin Hill Park, Moon Township. (This picture courtesy of Bill Vogel, whose hands helped to dismantle, later to rebuild, the log house.)

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# Hanover's pioneering Conventry Family profiled

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He was successful in this quest and some time later, after the birth of little Robert, they made their way across the mountains, John carrying a churn with all the family's belongings, while his wife, Martha Brown Coventry, carried the baby.

They settled in Hanover Township, where John built a crude log cabin.

It was later replaced in 1824 with a more substantial two-story log house, where the family grew to seven children.

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**KATHRYN SLASOR**

became Steubenville Pike.

It remained on this site until 1930.

Many families later occupied this old house, among them the Henry Doehre family, and the Filipponis of Slovan. The Coventry family walked to Burgettstown to attend church.

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He and others of his family are buried in the old UP graveyard atop the hill overlooking Burgettstown.

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Miss Helen Coventry who passed away within possibly the last twenty years, was a great, great granddaughter of John Coventry, and was extremely interested in their effort to keep up the old family burial grounds. Sadly, she was not successful. Before her passing, however, she had become aware of the efforts of the Old Moon Township Historical Society to move the old log house on Windy Hill to Moon's Robin Hill Park as a lasting memento to the life-threatening struggles of Pioneer John Coventry.

Because of the deteriorating condition of the logs, only enough could be salvaged to build a one-story structure. This stands proudly in a little nook in Robin Hill Park, where it is used by the historical society.

*(Slasor is a special correspondent with Pennsylvania Focus.)*



#### Fire Destroys Farm Home.

Fire shortly before 7 a. m. last Friday totally destroyed the farm house on the W. L. Cowden farm in Mt. Pleasant township, about two miles east of Hickory, together with its contents. In attempting to extinguish the flames the tenant, Andrew Fisher, was severely burned about the face, hands and shoulders. The blaze was discovered in the pantry by members of the family, and Fisher, who was at the barn doing the morning work, was hastily summoned. When he arrived at the house one end of the building was ablaze, and in an attempt to put out the fire he sustained the burns. The fire is supposed to have caught from a hot plate. Fire companies from Houston and Midway were summoned and although nothing could be done to save the building their efforts prevented the blaze from spreading. A meat house and spring house nearby were saved. The house was a large brick structure containing eight rooms and was totally consumed entailing a loss estimated at \$5,000 partially covered by insurance. The household goods were a total loss, not being insured.

**Fire Destroys W.L. Cowden Farm Home**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-June 11, 1936 Edition**

## Boris - Cowden

Marianne Cowden and James Boris were united in marriage January 18, 2014, in Scenery Hill with Michael Mathews officiating the 4 p.m. ceremony.

The bride's parents are Mark Cowden of Hickory and Marianne and Rob Hunnell of Greensboro. Her grandparents are Martha Cowden of Hickory, the late Dale Cowden, Thelma Wass of Carmichaels and the late William Wass.

Parents of the bridegroom are Romaine Boris of Carnegie and the late Joseph Boris.

Maids of honor for their mother were Ashlin Hawkin-



berry and Adalin Boardley of Scenery Hill.

Best man was James Alek Boris of Pittsburgh, the groom's son. Their dog, Swiss, also attended the wedding.



#### BLACKLEDGE-COWEN WEDDING.

A quiet yet very pretty wedding was that of Dr. Theron L. Blackledge and Miss Anna M. Cowen, which occurred at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Jane F. Cowen, near Frankfort Springs, Wednesday, May 28. 1902

Shortly after one o'clock the happy couple descended the stairs and entered the parlor to the strains of a wedding march rendered by Miss Mame Keifer, where, in the presence of a few of their most intimate friends, Rev. Scott in a pleasing manner read the ceremony and pronounced them husband and wife. After congratulations the company was invited to the dining-room, where a fine dinner was served.

Miss Cowen was one of Western Pennsylvania's most successful school teachers, also a helper in the church and social circles. Dr. Blackledge has been practicing medicine only a short time, but he possesses many good qualities which go to make a successful physician and at present has a fine practice.

They left Burgettstown on the 6:43 train for Monaca, where they will make their home. GUEST.

**Wedding of Anna M. Cowen and Dr. Theron L. Blackledge  
May 28, 1902**

**ALMA COX RETIRES  
TAUGHT FOR 44 YEARS**

Miss Alma Cox of Church street retired this month after teaching in the elementary schools of Burgettstown and in the Pittsburgh school system for 44 years. Miss Cox, who makes her home with her sister, Mrs. Denny Scott, expects to take a well earned vacation after nearly half a century's work with boys and girls.

She began her teaching career in the Valley school at Slovan, taught at Cherry Valley, the Tengan school near Cinder Hill, McDonald and then to Pittsburgh. She taught at Duquesne for 21 years and recent years had been assigned to practice teaching in the Woods Run school.

Upon the occasion of her retirement, she was presented with a beautiful gold wrist watch by her associates.



## EDITOR OF THE PAST



J. Howard Cramer

Mr. Cramer was for many years active in affairs of Burgettstown and was at one time the editor and publisher of the Enterprise. He died several years ago at Scottdale where he published a paper after leaving Burgettstown. While publisher of the Enterprise he erected the building occupied by this newspaper.

**J. Howard Cramer**  
**Editor of the Past**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-July 6, 1931**

## District Manager



Richard H. Creps has been named district manager for the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, with headquarters in Washington, it was announced today by the company. He replaces J. Hillman Zahn, who has been given a special assignment for several months.

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**Harness Maker is Octogenarian.**

John W. Crider, pioneer South Burgettstown harness maker, who left the community a good many years ago and is now a resident of the Masonic Home at Springfield, Ohio, writes the Enterprise that he has reached his 80th year. He reports his health is good and that he is able to get around "as well as ever." Mr. Crider visited relatives and friends here and Langeloth two years ago.



## "OLD TIMER" PAYS VISIT TO EARLY DAYS SCENES

Former Saddler and Harness Maker  
of South Burgettstown Visits  
Scenes of Early Days

In spite of the weight of 78 years which do not seem to bear heavily upon him, John W. Crider of the Ohio State Masonic Home, Springfield, paid social and fraternal calls to many friends in the Burgettstown district last week, having returned for the annual fair and a visit to relatives. He spent an hour in the Enterprise office on Friday afternoon and related many interesting items of the early history of Burgettstown. This was his first visit to the community in about 10 years.

Mr. Crider was born in 1856 in Brooke county, Virginia, now West Virginia, within a few miles of Wellsburg. He came to Burgettstown in the year 1870 and was engaged as an apprentice with the late William E. Yates who conducted a harness and saddle making shop in South Burgettstown. After three or four years Mr. Crider went to Steubenville, but a few years later returned to Burgettstown and worked as a saddler.

From here he went to various places about the country, eventually settling at Cincinnati where he was employed as a salesman for a large leather concern. He traveled extensively all over the United States and continued in active work until a few years ago when he went to Toledo to make his home with his daughter. From there, about five years ago, he entered the Masonic Home at Springfield. He states that life at the Home is ideal, and that he performs light tasks of bookkeeping and other small jobs to keep out of mischief. Except for an occasional twinge of rheumatism he enjoys splendid health of mind and body.

During his short visit to the scenes of his early days he visited with a niece, Mrs. H. H. Dold of Langeloth. Mr. Dold brought him by automobile from Springfield and took him back in his car a few days ago. The journey takes about six hours and was reported as most enjoyable by the venerable saddler of the "old town."

**"Old timer" Pays Visit to Early Days Scenes**  
**John W. Crider**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-October 10, 1934 Edition**

**Letter from John Crider.**

The Enterprise has received an interesting letter from John W. Crider, pioneer harness maker of the old South Burgettstown, in which Mr. Crider says he takes great delight in reading the paper each week and seeing many old, familiar names. Mr. Crider is a resident at the Masonic Home, at Springfield, Ohio, and he reports his health not so good. He asks to be remembered to his many old friends of former days. He also favored the office with a copy of the "Ohio Mason," a weekly newspaper of much interest to members of the Masonic fraternity.

**Letter from John Crider  
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 3, 1935 Edition**



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**JOSEPH CRISPINO**  
**NOTES JANUARY 4th**

January 4 on the calendar of Joseph Crispino, father of Mrs. Geno Bottigli of Main street is a day of special significance, for many important events in the history of the Crispino family have occurred on this particular date.

Mr. Crispino, who is employed as an attendant in the Woodville State hospital spent the New Year holiday with the Bottigli family. He points out to the Enterprise that on January 4, 1907 his mother died; on January 4, 1932, Ross Crispino, his grandson was born; on January 4, 1937 Mr. Crispino's wife died; and on January 4, 1943, Mr. Crispino's son, Victor of Clarksburg, W. Va., reported for duty with the United States Army.

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### **CROW REUNION**

The Crow family reunion was held on Sunday, August 7, at the Crab Apple Church in Greene County. The pastor, Rev. Frank Crow, was in charge of the morning worship services.

Those attending from here were Mr. and Mrs. William Hootman; daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Marralla, of Imperial; Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCarty, of Southview; Mrs. Lena Robson, of Imperial; and Mrs. Jean Cain, of Clinton. Grandchildren present at the festivities were Tanis Mountain and two children, Annette Gross and two children, and Paul Marralla and two children. Several cousins attending from other areas were Barbara Ruhill and four children, of West Virginia; James Crupe, of West Alexander; and Mr. and Mrs. John Pershina.

Prizes were awarded for having the most guests present, longest married and for the heaviest beard, all won by the William Hootmans; youngest child, won by Jay J., son of Tanis Mountain; and most recently married, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Marralla.



### **Father and Sons in Court**

A father and two sons were arrayed against each other in a suit on trial before Judge McIlvaine. Emanuel Cujus was the plaintiff and his sons, Oliver and Josie, defendants. The action was a dispute over the ownership of certain dairy stock and dairy equipment, etc., used jointly by the parties while living on the Coun farm in Hanover township and the Sterling farm in Smith township. The father caused an action a writ of replevin to be used on the cattle and other stuff and the sons came in and disputed the father's ownership to the goods claimed. A settlement was reached, and a verdict taken in which the value of goods in dispute was fixed at \$3,150. If the sons pay this amount to their father the title to goods in dispute will remain in them.

**Emanuel Cujus**  
**The Burgettstown Call-December 24, 1914 Edition**

**BAVINGTON LAD HURT IN FARM  
ACCIDENT; LOSES LEFT ARM**

Cree W. Culley, son of N. M. Culley, of Midway, is in the Mercy hospital, Pittsburgh, where his left arm was amputated following a fodder-shredding accident.

Culley was working on the August Leonold farm shredding fodder, and in some way apparently lost his balance and fell, his arm entering the shredder. A physician was called and took him to the Mercy hospital, Pittsburgh, where his badly crushed arm was amputated.

His condition is said to be critical due to shock and loss of blood.



## Railroad Street - 1902



CULLEY BROTHERS established their merchant tailoring business in 1902 when Wilmon B. Culley bought the business of C. M. Elder. He and his brother, Charles L. Culley formed a partnership under the trade name, "Culley Brothers, Merchant Tailors."

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**Culley Brothers-1902**  
**Railroad Street, Burgettstown, PA**

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Every since its founding, Burgettstown has always had a wide variety of businesses.



### Culley Clan Holds Reunion At Park

Descendents of Levi and Esther Smith Culley, who crossed the Alleghenies from Lancaster County to settle in Washington County near Bulger early in the nineteenth century, held a reunion at the Burgettstown Community Park August 25. A group of 105 relatives attended. From three until six o'clock the members of the clan registered or became acquainted. At six, a basket picnic was held and a short program followed. Group singing was enjoyed and the welcome address and early history of the clan were given by Wayne Culley of Burgettstown. Talks were made by Rev. E. A. Culley, New York City, Rev. D. E. Culley, Presbyterian Seminary, Pittsburgh. Both ministers told interesting stories of the early life of the Culleys in Washington County. Rev. D. E. Culley is listed in Who's Who. The only medical doctor in the clan was introduced—Dr. A. W. Culley of Beaver, Pa.

Various age groups were represented. At least four who attended were over 80 years old, most notable of these was a spry lady of 85, Mrs. Ada Inglefield, Midland. Others were Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Culley of New York City and Squire W. B. Culley, Burgettstown. The youngest members of the clan to attend were the nine months old twins Diane and Dane, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Culley of Bulger.

The group plans to meet again next year and will be known as the Culley branch of Washington County. Officers elected are Wayne Culley, president; Mrs. J. R. Culley, secretary and treasurer; Rev. E. A. Culley, honorary chairman.

The Culleys were registered from Ohio, New York, West Virginia, Pittsburgh, New Castle, Beaver and Midland as well as from the local vicinity.

## CULLEY FAMILY HOLDS REUNION

Members of the Washington County Branch of the Culley family held a reunion at the Burgettstown Community Park Wednesday, August 24. About 70 relatives attended. Following the picnic supper Wayne M. Culley, president, conducted the business meeting. The group sang America and Rev. E. A. Culley of New York City read a paper on the early history of the Culley family in Maryland. Wayne Culley presented material concerning the Culley family history in England.

Officers were elected with Rev. E. A. Culley being selected honorary chairman, G. Hunter Culley of Pittsburgh as president and Mrs. J. R. Culley of Burgettstown as secretary-treasurer. Wayne Culley will serve as historian.

Kathy Culley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Culley sang a solo. Copies of a family tree arranged by Rev. Culley were displayed. Among the older persons present were Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Culley of New York and Mrs. Ada Inglefield of Midland.





#### **ROBERT J. CULLEY**

R. J. Culley, a veteran of the Civil War, was born at Florence, May 5, 1836. In 1868 he came to Burgettstown where he lived until his death in March, 1915. He married Anne Elizabeth Logan. The couple had four children, two of whom became merchant tailors in Burgettstown: the late Wilmon and Charles Culley. During the Civil War Mr. Culley was a member of the Ringgold Cavalry Co. C. Because of his beautiful penmanship (he taught penmanship classes) he was appointed to fill out many discharge papers. For many years he followed the shoemaking trade. In 1876 he was made U. S. gauger and storekeeper. At the time of his death his home was on Center Avenue.

**Robert Johnson Culley**  
**May 5, 1836-March 26, 1915**

**Culley-Bissell**

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Culley, of near Burgettstown, announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Sara Elizabeth Culley, to Arthur Bissell, of Beaver, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William W. Bissell, of Beaver, and the grandson of the late William Semple Bissell, a prominent business man of Pittsburgh. The marriage took place in the Beaver First Presbyterian church at 11:30 o'clock, the morning of June 7th. The Rev. Dr. H. A. Gearhart read the ceremony. The bride is a graduate of Indiana State Teachers' College, and for the past several years has been an instructor in the Beaver public schools. The bridegroom is a former well known Beaver high school athlete and popular young Beaver Valley haberdasher. He is now associated with McCreery's in Pittsburgh. The newlyweds are now at home in the Colonial Apartments, Beaver. In August they will sail from Baltimore on the steamer "Berkshire" for Miami, on their wedding trip.

**Culley-Bissell**

**Burgettstown Enterprise-June 26, 1935 Edition**



**John Cunningham  
Receives Brunswick  
Corp. Scholarship**

4-13-1961



A Union high school senior from the Eldersville community has been awarded the Brunswick Foundation scholarship for youth fitness leadership, provided by the Brunswick Corporation of Chicago, Ill. John Cunningham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Cunningham has the honor of being the first student to receive the scholarship worth \$2000.

It was announced by the Brunswick Corporation that John was the winner after the screening of over 1,000 applications from outstanding high school students by the scholarship committee of the American Association for health, physical education and recreation. He will be graduated in June and plans to major in Physical Education at Bethany or Slippery Rock College. He has been accepted at Bethany.

In addition to placing in the top one-fifth of his class, John has participated in football four years, track, three years wrestling and basketball, two years. He was a member of the Junior Honor Society, has served as vice-president of the Junior class and Hi-Y, and is currently president of the Senior class.

Last fall John was the recipient of the McElhaney Award, presented each year in the Burgettstown area to an outstanding senior for scholarship, leadership and citizenship attainment. He is a member of the Varsity U and has been a member of the yearbook staff two years.

He is a former Explorer Scout, having been active in Scout activities several years. He is a member of the Eldersville Methodist church where he has taken an active part in the Sunday school and is a former member of the Junior choir.

## Local Residents Claim Relationship To General Custer

Local residents in Burgettstown recently notified us that Mrs. Alvin Fleming of Main street, Mrs. R. V. Malone and Mrs. Floy Forner of Burgettstown could claim relationship with General George Armstrong Custer of Civil War and Indian campaign fame.

Investigation of the family history discloses the fact that General George Custer was a cousin to Oliver M. Custer, grandfather of Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. Malone and Mrs. Forner.

Born in New Rumley, Ohio in 1839, Custer graduated from West Point in 1861 and immediately became engaged in the Civil War. His brigade distinguished itself against Stuart at Gettysburg in 1864 and aided Sherman in his raids. Custer was made commander of the third division of cavalry which won the battle of Woodstock. Later he was at Appomattox when the Confederate army surrendered. In 1874 Custer took part in an expedition against the Indians in the Black Hills. His "last stand" was at Little Big Horn" where he was killed at the age of 37.

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Burgettstown Enterprise-April 3, 1947 Edition**



# Tom Custer Lived In His Brother's Shadow

B-2 OBSERVER-REPORTER, WASHINGTON, PA. — Wednesday, January 25, 1978

Most everyone is familiar with the final chapter in the career of General George Custer.

His defeat at the Little Big Horn wiped out several members of the Custer family and made George a legend on thousands of beer advertisements.

Yet few people know, or even care, that his younger brother Tom was one of a few military men to win the Congressional Medal of Honor on two separate occasions. Admittedly, the medal was easier to win in those days but he did win them.

Thomas W. Custer was a second lieutenant in the 6th Michigan Cavalry when he was twice decorated but on the infamous day of June 25, 1876, he was a captain commanding Troop C of the 7th Cavalry.

Back in 1865, Lt. Custer jumped his horse across the enemy barricades at

Sailor's Creek and captured the Rebel colors. Such action automatically brought the Congressional Medal of Honor.

The following week, at Namozine Church, Lt. Custer accomplished the same feat and was again awarded the nation's highest combat decoration.

Lt. Custer was rightfully proud of his medals and wore them at formal occasions. However, his older and higher-ranking brother didn't much care for the diverted attention.

## Jim Moore

News Editor



In a letter to his wife, Gen. Custer noted with a touch of acid that Tom "appeared at mess last evening with both his baubles." —

Capt. Tom, who was noted for mistreating Indian prisoners and shooting U.S. Army deserters, suffered a horrible death at the Little Big Horn. His body was badly mutilated and the warrior who killed him, Rain-In-The-Face, cut out Custer's heart and ate it.

Not only did George and Tom Custer die in the massacre, but another

brother, Boston, a civilian packmaster; a nephew, Antie Reed and a brother-in-law, Lt. James Calhoun also were killed by the Indians.

Tom's remains were laid to rest at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., in 1877 and General George's remain were taken to the U.S. Military Academy in West Point.

Speaking of little known facts about General Custer, how many of you knew that his mother was a Burgettstown native?

Old "yellow hair" was born in 1839 in New Rumley, Harrison County, Ohio to Emanuel Henry Custer and his second wife, the former Maria Ward Kirkpatrick.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick, a widow, already had three children of her own. It was said that General Custer inherited his mother's physical characteristics.

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Observer-Reporter-January 25, 1978 Edition

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**Local Residents Claim Relationship to General Custer  
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 3, 1947 Edition**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



# **Dailey Family**

**Leaves of History-Cross Creek, Brooke County-Part II  
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Lewis Grigsby  
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Mary Ann Mitchell

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Judy Moore  
Pearl Mae Moore  
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John Mowder  
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Elva Osaba

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John Popp  
Elvia Reese Pugne

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Charles Rangos  
Amanda Reed  
Annabelle Horvath Reese  
Anne Puskarich Resnik  
John Resnik  
Harry and Agnes Rigo  
William and Bertha Maluski Rihel  
Robert Rotunda  
Anna Bell Jolly Rouse  
Homer Roush

Charles and Dorothy Saffle  
Bill and Anna Mae Saunders  
John and Mary Sebeck Schubenski  
C.M. and Alice Schwertfeger  
Kenneth Schwertfeger  
Pete and Gay Sebeck  
Ron Sebeck  
Karen Beltrame Serafine  
Jim and Sandy Shorts  
Russell Slasor  
Miriam Legge Smith  
Jean Ann Spear  
Howard Standish  
Jim and Alice Stevens  
Dominic and Pat Stillson  
Carlton and Betty Stewart  
Rae McFarland Sutermeister  
Jim Schweizer

Fred and Florence Moore Thomas  
Julia Tisik  
Lou and Helen Tokas Tranquill  
Theresa Tripodi  
Alice Ulrich  
Charles Ulrich  
Nellie Uphole  
Anthony Vaienti  
Elizabeth Tokas Velegol  
Jacque Ciark Verbon

Frances Baranowski Wells  
Sara Deer Welsh  
Charles and Frances Puskarich Welsh  
Don Wiggins  
Denny Williams  
George Williamson  
Robert and Dolores Williamson  
Howard V. Worley, Jr.

Wilbert and Helen Yost  
Mike Young  
Virginia Pfister Young  
  
Ernest Zambarda  
Millie Fisher Zambarda  
Sarah M. Zang  
Mary Martino Zwierchowski

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Helen Amspoker Boles  
Howard Cameron  
Fannie Clark Campbell  
Shirley Carter  
Betty Fowler Fell  
Viola Cheesebrough Gillespie  
Helen Rigo Marus  
Glenna Haworth Morton  
Irene Vargo Popp  
Anthony Muzopappa  
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Harold Scott  
Ed Taylor  
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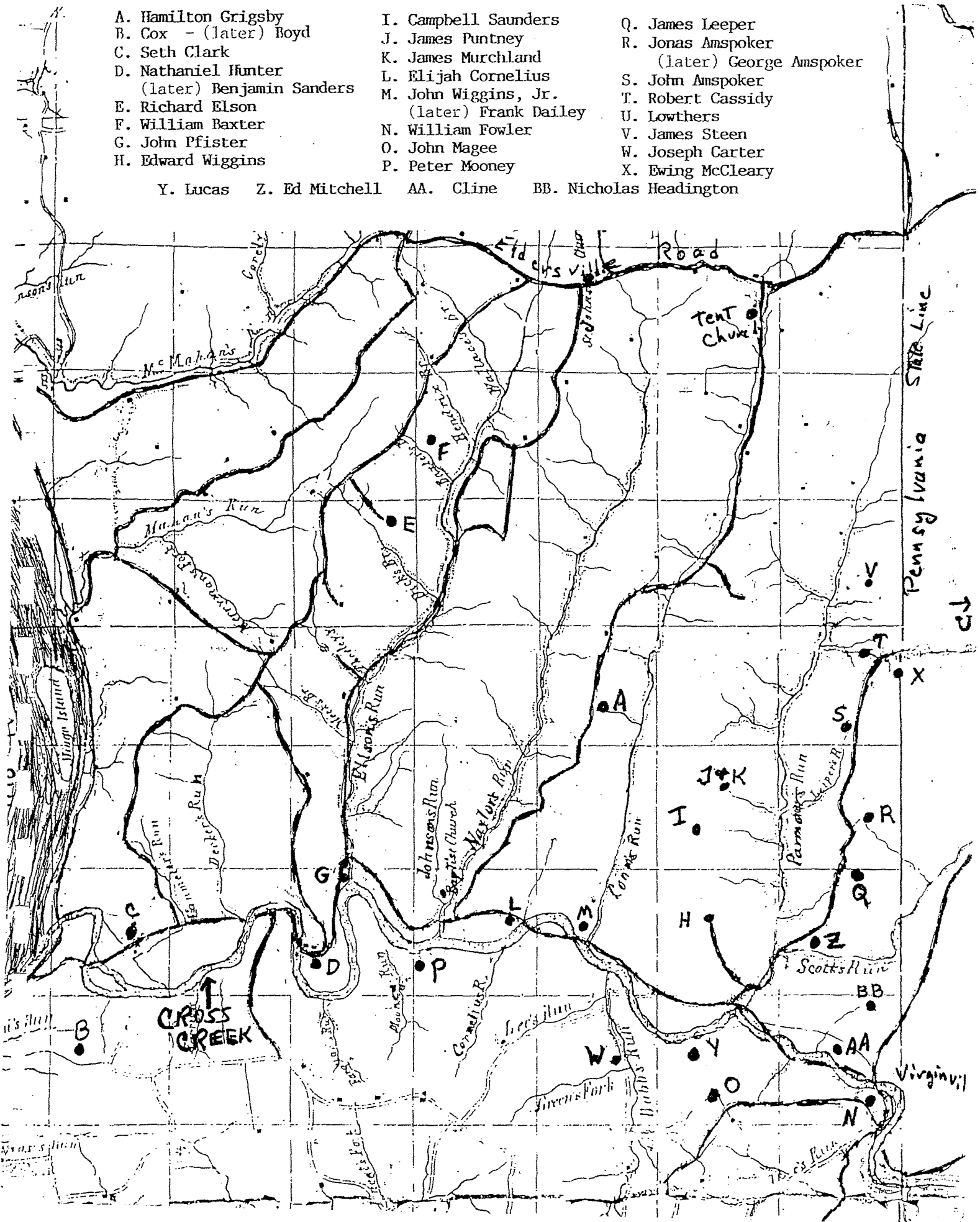
THE EARLY FAMILIES

- A. Hamilton Grigsby
- B. Cox - (later) Boyd
- C. Seth Clark
- D. Nathaniel Hunter  
(later) Benjamin Sanders
- E. Richard Elson
- F. William Baxter
- G. John Pfister
- H. Edward Wiggins

- I. Campbell Saunders
- J. James Puntney
- K. James Murchland
- L. Elijah Cornelius
- M. John Wiggins, Jr.  
(later) Frank Dailey
- N. William Fowler
- O. John Magee
- P. Peter Mooney

- Q. James Leeper
- R. Jonas Amspoker  
(later) George Amspoker
- S. John Amspoker
- T. Robert Cassidy
- U. Lowthers
- V. James Steen
- W. Joseph Carter
- X. Ewing McCleary

- Y. Lucas
- Z. Ed Mitchell
- AA. Cline
- BB. Nicholas Headington

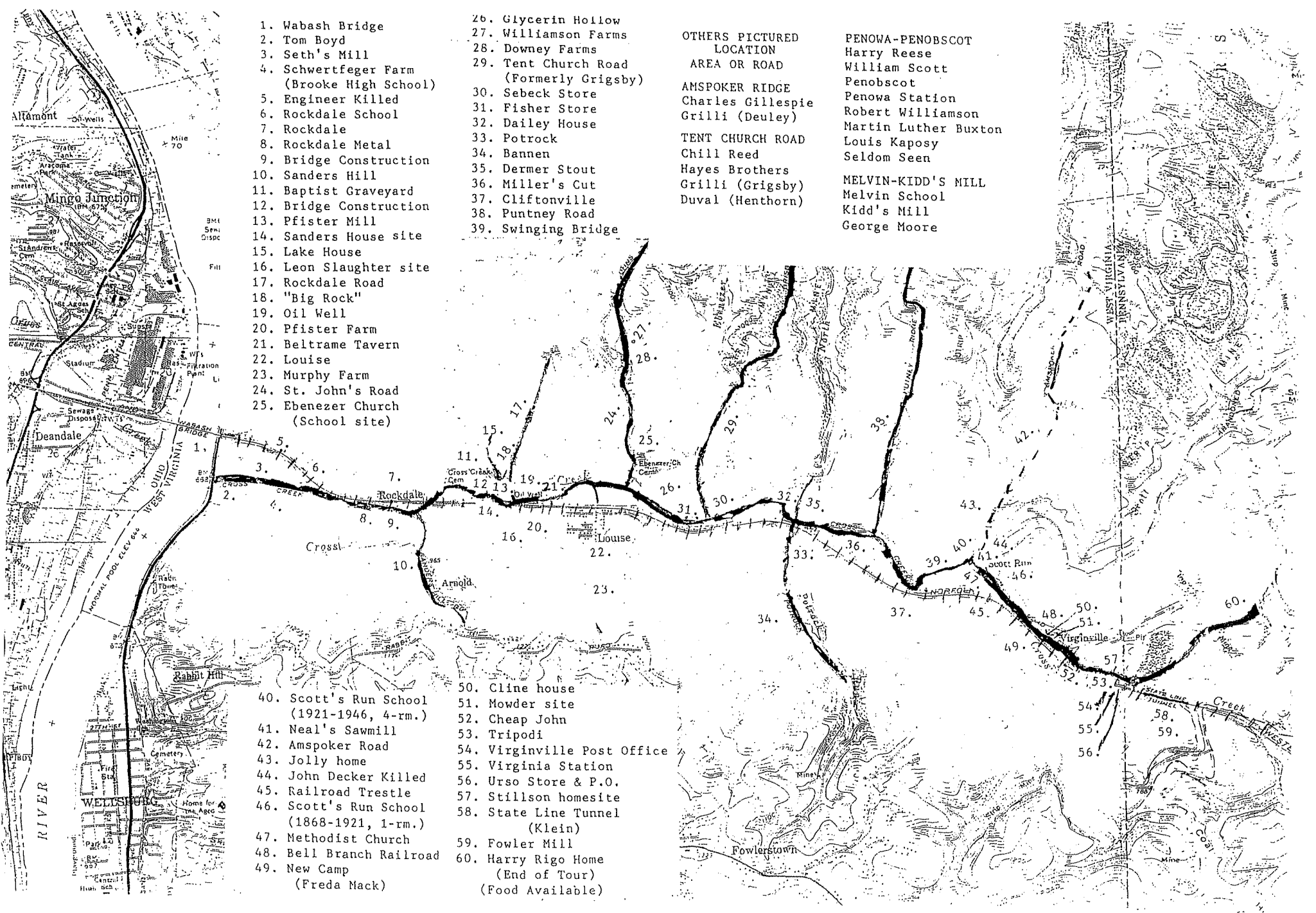


1. Wabash Bridge
2. Tom Boyd
3. Seth's Mill
4. Schwertfeger Farm (Brooke High School)
5. Engineer Killed
6. Rockdale School
7. Rockdale
8. Rockdale Metal
9. Bridge Construction
10. Sanders Hill
11. Baptist Graveyard
12. Bridge Construction
13. Pfister Mill
14. Sanders House site
15. Lake House
16. Leon Slaughter site
17. Rockdale Road
18. "Big Rock"
19. Oil Well
20. Pfister Farm
21. Beltrame Tavern
22. Louise
23. Murphy Farm
24. St. John's Road
25. Ebenezer Church (School site)

26. Glycerin Hollow
27. Williamson Farms
28. Downey Farms
29. Tent Church Road (Formerly Grigsby)
30. Sebeck Store
31. Fisher Store
32. Dailey House
33. Potrock
34. Bannen
35. Dermer Stout
36. Miller's Cut
37. Cliftonville
38. Puntney Road
39. Swinging Bridge

- OTHERS PICTURED  
LOCATION  
AREA OR ROAD
- AMSPOKER RIDGE  
Charles Gillespie  
Grilli (Deuley)
- TENT CHURCH ROAD  
Chill Reed  
Hayes Brothers  
Grilli (Grigsby)  
Duval (Henthorn)

- PENOWA-PENOBSCOT  
Harry Reese  
William Scott  
Penobscot  
Penowa Station  
Robert Williamson  
Martin Luther Buxton  
Louis Kaposy  
Seldom Seen
- MELVIN-KIDD'S MILL  
Melvin School  
Kidd's Mill  
George Moore



40. Scott's Run School (1921-1946, 4-rm.)
41. Neal's Sawmill
42. Amspoker Road
43. Jolly home
44. John Decker Killed
45. Railroad Trestle
46. Scott's Run School (1868-1921, 1-rm.)
47. Methodist Church
48. Bell Branch Railroad
49. New Camp (Freda Mack)

50. Cline house
51. Mowder site
52. Cheap John
53. Tripodi
54. Virginville Post Office
55. Virginia Station
56. Urso Store & P.O.
57. Stillson homesite
58. State Line Tunnel (Klein)
59. Fowler Mill
60. Harry Rigo Home (End of Tour) (Food Available)

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### THE DAILEY FAMILY

On the old 1852 Brooke County Map, only one house is shown on the north banks of Cross Creek west of the mouth of Corn's Run ( today known as Puntney Run). It is labeled on the map's key as the John Wiggins, Jr. home and is believed to be what residents today call "The Dailey House". It is one of the oldest houses in the Cross Creek valley.

According to Court House Deed Book 33 page 61, " It was the land on which John Wiggins, Jr. died", and had been conveyed to him by John Wiggins, Sr., 19 March 1847, and William Wiggins and wife, 29 Sept. 1855, joining Patrick Sullivan, William McKinley, John Cornelius, Robert Barnes, John Dimit, and Eva Seese. After the death of John, Jr. at the age of 44, his wife, Isabelle Headington Wiggins, continued to live there and raise her family to adulthood. George A., the youngest child of Isabelle, left the Cross Creek area as a young man, moving to



KATHRYN DAILEY BAKER (CECIL BAKER'S MOTHER)



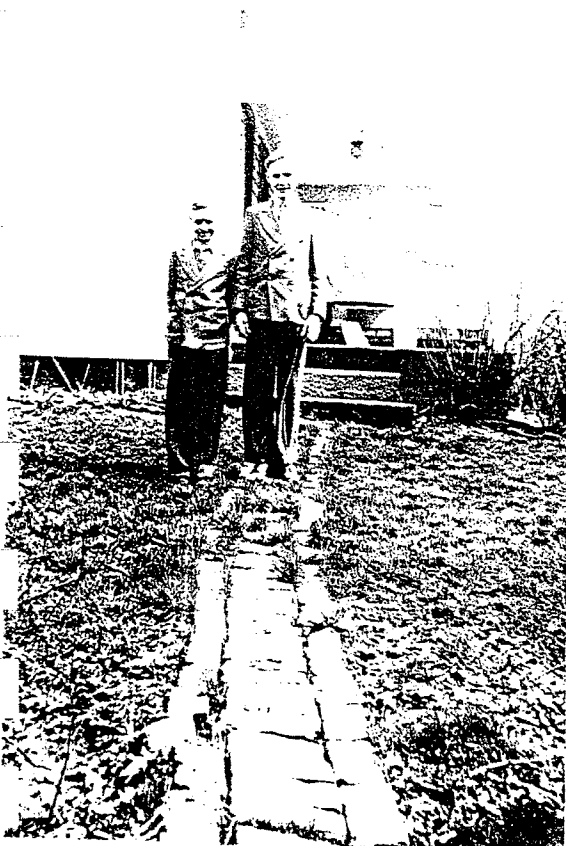
THE DAILEY HOUSE AS IT LOOKS TODAY (1998)



TERESA DAILEY ON FRONT PORCH

Washington, Pennsylvania, where he operated a tourist business. George and his wife, Emma, and his sisters, Mary Patton, Isabelle Waddle, and Sarah J. Miller, legally inherited the 214 acres on 30 June 1902. In 1920, they sold 210 A. plus an additional 12 A. to Forrest Sloan who in turn, sold to Pachy. It passed through other hands, until in 1938 ( Book 68, page 595 ) Frank Dailey purchased 12 acres from Thomas Mitchell.

Frank Dailey married Teresa Sharkeney. Their daughter, Kathryn, was a graduate of Lakeside Hospital Nursing School in Chicago. She married Virgil Cecil Baker, son of Amaziah and Mary Stackpole Baker. Virgil and Kathryn's son, Cecil Francis Baker, and his wife, Ruth Robb Baker, live today in their beautifully landscaped home north of the banks of Cross Creek, and not far from the old home of his grandfather, Frank Dailey. The writer is indebted to Cecil and Ruth for their interest in the history of the area and their willingness to share their knowledge and pictures.



SIDE VIEW OF DAILEY HOUSE  
PAUL AND CECIL BAKER



FRANK AND TERESA DAILEY  
On Their 50th Anniversary, February 6, 1950  
(He Was 72, She Was 69)





**Skinner-Brun Firing Squad is Highly Regarded  
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 8, 1957 Edition**



# Skinner-Brun Firing Squad Is Highly Regarded



The firing squad of the Skinner-Brun V.F.W. Post of Bulger, pictured above, is considered by members of the post as the finest of its kind in the area. The squad is present for all military funerals, and participates in Memorial Day services at Bulger, Raccoon and Cherry Valley. Hugh Daley, who spent eight months during World War Two at Arlington studying precision drilling, is in charge of the group. Left to right, they are: Sergeant-At-Arms Daley, Stanley Stiegel, Leon Testas, Marcel Romestan, Sam LaRocka, Till Sandri, Frank Baronio and William DiNino. (Cindrich photo)

**Skinner-Brun Firing Squad is Highly Regarded**  
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## Hugh Daleys Feted On 25th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Daley, of Bulger, were honored on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday, August 9, with an "open house" held from 3 to 9 p. m. at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Rommes, Burgettstown, RD 3.

A four tiered wedding cake, baked by Mrs. Rommes, and decorated with silver candles, served as the centerpiece for the table.

The honored couple were presented with many gifts.

Present for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Daley and Dennis, of Bulger; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Rommes and Amy and John, Burgettstown RD 3; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Slimick, Nancy, Patty, Connie, and Melissa, of Bridgeville; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dunks, Jr., Stacy and Lee Ann, of McDonald; Mrs. Edith Skinner, of McDonald; Geno Rometti, of Midway; Mrs. Edward Flanigan and Carole, of Burgettstown; Mr. and Mrs. Bud Penderville, of Bulger; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crawford, Joan and Bobby, of Bulger; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rommes and Roy, RD3, Burgettstown; Mrs. Antonia Rometti, of Bulger; Nick Fotse, McDonald; Bill Latkovic, of Pittsburgh; and Mrs. Georgia Rommes, of Burgettstown RD 3.



*FA Sports Hall of Fame  
Inductee 2006*

## MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Deceased

**JIM DALLARA**  
Union High School

“The Scribe of Burgettstown” Jim began his writing career as a student at Union High School writing for the school newspaper, 1949-1953. In 1953 he wrote sports and local events for the Burgettstown Enterprise newspaper. He was a sports writer and booster for the Burgettstown Community for 47 years. During his career he was involved in sports as a participant, coach, fan and sports writer. He served in the U.S. Army for 2 years, named “Soldier of the Month” in May 1960 and wrote a regular column, “I’m in the Army Now” for the Burgettstown Enterprise newspaper.

Jim was active in Burgettstown’s Little League baseball since it’s origin in the 50’s and served as Secretary and Commissioner. He helped organize the local softball league in 1957 and was League Secretary for many years. Active in the Booster Club and was it’s Secretary, also helped organize the Burgettstown Blood Bank, Founder of the Old Timers Baseball game and Old Timers Wrestling Match.

Dallara was a Keystone Press Award winner in 1964 and 1967. The VFW’s Citizen of the Year Award in 1965 and was awarded a citation from the VFW for the Voice of America Broadcast Script Writing program in 1986.

Jim was a class individual, a humble man, dedicated to his paper, sports and the people of Burgettstown.



#### **Football Star Marries.**

Mike Nicksick, former star on Pitt football teams and at present assistant backfield coach at the university, was married to Miss Thelma Dellapina, Burgettstown high school girl, at Wellsburg, on June 7th, records at the West Virginia Gretna Green reveal, according to the McDonald Record. The Rev. H. L. Wiggins, pastor of the Christian church at Wellsburg, performed the ceremony, it was said. The records gave Slovan as the home of Nicksick and Bulger as the home of the bride.

**Mike Nicksick Marries Thelma Dellapina  
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 3, 1935 Edition**

## Five generations



Five generations of the Damley-Fox family gathered to welcome its newest member, Skye Lyra Snatchko. Holding Skye is her great-great grandmother, Laverne Damley-Fox of Bulger. Also pictured, from left, are Skye's mother, Caitlin Wilcox of McDonald; grandmother, Leann Damley of Bulger; and great-grandfather, Robert Damley of Bulger.

**Five Generations of the Damley-Fox Family**  
**Observer Reporter-November 19, 2013**



April 7, 1993



# Store in Raccoon has been her life

By Katherine Pyle  
Staff Writer

After more than half a century in business, Elsie Argenta Danek closed her store in Raccoon March 13.

For many people in the community, Argentas' or Elsie Danek's store has been a landmark and a convenience that will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Danek's parents, Angelo and Louise Argenta, established the store early in the century, having migrated to America from Arten, a little town in northern Italy. For a short time they lived in Sygan, Pa., and there Elsie was born. She was one of



**ELSIE DANEK**

faithfully until his death in 1938. Then it was up to Elsie, her mother and her sister, Blanche, to carry on.

four children. A brother, Oliver, resides in Pittsburgh; a sister, Fifi Zelenko, lives in Slovan; and another sister, Blanche, is deceased.

Angelo Argenta built both his home and the store in Raccoon, and through the years he served the people of the area faithfully until his death in 1938. Then it was up to Elsie, her mother and her sister, Blanche, to carry on.

When Mrs. Argenta died, Elsie inherited the business and has been actively engaged in it until a few weeks ago when she suffered a fall that forced her to retire.

Since her husband, Joseph Danek, died many years ago, her two children, George and Andrea, will help her to dispose of the business. George works for NASA in California. Andrea Wisenouer lives in Washington, D.C., and is employed by United Air Lines. Elsie has two grandchildren, Kelli, 17, and Brett, 12.

Customers remember the Argentas and

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## Store has been her life for Elsie Danek

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Elsie Danek as being very accommodating. Week days the store was open from 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., and if someone needed something on a Sunday, all that was necessary was to phone the Argentas and the item would be left outside on the doorstep.

The Argentas devoted their lives to the business. For years Elsie never had a vacation. Only several years ago she took a little time off to visit her son in California. Meanwhile her sister, Fifi, managed the store for her.

"Everybody in Raccoon has probably bought something at Argentas' sometime or another," one customer remarked.

Besides meat, groceries and fresh vegetables, the merchandise in days gone by included fabrics, lace and embroidery patches. One of the former residents of Raccoon remembers cookies being sold from big boxes with glass tops, and barrels of herring being shipped by rail to the store.

Angelo Argenta used to deliver groceries with a horse and wagon; later by truck. Orders of groceries were packed in barrels in layers, with those of the first customer on the route on top and the last on the bottom.

"People were good," Elsie Danek said. "They usually paid their bills."

The Argentas were also good to

their customers, frequently allowing them credit.

In her childhood Elsie attended Raccoon Grade School, where William Proudfit was her favorite teacher. She also attended the mission Sunday School and, according to one of her friends, she served as treasurer. For one year she traveled by train to Burgetts-town to attend Union High School, but the store was more important to her and she dropped out after her freshman year to begin her long career behind the counter. However, she loved to read, and she still enjoys stories in paperbacks.

One of her favorite pastimes is watching the Pirates and the Steelers on TV.

Through the years her neighbors have been of great help, Elsie says. Gary and Tony Jancart and Laura Argenta live next door. They have been particularly kind. They helped to panel her store, and it was Gary who recently found she had fallen at the bottom of her basement steps and lain there all night.

Visiting nurses and a therapist have helped her to recuperate, and Meals on Wheels has provided her with food that Elsie says is "very good."

For more than 50 years she has carried on the family tradition of working hard and faithfully. She says that she has liked serving people of the community. They, in turn, have been grateful for Elsie.

## 25th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Daniels Sr., of W. Pittsburgh street, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary July 7 in their home. Friends and relatives came from Burgettstown, McDonald, Youngstown, O., Tionesta and Harrisburg. Their son, Raymond, Jr., of Fort Riley, Kansas, spent a nine day leave with them and his wife Eileen of Stella street. Another son, A/3c William, who recently spent a 19 day leave at home left last Tuesday by Pan American Airlines for France, where he will be stationed at the Air Force Base.

**Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Daniels Sr. Celebrate 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 19, 1962 Edition**





Lynnellen Winkler

**A NEW CENTENARIAN** — Rose (Ricciardi) Danze celebrated her 100th birthday at a dinner party held in her honor on March 1 at the Serbian American Cultural Center. Danze, mother of three, grandmother to five, and great-grandmother of four, reminisced about the many changes she has witnessed in her 100 years of life.

# Rose Danze celebrates 100 years of life

## Weirton welcomes its latest centenarian

By **LYNNELEN WINKLER**  
Community editor

Dictionary.com defines a centenarian as "a person who has reached 100. Rose (Ricciardi) Danze is Weirton's newest centenarian.

A 100th birthday celebration dinner was held in honor of Danze on March 1, at the Serbian American Cultural Center. Family members traveled from Florida, Maryland, Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia to attend.

A coal miner's daughter, Danze was born Rose Ricciardi on Feb. 27, 1909 in Keystone, W.Va. Danze never knew her mother, she died with Danze was only 2 years old. Her older sister, Mary, took care of her two younger sisters.

Danze told the story of how she met her husband, an Italian-immigrant accordion player, who rented a room from her family. They would gather around and listen to him play and a romance blossomed.

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somed. They were married on Dec. 22, 1926 in Weirton.

The Danzes had three daughters, the late Frances Taylor, Veda Orwasky and Patricia Nagle. The three girls blessed Danze with five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Danze's granddaughters, Kim Honath and Leslie (Taylor) Current, planned the 100th birthday event.

Following dinner and dessert, Danze took to the podium and, after thanking everyone for coming, she shared vignettes of all of the changes that she has witnessed in her 100 years.

"We had a big garden and our job was to pull the weeds. We also had chickens, pigs and cows. My 'secret' to living to 100 is growing up on 'organic' foods, fresh fruits and vegetables grown at home. They didn't call it 'organic' in our day and we put our vegetable and animal stuff (waste) into the ground to make everything grow," said Danze.

Danze received greetings from numerous political leaders that were displayed in a scrapbook, including a letter and certificate from Gov. Joe Manchin III who wrote, "There is no better way to measure one's life than by the number of those you have nurtured and loved, and in this regard, you are truly rich." U.S. Congressman Alan B. Mollohan wrote, "I look forward to congratulating you again next year on your 101st birthday."

"You have witnessed many changes and accomplishments since your birth, and I am sure you have many stories and life experiences to share. The knowledge and wisdom that you are able to share is so vital to all of us," wrote U.S. Sen. John D. Rockefeller IV.

Television personality Willard Scott, from the "Today Show" sent a card recognizing the centenarian's birthday.

Danze still leads an active life, enjoys helping others and still prepares a portion of holiday dinners for her family.

"Mother is a wonderful lady, always ready to help her family and friends. She always made sure we had our meals together, was our seamstress, making our clothes when we were little. Later she was our babysitter, whatever our needs were, she was always there. She is a kind, sweet person and I've been blessed to have her for my mother and my friend," said Orwasky.

She continued, "Dad had this big garden and Mother did a lot of canning. He also loved his 'Roses' and would always bring her roses from the yard. Wasn't that romantic?"

"I have been so blessed to have her to help shape our lives. I am so thankful for what she has done and who she is - a wonderful grand-

mother and great-grandmother," said Veda's son, Michael Orwasky.

Jean Merenda, 80, and Danze's niece, recalled, "One of my fondest memories was of her chocolate cake, made from scratch with seven-minute frosting. She still makes it today. Rose would take the six of us, her three and the three nieces, to Steubenville's The Hub Department Store to shop - all six of us, on the bus."

Merenda continued, "She never fails to attend a family event, even in the cold and with snow. She is a woman dedicated to her family."

Friends of both Danze and Orwasky shared in the celebration and had comments.

Delores Azzarello said, "What amazes me about Rose is that she always has her make-up on and dresses beautifully, even when she's at home. But, the most important thing is that she is as beautiful on the inside as well."

"She's a Lady with a capital 'L,' said Theda Herman. And Lucy LaFrance added, "Rose lives life to the fullest and that's what keeps her going."

Rose's hairdresser, Liz Beecroft of Particulars Hair Salon in Weirton, added, "Rose comes to the shop every week and is quite a celebrity. The other customers look forward to seeing her week after week, and some couldn't believe she was about to turn 100. Last week we had a small party for her and patrons brought her gifts."

Charles and Ann Schormak, both in their mid-80s, had their daughter drive them from Columbus, Ohio for the event.

"We've been coming to Weirton for over 62 years to visit with Rose and our family. She has always been wonderful to me and my wife," said Schormak.

Orwasky added, "Mother can still bend over and touch her toes and repeat poems she learned in her youth."

"My grandmother has always been there for us our whole life. I feel really lucky to have her in my life," said Leslie (Taylor) Current.

On Sunday afternoon, following the Morning Worship Service at First Baptist Church, a second celebration for Danze was hosted by her "church family." Danze is an active, long-time member who became associated with the church when they began going to the Weirton Christian Center at its original location on Avenue D.

"Mother was always active in the church, helping with church dinners and rummage sales; many of the same activities we have today. For years and years, she watched the church nursery. She has always loved little children and still does," remarked Orwasky at the church event.

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## LOUIS L. DARRAS.

Louis L. Darras needs no introduction to the people of Burgettstown, where he is successfully engaged in the automobile business, and among the people of the community he holds an enviable position. He is a native of New Mexico, where he was born on the 7th of July, 1895, and is the son of Jules and Virginia (Prevost) Darras, both of whom were born and reared in France and are now deceased, the father dying in Burgettstown in 1923. This worthy couple came to the United States in the early '90s and located in New Mexico, where they remained for a short time, coming then to Washington county, Pennsylvania, where they spent the remainder of their lives. The father engaged in the mercantile business and gained a splendid reputation as a business man and citizen. He was a republican in his political views, and he and his wife were earnest communicants of the Roman Catholic church.

Louis L. Darras received his education in the public schools of Washington county and then learned the trade of a blacksmith. He engaged in mining for a number of years but in April, 1919, he came to Burgettstown and embarked in the automobile business in partnership with his brother, Jules A. Darras. They have continued the business to the present time and have built up a large and steadily growing trade, their success having been won by close attention to their business and the exercise of right principles in their dealings with the public.

On February 26, 1923, Mr. Darras was married to Miss Donzella Bale, who was born and reared in Frankfort, Pennsylvania, a daughter of D. W. Bale, a well known oil operator, who was born and reared at Frankfort. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and gave his political support to the democratic party. Mrs. Darras received a good education in the public schools and is a lady of splendid qualities of character, being a popular member of the circles in which she moves. Mr. and Mrs. Darras are the parents of two children, Francis and Louis, Jr.

Mr. Darras is a veteran of the World war, and was honorably discharged at the conclusion of hostilities. He is a man of forceful individuality and marked initiative power, while his probity of character and his genial personality have gained for him the respect and confidence of the entire community in which he lives.

Politically, Mr. Darras gives his support to the republican party and is interested in everything that relates to the prosperity and welfare of his community. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and fraternally, is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

#### **Weirton "Phantom" Convicted.**

David Dasco, 47, was convicted by a jury at Steubenville Monday of the "phantom" killing of a Wheeling Steel Corporation worker. They held Dasco, responsible for the midnight slaying of Raymond Kochendarfer, 34, last July 1st. William Messer, 26, was killed the same night, and on January 30th Fred Melsheimer, 38, was shot and killed by the "phantom," who made all three of his visits to the mill-yard beneath the light of a full moon. Dasco, who was called a "thrill killer" by Prosecutor Arthur Hooper, showed little emotion as the verdict was read. He has insisted ever since his arrest last July 30th that he is innocent. His attorney, Thomas Rock, indicated he would file a motion for a new trial within three days.

**Weirton "Phantom" David Dasco Convicted  
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Summer Wallace-Minger

**HONORED** — Burgettstown author Annette Dashofy displays a certificate naming her as an Agatha Award finalist for Best Contemporary Novel for “Bridges Burned.” Dashofy, who writes the Zoe Chambers Mysteries, recently released “With a Vengeance.”

# Author finalist for award

## Dashofy nominated for the Agatha Award

By **SUMMER WALLACE-MINGER**  
Community editor

**BURGETTSTOWN** — It was a “Cinderella weekend” for local author Annette Dashofy.

Dashofy attended the Malice Domestic convention April 29-May 1 as a finalist for the Agatha Award for the Best Contemporary Novel for “Bridges Burned,” the third entry in her Zoe Chambers Mysteries series, set in Monongahela County’s Vance Township — a place that may remind local readers of the greater Burgettstown area.

Dashofy was nominated alongside Margaret Maron for “Long Upon the Land,” Catriona McPherson for “The Child Garden,” Louise Penny for “Nature of the Beast”

and Hank Phillipi Ryan for “What You See.” Maron, who announced her retirement at the convention, was the winner.

“I just knew it was going to be (Maron),” Dashofy said. “She’s much loved. Catriona McPherson and I ran into each other, and she said, in her very Scottish accent, ‘OK, time to practice,’ and she (mimed) applauding. That was our joke whenever we saw each other. ‘Time to practice.’”

Dashofy appeared on a discussion panel with the other nominees.

“I was up there, next to Hank Phillipi Ryan, Catriona McPherson and Margaret Maron — how am I part of this group? I was so honored to be up there with these women, I was close to tears. I was the one everyone was asking, ‘who

is that?’” she said. “I just hope they thought, ‘if she’s up there with (the other nominees), maybe I should read her book.’”

She also hosted a table during the banquet, where she interacted with mystery fans attending the convention.

“A couple ladies actually said they signed up for my table again because they enjoyed themselves last year,” she said. “They said, ‘you’re so much more relaxed this year.’”

Dashofy also was nominated for Best First Novel at the 2015 convention for the first entry in the series, “Circle of Influence,” but was surprised to be nominated again this year.

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**Annette Dashofy**  
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## Dashofy

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“Best First — that’s a small pool, but when it’s Best Contemporary, you’re opening it up to the whole world,” Dashofy.

In addition to panels and banquets, Dashofy also attended the opening ceremony and a book signing.

“The opening ceremony is where they present you with your (nomination) certificate, so I saw it as my awards ceremony,” she said. “I did a signing, and, if you’ve been to one of these, there’s 30 authors at the table, and some have long lines and some are sitting there, playing on their phones — I think we’ve all been there, but I was one of the ones signing books this time.”

Interacting with fans and with other authors as a fan ranked among the more memorable moments of the convention.

“A woman came up to me and said, ‘so is this your first book?’” Dashofy said. “I said, ‘my fourth just came out,’ and she looked at my name tag and said, ‘oh, you’re

...,’” and started stuttering. I just said, ‘yes, I am,’ and she put her hands over her face and said ‘I’m so embarrassed.’ I told her, ‘don’t be — we’ve all done the same thing.’ I’ve made the same mistake, not recognized someone.”

Dashofy also had a surprise during a joint signing with Joyce Tremel at One More Page Books in Arlington, Va. Tremel was her travel partner and arranged the signing.

“A woman and her daughter came in and sat in the back,” she said. “And, after the signing, she walked up to me. I didn’t recognize her for a moment, but it was my best friend from high school — she lives in (the Arlington area) now, and she had driven up with her daughter.”

Dashofy is already back to work, having wrapped up the first draft of the fifth Zoe Chambers novel within the past week and gearing up for revisions on the fifth book and outlining the planned sixth book in the series. The fourth novel

of the series, “With a Vengeance,” was released just this month.

“It was a fun weekend, and I felt like Cinderella, but it was time to come home, put my glass slipper away and go back to work,” she said.

“Circle of Influence” follows paramedic and deputy coroner Zoe as she is drawn into the mystery surrounding the death of an old friend. In “Lost Legacy,” a suicide turns sinister and Zoe must solve cold cases that have heated up. In “Bridges Burned,” Zoe opens her home to a widower and his child, but the widower may have murder on his mind. First responders are in the line of fire in “With a Vengeance” when someone stages accidents and kills those who arrive to help.

Dashofy is vice president of both the Pittsburgh Chapter of Sisters in Crime and Pennwriters.

She has a website at [www.annettedashofy.com](http://www.annettedashofy.com) and can be found on Facebook by searching “Annette Dashofy.”

### Annette Dashofy

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# Finding her form, at last

## 'Zoe Chambers' author up for Agatha award

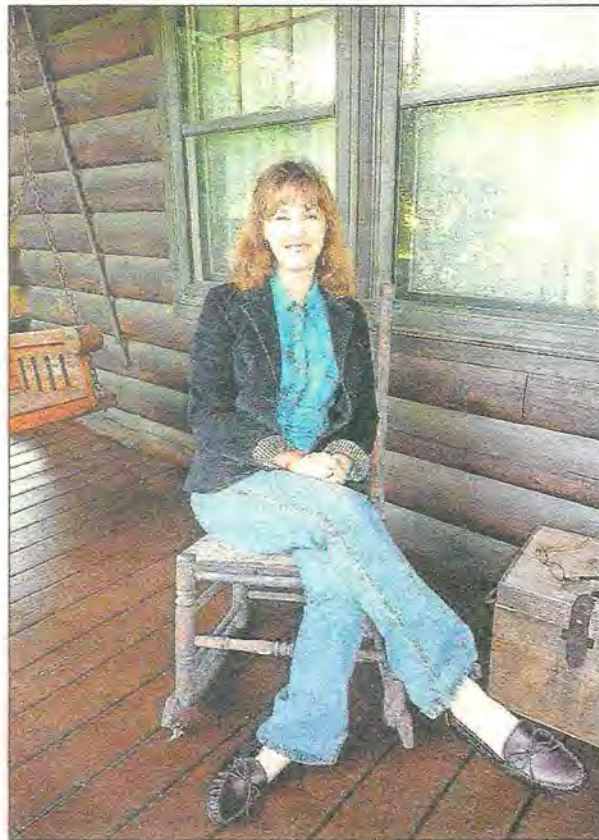
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Before turning her attention to writing mystery novels, Annette Dashofy tried her hand at a variety of professions – she trained horses, taught yoga and was an emergency medical technician, just one step down from being a paramedic, which she did not long after graduating from Burgettstown High School in 1977.

Decades after the fact, Dashofy's work as an EMT provided grist for her creative endeavors. While conceding it was a memorable experience "holding someone's brains in your hands," she hasn't drawn upon specific cases for her books. Instead, "the behind-the-scenes life at the ambulance garage is drawn directly from my experience, as well as the emotions that arise from the work."

And it's not just the adrenaline rush and the wail of sirens that have made their way into the three "Zoe Chambers" mysteries Dashofy has published over the last two years. In her novels "Circle of Influence," "Lost Legacy" and "Bridges Burned," the 30-something Chambers has carried out her duties as a paramedic and deputy coroner in "Vance Township," a rural outpost teeming with secrets and brimming with skull-duggery. Subtract the intrigue, and Vance Township bears a certain resemblance to Smith Township, where the 56-year-old Dashofy has lived her entire life.

"I didn't want to use the 'real' Smith Township be-



BRAD HUNDT/OBSERVER-REPORTER

Annette Dashofy, shown on her front porch in Smith Township, has penned mystery novels and is up for an Agatha Award.

cause I wanted to move places around and have aspects of other municipalities in it," she explained. "So Vance Township is a fictionalized combination of Smith, Hanover and Cross Creek townships."

There's also a small town, Dillard, that figures into Dashofy's tales, and that "is a mashup of Slovan and Atlasburg," she added.

The third in the series, "Bridges Burned," just earned Dashofy an Agatha Award nomination from the group Malice Domestic, which celebrates traditional mystery novels like those penned by Agatha Christie

that sidestep gore, gratuitous violence and explicit sex. It's the second time Dashofy has been nominated for an Agatha award, the first time being in 2014 when her debut, "Circle of Influence," was nominated in the Best First Mystery category.

"I was totally shocked and thrilled when I got the phone call," Dashofy said. "Last year, when I learned I'd been nominated for Best First Mystery, I squealed and danced around the house. This time, I wept happy tears. It's such a huge honor to be nominated alongside four of my absolute favorite authors."

But before she ventures to Washington, D.C., this weekend to see if she wins an Agatha, she'll be preparing for the publication of her fourth Zoe Chambers mystery, "With a Vengeance." It will arrive next week. The fifth, as-yet untitled entry is in the works and is slated for publication in early 2017.

Chambers works alongside a police chief, Pete Adams, with whom she is frequently in conflict. Chambers first appeared in a short story Dashofy wrote in 2006, and "I decided to flesh out Zoe and Pete from that story. I liked Zoe's character because of the paramedic and deputy coroner aspect being something I hadn't really seen in the mystery genre before."

There are still more Zoe Chambers tales to tell, Dashofy said, so she doesn't foresee fashioning new protagonists or dabbling in other genres anytime soon, at least when it comes to book-length works. She does occasionally write short stories, and said that she would create more of them "if I had the time."

And given that many writers consider putting pen to paper – or, more likely, hammering away at the keyboard for hours on end – such a source of torment and frustration, what does Dashofy like about the process?

"I love everything about it. Writing is something I've always done in one form or another. I guess I most enjoy getting inside my characters' heads. It's an escape from the drudgery of reality. And my mind stirs up all these adventures and complications. I need to write the story to find out how it all works out."

**Annette Dashofy-Finding her Form at Last**  
Observer-Reporter-April 26, 2016 Edition

### **Donnie Davidson Was "Honey" For The Honey Bees This Summer, When He Worked For An Entomology Prof.**

Donnie Davidson, 15-year old grandson of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Coulter of Tenan-street has spent an interesting summer working for Dr. Winston Dunham, Professor of Entomology at Ohio State University. Donnie, who now resides at Columbus, O., was a recent visitor with his grandparents and related to Burgettstown buddies what he has learned about "honey-bees".

Dr. Dunham maintains 2000 hives of honey bees and it was Donnie's job along with four other boys to add hives to the colonies already filled and extract honey when it was ready to turn into liquid.

Donnie admitted that working with honey-bees was "fun" some-

times. His first "faux-paus" with the little hymenopterous insects happened the day he wore black pants. Now the honeybee hates black like a bull hates red, so seeing red while looking at Donnie in black, the hive commandos assembled a task force and swarmed the result was a badly stung honey extractor, scarcely recognizable as the Davidson boy. Thereafter Donnie donned the customary white clothes, metal veil, long gloves and leg cuttees before he approached the hive insects.

On September 19, Donnie plans to enter Ohio Military Institute in Cincinnati. He formerly attended University high school at Ohio State.



**MR. AND MRS. DAVIDSON OF HICKORY TO  
CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**



**MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL A. DAVIDSON**

Friends and relatives are invited to call at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Davidson of Hickory from 2 to 6 o'clock on Tuesday, November 17, when they will hold "open house" in observance of the FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY of their marriage.

The Davidsons, enjoying good health and taking a keen interest in Community affairs were the principals in a marriage that was performed by the Rev. John Brownlee at West Middletown on November 17, 1892. The bride was Anna Mary Robertson, daughter of John L. and Anna Eliza Robertson and Mr. Davidson was the son of Samuel A. and Rosanna Lawton Davidson of Buffalo, Pa. They went to housekeeping on the old Russell farm near Westland and from there moved to the McBurney farm, near Hickory and later moved into Hickory, where they have resided for the past 45 years. After leaving farm work, Mr. Davidson followed the carpenter trade.

There were four children born to this union; John A. Davidson, who was killed in an explosion at Oakdale, Pa., in the year of 1918; Dr. Ralph E. Davidson of Burgettstown; Hazel D. Baumann of Rutherford Acres, Pa.; a baby daughter who died in infancy, and one grandchild, Mrs. Mary D. Brennan of Bulger.

The Davidson family are happy to have their parents living with them for so many years and wish them many more years of happy life together.

**Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Davidson Celebrate Golden Anniversary  
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 12, 1942 Edition**

# David Davis

A narration presented at  
Jefferson Township Sesquicentennial held on June 21, 2003. The Bethel Pageant was held at the  
Bethel Church on Bethel Ridge Road about three miles south of the Village of Eldersville.

Scripts were written using factual data taken from local histories, family genealogies, graveyard inscriptions, censuses, obituaries and interviews with the elder of the community who were familiar with families represented. The personalities included in the pageant were chosen very carefully, there being a large number of honest, respected, hard working individuals who were buried here from which to choose. Criteria used in the selection were: a) burial was in the Bethel Graveyard, b) were representative of a family that lived in the area in the early days of settlement, c) in their lifetime were credit to Jefferson Township, d) enough data and human interest stories were available to make this writing possible.

Persons chosen to portray the "Personalities from the Past" were also carefully selected. Where possible, direct descendants of the personality, or some knowledgeable individual with close ties to the family or the homestead of the family were invited to participate.

June Campbell Grossman-Welch  
Pageant Director & Author of Narrations

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



## David Davis

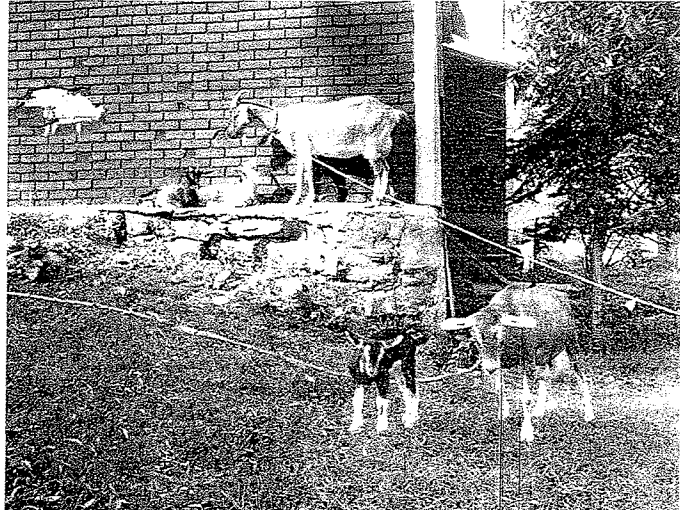
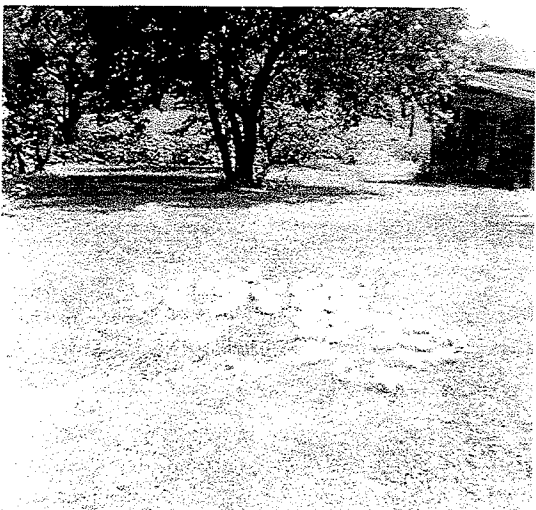
My name was David Davis. I was born in 1772, the son of David Davis, Sr. and was raised in what is today the southwestern corner of Jefferson Township. In 1786, a relative of my father, Cornelius Davis, applied for a patent on 234 acres of wilderness. Even though it was covered with virgin timber, he was wise enough to see that someday it could become a gently rolling tract of arable land, well watered and wooded. He named it "Big Spring" in gratitude for its plentiful reservoirs of clear spring water which never ran dry.

The 1800 United States Census records show that as a young man in my twenties, I lived on that farm with my wife, Elizabeth, and one small son and one small daughter. Twenty years later, our family had grown to 6 sons and 3 daughters. Although we had to work very hard and had no conveniences, life was basically good.

But life can take some unexpected twists. After my fiftieth birthday, not long before Christmas in 1822, I passed from earth to a better world. Elizabeth was left alone with our nine children, several of whom were still quite small. Of course, she had the farm and some of the boys were big enough to make a living from it. But the house was a log dwelling with absolutely nothing to make life easy, and now her helpmate was gone.

My wife and children took my body to the new graveyard at Bethel Church which stood not far from our home. Mine was one of the first burials there.

Somehow, with the help of the children, Elizabeth survived to raise the little ones to adulthood. One of our sons, Elijah, built an addition to the old log house. When he married, he moved his bride to the old farm and continued to live at Big Spring to help ease the burdens on his mother.



The picture on the left shows the area believed to be the side yard of where the first Davis log cabin stood. On the right, are some of the foundation stones of what is believed to be the house that Elijah, David's eldest son, built. After Charles Scott bought the property, he constructed another section adjacent to Elijah's house, and eventually removed the old part which Elijah had built.

**In 1837, Elizabeth felt that the children were sufficiently grown that they could now fend for themselves. Many had married already and the farm work was far too much for Elizabeth. She knew that her neighbor, Charles Scott, was a good man and perhaps would be interested in buying our farm. His father had died and he had left their farm divided between his two sons. When she approached Charles, he was very interested and together his family came up with the money. My family left the area and Charles Scott and his wife, Margaret Cassidy Scott, moved to Big Spring. Here it was that the rest of their children - ten sons and two daughters- were born and raised. It was not long until the farm was known as the old Scott property. And as my old neighbors passed away, the name of David Davis was soon forgotten.**



***Above is a rear view of the house, still standing, but vacant, on the David Davis property. The left part of this house was built by Charles Scott, with the far right addition added by the Baker family who owned it in the early 1900s. It was on the extreme left of this house, but attached to it, that Elijah Davis built when his family was young, before his mother sold the land to the Scotts.***

**One would have thought that with six sons to carry the Davis name, it would still have survived these 225 years since I was born. Yet, even if you are a resident of Jefferson Township, unless you are very familiar with the old patent map, you do not recognize the name at all. But here, on the hilltop near old Bethel Church, stands a mute reminder that I WAS once here. It is simply a faded, scarcely legible gravestone bearing only this curt inscription: " David Davis. Died December 8, 1822, in his fifty-first year."**



## BLIND YOUNG MAN MAKING SUCCESS AT COUNTY SEAT

Young Man, Blind From Birth, Doing  
Excellent Business in Court  
House at Washington

State Council for the Blind officials at Harrisburg are much gratified with the success of the cigar and news stand business recently established by Paul Davis of Hanlin Station in the court house corridor at Washington, and are hoping to be able to place such stands in all the larger county buildings of Pennsylvania. This is the first concession which the council has placed in a county building.

The County Commissioners of Washington county agreed to the installation after receiving hearty co-operation of Washington merchants.

The young man placed in operation of the stand has been totally blind since birth. With the aid of the Washington Lions Club and the State Council he was sent to the guide-dog training school at Morristown, N. J., and was given a dog after the usual period of training.

He has been in charge of the stand since December 10th and has already built up an active business, selling candy, cigars and magazines. With the aid of his dog assistant, he is able to go about the community independently.

The County Commissioners, in writing of their approval of the stand to the State Council, said in part: "We highly recommend a similar installation in any public building, and will be glad to furnish any information that might be desired by those interested."

The policy of the State Council for the Blind in sponsoring installation of these concessions is to make self-supporting as many blind citizens as possible.

**Paul Davis, Blind Young Man Making Success at County Seat  
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 27, 1935 Edition**

## BLIND YOUTH OF HANLIN HAS ENGAGED IN TRADE

Well Known Youth of Hanlin Station  
Aided by Washington Club  
to Earn Living

Space in the lower corridor of the court house at Washington has been granted to Paul Davis, a blind young man of Hanlin Station, to establish a vending stand where he hopes to be able to carry on a light business. The county commissioners made the grant at the request of the Lions Club of Washington. This concession was not for an individual, but in recognition of the work being done throughout the State by the Department of Welfare and Council for the Blind.

For some time past the Lions Club of Washington has been interested in placing this young man in a position where he might become independent of charity. He was sent, first of all, to the "Seeing Eye," Morristown, N. J., where he was trained in the use of one of the German Shepherd dogs. These dogs are trained either as police dogs or as guides to the blind.

Until last week Paul made his home with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Tucker, of near Hanlin Station. Last week he went to Washington, and is now located at the "Y". His dog "Roxie" guides him from the "Y" to his place of business at the court house. Monday, was "opening day". Paul will carry a line of fresh goods such as usually found in stands of this sort—tobaccos (in all forms), candies, chewing gum, ice cream, coco cola, magazines and daily papers. Paul is not asking for charity. He is bidding for a share of business.

For several months past Paul and his remarkable dog, "Roxie," have been familiar figures on the streets of Burgettstown, as the young man learned the various streets and gave his animal guide further education in her work.

**Paul Davis, Blind Youth of Hanlin Station is Engaged in Trade  
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 12, 1934 Edition**



## Lightning Strikes DeCook Barn



A bolt of lightning struck a barn of the former Resnik farm, near Bethel church, Eldersville, Monday evening, and the resulting fire completely destroyed the structure. The farm is owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Frank DeCook and son, Frank, Jr., who moved there from Raccoon last summer.

The fire occurred during an otherwise mild thunderstorm about 6:15. No one was at home at the time. Mr. and Mrs. Emil Shimko, neighbors, were driving past the DeCook farm shortly after the barn was struck. Unable to arouse anyone at the house, they drove to the nearby home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pastor,

and called Avella Volunteer Fire Department, who responded quickly.

By the time Mr. and Mrs. DeCook arrived home, a crowd of neighbors and curious onlookers had arrived, and the fire had completely razed the building. Two Beagle dogs tied under the barn were killed, as the neighbors were unaware of their plight until it was too late. Ladders, tools and other equipment were destroyed. Mr. DeCook was in the process of laying a new floor in the building, and of replacing the roof, the tar paper for the latter being stored in the building, feeding the flames.

Firemen estimated the damage at \$1,000.



## Lightning Strikes DeCook Barn

Burgettstown Enterprise-June 26, 1968 Edition

### **High school softball**

When Mark Deer became the head softball coach at Burgettstown High School in 1996, he didn't expect to be in the coaching ranks very long.

But 20 years and 300 wins later, Deer and Burgettstown are still together and winning big. In a non-league game Saturday against Roane County (W.Va.), Deer and Blue Devils had a perfect and memorable day.

Senior Kate Tarr pitched a five-inning perfect game and Burgettstown rolled to a 13-0 win, the 300th in Deer's coaching career.

Tarr struck out 11 and the Blue Devils' fielders took care of the four pitches Roane County put in play.

The Blue Devils had 11 hits, all singles. Hannah Abbott led the way by going 3-for-4 with five RBI. Paige Sherman was 1-for-1 but drove in two runs and Tarr helped her own cause by going 2-for-2 with two RBI to help Deer register the milestone victory.

"When I took this job, I thought I'd have it four or five years," Deer said. "I did it as a favor to some friends who had daughters playing. I guess this is a job that grows on you."

Burgettstown (10-5 overall) is tied for the Section 1-AA lead with Avonworth.



## Anniversary For Emil Degenkolb's

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Degenkolb, of Eldersville, celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary on Sunday, August 14, with a dinner for family and friends. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Degenkolb and children, Debbie, Dale and Denise, of Baltimore, Maryland; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Degenkolb and children, Karen and Diane, of Homestead; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clemens and children, Linda and Russell, of Cherry Valley; Mr. and Mrs. Harry (Butch) Degenkolb and children, Harry Jr. and Darryl, of Eldersville; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Neil and children, Eugene and Lester, of Eldersville; Mrs. Mary Noll and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Noll, of West Mifflin.

Mrs. Mary Noll and Harry Noll are Mrs. Degenkolb's mother and brother, respectively.



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**ENJOYS SPORT** – Tom Evantz, left, and Don “Mouse” Bywaters talk to Bruce Dal Canton before a Myrtle Beach Pelicans game.

## Area man enjoys baseball career

### From staff reports

This past August, an entourage of eight families from the Burgettstown Area drove to Myrtle Beach for week of vacation. During their stay, some went to a Myrtle Beach Pelicans baseball game. There, they were reunited with former Burgettstown High School teacher and coach, Bruce Dal Canton.

Those who attended the game were Don “Mouse” Bywaters, Tom Evantz, Laura Evantz, Jim Roner, AJ

Roner, Tom Restanio, Lisa Restanio, Anthony Restanio, Josh Louder, Dave Dugas, Stacey Dugas, and John Dugas.

Dal Canton remembered all of his former students and was happy to see them again. He even addressed Bywaters with the nickname that he called him during high school science class, “B.Y. H2O.”

Dal Canton has enjoyed a distinguished major league career as a player and a coach. Over an 11-year major league career beginning in 1967, he compiled a 51-49 log as a spot starter with the Pirates, Royals, Braves and White Sox. He was primarily a reliever with Pittsburgh, and went 20-8 for the Pirates between 1967 and 1970. He pitched over a year without a

loss, recording a 7-0 mark from June 29, 1969, to July 20, 1970. With Kansas City, he set a Royals’ club record — later broken by Steve Busby in 1974 — when he retired 23 consecutive batters against the Yankees on Aug. 14, 1972. Signed by the Braves after his release by Kansas City in 1975, Dal Canton pitched in Atlanta through 1976. The White Sox signed him as a free agent in April of 1977.

After his release in June of 1978, he served as the White Sox’s pitching coach for the remainder of the season. For the past five years, he has been a pitching coach for the Atlanta Braves’ Class A team, the Myrtle Beach Pelicans.

Dal Canton and his wife, Helene, live in Carnegie, Pa.

**Bruce Dal Canton Enjoys Baseball Career  
PA Focus-February 7, 2004 Edition**



## Betty Delfrate Becomes Bride Of Michael Hartman At Lourdes Church Ceremony



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An altar adorned with bouquets of white, yellow and bronze pompons and mums formed the background for the wedding of Miss Betty Jean Delfrate, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Delfrate of Slovan, and Michael Paul Hartman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hartman of Conway.

The double ring ceremony was performed in Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic church Saturday, Oct. 11, at 9 a.m., by the pastor, Rev. W. J. McCashin. Organ music was played by Miss Louise Skof.

A cotillion silhouette gown of white was worn by the bride, fashioned with a fitted bodice of imported Chantilly lace and long flared sleeves, off-shoulder neckline with a standing fold collar, button-trim front, a full taffeta skirt with side tiers of lace extending into a chapel sweep. A matching Juliet cap trimmed with orange blossoms held her fingertip veil of silk illusion. The bride carried a cascade bouquet of white orchids surrounded by lily of the valley and ivy and caught by white ribbon streamers. She carried a white prayer book. Her only jewelry was a single strand of pearls, the gift of the groom. Wedding traditions were carried out in the bride's attire.

Serving as maid of honor was Anna Mae Kuritz of Paris who wore a rust gown of taffeta styled with strapless torso bodice and full gathered skirt. A short jacket covered the shoulders. A matching picture hat of taffeta and net completed the ensemble and she carried a nosegay of yellow pompons and baby breath with yellow streamers.

Junior bridesmaid for her sister was Miss Marlene Delfrate and bridesmaids were: Miss Celeste

Sciamanna, Miss Enice Raggi, cousin of the bride, Miss Shirley Ann Delfrate, sister of the bride, all of Slovan and Mrs. Irvine Garcia, cousin of the bride, of Langeloth. Each attendant was attired in a gold colored gown fashioned similar to the maid of honor's costume and carried nosegays of bronze pompons and baby breath caught by bronze streamers.

The mother of the bride, Mrs. John Delfrate chose a black and white velvet suit with matching accessories and the bridegroom's mother Mrs. Michael Hartman wore a rose knit suit with brown accessories. Each wore an orchid corsage.

Vincent Yankovic of Conway served as best man and the ushers were: Ernest Arbes of Conway, Mark Beggs of Aliquippa, cousin of the groom, Albert Young, Conway, cousin of the groom, and Manuel Garcia of Langeloth, cousin of the bride.

Supplementing the ceremony, a dinner was served at 2:30 o'clock in the Pike hotel. Covers were laid for 225 guests. A reception was held at 7:30 in the evening at the hotel. The bridal table was appointed in white and gold, centered with a five tier wedding cake which was decorated with a bridal party and topped with a miniature bride and groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartman have returned from a two week's wedding trip through Southern states to Daytona Beach, Florida. For going away, Mrs. Hartman chose a brown wool suit with green and brown accessories and a white orchid corsage. They are making their home in a newly furnished apartment at 50 Main st., Slovan.

The bride is a graduate of Union high school, class of 1951, and is

employed as a bookkeeper with the Delfrate Packing Company. Mr. Hartman graduated from Rochester high school with the class of 1944 and entered the Marine Corps in 1945 where he served for two years. He is employed as a shipper with the Delfrate Packing Company.

Out of town guests attended the wedding from: Cleveland, Canton, Steubenville, Geneva and Marietta, O.; Pittsburgh, Waynesburg, Washington, Conway, Beaver, Aliquippa, Baden, South Heights, Muse, Morgan, Cuddy, Canonsburg; and Detroit, Mich.



## Will Be Married Saturday



PEARL DELLAIRE AND ROSS ANZALONE

Pre-nuptial parties, honoring Miss Pearl Dellaire, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Dellaire of Raccoon will terminate Saturday morning, October 5 with her marriage to Ross Anzalone, in the St. Francis Catholic church at Rochester, N. Y. The Dellaire family will leave Thursday morning for Rochester to be present for the marriage ceremony and reception. The bride-elect is well known here and attended Union high school. Her fiancee, Mr. Anzalone is engaged in the trucking business in Rochester, where they expect to reside.

Miss Dellaire was feted by Rochester friends at a shower last Saturday, held in Rochester. On Saturday, September 21, Mr. and Mrs. Dellaire gave a party for their daughter in their home. Pearl received many beautiful gifts for her new home, among which was the gift of her mother, a hope chest filled with beautiful linens, and the traveling dress her mother wore on her journey to the United States, 31 years ago. An entertaining feature of the party was the display of the bridal costume of Mrs. Dellaire and her hope chest of 31 years ago.

The evening was pleasantly spent in a social good time. The honorees received the congratulations and good wishes of their many friends.

***Wedding announcement of***  
**Pearl Dellaire and Ross Anzalone**  
**October 5, 1940**



# Fritz, multitalent, leads group into HOF

Lee Fritz was a special athlete at Waynesburg High School.

This multisport athlete became the first football player in WPIAL history to rush and pass for 1,000 yards in a season. He was an outstanding baseball player and twice was named to the all-state team in football.

Now, he is going to be a hall of famer.

Fritz will be honored with 10 others at the induction ceremonies for the Washington-Greene Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame. The ceremony will be held June 8 at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Meadow Lands.

Tickets can be purchased through PayPal at [wash-greensportshall.org](http://wash-greensportshall.org)

Fritz joins Ron Dellapina (wrestling), Craig Dellorso (wrestling), Bob Grove (sports journalism) George Linck (athletic director), Nancy Merkle (volleyball), Morgan "Mike" Mossler (track and field), Kurt Schottenheimer (football) and Rodney Wilson in this year's group. Coleman Scott of Waynesburg was originally elected in 2017 but because of a schedule conflict couldn't attend and will be inducted this year. The 1971 Chartiers-Houston WPIAL championship football team

will be inducted as the Team of Yesteryear.

The Chapter will also recognize former major league baseball players, Eddie Kazak of Cecil, and Andy Seminick of Muse, and the 1939 Waynesburg College football team – first team to play in a televised game – as Special Honorees.

The following are bios from a portion of the inductees. The remaining bios will be published at a later date.

## Lee Fritz

**Waynesburg High School, West Virginia University:** A three-year starter with 24 interceptions, Fritz was a three-time All-Conference selection in football. He rushed for 1,191 yards as a quarterback and threw for 2,400 yards and had 61 total TDs. He led the Raiders to the 1999 WPIAL Class AA championship and a runner-up finish in 2000.

In baseball, Fritz went 16-3 as a pitcher and had a .475 career batting average. He pitched a perfect game in 2000 and was a two-time All-PIAA selection, leading Waynesburg to the 1999 WPIAL championship and PIAA runner-up finish.

At West Virginia, Fritz hit .385 with 229 hits, had a .428 on-base percentage, 119 runs and 96 RBI. He was two-time All-Big East

(2004, '05) and second team Big East in 2003. Fritz was Big East batting champion in 2003.

## Ron Dellapina

**Union High School, Findlay College:** As a wrestler, Dellapina had a career record of 47-6 at Burgettstown. He was section champ and WPIAL runner-up as a senior and section runner-up as a freshman and junior.

At Findlay College, Dellapina was a two-time champion at the Wheaton Invitational, and was named Outstanding Wrestler once. He also won a title at the Case Tech 4-I tournament and was runner-up at the Wilkes College Open, which was known as the Rose Bowl of Wrestling.

Dellapina was a Pennsylvania State College Conference runner-up, and placed fourth at the NAIA National Championships. He won team awards for most take downs, and most pins and named the team's Most Valuable Wrestler. He was elected to the Findlay College Hall of Fame.

In 18 years as head coach and three years as junior high coach at Fort Cherry, he compiled 159 victories, winning two section championships, a conference championship and WPIAL

team of the year award.

Dellapina coached 25 individual section champions, five WPIAL champions, six WPIAL runners-up, two PIAA runners-up, a PIAA third place winner and two PIAA fourth-place finishers. He was named WPIAL Coach of the Year in 1976.

## Craig Dellorso

**Canon-McMillan High School, U.S. Naval Academy:** Dellorso became the first Big Mac to capture 100 career victories, going 127-21, and won PIAA and WPIAL championships at 132 pounds in 1983.

Dellorso won section titles in 1980 and 1983. He was selected to represent the Pennsylvania Team at 132 pounds in the Pittsburgh Wrestling Classic in 1983 and named Outstanding Wrestler. He was named a Cliff Keen High School All-American in 1983.

At the Naval Academy, Dellorso recorded a 96-27-1 record, which still ranks 15th on the Midshipmen's list of total victories.

Dellorso was a three-time NCAA qualifier and an EIWA champion at 134 pounds in 1984. He was named team captain in 1987. He also placed 3rd in the EIWA in 1986 and 1987 and was a two-time Navy Classic champion at 142 points in 1984 and 1985.

## Bob Grove

**Freeport High School, Penn State University:** Grove covered the Penguins for 17 years for the *Observer-Reporter* (1981-1998) and also handled general reporting, including California University football, The Meadows Race Track, and Wash High basketball in 1984-86.

Grove is the author of "Pittsburgh Penguins: The Officials History of the First 30 years," and is chairman of the Pittsburgh Chapter, Professional Hockey Writers Association and a member of the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum Championships Committee.

Grove covered the Penguins for 14 years for the Pittsburgh Sports Report (1998-2012).

A *Washington County resident since 1981*, Grove was part-time co-host for the Penguins Hockey Network for six years and full-time pre and post-game host for PHN from 2005-2015.

He is a contributor to Pittsburgh Hockey Now (Columnist), contributor Total Hockey, the official Encyclopedia of the NHL & The Game I'll Never Forget, 100 Hockey Stars Stories, Hockey Digest, Goal Magazine and Ice Time Magazine.

**Ron Dellapina and Group into Hall of Fame  
Observer-Reporter-May 13, 2018 Edition**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

## Lester Lee, Umberto DeLuca Retire



LESTER LEE

An error in the story concerning retirements at the Climax Molybdenum Company, published last week in the Enterprise, has been noted.

Mr. Lester Lee and Mr. Umberta DeLuca were pic-



UMBERTO DE LUCA

tured with incorrect identifications.

Lester, who has been at Langeloth since October 14, 1950, now finds time to enjoy his hobby of steam engines and his many other activities.

DeLuca, the most recently retired employee of the plant, started to work at Langeloth on June 7, 1940. He has no definite plans for the future.

**Lester Lee and Umberto DeLuca Retire from Climax  
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 3, 1965 Edition**



## FIRST SOLOIST

Betty Dennis, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. George P. Dennis of Highland avenue, is again winner of both state and national music competitions for soprano solo. She first entered the competition held at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, April 25, where she won a Number 1 or superior rating for singing the required number, "Gavotte" by David Popper. This qualified her to compete at the National contest for Region 3, including



BETTY DENNIS

the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan, held at Flint, Mich., May 14-17. Here, she again won first place, with the Italian aria, "Una Voce Poco Fa" from the "Barber of Seville."

Miss Dennis was winner of the State and National competition in 1939, held at Oberlin College, Oberlin, O., and Anderson, Ind. Betty was also fortunate enough to be chosen by the adjudicators as the outstanding soloist to appear at the final concert held at the I.M.A. auditorium last Saturday evening, climaxing the events of the festival.

Betty is seventeen and a member of the graduating class of Central high school, Flint, Michigan.

**Betty Dennis, First Soloist**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-June 5, 1941**

**Mr. and Mrs. Dennis  
Celebrate Golden Wedding**

Mr. and Mrs. George P. Dennis, well respected residents of this Community celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary quietly in their home on Highland avenue, Tuesday, March 23. At six oclock' their granddaughter, Mrs. David O'Connell and their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Harry Dennis entertained the immediate familv at dinner in their honor.

Both bride and groom of fifty years ago who were married on March 23, 1893 by the Rev. Alexander, pastor of the Florence Presbyterian church were born within two miles of each other in the Florence district. Mrs. Dennis is the former Rebekah Cleland. They are the parents of four sons, Charles of Detroit, Mich., Lester of Inglewood, Cal., Dr. Robert of Freeport, Pa. and Harry of Burgettstown; eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

They have lived all their lives in this Community and have been residents of Burgettstown for the past 25 years. The day was quietly spent because of the ailments which the advancing years have burdened them with. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis desire to thank all the kind friends who remembered the day with gifts and cards, also the Ladies' Bible class of the Presbyterian church.



## JOFFRE COUPLE SUES FOR HEAVY DAMAGES

Suit for \$20,000 Filed in County  
Court as Result of Auto  
Accident Year Ago

A claim for \$20,000 damages for personal injuries sustained in a collision resulting when one defendant's automobile attempted to pass that of the other from the rear, is made in a suit filed by C. DeNoble and Rosie Sella DeNoble, his wife, of Joffre, Smith township, against J. L. McHaffie, of McDonald, and Louis E. Gray, of Oakmont.

The accident occurred October 9, 1932, on the highway between Midway and Bulger. The DeNoble car, driven by C. DeNoble, with his wife and Mrs. Rosie Sella, a widow at the time, as passengers, was proceeding west. According to the statement of claim Louis E. Gray was following J. L. McHaffie, both of whom were going the opposite direction. It is stated that Gray attempted to pass McHaffie from the rear, between the Zip Station and the Bulger school, and collided with the DeNoble car. Gray is charged with passing the other car near the top of a hill and with passing on a curve.

The McHaffie car was about 75 or 80 feet behind the Gray machine when the accident occurred, it is alleged, but he failed to stop his car and is alleged to have crashed into the DeNoble machine.

Mrs. Rosie Sella suffered a splintering fracture of the left clavicle and suffered from two fractured ribs, besides receiving numerous bruises. She was compelled to lie in bed in a plaster cast for three months.

The woman who was Mrs. DeNoble at the time of the accident and was in the car, has died since then, and DeNoble has since married Mrs. Rosie Sella, the other woman in his car who is also one of the plaintiffs in this suit. DeNoble asks for \$253.78 for the damage of his car.

## **Mr. and Mrs. James DeSantis**

James and Mary DeSantis of Aurora, Colo., who originally lived in Cherry Valley, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Saturday, Aug. 7.

A party to honor them and their daughter, Karen, who graduated from high school this year, was held at the home of Bill and Cindy Nicola of Cherry Valley at 3 p.m. About 30 relatives and friends were present.

Silver and white streamers were used in decoration, and a buffet dinner was served outdoors.

Among those present were the parents of the couple, James and Sue DeSantis of Washington, Pa., and Betty Gobleck of Cherry Valley; also James DeSantis, the DeSantis couple's son, who is a in college in Colorado.

A cake for the occasion was baked by Polly Skarupa.

The couple received many gifts.



# Fort Cherry senior rocks out in 'American Idiot'

By DENISE BACHMAN  
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Isabel Descutner had such stage fright as a youngster that she wouldn't even sing in front of her parents.

"I always sang, but not in front of people. I was terrified," she said.

That all changed, however, when Isabel decided to compete in a fifth-grade talent show and had to perform in front of an audience.

"It started building from there," she said.

Now, Isabel makes YouTube videos, with her latest medley of songs getting 800,000 views, and on Thursday, the Fort Cherry High School senior will be live on the biggest stage so far of her young career when she plays the lead, Whatsername, in Pittsburgh Musical Theater's "American Idiot."

The high-energy production, an electric-rock musical that focuses on three friends trying to find more in life, is based on Green Day's Grammy Award-winning multiplatinum album of the same name. The show includes every song from the band's album, as well as several songs from its follow-up release, "21st Century Breakdown."

"American Idiot," presented by PMT's Richard E. Rauh Conservatory Teen Students, begins at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday at the Gargaro Theatre in Pittsburgh's West End.

"I was shocked that I got the part," Isabel said. "It's so my type of role, but I don't think that way during auditions. I've just gotten roles here and there at PMT."

For "American Idiot," Isabel has been reunited with Jeremy Czarniak, who directed Isabel when she performed in the children's version of "Legally



Isabel Descutner, a senior at Fort Cherry High School, stars as Whatsername in Pittsburgh Musical Theater's production of "American Idiot," a high-octane rock musical based on Green Day's album of the same name. Isabel is shown rehearsing a scene with Ryan Bentley of Upper St. Clair, who plays Johnny.

Blonde" several years ago at Dance Etc. in Peters Township.

Isabel, daughter of David and Judy Descutner of Hickory, has been performing with PMT for three years, ever since enrolling in its summer program in 2012. In addition to her vocal training, she has taken jazz and ballet, and "a little bit" of tap.

This year, she is attending a half day at Fort Cherry, then spending as many as eight hours on weekdays at PMT. The schedule leading up to a production is especially grueling, considering every show consists of just 14 rehearsals.

But Isabel is enjoying every minute of it. "It's totally so fun. It's really fun on rehearsal days," she said.

On Sunday, the cast performed for the first time with the band.

"We'd only been doing it with a piano," Isabel said. "It's hard to do a rock show with a

**"I WAS SHOCKED  
THAT I GOT THE PART."  
ISABEL DESCUTNER**

piano."

In addition, Isabel has participated in master classes at PMT, which involves a variety of behind-the-scenes work, such as pulling props for professional shows and designing sets.

"It's so cool. It's hard, and pretty rough, but I'm so glad I did it," she said.

And her hard work is paying off. She learned on Friday that she has been accepted into New York University's theater program. It was her college of

choice to continue pursuing her acting/singing career. She also has been accepted at the University of Central Florida and Pace University in New York City, although Pace is strictly an academic offer.

"My big this is, do I want to go to a school where it's warm, or go to a school (NYU) where it costs more for one year than four years in Florida?" Isabel said.

Despite the hefty price tag, she is leaning toward NYU, thanks, in part, to the support of her parents.

"My parents said, 'We wouldn't let you look at it if we didn't think it was possible,'" she said. "So many people in theater don't have supportive parents. They thought NYU

was the best fit for me."

Isabel is no slouch in the classroom, either. She has a weighted grade-point average of 4.5, and at the end of this nine-week semester, she will learn whether she will be salutatorian or valedictorian of the Class of 2015.

Until then, however, she will relish her final major performance with PMT.

"Hopefully, I'll go out on a high note," said Isabel, who will help promote PMT's 2015-16 shows this summer with fellow performers at various venues throughout the area, including Kennywood and local libraries.

"There's always something to do with PMT," she said.

Isabel Descutner

Observer-Reporter-April 1, 2015 Edition



**Jesse Descutner** was named to the dean's list for the sixth consecutive semester at the University of Pittsburgh, where he is majoring in urban planning, with minors in historic preservation and economics. He is a member of the University of Pittsburgh TV station, UPTV. Last fall, Descutner completed an internship with the Northside Leadership Conference in the real estate department and was employed as a property assessment team member during the summer at Steel Valley Councils of Government in Pittsburgh. In the fall, he will be a design review intern with the Pittsburgh Department of City Planning and a project and development liaison with Lawrenceville United. Descutner also has been selected by the Arts and Architecture Department at Pitt as a teaching assistant for Approaches to the Built Environment course. He is a 2012 graduate of Avella Junior/Senior High School, and his parents are Harry and Debora Descutner of Avella.

**Jesse Descutner**  
**Observer-Reporter-September 20, 2015 Edition**



## Celebrate Silver Anniversary



Mr and Mrs. C. P. De Valkeneer will celebrate their silver wedding anniversary in their home in Raccoon on Jan. 1, 1945. The DeValkeneers were married on Jan. 2, 1920 at Wellsburg, W. Va., by the Rev. James Robertson. Mr. De Valkeneer has lived in Raccoon since 1912, coming from Nobles-

town, Pa., and Mrs. De Valkeneer has lived in Raccoon since 1914, coming from Bulger, Pa. She attended school at Pulker, Raccoon and one year of U. H. S. They have two children, Mrs. Rena Hannequant of Carnegie and Pvt. Alfred P. of Camp Butler, N. C.; also one child died in infancy, and 2 grandchildren, Aldon Lee and Carole Jeanne Hannequant.

Mrs. DeValkeneer is employed by the Pa. Liquor Control Board in the Washington store and Mr. De Valkeneer by the American Zinc and Chemical Co. at Langeloth. He is a World War I veteran having served 3 months in United States and 10 months in France with the 56th Medical Unit.

Mr. De Valkeneer is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Cyril De Valkeneer of Raccoon and has five brothers and 3 sisters. Mrs. DeValkeneer is the daughter of Jules Watlet and the late Mrs. Watlet of Raccoon, and has 2 brothers. They will have open house for

their friends on New Year's Day. Friends are cordially invited to help celebrate.

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**Mr. and Mrs. C. P. De Valkeneer Celebrate Silver Anniversary  
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 28, 1944 Edition**

## Devenney - Pauchnik

Michael and Cheryl Pauchnik of Atlasburg announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Jo, to Melvin L. Devenney Jr., son of the late Melvin and Anna Mae Devenney.

Michelle's grandparents are Betty Pauchnik of Atlasburg, the late Thomas Pauchnik, the late Josephine Pauchnik and the late Verne and Martha Morris.

The bride-to-be is a 2002 graduate of Burgettstown Junior/Senior High School and a 2006 graduate of Robert Morris University.

The future groom is a 1989



graduate of Trinity High School.

The couple plan a May 2015 wedding.

**Melvin L. Devenney-Michelle Pauchnik  
Observer-Reporter-August 31, 2014 Edition**



**Triplets at Colliers.**

Triplets, two girls and a boy, each weighing five pounds, were born last week in the neighboring village of Colliers, W. Va., to Mr. and Mrs. Dingler. Mrs. Dingler, who is 38 years of age, is the mother of six other children. The father worked as a miner until he was crippled in an automobile accident eight years ago.

**ORIGINAL**  
 (To be retained  
 by Clerk of Court)

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**  
**PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION**  
 (Under General Provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act)

No. 171569

U. S. District Court, Los Angeles, Calif.

To the Honorable the DINOBILE Court of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

This petition for naturalization, hereby made and filed, respectfully shows:

(1) My full, true, and correct name is ROSA ~~DINOBILE~~ (nee: Cornolo) (aka- Sella)  
 (2) My present place of residence is 4566 Catalpa St., Los Angeles, Cal. (3) My occupation is housewife  
 (4) I am 66 years old. (5) I was born on Aug 2, 1898 in Arsiero Vicenza Italy  
 (6) My personal description is as follows: Sex F, complexion dark, color of eyes gray, color of hair gray  
 height 5 feet 4 inches, weight 125 pounds, visible distinctive marks none, country of which I am a citizen  
 subject, or national Italy (7) I am divorced; the name of my wife or husband was: Giovanni Dinobile  
 we were married on 1932 at W. Virginia Italy  
 he or she was born at Italy OR \_\_\_\_\_  
 and entered the United States at unknown on \_\_\_\_\_ for permanent residence in the United States  
 and now resides at Pennsylvania and was naturalized on \_\_\_\_\_  
 at \_\_\_\_\_ certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_; or became a citizen by \_\_\_\_\_  
 (8) I have 6 children; and the name, sex, date and place of birth, and present place of residence of each of said children who is living, are as follows:  
Vittorio; M; brn 9/10 in Laghi, ITALY RES IN Jessup, Pa  
Della; F; brn 9/12 in " " res in South Gate, Cal  
Albert Sella; brn 10/17 in Primrose, Pa- res in Burgstown, Pa.  
Ernest; M; brn 10/15 in Primrose, Pa- res in San Gabriel, Calif  
 (9) My lawful admission for permanent residence in the United States was at New York, N.Y under the name of  
Rosa Sella on May 8, 1913  
 on the S. S. Chicago

(10) Since my lawful admission for permanent residence I have not been absent from the United States, for a period or periods of 6 months or longer, except as follows:

| DEPARTED FROM THE UNITED STATES |                                   |                                     | RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES |                         |                                     |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Port                            | DATE (Month, day, year)           | VESSEL OR OTHER MEANS OF CONVEYANCE | Port                          | DATE (Month, day, year) | VESSEL OR OTHER MEANS OF CONVEYANCE |
| <u>Jennie; F; brn 1</u>         | <u>19 in Primrose, Pa- res in</u> | <u>Denver, Colorado</u>             |                               |                         |                                     |
| <u>Americo; M; brn 9/24/21</u>  | <u>in Midway, Pa- res in</u>      | <u>Joffry, Pa</u>                   |                               |                         |                                     |
|                                 |                                   |                                     |                               |                         |                                     |

(11) It is my intention in good faith to become a citizen of the United States and to renounce absolutely and entirely all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty of whom or which at this time I am a subject or citizen. (12) It is my intention to reside permanently in the United States. (13) I am not and have not been for a period of at least 10 years immediately preceding the date of this petition a member of or affiliated with any organization proscribed by the Immigration and Nationality Act or any section, subsidiary, branch affiliate or subdivision thereof nor have I during such period engaged in or performed any of the acts or activities prohibited by that Act. (14) I am able to read, write and speak the English language (unless exempted therefrom). (15) I am, and have been during all the periods required by law, a person of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the United States. I am willing, if required by law, to bear arms on behalf of the United States, or to perform noncombatant service in the Armed Forces of the United States, or to perform work of national importance under civilian direction (unless exempted therefrom). (16) I have resided continuously in the United States of America for the term of 5 years at least immediately preceding the date of this petition, to wit, since May 8, 1913 and continuously in the State in which this petition is made for the term of 6 months at least immediately preceding the date of this petition, to wit, since Oct 1951; and during the past 5 years I have been physically present in the United States for at least one-half of that period. (17) I have heretofore made petition for naturalization: No. unknown on 1926 at Pittsburgh, Penn in the \_\_\_\_\_ Court, and such petition was denied by that Court for the following reasons and causes, to wit: failure to prosecute

(18) Attached hereto and made a part of this, my petition for naturalization, are the affidavits of at least two verifying witnesses required by law.

(19) Wherefore I, your petitioner for naturalization, pray that I may be admitted a citizen of the United States of America, and that my name be changed to ROSA SELLA. I, aforesaid petitioner, do swear (affirm) that I know the contents of this petition for naturalization subscribed by me, and that the same are true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that this petition is signed by me with my full, true name: SO HELP ME GOD.

ALIEN REGISTRATION NO. 3-310-435  
 16-41072-6 ec

Rosa Dinobile  
 (Full, true, and correct signature of petitioner, without abbreviation)

**Rosa Cornolo Sella Dinoblia**  
**Petition for Naturalization**





**CLEARVIEW ACRES IS** located along Cedar Grove Road, just outside Eldersville. The home of William and Juanita Doak and family, Clearview witnesses the birth of nearly 100 Black Angus calves each spring.

**By Kathryn Campbell Slasor**  
For The Enterprise

The William Doak family does not need to ask the recently popular question, "Where's the Beef?" In the form of 200 head of registered Black Angus cattle, beef roams the pasture fields along Cedar Grove field in Jefferson Township, where the Doak family has lived for nearly 40 years. Pasture, including that on their own farm, and that rented from neighbors, totals about 400 acres.

Clearview Acres is a family business, from 93-year-old Grandpap Dale Doak to grandsons Michael and Nathan, age 18 and 16. The entire family is grieving over the loss of Grandma Elizabeth Doak, who passed away in February at

nearly 91 years of age. Bill and Juanita arrived in Eldersville on July 4, 1955. Bill's parents followed them about 15 years later, placing a mobile home on the farm that Bill and Juanita had formed from some frontage acres of the Mary Ihnat farm. The elder Doaks' influence and interest in the farming operations have been vital to the family business. Grandpap still drives the tractor to cut hay, and he helps in countless chores around the farm.

As the years passed, more acres were added, buildings and barns came into being, and another farm, that of the late Cree and Mary Stroud, was purchased, this time by the younger members of the family, Rose Ann and Duane, in 1977. They thus became partners with their father in raising Black Angus

cattle.

Another son, Larry, spent two years in the service, six months of this time in Germany. He has been under VA care since 1970. One of his chief chores is to keep the grass cut on their spacious lawn. He is also his mother's main source of help with the household tasks and cooking. Duane's wife, Joyce, mother of Michael and Nathan, cares for her home, assists with the calves when she is needed and keeps the family in touch of the outside world by her work with the Band Parents' Association. She is the current president.

The Black Angus cattle business begins on May 28 of each year, when the four bulls are placed in four pasture fields with four herds of cows. By the first of March the

**Doak's Clearview Acres (pg. 1)**  
**Beef Patties-from Pasture to Concession Stand**  
**The Enterprise-July 5, 1995 Edition**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



**YOUNG CALVES RELAX** with their mothers in the open field.

following spring, calves begin to arrive, numbering usually around 95 to 100. An occasional set of twins is born, which totally confuses the mother. The task ahead for Bill, Rose Ann and Duane is to teach the cow to count to two, so that she will feed both babies! This is one reason that someone must be with the mothers most of the time during calving season. If the cow does not understand that she has two babies instead of one, she will not own the second one. Either it must be bottle-fed, or it will die. The calving season runs 24 hours per day. Bill, Rose Ann and Duane keep watch on a rotation basis, spotting any trouble before it starts. Many of the cows need human assistance in giving birth. Young heifers especially must be watched closely.

Corn silage is fed automatically

in the fields, as is the hay. All of the feed is raised by the Doaks. A number of silos are filled each fall to provide feed over the winter months. Sometimes the cows are given an extra treat — ground oats on their silage!

The Doaks began in the cattle business in 1973, with 16 heifers bought in Kansas. Juanita nearly gave up the business the first day — the cattle truck arrived when she was home alone. The driver held little pity for a lone woman and opened the endgate. Sixteen heifers exited the truck as Juanita held her breath. As if by pre-arranged signal, the entire herd walked in orderly fashion in the field. She closed the gate, and the Doaks were in business!

Twenty two-year-old heifers with calf at side are sold from the

farm each year. Yearlings sold for butchering number also about 20. The animals are taken to Lansing Valley Packing, in Ohio, for butchering. The meat is then hauled to Cook's Meats, in Jewett, where it is custom wrapped and frozen. Juanita does the delivering herself, nearly every day. She has steady customers who have bought Doak beef for many years. At least 2,000 pounds of ground beef, as well as halves, quarters and whole, must reach the customers in good order.

This year Juanita picked up another order — a concession stand in Altoona. The Horseshoe Bend Festival plans to sell hamburgers to the tune of 600 pounds of Doak ground beef from the B & C Boxcar! And Juanita will deliver it!

**Doak's-Clearview Acres (pg. 2)**  
**Beef Patties-from Pasture to Concession Stand**  
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*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



## The Doddridge Home, Fort, and Graveyard

Among the earliest settlers in western Hopewell (now Independence) Township was John Doddridge and wife and family came here about the year 1773. He was the brother-in-law of Captain Samuel Teter, the latter having married Mary Doddridge. Mr. Doddridge's wife was Mary Wells, neice of Alexander Wells, who settled on Cross Creek in the vicinity of the present town of Avella. These three families: Doddridge, Teter, and Wells came into this region virtually together, or at, or very near, the same time.

On the track Extravagance, of 437 acres on which John Doddridge made his settlement, he built a log house and a stockade fort, which was used as a place of refuge from Indian attacks until the danger of them has passed. This was also the home of John Doddridge's son, the Reverend Joseph Doddridge, prominent Episcopal minister of the frontier, and still well known as the author of Doddridge's Notes on the Settlement and Indian Wars of Western Virginia and Pennsylvania.

One-half mile south of the Doddridge home was the site of Doddridge Methodist Chapel, built by John Doddridge and used for many years by various religious groups, the last of which appears to have been the African Methodist Episcopal congregation which now meets in its own house of worship in West Middletown. At this site, too, is an old burial ground, now in poor condition, but containing the graves of a number of members of the McKeever family and some others.

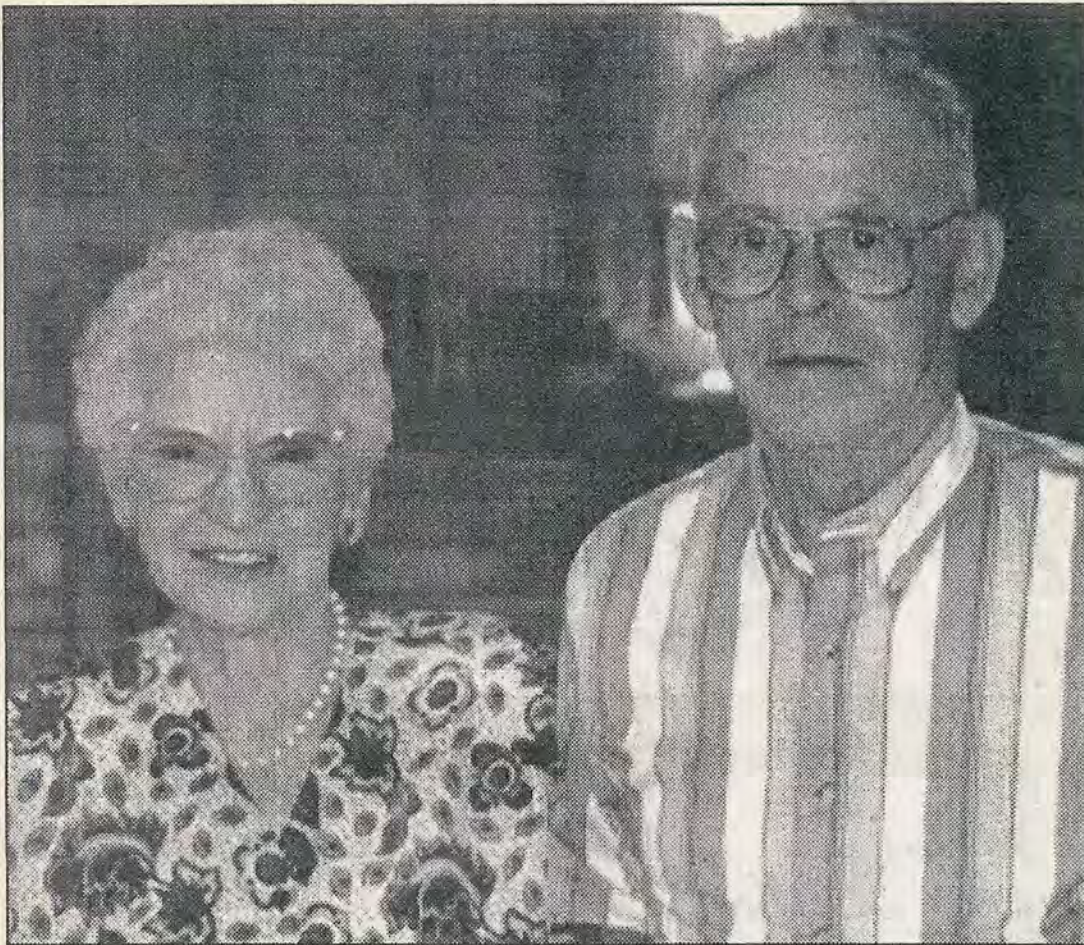
The former Doddridge farm is now owned by the Carl family.

Historical Sketches of Northern Washington County

By Alvin Dinsmore White

1979

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



## **Bill and Nadene Dodds**

Bill and Nadene Dodds of Langloth celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 17.

Friends from the Burgettstown Senior Citizen Center shared in the celebration with cake and ice cream, provided by the family. In the evening, Bill and Nadene celebrated with their children at Peter's Place restaurant in

Bridgeville, where they were presented with a 50th anniversary photo calendar that captures precious moments from their family life.

This past May, the couple enjoyed a trip to Colonial Williamsburg, Va., a special anniversary gift from the family.

**Nadine and Bill Dodds Celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**The Enterprise-July 1996 Edition**



GERTRUDE DODDS IS  
CAPPED AT MCGEE HOSPITAL

M. T. Dodds and daughters, Ruth Bertha, and Pauline of Langeloth, and Mrs. S. Glene Nicholls and son, Glene, Jr., of South Main street attended the capping exercises of Gertrude Dodds at the McGee Hospital, on Saturday evening, July 17. Gertrude is a member of the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing.

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**Gertrude Dodds is Capped at Magee Hospital  
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 22, 1943 Edition**



## THE OLD SMITHY OF 60 YEARS AGO



1975

It was over 60 years ago when this photograph was taken at a blacksmith shop in Burgettstown.

Perhaps you can recognize the building. Up to its final days, it was the residence of Albert Tony on Bridge Street.

But 'way back when, as you can tell by the sign, it was used for blacksmithing and horseshoeing.

The smith, pictured in the center, was N.T. Dodds, father of William Dodds, of Langeloth.

At the left is John Sylvan Brunner, who was a farmer in Jefferson Township. He is pictured with his sleigh and team of horses. Mr. Brunner was the grandfather of Rep. John L. Brunner, of Burgettstown.

The gentleman at the right is unidentified.

The Center Avenue railroad station is pictured at the right.

**Old Smithy of 60 years Ago  
N. T. Dodds-Horseshoeing and General Blacksmithing  
Burgettstown Enterprise-1975**





# Profile on Nadine Dodds

1998

## She's retired but still making rounds

By **Bridgette B. Nofsinger**  
The Record-Enterprise

In recent years, a new "saying" has emerged referring to someone who has lost control.

Going "postal" is derived from actions of a few disgruntled postal employees who have viciously taken out their frustrations on co-workers and superiors, sometimes with fatal results.

Unfortunately, whole groups can become stereotyped by the sins of the minority. There are, in fact, plenty of

postal workers who like their jobs and the customers they serve on a daily basis.

Nadine Dodds worked in the civil service industry for 26 years. She was first a clerk, and then as a postmaster for 13 years before retiring in 1989.

"People don't always understand how much responsibility comes with being postmaster," Mrs. Dodds said. "We do much more than just sell stamps. But I never cared how busy I was. I loved my



job."

Mrs. Dodds graduated in 1943 from Burgettstown High School and began working for a bank in town. She and her husband, Bill, moved to Langeloth in 1958. A year later, she began selling door-to-door cosmetics.

"The Langeloth postmaster asked me if I would work at the post office as a substitute," she said.

The post office was looking for someone who was familiar with the community and with handling money. Mrs. Dodds filled both of those requirements.

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## Profile

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"In those days, the post office hired people from the community who knew everyone," she said. "Today things are all together different."

The postmaster could be from Weirton, Pittsburgh or anywhere in between, Mrs. Dodds said.

It is difficult to be hired by the postal system. Post Master Reliefs - or P.M.R.'s - are required to take over whenever the postmaster is off but not eligible for advancement opportunities, she added.

Changes in personnel are not the only things that have taken place since Mrs. Dodds left the post office. She recalls the difficult working conditions she endured at the beginning of her

career.

"Our only heat came from a round belly stove," she said. "The roof leaked, the lighting was very dim and there was no bathroom in the office."

Finally, after numerous complaints, the office moved to its current location on Joffre-Cherry Valley Road.

Unfortunately, the new location was hardly better than the old. Its likeness compared to that of a dungeon, Mrs. Dodds said. There is no back exit or windows in the building.

A move which was to have been temporary has lasted 20 years and will only now be moving to yet another location.

"We need a bigger place to accommodate the mail load and new equipment," said Joffre postmaster, Veronica Golonka.

The current instruments are obsolete. The new office will

bring Joffre out of the 1900s and into the 1990s, Ms. Golonka said.

The new building will be a modular unit, located less than a mile from basement of the brown-sided building where the Joffre post office currently rents space. Ms. Golonka said since no foundation will be needed, she anticipates the new office to open in September.

Mrs. Dodds said she is glad the post office will be moving.

"It will be better for the customers and the employees," she said. Although she no longer works with public, Mrs. Dodds has put her vast knowledge of the people in the Burgettstown and surrounding communities to good use.

As the Meals-on-Wheels Coordinator, Mrs. Dodds has about 90 volunteers who deliver meals each month.

"Some of them are also retired postmasters and mail carriers," she said. "They require little training since they already know the area so well."

Volunteers go through a one-time training session to learn their delivery route. Even those who have lived in the area their whole lives need a tour of the more rural areas.

"Meals on Wheels is more than just a food service," Mrs. Dodds said. "Volunteers mail letters for people and help them reach things that they may have been waiting all week to have. We have found other folks lying on the floor in need of medical attention."

Mrs. Dodds will continue her duties as Meals on Wheels coordinator and encourages anyone interested in participating to contact her at the Burgettstown Senior Citizens Center.

Profile on Nadine Dodds  
The Record Enterprise-1998





CELESTE VAN KIRK/OBSERVER-REPORTER

Nadene Dodds, right, a 25-year volunteer with Burgettstown Senior Center, was honored for her service. Cathie Bockstoe of Lone Pine gives Dodds a hug during the celebration at Burgettstown Senior Center on Wednesday.

# Center honors longtime volunteer

## *Burgettstown salutes Meals on Wheels coordinator*

By DAVID SINGER  
Staff writer  
dsinger@observer-reporter.com

**BURGETTSTOWN** – Nadene Dodds has never shied away from public service, whether it was coordinating mail as the postmaster in Langeloth for 13 years, or providing hot food as a Meals on Wheels coordinator for 25 years.

The latter achievement brought the 90-year-old into the spotlight Wednesday as the Burgettstown Senior Center honored her for 26

years in various volunteer roles at the community hub.

“It’s going to take me months to read all of these!” Dodds said as she received multiple proclamations from state legislators, Washington County commissioners, county Aging Services and the governor’s office.

“I’m just so proud of her. She doesn’t slow down. She takes good care of herself, as well as everyone in her family,” said Robin Shoup, one of Dodds’ two children.

“She just lost her sister three weeks ago – my aunt

– and she just has kept us all going. She’s the youngest and now sole surviving sibling of her family, and my father, Bill – she’s a widow,” Shoup said.

Dodds stood up amid cheers from the audience and asked her fellow volunteers to be recognized. “Without these people, those in need wouldn’t be served. It takes more than just a coordinator,” Dodds said.

Dodds commanded the room as impromptu emcee with jokes and stories from her life, including a punch-

line about how a cat made it to heaven and ended up being just as thankful for the sometimes-ignored meals left in seniors’ homes.

And she often paused to thank those honoring her, deflecting most of the appreciation to coordinators Tammy Thompson and Kathy Constantino.

“That’s just like her, a woman with a heart of service to stop and ask for recognition of everyone involved,” Constantino said.

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**Nadene Dodds-Senior Center Honors Longtime Volunteer (pg. 1)  
Observer-Reporter-March 31, 2016 Edition**



# Volunteer

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When she finally set aside her humility for a moment to explain why she continued to volunteer well into her golden years, she said the impact she was leaving was too good to ever give up.

"The people we help with Meals on Wheels, they're getting a genuine service. And it's most often to talk to them, to connect with them and spruce up their day with a little happiness. These people are of-

ten alone for long stretches of time, and we've found folks on the floor and called the ambulance. So we protect them, as well," Dodds said.

And asked how she did it all, she answered with a challenge to other prospective volunteers.

"It's not hard. It's just being there. Once you get there, to a home, or show up here, you just keep moving. Getting even the smallest accomplishment done encourages you to keep going – and seeing others benefit from it, you just can't stop! I don't know how I do it. I just move," Dodds said.



# For some, it's more than a good meal

Meals on Wheels program also provides friendly face at the door

By RUTH PLUNKETT  
Focus editor

For some people in the Burgettstown area, the Meals on Wheels program not only offers a nutritious meal, it also helps them remain independent.

"I can't stand and move around enough to get a meal, so this program helps me keep a little independent," said Margaret McCutcheon, who receives the meals.

Nadine Dodds, coordinator of the Burgettstown Meals on Wheels program, said that sometimes the Meals on Wheels delivery people are the only people recipients of the meals see from day to day.

Since 1989 when Jan Springer became the director of Burgettstown Senior Center and Dodds took over scheduling the meals, the program — which gets funding from the county — has grown from about 25 to 43 people receiving meals.

"About 90 volunteers who deliver meals in a five-mile radius of Burgettstown are on the list," Dodds said. "There are three routes with 10 or 12 meals on each route."

"Many of the delivery volunteers are senior citizens who take the job very seriously, but sometimes they can't make it so we need others to volunteer. Some deliver every week and some only once a month."

Mildred Ralston, who was the first coordinator when the program opened about 20 years ago in Westminster Church, still volunteers to de-

## HOW TO SIGN UP:

■ Who's eligible for Meals on Wheels: Any Washington County resident who is housebound because of health or age.

■ Cost: A donation of \$1 is requested from those who can afford it.

■ Who to contact: Call Jan Springer at the Burgettstown Senior Citizens Center at 947-9524.

liver meals.

Dodds said she works around the schedules of the volunteers who take anywhere from one to three routes.

She has color-coded utensils for each route. Included in the utensils are a notebook with a list of those on the route and any special instructions on how to get to the home, if help is required for opening any of the containers, and other situations which may come up during delivery. The insulated cases for both hot and cold foods are all the same color as the notebook for that route.

The delivery is a hot meal prepared in the kitchen of the Burgettstown Senior Center, packed in aluminum trays and in insulated cases, and a bagged meal which can be eaten cold later in the day, also in same colored cases.

"Some recipients would rather have the hot meal in the evening, but the containers are not designed for reheating in the microwave or freezing for later use. But changing life-



Ruth Plunkett/Focus editor

**A FRIENDLY FACE** — Margaret McCutcheon, RIGHT, welcomes Nadine Dodds who is delivering Meals on Wheels.

long eating patterns is hard to do," said Dodds, a retired postal worker, who with her husband delivers, too.

If there's going to be a holiday, Dodds said volunteers leave an extra meal the day before, while early in the winter, each resident gets an emergency meal in case the weather prevents volunteers from making a delivery.

"Usually two people go on the delivery route," Dodds

said. "The drivers pick up the containers between 10 and 10:30 a.m."

Route I goes to Langeloth, Atlasburg and Francis Mine. Route II takes the center of Burgettstown, Joffre, Bulger and Cherry Valley. Route III takes the north end of Burgettstown, Florence, to Frankfort Springs, Paris and Hanlin Station and Bartleyville.

The Meals on Wheels program also proved to be a life-

saver in one situation.

"We have had a few times when our volunteers couldn't get anyone to come to the door. After they try several times, they call into the center to see if there is a known reason. They also check with neighbors," said Dodds.

"One lady could be seen on the floor in front of the door. So one volunteer went to call the ambulance and the other cut the screen to get in. It probably saved her life."

**Nadine Dodds, Coordinator of Meals on Wheels**  
PA Focus-March 11, 1995 Edition





**Nadine Dodds-Post Master, Joffre, PA  
Receives Award for Postal Service**

**PUBLIC SALE**

The undersigned, going to quit farming, will sell at public sale on the Henry Doehre farm on Route 22, half mile west of Bavington, 3 miles east of Florence, 5 miles north of Burgettstown, on

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 1941**  
at 12 o'clock noon

the following personal property:

Team of bay horses, weight, 3000 lbs., set of double work harness.

18 head of dairy cattle — 5 cows fresh, 4 close springers, balance in a good flow of milk, 12 milk cans, 2 buckets, and one strainer.

Set of Stewart electric clippers, Farmall 20 International tractor, set of 14-inch 2-bottom tractor plows, 3-section tractor harrow, smoothing harrow, 2-horse corn worker, 6-ft. McCormick-Deering mower, 16-inch Papec ensilage cutter, 13-inch bottom Vulcan plow, New Idea manure spreader, road wagon with bed, Deering hay tedder, dump rake, low-wheel farm wagon, set of 16-ft. hay ladders International 10-inch feed grinder, 1-horse cultivator, wheelbarrow, 160 feet of hay rope with fork and pulleys shovels, picks, forks, etc. All the farm machinery is practically new.

10 tons baled hay — clover and timothy mixed, 3 tons baled oat straw and 50 bushels oats.

Kitchen furniture—Table, 10 chairs  
6-lid enameled coal range.

Terms—Cash.

**AUGUST DOEHRE**

R.D. 2, Burgettstown, Pa.

Phone, Murdocksville, 10-r-13

Col. W. L. Seabright, Auctioneer.

R. D. 2, McDonald, Pa.; Phone Bridgetonville 4622-r-23.

**Henry Doehre-Auction**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-March 6, 1941 Edition**



## W. & J. Post For Charles W. Doerr



Charles W. Doerr, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Doerr, 122 Center avenue, Burgettstown, will be graduated from Washington and Jefferson College at the 149th., Commencement exercises on Saturday, June 19.

Doerr, one of the outstanding students in the Senior class, will return to W. & J. next fall as a teaching fellow in the department of physics.

He is enrolled at the college for the summer course.

A graduate of Union High School in 1940, Doerr served in the 89th Infantry Division of the Army in the European Theatre of Operations with the rank of Technical Sergeant, Fourth grade. He was in the Army for three years. Prior to entering the service, he attended the University of California at Los Angeles.

He is married to the former Elizabeth Foster and has two sons.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shaw, of Burgetts-town, have announced the marriage of their daughter, Miss Lillie Drake Shaw, to Athe M. Doerr, of Adamsburg, Pa., the ceremony to take place at the home of the bride, on Thursday, September 10, 1903. The bride is one of Burgetts-town's most estimable young ladies. The groom is a son of Rev. P. Doerr, of Adamsburg, Pa. He is a practical printer, and for two or three years was on THE ENTERPRISE force. He is now foreman of the Westmoreland Journal, of Jeannette, Pa., where he and his bride will reside.

**Wedding of Athe M. Doerr and Lillie Drake Shaw  
September 10, 1903**



## **Abstracts of the Washington Reporter 1817-1820**

### **Monday, October 25, 1819**

**1208.** Executor's Notice. All those indebted to the estate of Margaret DONALDSON, dec. late of Robinson township, Washington county, are requested to meet the executors at the house of James DONALDSON, on the third Monday of December next, and make payment. And all those having claims against said estate are requested to present them properly authenticated for settlement.  
**/s/ James DONALDSON, Thomas DONALDSON. Ex'rs.**

James Donaldson, executor of the late Richard Donaldson, of Hanover township, will offer at public sale on Nov. 20th, at 1 o'clock, P. M., the farm of said decedent, located 2 miles north of Bayington, containing 200 acres, with two dwelling-houses, and other out-buildings.



### DONATI'S TO MARK 25th ANNIVERSARY

The twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. August Donati, West Pittsburgh st., will be marked Thursday, Jan. 27.

An early observance was held when their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Farner, entertained the family at a surprise party in their Langeloth home Saturday evening. All but one member of the family attended, including: Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson of Wilmerding, Mr. and Mrs. Farner and Linda Donati. Their son Richard, a freshman at Sterling college, Kansas, was unable to attend. The couple received many lovely gifts.

ELIJAH RAMSEY DONEHOO, son of James and Eliza Ramsey Donehoo, was born at Cross Creek Village on April 11, 1839. He attended the Cross Creek public school and prepared for college at the Cross Creek Academy under the watchful eye of Dr. Stockton. He graduated from Washington College with James D. Mason and J. Fulton Magill in the Class of 1859 and he went on to Western Seminary to graduate in 1862. Having been licensed by Washington Presbytery on April 23, 1861, he served the Connellsville Church as stated supply in 1862-1863, giving up that work due to ill health. He then engaged in the lumber business at Allegheny, North Side Pittsburgh 1863-1869, serving as a ruling elder in Central Presbyterian Church during that time.

He began supplying the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church of Temperanceville (now West End, Pittsburgh) in June, 1869. He received a call to that pulpit and was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Presbytery of Ohio and installed as pastor of this church on October 15, 1869. This pastoral relation continued for thirty-six years and nine months, reckoned from the date of his first supplying this pulpit. At the time of its dissolution, on July 2, 1906, this was the longest pastorate in the Ohio (Pittsburgh) Presbytery to that date.

During the years of this pastorate, Mr. Donehoo was conspicuously active in many types of social work in the Pittsburgh region. He was a member of the Allegheny County Prison Society, and he was a regular visitor to the penal institutions of the area, ministering to the spiritual needs of the inmates and becoming personally acquainted with many of them. He also regularly visited the hospitals of Pittsburgh; he was Secretary of the Pittsburgh Association for the Improvement of the Poor, and in many other ways, and by performing numerous philanthropic services, he was brought into contact with needy people of all creeds, conditions and colors. He served as assistant editor of the Presbyterian Banner for a number of years. His wife was the former Miss Georgianna Maria J. Patterson of Allegheny to whom he was married on April 29, 1862. Their family consisted of five sons and two daughters. Death came to Mr. Donehoo on July 6, 1907, when it was said "he was literally worn out in the performances of many good works."

**Elijah Ramsey Donehoo**  
**The Roster and Biographies of the Sons of the Cross Creek Church**  
**Who Entered the Christian Ministries (pg. 218)**  
**History of the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church**  
**By A.D. White-1969**



#### Truck Driver Exonerated.

County Coroner William B. Baker of Washington held an inquest on Saturday morning in the undertaking rooms of Lee & Wilson in the death of Mimi Dorio, aged 10 years, who was struck by a truck driven by Alvin H. Welch of Burgettstown, on the highway at Slovan March 30th. The coroner's jury, composed of six men of Burgettstown brought in a verdict of unavoidable accident and exonerated the truck driver from blame.

**Truck Driver Exonerated in the death of Mimi Dorio  
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 9, 1931 Edition**



**Pamelia Tidball Dornan with husband, William Dornan**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



**SLOVAN OFFENDER IS  
GIVEN SUSPENDED SENTENCE**

Bessie Douglas, Negress, of Slovan, admitted that she sold a bottle of beer for 75 cents. She told the court that two cases of beer which officers found in the house were for a family reunion but that the guests did not show up on account of sickness. Therefore, when she was offered 75 cents for a bottle she sold it. Judge Gibson suspended sentence and placed her on probation for one year on condition that she will pay the costs and \$100 additional at the rate of \$20 a month beginning March 1. He warned her that she must not drink or have intoxicating liquor of any kind on the premises during the probation period.

**Bessie Douglas is given Suspended Sentence  
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 24, 1944 Edition**

#### DOWLER

Descendants of George Dowler held a reunion Saturday, August 14, at the Burgettstown Community Park. A picnic lunch and dinner were served.

Present were: Mrs. Lillie Forsythe, Mr. and Mrs. C. Knouse, son Bernard and daughters Janet and Bonnie, Mrs. Verne Forsythe and son Buddy, and Richard Myers of Massilon, Ohio; Mrs. Effie McElhaney and son Neal, Mrs. W. M. Spotti, sons Charles and William and daughter Leora, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Danley and daughter Laura, Mrs. Grace McElhaney and daughter Sandra and Patty Fredericks of R.D. McDonald; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coulter and sons Charles and Earl of Baden, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Danley and son Billy of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Dowler, daughters Freda, Martha, Nancy and Mary Lou, and son Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dowler and son Jack, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Dowler, Jr., and sons Donald and Lee, Mrs. Raymond Hodge, Miss Wanda Johnston, Miss Irene Johnston and Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Toth and daughter Lizetta all of Burgettstown; R. E. Dowler, Mr. and Mrs. R. Audley Dowler, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dowler and daughter Marion and Mr. and Mrs. John Adair, all of Midway.

**Dowler Reunion**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-August 26, 1948 Edition**



## Lee Dowler Recipient Of Eagle Award



An Eagle Scout award was presented to Lee Dowler of Langeloth by Joe Maloney, Washington-Greene County District Boy Scout official, to feature a meeting of Burgettstown Lions Club Monday night in Pompe's Restaurant.

The Eagle award is the highest a Boy Scout can receive. Young Dowler is a member of Troop 59 of Burgettstown, which is sponsored by the Lions Club.

Taking time out to pose for this picture were, left to right:

H. B. Dowler, Jr., a proud father; the honoree; Mr. Maloney; Manuel Garcy, Lions Club vice president; and Dr. James J. Tinney, Lions president.

(Enterprise photo)

3-29-1962

**Lee Dowler Recipient of Eagle Award**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-March 29, 1962 Edition**

### **Drazicks celebrate golden anniversary**

George and Mildred Drazick of Slovan celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 27, at the VFW Hall in Slovan. The couple were married June 20, 1943, and have spent all of their married life in Slovan.

About 175 guests attended the occasion which was planned by the family. Most of those attending came from Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio. Also present were the Drazick's son, George, of Stuart, Fla., and Mrs. Drazick's mother, Mrs. Mildred Veselica of Weirton.

Serbian, country western and modern music were provided by Ken Ellis of Harmon Creek, who played records.

A floral centerpiece, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jeffrey, was arranged on the table where the honored couple were seated.

The buffet dinner, served about 4 p.m., included a tiered cake topped with a gold "50" inside two golden rings and leaves. The cake was baked by Phyllis Pensak.

The Drazicks have been in charge of the American Legion Home at Burgettstown. George Drazick was also an employee at the power plant in Shippingport. The couple have had four children.



# More than 2.5 million pizzas a year

BY BYRON SMIALEK  
THE OBSERVER-REPORTER

Sixty times a minute — once every second — a Billy Boy's pizza comes off the line of the Panhandle Foods Co. plant in Slovan.

That's a lot of pizzas, more than 2.5 million a year.

It takes a lot to make 50,000 pizzas every week. Such as:

- ▶ 3 tons of pepperoni
- ▶ 5 tons of cheese
- ▶ 300 gallons of tomato paste
- ▶ 50,000 pizza shells
- ▶ 50 pizza-loving employees

"Our people love pizza," said Dave Dugas, vice president and production manager and son of Bill Dugas Sr., who founded the company 31 years ago. "They eat pizza for lunch. Nobody tires of it. I know I don't. Even my children eat pizza."

Dugas Sr., who is chairman of the board of Panhandle Food Sales Inc. and still lives in Burgettstown, began making pizzas in 1964 in the garage at his home in Burgettstown for distribution to bars and taverns and grocery stores.

He made all the sales calls and deliveries himself but had help from his wife and children assembling and packaging the pizzas.

Dugas revolutionized the pre-made pizza business in 1965 with the introduction of the pizza kit — the pizza shell and separate packets of cheese, sauce and pepperoni all in one package.

His pizza kit pizza — named "Billy Boy's" in 1965 in honor of his son, Bill Jr., then 11 and now 42 and president of Panhandle Food Sales Inc. — was a sensation.

"Ours was the first pizza that you could buy in a supermarket that was fresh, not frozen," Dave Dugas said. "We made it easy for the people to enjoy fresh-baked pizza at home."

That concept of fresh, not frozen pizza still holds with Billy Boy's, although the pizza kit accounts for only about 25 percent of all Billy Boy's brand pizzas that come off the line daily.

"Most of what we make now are complete pizzas," Dugas said, "and most of those, at least 80 percent,



are pepperoni pizzas."

About 15 percent of Panhandle Foods' pizza production is for institutional use (schools, hospitals, prisons) 10 percent for fundraising (by churches, schools, scout groups), and another 15 per-

cent under private labels (for distribution in supermarkets in eastern Pennsylvania).

Two 12-inch Billy Boy's pizzas, which are found in supermarket meat departments, sell for \$4.69. They can be found throughout



CHRISTIE CAMPBELL / THE OBSERVER-REPORTER

Pizzas on the conveyor line move along to Nancy Griffith who wraps them.

western Pennsylvania in Giant Eagle, Foodland, Shop 'n Save, Riverside/BiLo, and Sam's Clubs, and in Ohio and West Virginia at Kroger, Foodland, Convenient

Marts and Giant Eagle.

Dugas said Panhandle Foods, which buys its pizza shells from four different bakeries, is exploring the possibility of baking its own shells "for better, closer control over our products."

Such a move, which in all likelihood would not occur within the next two years, would result in the addition of 15 jobs.

Dugas said Panhandle Foods is working to bring a Tex-Mex style pizza on the market, and continues to search for a microwaveable pizza.

"That one is tough," he said. "You just can't get the crust to come out right in the microwave."

Because the work force is made up residents of the Burgettstown, Slovan, Cross Creek area, local sales of Billy Boy's pizza have a direct impact.

"One of the things that we're most proud of is how well our pizzas sell locally in cities such as Washington and in Canonsburg and throughout Washington County," Dugas said. "You know, with all the fine pizza shops in Washington, combined, we still hold our own in sales locally."



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Sondro Pordoli, left, and Linda Calhoun package the pizzas as they come off the conveyor line.

▶ **MADE HERE** will regularly feature goods and products manufactured by local people in plants in Washington and Greene counties.

**Billy Boy's Pizza-Panhandle Foods Company-Slovan, PA**  
**Observer-Reporter-February 12, 1995 Edition**

**The Greatest Generation**  
**An Interview/Story of**

**George Dugas**

**Interviewed by**  
**Lori Dugas**  
**Burgettstown Area School Project**

*Fort Vance Historical Society*



**Lori:**

**How old were you when you got drafted and what year was it.**

**Mr. Dugas:**

**I was 22 and it was July 1941.**

**Lori:**

**What wars did you serve in?**

**Mr. Dugas:**

**WW II, Korean, and Vietnam**

**Lori:**

**How many years did you serve?**

**Mr. Dugas: 27**

**Lori:**

**Where were you stationed at?**

**Mr. Dugas:**

**I was stationed in the states for a while in Bowling Field, then in New Mexico, finally in WWII for 2 years.**

**Lori:**

**Do you remember where you were when Pearl Harbor was bombed?**

**Mr. Dugas:**

**I was washing dishes in Ill.**

**Lori:**

**Do you remember any stories from war?**

**Mr. Dugas:**

**having to fly into Pittsburgh to get bomb glass. Also, I remember everyone had slept at my mother's house and they had to sleep 2 in a bed. I also went on a trip with General LeMay. You always had to wear the same clothes because you never knew when you had to fight.**

**Lori:**

**What were your duties during the war?**

**Mr. Dugas:**

**Supply maintenance, and transportation officer, and fixing airplanes fixed the P-4 7, P-51, and P-39.**



## Mr. and Mrs. Dugas Observe 25th Anniversary



Back row: left to right, Albert, Mary, George, Pauline and William; Middle row, Edward, Stephen, Jr., Mr. Dugas, Martin, Mrs. Dugas, Louis and Anthony; Front row, Theresa, Martha and Bernadette.

The "Smiling Dugas" have cause for rejoicing. Mother and father and 13 children, all at home and all in good health will join in a happy family celebration on Saturday and Sunday, September 28 and 29, to mark the Silver—Twenty-fifth anniversary of the marriage of Mary Hvizdas Dugas and "Squire" Steve Dugas.

Mr. and Mrs. Dugas, who are prominent residents of Slovan and who have been active for a quarter of a century in civic betterment for their Community, have invited Father Blazic, who joined them in

wedlock at Leckrone, Fayette county, 25 years ago to be present for their Silver Jubilee Mass, which will be celebrated by the Rev. William J. McCashin in Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic church on Saturday morning at 7:30 o'clock.

On Sunday evening, the Dugas will have a family dinner and will entertain their friends at a reception and supper party.

The "Squire's" latest civic effort has been in behalf of a WPA project to straighten Slovan creek and thereby make the "bottoms" more livable

for the tenant families that occupy them.

The Dugas have lived in Lange-loth and Slovan for almost 25 years. Mr. Dugas has been employed in the mines and at the zinc plant, and for 14 years was Justice of the Peace in Slovan. He retired in recent years to engage with his son George in the Panhandle Distributing Company as a wholesale beer distributor. He is a staunch Republican and today is proudly wearing a Win with Willkie button.



**The Greatest Generation**  
**An Interview/Story of**

**Steve Dugas**  
**“Uncle Pesto”**

**Interviewed by**  
**Annie Dugas**  
**Burgettstown Area School Project**

*Fort Vance Historical Society*



**Annie-** Please state your name.

**Uncle Pesto-** My full name? I knew you were going to ask me that. My full name is Steve Michael Francis Dugas. Francis is confirmation name.

**Annie-** When were you born?

**Uncle Pesto-** I was born on November 11<sup>th</sup>, armistice day 1930 at home on a Tuesday.

**Annie-** Where did you live in the 1900's?

**Uncle Pesto-** In the 1900s I lived at 10 Main Street in Slovan I was born in the house in the good room. The good room, my dad use to be a good golf dealer. He said you are a good golf dealer and now there was right above the room which had a sign that said "Good Room". That's what we called it

**Annie-** Do you have any personal experiences in the 1900's?

**Uncle Pesto-** Plenty!

**Annie-** Want to share some?

**Uncle Pesto-** Yeah, plenty. Well in the 1900's when I was 5 I went to the first grade. I turned 6 in November on November in 1936. In the movie "Our Town," did you see it? 1936? I was in the first grade and I was one of the last kids coming out of school. I made that movie by the way, I was in the movie and I made the movie for your grandfather. February 13, valentines day, 1936 we had over 3 feet of snow when I went to school and we had I remember I had valentines in one hand and the lunch in the other. The lunch that I carried had a hanky farms wrapper, red wrapper. That was something to have a hanky farms red wrapper. And we use to run home from lunch we never took a bus. We had an outhouse in the back of the school. One for the boys and one for the girls. And our water was from a pump that they pumped into a bucket and we all drank out of one dipper. We had a cold stove in the middle of the room. We all worked at home we scrubbed floors for our mother my mother had a May Tag Ringer Washer on the porch. She use to



wash on Monday morning, every morning rain, snow, cold, or hot doesn't matter. Then she hug the clothes on the line to dry, we didn't have a dryer. And she ironed everything on Tuesday. I can still smell the lafrance blooming. My mum was the best cook in town. Her soup was very very good. She use to make chicken soup then roast the chicken in the oven. Did you mother do that? She use to stuff it and make the soup and then she would you use to roast the chicken. So we got two meals out of one. There was no instant food. There was no microwave ovens. On Sunday our treat was too get a court of pop from Joe Guisy's. We called it goose gosling. There was a little goose on the bottom of the bottle. Everything was glass, and we all shared it. And we got our milk from the farmer at a 5-gallon can straight from the cow, for a dollar and a quarter a can. My mum made all our breads and our cakes, cookies, and pies. During the summer we played in the woods. We use to eat our breakfast then run out in woods and play. This very property was where I use to pick mushrooms. I use to come up here all the time. From here all the way to the top of the hill is called Lone Pine. We use to play here all the time. In fact we use to pick sassy frass roots, and make tea. We eat berries, wild berries. We caught crawfish down in the spring down below the hill. We boiled them in an old tin can then we got down and they were all red like lobster. We ate crab apples and Indian carrots. Tell yah, we lived off the land. We use to go to the farmer's field and sample his corn. We use to sample all the time, we didn't say "steal" we said "sample." We made dams down in the crick with sacks. We use to swim in that water as muddy as it could be. Can you imagine that? We all learned how to pick berries and apples and my mother use to can everything. We made our garden by hand and we planted every foot of earth. I never learned to spell but I was the best writer in all 5 grades. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade I went to OLOL. I was the first graduating class in 1944. We had nuns and they were tough. They would be in jail for hitting kids right now. That's how hard they were. They would come up and smack you. Yeah! And pull your hair. In 1944 I had 3 brothers in the



service. Our brother Al got shot down in Burma on February 10, 1945. He was missing for 6 months. Then we found him dead under the planes. He was killed by the Japanese. Well go ahead and ask me some more questions.

**Annie** – Okay, well how did you family cope during the depression?

**Uncle Pesto**- How did they cope during the depression? Well we were very lucky. My mother was a very good cook and she could make a meal out of anything. If I were to go hunting and I would catch a rabbit and I take it home and skin it. Then she would make rabbit stew out of it. If I got a groundhog then she would make groundhog stew out of it. I remember during the war, well this was before the depression. Meat was very scarce. And we use to can tong, beef tong. Very good. That is a delicacy. Well big families weren't as bad as the city people. We had ways of raising food in the garden. We could get eggs for 35 cents a dozen. We could milk for a dollar a can. My mum use to make our bread. We would never buy bread in the store, never. We never had any water bills, sewage bills but a little bit of electricity we used and gas. But we had coal stove and coal furnace. My mother never had any one clean our house. She cleans the house. We took a bath about once a week. We had a big 15-gallon bathtub. We use to always take a bath in that. You could never talk back to your mom and dad. They would beat the hell out of you. Back in these days. They didn't have any laws were kids could prosecute their parents like they do now. Now if your mother hits you, you could have her arrested. But back then I would get beat regularly. It didn't hurt though. Okay go on.

**Annie**- What are your feelings towards WWII?

**Uncle Pesto**- Well my feelings towards WWII is that they attacked us. I believe that they had every intention of coming into the West Coast and the United States. If you know anything about the WWII the Germans were on our Eastern Coast and the Japs were on our



West Coast. I think we defended ourselves and we did a damn good job. I'm proud of the guys that did fight WWII. We did lose a lot of guys. But it was worth it. We have freedom today.

**Annie-** What are your feelings towards Pearl Harbor?

**Uncle Pesto-** Well I think that was a sneak attack. I think all them people that took part of that should have been trialed for war crimes. They were bombing people who had nothing to do, they were defenseless. Do you there is 1177 guys in Arizona guys still there. And I think those guys for their sake only we should have war crimes trials. Because the Japs were a dirty trick.

**Annie-** Did you enter a service for WWII?

**Uncle Pesto-** did I enter service? No. I was too young. I was only 11 years old. The war was over by the time I was 15.

**Annie-** After the war happened how was your life?

**Uncle Pesto-** My life? After WWII? Well my brothers came home. And they got married. They raised families. They had businesses. All my brothers had businesses. After WWII I got out of school and got a job in Coreopolis. I made 3600 dollars in 1947. That's a lot of money back then. That was like top wages. I could buy my own clothes and shoes.

**Annie-** Did you hear of any wars stories that you want to share?

**Uncle Pesto-** Well somebody else's stories. On November 11<sup>th</sup>, Armistice's Day a couple years ago. I talked up the high school. I talked right after Mr. Lansack talked. He told about how they made a landing on D-Day at Normandy. And he went in on the Utah beach and they were in at water up to their nose with a 60 pack on his back. They were like a half of mile out. They were throwing their packs off and some guys were getting shot before they even got there. Well anyway. He went all the way to Berlin with this story. And I talked about the Korean War. I talked about the navy in Korean. The first thing I said when I got up there "Boy, I'm glad



I wasn't in the army." I was on the ship all the time. My job was to make ice cream. That was my entire job. It was big job because we had 3,000 guys on the ship. As far as any war stories we got hit in Korea the first time over. We were anchored in once on harbor in Korea. The North Korean's shot 3 shells at us. The first one hit short the second one went over us and the third one hit us on mid ship, and three guys got wounded. That was in March. In May we were coming back in May and were coming through the Panama Canal and I had an attack of pendicidus. I had to have my appendix taken out. By the time I got home my incision opened up and I had blood all over my uniform. But anywho that was it.

**Annie-** Were you in any battles?

**Uncle Pesto-** oh yeah ...we got a battle star for when we got hit. We got Japanese occupation because we went into Japan and occupied Japan. We got United Nations and the Korean medal which was one star. I got a good conduct for four years. I got a medal in American Defense. And that's about it.

**Annie-** Is there anything else you want to share?

**Uncle Pesto-** Well I'm glad that I live in a small town. Slovan is a very nice town. It's nice to walk the streets of Slovan. I got my diploma last year because I went to the service instead of graduating. But I got a job before I went to the service, they still gave it to me. I use to have my own horse. I really lived. I would never give up my child hood. I learned a lot. Life is funny. It's so fast. Life is funny. My hobbies now are taking pictures, collecting cameras. I have over 1,000 cameras. And I collect tintype pictures, from the 1800s. Well is that it?

**Annie-** That's it. Thank you

**Uncle Pesto-** Thank you! Well I hope I didn't talk your ear off.

**Annie-** Oh no I enjoyed it!

#### DUMONT-MORTON NUPTIALS

Saturday, June 21, Miss Eva Dumont became the bride of Frank Morton of Steubenville, Ohio. The ceremony was performed in the Rectory of St. Patrick's church in Youngstown, Ohio. Miss Dumont is the daughter of Mrs. Joseph Dumont of Youngstown, Ohio, former resident of Burgettstown. Mr. Morton is employed in Youngstown, Ohio. After a wedding breakfast, the young couple left for an Eastern wedding trip. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Daniels and family of South Main street, aunt and uncle of the bride, attended the wedding.



**GOOD GAS STRIKE ON  
FARM AT CROSS CREEK**

CROSS CREEK—A good gas strike was made on the Samuel S. Dunbar farm here. An open flow of 500,000 cubic feet is reported with pays in the Big Injun, Berea and Hundred Foot sands. Another location will be made on the lease, which contains 100 acres.

James G. Dunbar, of Pittsburg, visited his mother and brother over Sunday. Mr. Dunbar says he has not given up the matter of trying to have the Allegheny county industrial school locate here, and thinks the prospects are now brighter than ever. The commissioners have rejected the Thorn Hill site, and it is believed they will now turn their attention to the Burgettstown location.

**James G. Dunbar-Seeking Industrial School Move to Burgettstown  
Burgettstown Herald-November 30, 1910 Edition**



## **Avella woman observes 91st**

Barbara Duncan of Avella celebrated her 91st birthday with a party at the home of her granddaughter and husband, Carol and Bruce Ashmore of Washington.

Mrs. Duncan was born Oct. 7, 1903, in Newell, W.Va., the daughter of Anthony and Bessie McCartney.

Her children are Elizabeth Multunas of Sturgeon; Walter Fisher of Willowick, Ohio; Ann Nordquist of Washington; Matt Fisher of Washington; Effie King of West Alexander; Gene Fisher of Newport, N.C.; and the late Harriet Chase and Josephine Duncan.

She also has 52 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Duncan worked as a dishwasher at the George Washington Hotel in Washington for 25 years, retiring at the age of 73. She also worked for Duncan Miller Glass.

**Barbara Duncan celebrated 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday  
The Enterprise-October 26, 1994 Edition**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.



Western District of Pennsylvania, ss.

Be it Remembered,

That in the **District Court of the United States of America** in and for the **Western District of Pennsylvania**, at a session of said Court, holden at the City of Pittsburgh, in said District, on the *fourteenth* day of *September* in the year of our Lord *one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six*, before the **Honorable Joseph Buffington**, Judge of the said District Court of the United States, *Ferdinand Durain* a native of *France* came into Court praying to be admitted a Citizen of the United States of America, and having, to the satisfaction of the Court made the necessary proofs and complied with the requisitions prescribed by law, was allowed to take the usual oaths and make the usual renunciations, which he forthwith did and he was thereupon ordered to be, and was admitted by the Court a **Citizen of the United States of America**.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court, this *14th* day of *September*, A. D. 189*6*, and in the one hundred and twenty-*first* year of the Independence of the United States of America.

*W. H. [Signature]* Clerk.





**FORMER RACCOON MAN  
SHOT DURING HUNTING**

John Durain, 28, a former resident of Joffre now stationed with the U. S. Army at Ft. Mitchell, Va., was shot in both thighs in a hunting accident Monday morning.

Durain, who came to Joffre with his wife, the former Donna Kristoff, on a leave, was hunting with Sid Maslyk and Donald Mike near the railroad station at Raccoon. He was hit in both thighs by a blast from Mike's shotgun at about 9:30 a.m.

After treatment by Dr. Hodge M. Eagleson, he was rushed to Washington hospital where he submitted to surgery. He is listed in "fair" condition at the hospital. Doctors report no permanent injury.

**John Durain-Shot While Hunting**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-October 31, 1957 Edition**

**Katherine Durinzi  
Chosen Campus Queen  
At California College**

5-29-47



Miss Katherine "Kay" Durinzi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Domenic Durinzi of 423 South Main street, was chosen Campus Queen and crowned by Jack Bradley Saturday night, May 10, at the Senior Ball of California State Teachers College, California, Pa. Out of ten girls the student body selected three and Kay was chosen out of the three girls. She received a lovely silver Elgin American compact as a gift. Her crown was composed of five gardenias. Her attendants were Virginia Bennati of Monessen, Pa., and Rena Gaskey of California. They received gold bracelets as gifts. The contest was sponsored by the Photography Club, Tower Times school newspaper, Sigma Gamma Beta Club, and the Senior class.

Kay, a pert brunette with a pleasant outlook on life, is a sophomore in the Secondary Curriculum, majoring in English and Speech Correction. She stresses dancing as being her favorite form of recreation. She is a spirited cheerleader and Associate Editor of the 1948 Vulcan Handbook and belongs to the Woman's Glee Club, Mixed Chorus, and Woman's Athletic Association.



## Durinzi-Zollars

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Katherine Ann Durinzi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Domenic Durinzi of South Main street and William J. Zollars, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Zollars of Waynesburg, which was performed by Rev. W. J. McCashin in the rectory of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic church Sunday, June 25 at 1 p.m. The bride wore a white net and satin ankle length Ballerina gown with shoulder length veil and carried a bouquet of white carnations, centered with a purple orchid. Her maid of honor was Miss Dorothy Wonsevicz, who wore a pink ankle length gown and shoulder veil and carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations. Eugene Raggi was best man.

A dinner for the immediate families was held at the Durinzi Restaurant and that evening a reception was held, with many people attending. Mr. and Mrs. Zollars have returned from a wedding trip on the Sky Line drive in the Shenandoahs and are now residing at 417 South Main street.

The bride is a graduate of Union high school; California State Teacher's college with a B. S. degree in education and is taking special work in speech for a Master's degree at the University of Pittsburgh. Mr. Zollars graduated from Waynesburg high school, Waynesburg college with a B. S. degree and has a Master's degree in education from the University of Pittsburgh. He is a member of the faculty of McDonald high school and teaches english and history.

Out-of-town guests were present for the wedding from Pittsburgh, Masontown, Waynesburg, Bentleyville and Donora.

Attends School For Nurses



Lorraine Durst, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Durst, Langeloth, left Saturday, June 12, for Seton Hill College where she enrolled for a Hospital Course before entering the Pittsburgh School of Nursing late this fall. Lorraine is a member of the Class of '43 U. H. S. and was popular with the school crowd.

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**Lorraine Durst Attends School for Nursing  
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 24, 1943 Edition**





my dearest nutzie:

[REDACTED], 1944  
GERMANY

I ran across this Christmas card here in Germany at a P.X. and decided to send you it. I also bought quite a few for others.

Well nutz, at the present time I am sitting in a foxhole and there's quite a bit of noise around. I just received a letter from you a few minutes ago dated Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> here in my hole. It was the second letter that I received since you've been on your new job. I'm glad to hear that you like your work and that Nedra is close by. I hope that you and her will go out and enjoy yourselves often. I'm fine and hope that your feet are better. As yet I haven't received any packages and I can't wait to get them. Now that I have my permanent address mail is coming pretty good. I'll again wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. With all my love always

**Letter to Mary Dvorsak from her brother, John Dvorsak**  
Mailed December 8, 1944



Pol. J. Dvorsak 33850695  
Co. D. 334th Inf.  
A.P.O. # 84 10th M.  
New York, N.Y.



Miss Mary Dvorsak  
201 Creek Drive  
Sewickley, Pa.



Donald:

Received the letter that I sent your mother over 61 yrs ago. It brought back old memories. I was 31 yrs old at the time and went through some rough going. I was later wounded and sent to England to recuperate. Three months later I was back in Germany on the front lines and was there when the war ended. I want to thank you for sending me the letter and also the Family Picture. Hoping to see you again and wishing you and yours Good Luck.

Uncle John

Letter to Donald McCombs from John Dvorsak regarding 1944 Christmas card.



#### EDWARDS—McCALMONT WEDDING

The marriage of Miss Martha Kathryn McCalmont, daughter of Mrs. Zula McCalmont, and the late Samuel J. McCalmont, of Burgettstown, to Milton Gill Edwards, son the late Mr. and Mrs. Griffith Edwards, of Follansbee, W. Va., took place on Saturday afternoon, at 1 o'clock, in the home of the bride's mother. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Joseph M. McCalmont, uncle of the bride, before an altar of ferns, white delphinium, and candelabra. The immediate families and a few close friends were present.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, James E. McCalmont, wore a gown of white marquisette and lace. She carried white gardenias and lilies of the valley.

The wedding music was played by Miss Betty Hood, of Rochester. Preceding the ceremony, Miss Miriam Cassidy sang, "At Dawning" and "Oh Promise Me."

Leslie M. Edwards of Follansbee, W. Va., was his brother's best man. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the McCalmont home.



## PROFILE ON JANET ELICH

# She's retired as member of faculty

By Katherine Pyle  
Staff Writer

Janet Sugick Elich has retired as a member of the faculty of Burgettstown Area High School after many years as a full-time or substitute teacher in the business department.

Mrs. Elich is well-known locally since she was born and grew up in the Eldersville community, the daughter of Josephine and the late Joseph Sugick. She has a record of substituting longer than anyone else in the Burgettstown Area School District — 20 years, from 1963 to 1983.



**JANET  
ELICH**

Gloria Tershel, she helped to inaugurate the computer program at the high school about seven years ago. Although most of

her teaching has been in senior high, this past year she was mainly in charge of seventh- and eighth-grade computer classes.

Mrs. Elich says that she was primarily inspired by Gina Filipponi and Theresa Tiano, former teachers at Union High School in Burgettstown, to enter the field of business education.

Having attended Eldersville Elementary School, she entered Union High and graduated in 1957 as valedictorian of her class. She was also a winner of two awards,

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## Elich: she retired as a member of faculty

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one in business and the other in home economics. She enrolled in West Liberty State College, where she received her teaching degree in business education and English in 1961. During her senior year she was an attendant on the homecoming court.

In August following her graduation, she married her first-grade sweetheart, George Elich, and then began teaching in September at Toronto High School in Toronto, Ohio. It was her privilege to have Robert Urich, the actor, in her English class for two years. A few years later she met Robert at a hospital where her mother and Robert's mother were both patients.

With the birth of her first daughter, Janet gave up full-time teaching at Toronto High School.

She and her husband, George, who is an expeditor at Weirton Steel, became the parents of three daughters: Lisa (Stiffler), a nursing graduate of Duquesne University and a nurse at Children's Hospital; Leslie (Maltony), a nursing graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania and also a nurse at Children's Hospital; and Jennifer, a teacher and graduate of Duquesne University. Jennifer is presently a full-time graduate student of Duquesne and will soon be receiving her master's degree as a reading specialist. Jennifer also substitutes in various school districts.

Janet has one sister, Nancy Zarka, who lives in McDonald and is also a nurse. Janet's mother, Josephine Sugick, lives in Eldersville.

Janet has four grandchildren whom she dearly loves and whose pictures she often proudly displays. They are Emily and Nathan Stiffler, and Breanne and Tyler Maltony. Janet hopes to spend her retirement years enjoying her

grandchildren as well as traveling with her husband.

Already she and George have taken trips to many parts of the United States. They especially like Las Vegas, Nev., and California, and they hope to return sometime. They have also been to the Keys in Florida, and one of their favorite spots is Notre Dame, where they have gone several times to attend games or just to enjoy the university atmosphere.

Wherever she goes Janet loves to shop and to look for gifts for her grandchildren.

At home she likes to work in her garden and to spend time taking care of the flowers about their outdoor swimming pool.

She has always enjoyed reading and likes a variety of reading material.

As a little girl she belonged to the Girl Scouts, and in high school she was president of the Tri-Hi-Y. In college she was a member of Chi Delta Phi sorority. As her daughters grew up she became interested in Eldersville's PTA, and she served as president of that organization. She has also been a CCD teacher at Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church, and she is presently a member of the Christian Mothers.

For about a year before becoming a full-time teacher Janet worked at Calgon. She also served for six years as auditor of Jefferson Township.

She has had a full and busy life but has always maintained a close companionship with family and friends.

Eleanor Wilson, who taught with Janet at Burgettstown Area High School, said of her, "It is really a blessing to have someone such as Janet as a contemporary! Because she has touched the lives of so many with her warm charm and sincerity, she will be greatly missed."

**Janet Elich-Profile**

**The Enterprise-May 31, 1995 Edition**



# Nancy Miller Elliott

A narration presented at

Jefferson Township Sesquicentennial held on June 21, 2003. The Bethel Pageant was held at the Bethel Church on Bethel Ridge Road about three miles south of the Village of Eldersville.

Scripts were written using factual data taken from local histories, family genealogies, graveyard inscriptions, censuses, obituaries and interviews with the elder of the community who were familiar with families represented. The personalities included in the pageant were chosen very carefully, there being a large number of honest, respected, hard working individuals who were buried here from which to choose. Criteria used in the selection were: a) burial was in the Bethel Graveyard, b) were representative of a family that lived in the area in the early days of settlement, c) in their lifetime were credit to Jefferson Township, d) enough data and human interest stories were available to make this writing possible.

Persons chosen to portray the "Personalities from the Past" were also carefully selected. Where possible, direct descendants of the personality, or some knowledgeable individual with close ties to the family or the homestead of the family were invited to participate.

June Campbell Grossman-Welch  
Pageant Director & Author of Narrations

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

## **Nancy Miller Elliott**

**My name was Nancy Miller Elliott. I was born in 1764, in County Donegal, Ireland. In 1792, with a number of our acquaintances and relatives, we set sail for America and what we hoped would be a better life. Among these who came with us were my brother, George Miller, my half-brother, Hugh Miller, and my two sisters, Betsy and Peggy Miller.**

**Three years later, by 1795, my brother, George Miller, had bought land in what is now Jefferson Township. This property today is known as Bancroft Farm.**



**My husband, John Elliott, and I along with our growing family, settled on what is now known as Bethel Ridge, not far from my brother, George. A few years later, Stephen Perrine built a stone house not far from where we lived. These properties later became known as the Anton Resnik and Frank Pastor farms.**

**Although my Miller family were of the Presbyterian faith, my husband, John Elliott, was instrumental in the building of the first Methodist Episcopal Church which stood toward the lower side of the graveyard, just a little west of this present brick building. Two of our sons were very active in that church, George being a class leader, and John, a lay speaker. George was also one of the first undertakers of the area and an excellent coffin maker. Our children married into the families of the Bethel area and lived their early lives not far from our home.**



**Life in those days was not easy and I died in my early sixties and was buried here in the cemetery near the church. Just two weeks later, our beautiful daughter, Nancy, died at the age of 20 and was buried beside me. Four days after her passing, Rebecca, just nineteen years old also died. She was the young wife of my son, George. Epidemics of disease were not uncommon in those days and often went through an area, striking young and old with their deadly venom. Only John's strong faith kept him going during those dark days of 1828.**

**John lived seven years after that awful siege of grief. But as John Scott, a neighbor boy of ours who later became a Methodist minister, once wrote about my husband, "He was a small man –a devoted and enthusiastic Christian, consistent in life – an Israelite indeed, in whom was no guile."**

**Some years after the death of his bride, my son, George, remarried – this time, to Tamar Melvin, daughter of dear friends of ours. They had a wonderful family. But in 1836, when an epidemic of huge proportions struck the area, their little Clarke Elliott died at the age of two and was followed the next year by Samuel, aged 5. Life for them was never the same again.**

**Our son, John, Jr., was also blessed with children. His daughter, Hannah, married Peter Perrine and Sarah wed Robert Stewart – both from very good families of Jefferson Township. But in 1850, tragedy struck this family also. Their little 2 year old Mary died suddenly and soon after, little John Elliott the Third, died at age seven.**

**Not long after this last episode of death and grief, George and John took their wives and families and moved to Davis County, Iowa, - perhaps to try to relieve the pain in their hearts from the loss of their children. Some of their older daughters had already married into families of the Bethel area and of course, they remained here with their husbands. Some of their descendants are still in the greater Bethel area today. But the name, Elliott, left Jefferson Township when our sons left for that new home in the West. About the only place the Elliott name can be found today is right here on these tombstones of ours in the old graveyard on Bethel Ridge. Isn't it strange, as we view things from the perspective of a long period of time, that this place of our final repose is thousands of miles from where we were born in old Ireland. Yet it is not more than a stone's throw from where John and I settled down to live our lives, over 200 years ago from this present time of 2003!**



**Old Bethel Graveyard, showing the white frame church built in 1878. Elliott graves on lower left side. Note old church foundation in forefront.**

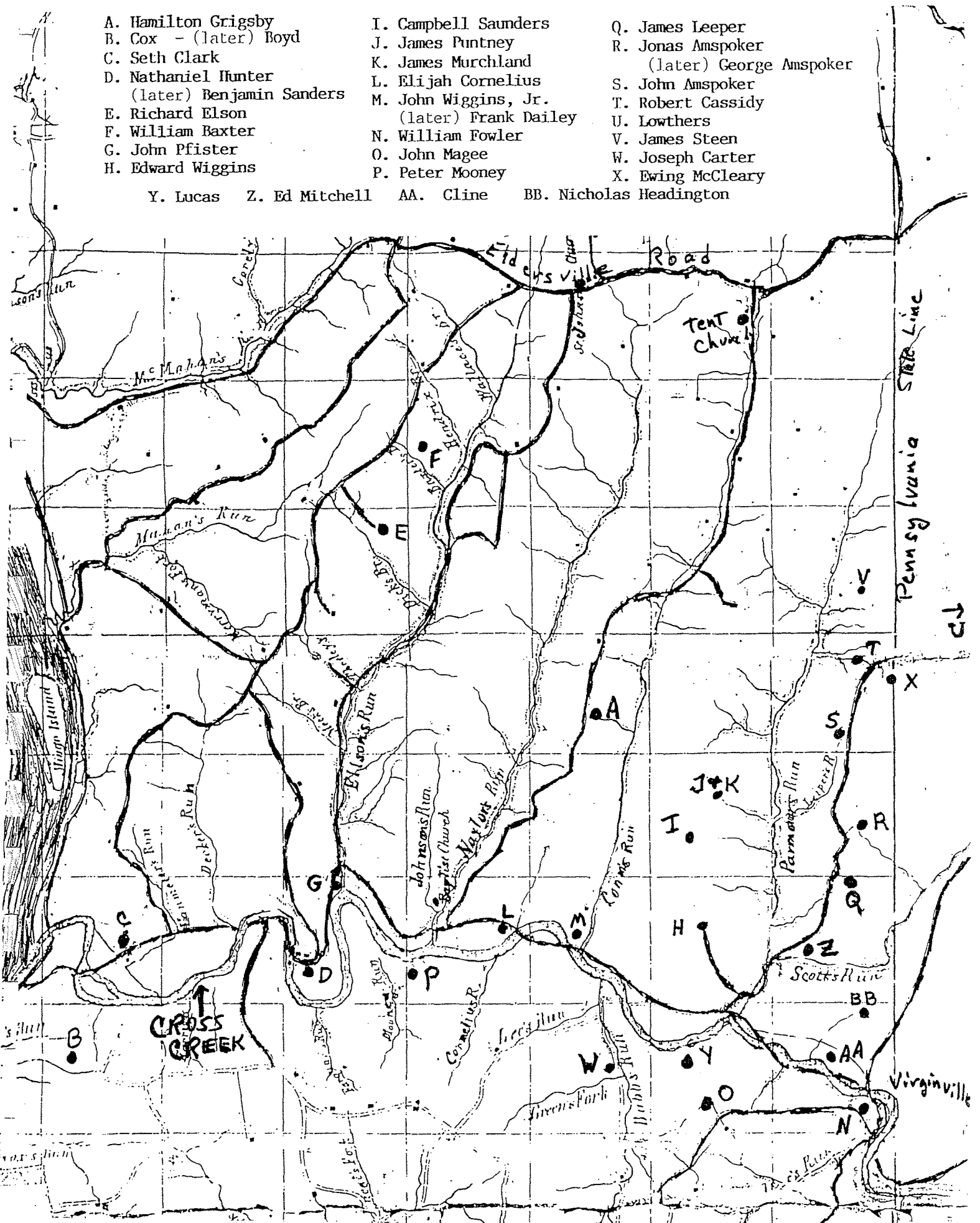
# **Elson-Baxter Family**

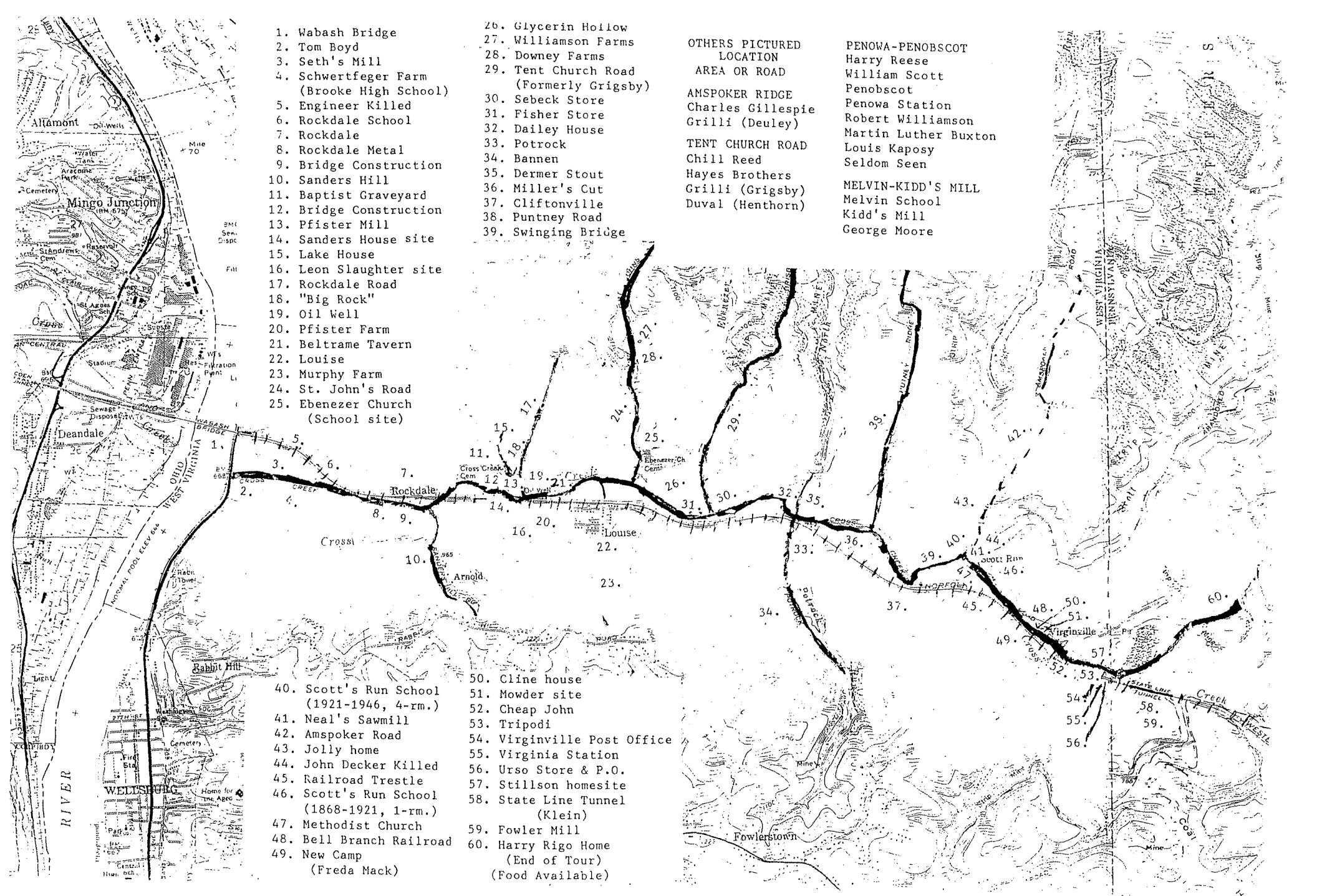
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THE EARLY FAMILIES

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|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| A. Hamilton Grigsby      | I. Campbell Saunders | Q. James Leeper         |
| B. Cox - (later) Boyd    | J. James Puntney     | R. Jonas Amspoker       |
| C. Seth Clark            | K. James Murchland   | (later) George Amspoker |
| D. Nathaniel Hunter      | L. Elijah Cornelius  | S. John Amspoker        |
| (later) Benjamin Sanders | M. John Wiggins, Jr. | T. Robert Cassidy       |
| E. Richard Elson         | (later) Frank Dailey | U. Lowthers             |
| F. William Baxter        | N. William Fowler    | V. James Steen          |
| G. John Pfister          | O. John Magee        | W. Joseph Carter        |
| H. Edward Wiggins        | P. Peter Mooney      | X. Ewing McCleary       |
| Y. Lucas                 | Z. Ed Mitchell       | AA. Cline               |
|                          |                      | BB. Nicholas Headington |





1. Wabash Bridge
2. Tom Boyd
3. Seth's Mill
4. Schwertfeger Farm (Brooke High School)
5. Engineer Killed
6. Rockdale School
7. Rockdale
8. Rockdale Metal
9. Bridge Construction
10. Sanders Hill
11. Baptist Graveyard
12. Bridge Construction
13. Pfister Mill
14. Sanders House site
15. Lake House
16. Leon Slaughter site
17. Rockdale Road
18. "Big Rock"
19. Oil Well
20. Pfister Farm
21. Beltrame Tavern
22. Louise
23. Murphy Farm
24. St. John's Road
25. Ebenezer Church (School site)

26. Glycerin Hollow
27. Williamson Farms
28. Downey Farms
29. Tent Church Road (Formerly Grigsby)
30. Sebeck Store
31. Fisher Store
32. Dailey House
33. Potrock
34. Bannen
35. Dermer Stout
36. Miller's Cut
37. Cliftonville
38. Puntney Road
39. Swinging Bridge

- OTHERS PICTURED  
LOCATION  
AREA OR ROAD
- AMSPOKER RIDGE  
Charles Gillespie  
Grilli (Deuley)
- TENT CHURCH ROAD  
Chill Reed  
Hayes Brothers  
Grilli (Grigsby)  
Duval (Henthorn)

- PENOWA-PENOBSCOT  
Harry Reese  
William Scott  
Penobscot  
Penowa Station  
Robert Williamson  
Martin Luther Buxton  
Louis Kaposy  
Seldom Seen
- MELVIN-KIDD'S MILL  
Melvin School  
Kidd's Mill  
George Moore

40. Scott's Run School (1921-1946, 4-rm.)
41. Neal's Sawmill
42. Ampsoker Road
43. Jolly home
44. John Decker Killed
45. Railroad Trestle
46. Scott's Run School (1868-1921, 1-rm.)
47. Methodist Church
48. Bell Branch Railroad
49. New Camp (Freda Mack)

50. Cline house
51. Mowder site
52. Cheap John
53. Tripodi
54. Virginville Post Office
55. Virginia Station
56. Urso Store & P.O.
57. Stillson homesite
58. State Line Tunnel (Klein)
59. Fowler Mill
60. Harry Rigo Home (End of Tour) (Food Available)



## ELSON - BAXTER

Richard Elson, born in 1738, is listed in the 1787 Virginia Tax List. He is believed to be a soldier of the Revolution. He came to the headwaters of Cross Creek when it was Augusta County, Virginia, in 1772, from Prince George's County, Maryland. His wife, Mary Turner Elson, from one of Virginia's first families, was born in 1741. She and Richard were the parents of five sons and two daughters.

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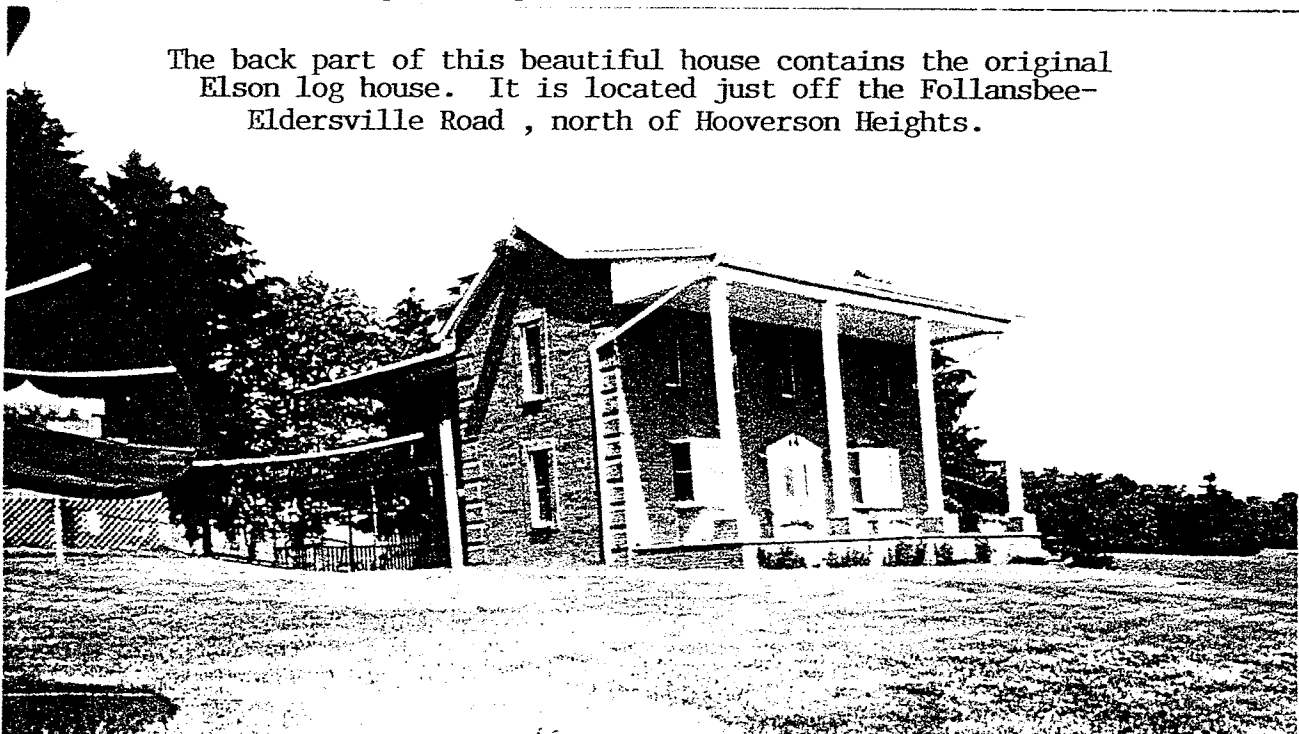
Family records list as a second son, Tunis Elson. He, however, does not appear in any of the records of that day and age.

John Harris Elson, born in 1771, married Margaret Wiggins, daughter of his next door neighbors, Edward and Charity Wiggins. John and Margaret were the parents of ten children. Sometime after the birth of their last child in 1814, they left Brooke County and moved to Stack County, Ohio, where John died in 1822 at the age of 51.

The fourth son of Richard and Mary Turner Elson was Archibald Hanson ELSON, known as Hanson or A.H. in local records. Hanson was born in 1778 and married Mary Cumley sometime before 1810 when he is listed in the Brooke County census for that year as having two sons and one daughter. He also listed himself as the owner of three slaves. In the 1820 census, living in his household is a female "over the age of 45". This may be his mother, Mary Turner Elson, since it is believed that his father, Richard, died circa 1804. Hanson, himself, died in March of 1830 at the age of 52. His wife, Mary Cumley Elson, outlived her husband by 35 years. They are buried at Olde St. Johns, along with their unmarried daughter, Sarah. In his will of 1830, Hanson names sons: Richard, John, and Mitchell ( Alexander Mitchell); and three daughters: Sarah, Mary, and Ruth. Hanson's wife lived in the household of her son, Mitchell, until her death in 1865 at the ripe old age of 87.

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The back part of this beautiful house contains the original Elson log house. It is located just off the Follansbee-Eldersville Road , north of Hooverson Heights.



The fifth and last son, William, was under the age of 26 when the Brooke County census of 1810 was taken. He had married Hannah Stewart and they are listed with two sons and one daughter under the age of ten. Also living with him is a female " over the age of 45" which is probably his mother, Mary Turner Elson. William disappears from Brooke County after 1810.

Richard and Mary Turner Elson also had two daughters in addition to their five sons. They were: Ruth, who married her next door neighbor, William Baxter, and Sarah, who married William's brother, Edmond Baxter. Sarah and Edmond had three daughters and then in 1786, a son, Richard, was born. Sarah died after Richard's birth, so his grandparents, Richard and Margaret Turner Elson, took this baby Richard and raised him. He is mentioned in his grandfather's will of 1804. Sarah's husband, Edmond Baxter, kept the three little girls. After six years, he remarried and then relocated in Kentucky, taking the daughters with him. When Richard grew up and married, he also went to Kentucky to join his father and sisters. He then located permanently in Carrolton, Ohio, where his maiden sister, Susannah, joined his household. He owned a large beautiful farm, and from the tone of his will, he was a happy contented man with a loving wife and seven children, including a set of twins.

The other daughter of Richard and Mary Turner Elson was Ruth, who married William Baxter 11 January 1785. Ruth was the mother of eleven children, three sons and eight daughters. The daughters Mary and Sarah married men named Brown, while Margaret married her neighbor, John Wiggins. Susannah married Jonathan Veasy, while her sister, Ruth, married John Brandon. Two sons of Ruth Baxter Brandon are pictured below. They are, of course, great-grandsons of Richard Elson for whom the younger was named.

James Elliott Brandon

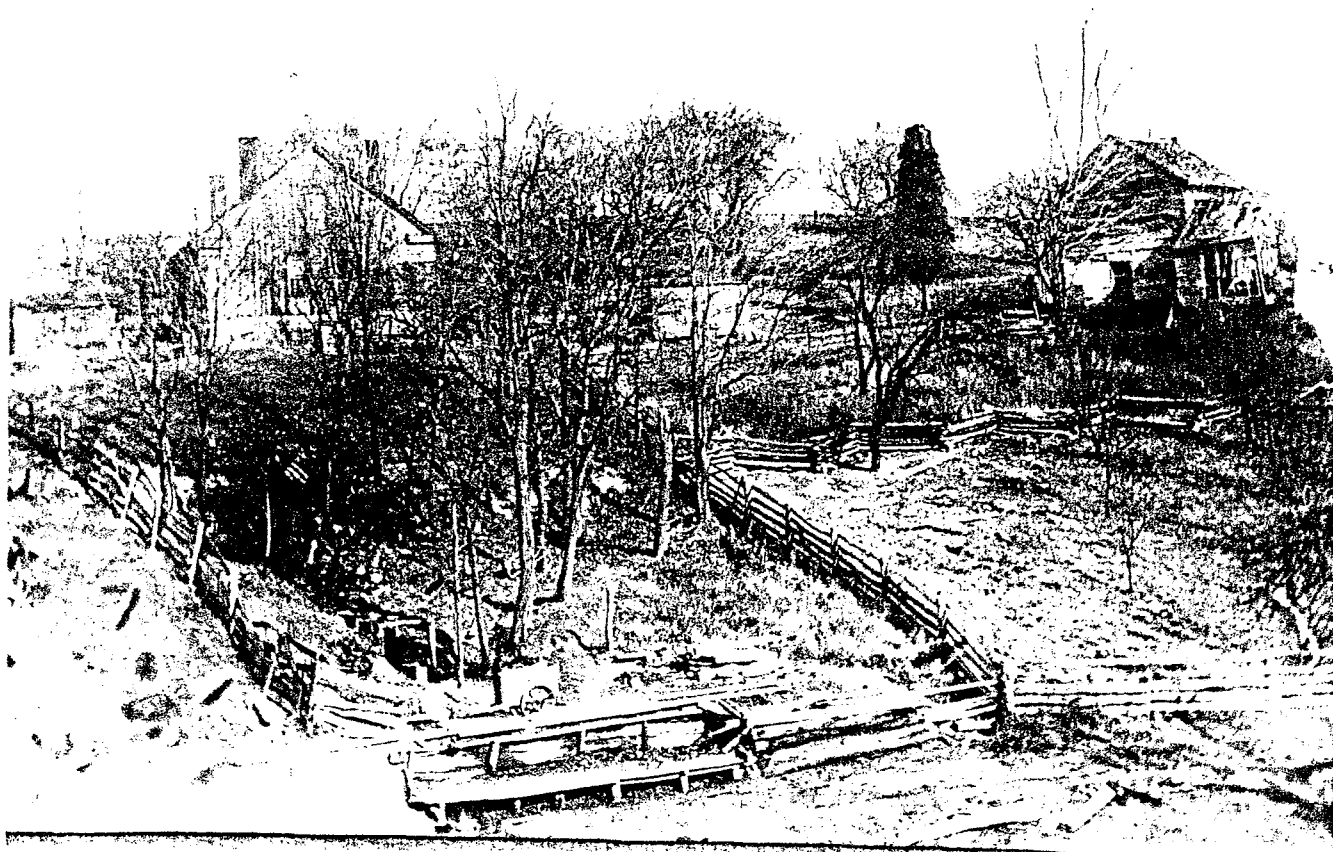
Richard Elson Brandon





Elizabeth and Anne, daughters of Ruth Elson Baxter, married into the Cariens family, as did their brother, William Elson Baxter, who married Ellen Cariens. The youngest daughter, Rachel, kept her maiden name by marrying Samuel Baxter. Of the sons of Ruth and William, Richard married Mary McGrew and George wed his next door neighbor, Rachel Hendricks, daughter of John and Charity Wiggins Hendricks.

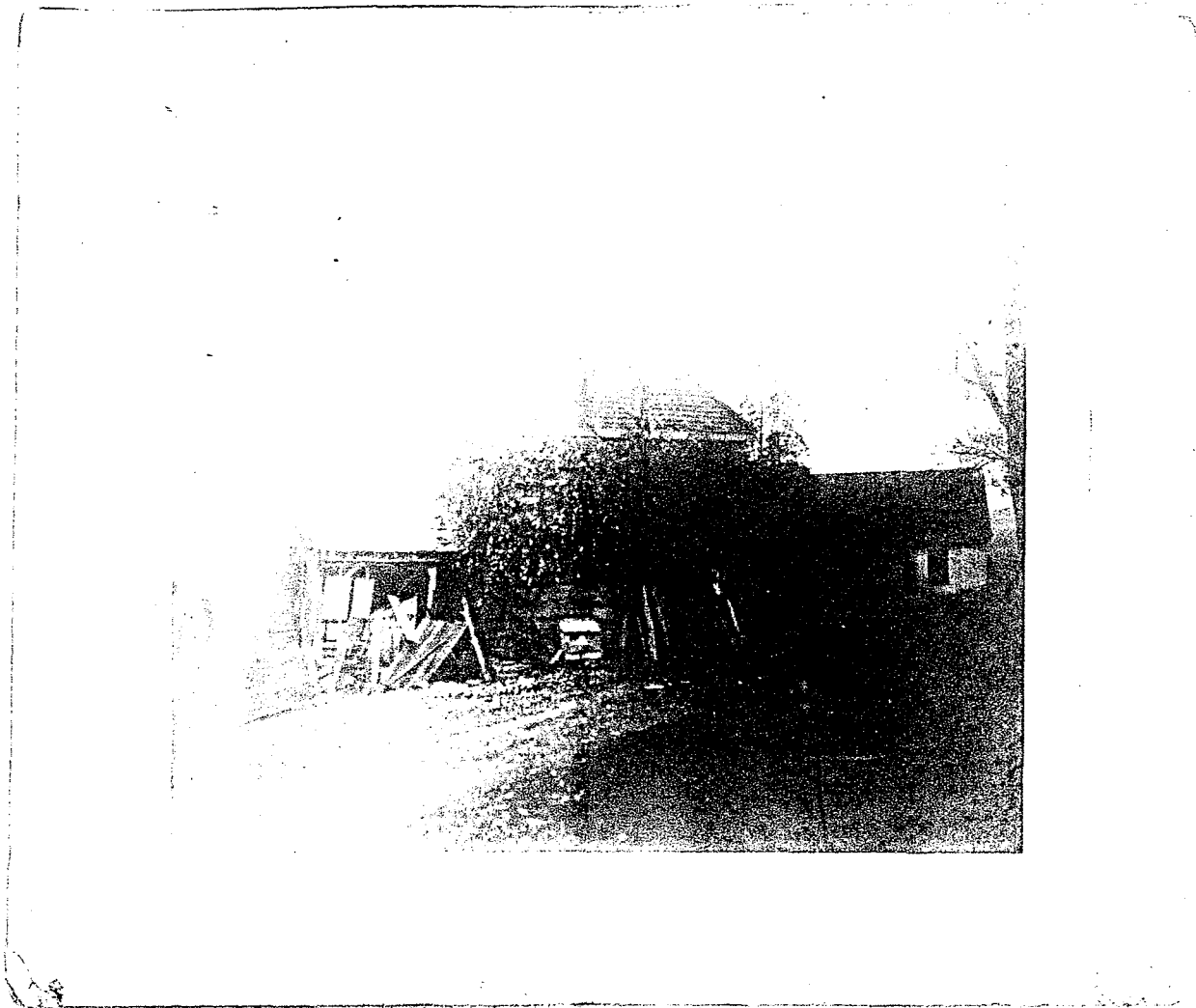
Pictured below is the old William and Ruth Elson Baxter homestead. The abandoned log house on the right in the picture is, no doubt, where William and Ruth lived out their lives and where their children were born. Their youngest son, William Elson Baxter, seems to have stayed here at the homestead after his marriage to Ellen Cariens, and it is here that his seven children would have been born. The house on the left in the picture is believed to have been built in later years by the son of William and Ellen, John Cariens Baxter. A close-up shot of that house appears on the next page, along with photos of some of these Elson descendants. Both houses and the land on which they stood which was taken up by William Baxter when he returned from the Revolutionary War, are totally annihilated - once again by the ruthless strip-miners.



ABOVE: William Baxter Homestead, Goodwill Road, Brooke County  
Original log house on the right. Newer home of John Cariens Baxter, left.



ABOVE: Bottom right is William ELson Baxter, son of William and Ruth Elson Baxter and grandson of Richard and Mary Turner ELson. On the far left, bottom, is his son, John Cariens Baxter with his wife, Margaret Klein Baxter between them. Right rear is William's son, George Alfred Baxter who served in the Union army in the Civil War. On the left rear is the daughter of John C. and Margaret Klein Baxter, Lola, who married Thomas Gracey.



Side view of the log house of William and Ruth Elson Baxter. Caption accompanying this picture in 1907 states that the house was over 100 years old at that time. No doubt a log cabin preceded it.



Pictured below are John Cariens Baxter ( grandson of Ruth Elson Baxter) and his wife, Margaret Ann Klein Baxter. She was the daughter of John Frederick Klein from just across the state line above Virginville. On the left is their daughter, Mary Ann, who married James Williamson and lived just at the top of the hill above Cross Creek on the St. Johns Road. From Mary Ann descends George Williamson of Follansbee, well known for his many years of loyalty to the Tent Presbyterian Church.



Below is the home believed to have been built by John Cariens Baxter on the old homestead. It was here that his daughter, Lola Bedell Baxter, married Thomas Jefferson Gracey. Their grandson is Robert Gracey of Ohio County, West Virginia, an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church and an avid genealogist. His collection of information on Brooke County families comprises one of the largest data bases in the area.



Richard Elson probably died circa 1804, shortly after his will was written. His wife, Mary Turner Elson, may have lived until the 1820s, since an elderly female is listed in the household of her son, William, in the 1810 census, and of her son, Hanson, in 1820. To the best of this writer's knowledge, no graves of either Richard or Mary have ever been found, nor is it known where their daughter, Sarah, who died in 1787 is buried. It is, of course, possible that Richard and Mary are buried at Olde St. Johns in unmarked graves, as their son, Hanson, and other Elsons are buried there. This writer, however, has another theory.

On the Follansbee-Eldersville Road just north of Hooverson Heights, stands a beautiful brick farmhouse, reputed to have been built about 1831. This is believed to be on the original Richard Elson tract of 400 acres. It is the birthplace of William Rihel, a retired farmer and lover-of-the-land. In 1912, his parents, Martin and Frances Rihel, moved from Midway, Pennsylvania, to this farmhouse. They told the story to their children that when they moved, they had to lead their cow all of that great distance on foot. Here, in that farmhouse, William was later born. He was one of four sons: Frank, Martin, John, and William; and three daughters: Mary, Louise, and Jennie of the Rihel family. When William was barely two years of age, his father died, leaving Frances to raise their little brood of seven children. Not only did she provide for their physical needs, but she instilled in them a love of the land, an appreciation of their American heritage, and a deep respect for the "old" values.

Pictured is Frances Rihel who came to the hilltop above Cross Creek in 1912. Here two of her seven children were born. About 1919 her husband, Martin Rihel died as a result of a fall from an apple tree, leaving her to raise their family. She was a woman of great integrity and a wise and loving mother. The example she set by her life, lives on in her children's children.





William has told this writer that in one of the two orchards on the farm, was a quiet, secluded spot which sheltered five very old graves. They were marked with common field stones and had no noticable inscriptions. From his mother's teachings, William honored these graves, protecting them from intruders and from desecration of any sort, all of the years of his life. To the best of his knowledge, no one else knows exactly where they are, and those who once did know, had no knowledge of the persons buried there. This graveyard is not a great distance from the location of the old Elson log house. Since no one today seems to know the exact site of the first log cabin which Richard most certainly would have built when he arrived in 1772, it is very feasible that it may have been only a stone's throw from the site of that old orchard. It is, of course, purely speculation, but this writer believes firmly that this may have been the Elson Private Burial Ground. If so, whose are the bodies interred there? Probably Richard and his wife, Mary Turner Elson, and no doubt their daughter, Sarah Elson Baxter who died at the birth of her son in 1787. As to the other two - perhaps

family members unaccounted for in the scanty genealogical records of the day - or neighbors who had no burial ground of their own - or a passing stranger who sickened and died. We shall probably never know. But one thing for sure this writer does know! William Rihel is not tempted by the offers of high stakes to purchase his land for commercialization. He loves the land and has tried to pass that love along to his three sons, one of whom lives in the old brick house in which he was born. If these five graves are, indeed, the old Elson Private Burial Ground, then as long as William Rihel is alive, Richard Elson can rest in peace!



Wedding Picture  
of William and  
Bertha Maluski  
Rihel

### GRAND JURY IGNORES MURDER CHARGE

A charge of murder against Frank Emler, R. D. 1, McDonald, in connection with the death of Joseph Lauff, November 28, last, was ignored by the Grand Jury Wednesday afternoon. Lauff died from a gunshot wound received at the defendant's home in Robinson township. It is understood that Emler claimed that he heard some prowling at night outside of his house; that he picked up his shotgun and as he started out the door the hammer struck on the doorjam and discharged the gun, the shot striking Lauff. The costs will be placed on the county.



**To Celebrate Golden Wedding.**

Mr. and Mrs. David F. Enoch of Burgettstown will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage at the seashore where they are at present sojourning, on July 4th. Announcements give the information that Miss Mattie Fleming of Burgettstown and David F. Enoch of Washington were married by the Rev. David Carson, D. D., at Burgettstown on July 4, 1881. The couple will leave the seashore about July 10th and take up their residence at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Kildare at Frankford.

**Mr. and Mrs. David Enoch  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary-Married July 4, 1881  
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 18, 1931 Edition**

## Happy Boy



Michael Esno (pictured above), 12 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Esno of Slovan, is grateful and happy over the \$250 deposited in the Washington Bank by the Croation Lodge, 548 of Slovan for him. The money was raised by a benefit dance held by the lodge last August.

Michael suffered severe burns Christmas Day, 1947 and has been hospitalized ever since. Recently he submitted to an operation at the Shriners Hospital, Roosevelt Blvd., Pennypach Circle, Philadelphia.

Michael and his parents are also grateful for the 75 pints of blood which the people of the greater Burgettstown community have donated since the tragic accident.

**Michael Esno**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-October 20, 1949 Edition**



# **Estate Records**

**1781-1796**

**and**

# **Deed Records**

**1782-1785**

**Washington County, PA**

**by**

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## Estate Records

Before the formation of Washington County in 1781 the main sources for estates for the region are in Westmoreland County, Pa. (abstracts of wills in Vol. 6 Genealogical Society of Pa., 1915-17) and Yohogania County, Va. (summarized in Vol. 9, No. 3 The Virginia Genealogist, 1965). A few earlier records may be found at Wheeling, W. Va.; Morgantown, W. Va.; Bedford, Pa.; and Carlisle, Pa. Both Virginia and Pennsylvania claimed the region and established courts. Permanent settlements began about the year 1770.

Washington County in 1781 included all of Pennsylvania south of the Ohio and west of the Monongahela River - present Washington and Greene Counties with parts of Allegheny and Beaver. The wills of Washington County 1781-1811 have been abstracted by Mary Ellison Wood (Vol. 6 Genealogical Society of Pa.) This reference should be consulted. (No. 2 Mar. 1916, pgs. 135-180)

The present publication lists the wills 1781-96, and also includes all records available for estates without wills. The latter are obtained from accounts filed and guardians appointed by the Orphans Court. The wills contain much information not given here.

The data are presented in condensed form. A search of the original records will be helpful. Where minor children are mentioned, there were likely older children whose names are not given. If the person filing the accounts had the same surname, his given name is listed in parenthesis. Where given, the township of residence is listed after the name.

Y = mentioned in earlier Yohogania records  
w = will on file, year of probate listed  
a = accounts filed (for both wills and letters)  
adm = estate mentioned in Orphans Court, no accounts  
minor ch = guardian listed for these  
ch = named in estate distribution or partition  
bound ch = bound out, father dead  
85 = 1785

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In the second half are deeds abstracted for 1782-85 (year of recording, in order). For a complete description of the land with adjoinees; for the names of witnesses; and for other details see the original deed books. The surnames for both grantors and grantees are given in the deed index. If the residence of the grantee is not given, it is the same as that of the grantor. If only the township is given, it is for Washington Co. Copies of this booklet may be obtained by forwarding two dollars to the compiler to help pay the cost of publication. John H. Goebel has made the deed abstracts.



ACHESON John; minor ch 92 (Jane, Hannah)  
 ADAMSON Thomas; w 90; a 90 (John & James)  
 ALEXANDER Isaac - E Bethlehem; w 93  
 ALLISON John - Cecil; w 90  
 ANDERSON Daniel; a 96 (Elizabeth); minor ch 96 (Jane, James,  
 Elizabeth, John)  
 ANDREW David; a 86 (Mary); minor ch 86 (John, William, James,  
 Esther, David, Samuel, Mary); widow, Mary m Leadley  
 ANKROM John - Ten Mile; w 89; a 89 (William)  
 ARMSTRONG Joseph; a 87 (Thomas) /Dodd  
 ARMSTRONG Thomas; a 83 /mas); widow Mary m John  
 ASHBROCK, Thomas; a 83 (Mary); minor ch 83 (John, James, Ann, Tho-  
 ATKINSON George; a 87 (George)  
 ATKINSON Thomas; w 84; a 86 (George & Thomas)  
 AULT Conrad; w 88; a 89 (Frederick); minor ch 93 (Frederick)  
 /Caleb)  
 BALDWIN Jabez; w 88; a 93 (Caleb); minor ch 93 (Elizabeth, Esther,  
 BARDOW Nicholas; a 89  
 BARNARD James; w 89; a 91 (Ignatius)  
 BARR John - Leacock Tp, Lancaster Co; minor ch 93 (Samuel)  
 BATTIN Thomas; a 96  
 BEAM Philip; a 96 (Mary)  
 BEER Alexander; a 96  
 BELL James - Morgan; w 91; a 96; minor ch 96 (John, James, Benja-  
 min, Sarah, Isaac, David)  
 BELL Richard; minor ch 92 (James)  
 BENHAM Peter - Campbell Co, Ky; w 95  
 BEST John - Hopewell; minor ch 96 (Elizabeth, Anne, Pleasant);  
 widow Catharine  
 BLACK Robert; a 93 (Mary)  
 BLACKFORD Matthew; a 86  
 BLACKLEDGE Thomas; w 88; a 89 (Enoch & William)  
 BLACKMORE Samuel; a 88 (Arbita & James); minor ch 88 (Samuel,  
 William, Cilinda, Thomas, Rachel, Clementius)  
 BOAK John; minor ch 87 (Betsy)  
 BOCKIAS Erasmus; a 86  
 BONHAM Jacob; a 86; minor ch 84 (Daniel, John)  
 BOOK John; w 86; a 87 (Jacob)  
 BOYES John - Louisiana; w 91; a 92 (Allen)  
 BRADFORD Charles; w 89  
 BREIDEN Ezekiel - Bethlehem; minor ch 96 (Samuel, William, Eliza-  
 beth, Mary, Ann)  
 BREAKBALL (BRAKENBALL) Peter; w 88; a 95 (Jacob)  
 BRICE William - Prince Georges Co, Md; w 94  
 Y BRICKALL (BRICKETT) Elizabeth; a 83  
 BRINDLEY Henry - Mingo Path; adm 85  
 BROWN John; a 87  
 BROWN John; a 92  
 BROWN Lawrence; w 91; a 93  
 BROWNFIELD William; a 86 /garet)  
 BROWNLEE Archibald; w 85; a 90 (James); minor ch 87 (Agnes, Mar  
 BROWNLEE Archibald; w 88; a 96 (John)  
 BUCHANAN John - Hopewell; w 95  
 BUCHANAN Samuel; a 92 (Elizabeth & John)  
 BUCKINGHAM John; a 96 (William); minor ch 96 (William, Isaac,  
 Hannah, Mary, John) - Bethlehem

BUMGARDNER Adam; minor ch 81 (Jesse)  
BURGETT Boston; a 91 (George)

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CALDWELL William; w 87; a 89 (Margaret)  
CALVIN James; w 96 /m Stillwell  
CAMPBELL James; a 88; minor ch 89 (William, Sarah); widow Lucy  
CAMPBELL John; a 85 (Rosanna)  
CARSON William - Buffalo Ck; w 83; ch 84 (Mary Johnston, John,  
Adam, Isaac, Jennet Clark, James); widow Willemina  
CARTER William - Amwell; a 92 (James); minor ch 93 (James, Eliza-  
beth, Ann, Hannah, Ruth)  
CATON Thomas; ch 96 (George, Milce m Thomas Praul, Susannah,  
Daniel, Priscilla, Dorsey, Agnes)  
CHAFFANT Robert; a 90 (Chads); minor ch 92 (Sarah, Elizabeth, Mary)  
CHAMBERLAIN Richard - Mt Pleasant; w 89; a 92  
CHAPMAN John; a 90; minor ch 91 (Elizabeth, William, Thomas, George,  
Susannah, Nancy); widow of Thomas exr of John now Rebecca Ayres  
CHERRY Thomas; a 90 (Thomas Jr & Mary); minor ch 90 (Moses, Edward)  
CLARK John; adm 86  
CLARK Kiah; minor ch 84 (Jennet)  
CLEMENS James - Donegal; w 96  
COCHRAN Alexander - Cecil Co, Md; w 85; a 89 (William & Alexander)  
COCHRAN William - Smith; minor ch 83 (Rebecca)  
CONYERS John; a 95; minor ch 89 & 94 (John, Thomas, Sarah, Samuel)  
COOK Jacob Jr; w 82; a 90 (Jacob Sr)  
Y COOK Thomas; adm 84 (Ann)  
COOPER John - Smith; w 94  
COOPER Moses; a 87 (Zebulon & Moses)  
COULSON Uriah; a 88 (Samuel) /Elizabeth)  
COULTER John; a 91 (Abigail); minor ch 91 (Mary, Abigail, John,  
CRIVIN John; a 87 (Francis)  
CRAWFORD Andrew; w 95  
CRAWFORD Valentine; minor ch 82 (Rachel)  
CRIBS Christian; w 84  
CRITCHFIELD Arthur; w 89; a 90 (Charity & Philip)  
CROSS William - Nottingham; minor ch 93 (Ignatius, Joseph)  
CROW Lawrence - Pike Run; a 92 (Margaret); ch 93 (John, Thomas,  
Jane m William Huggins, Margaret, William, Ruth, Lawrence)  
CUFF John - Washington; w 86; a 88  
CUNNING Alexander; w 83  
CUNNINGHAM Mary; w 86  
CUNNINGHAM Robert - Strabane; w 91; a 92  
CURREN Thomas; a 85

DAGE Frederick - Bethlehen; w 96

DALEY Charles; w 83

DALEY Philip; w 87; a 90 (Philip, Samuel, Charles)

DANIEL Joseph; a 87; minor ch 86 (Mary, Prudina, Henry)

DAVIS John; a 89 & 91; minor ch 88 (Susannah, Elizabeth, Sarah)

DAVIS William; w 89

DAY Samuel - Morris; w 93; a 96 (Daniel & Joseph); minor ch 96  
(Benjamin)

Y DEMENT Jesse - Strabane; a 86 (James); minor ch 88 (David,  
Rebecca, Catharine, Elizabeth)

DICKERSON Asa; w 95; a 96 (Henry)



DICKERSON Gideon; w 89  
 DICKERSON John; w 85; a 86 (Ruth)  
 DIXON Samuel - Fallowfield; w 95  
 DOD Rev. Thaddeus - Amwell; w 93; minor ch 94 Cephus; widow Phoebe  
 DODD John - Washington; w 94; minor ch 94 (Charles, Mary)  
 DODDRIDGE John; w 91; a 96 (Joseph); minor ch 92 (Benjamin,  
 Enoch, Elinor, John)  
 DONAHEY John - Hopewell; w 85; a 86 (William)  
 DONALDSON David; a 92 (Jennet & David)  
 DOUGLASS Robert - Hanover; w 95  
 DOUTTY Edward; a 90  
 DRAPER James; a 86; minor ch (James, Henry, John) - Amwell  
 DRUMMOND William - Robinson; w 85; a 92 (Margaret)  
 DUNCAN Alexander - Smith; w 95  
 DUNCAN John; a 90; minor ch 91 (John, Andrew, Mary, Robert, Su-  
 sannah, Isabella)  
 DUNCAN John - Hanover; w 92; a 94  
 DUNN Benajah; a 87  
 DUSSMAN Daniel; a 95; minor ch 95 (Jacob, Henry, Mary, Christian)  
 DUSSMAN Jacob; a 88; minor ch 89 (Daniel, Catharine)  
 DYE Benjamin; a 92 (Andrew); minor ch 91 (James, George, Sarah)  
 ELLIS Thomas; a 92; minor ch 83 (Thomas, Sarah); widow Ann  
 ESTELL Levi; minor ch 91 (Levi, Rhoda)  
 EVANS Zechariah; w 93  
 EVETT Andrew - Hopewell; a 95; minor ch 96 (John)  
 Y FAULK William - Robinson; a 87 (Ann); minor ch 82 (Catharine, Eliza-  
 beth, Henry, William, George, Jacob)  
 FAULKNER Samuel; a 95 (Elizabeth)  
 FEASTER Gasper - Bethlehem; w 93; a 94 (Henry)  
 FERGUSON Alexander; a 86  
 FERGUSON James - Nottingham; w 87; a 90 (Margaret)  
 FINDLEY Cornelius; a 86  
 FINDLEY George; a 84  
 FLANNIKIN James; a 84 (John & Samuel)  
 FORTNITT (FORTNER) Jacob; w 92; a 93; minor ch 92 (Christina,  
 Elizabeth, Jacob, Margaret, Sarah, Mary)  
 FOSTER Thomas; a 90  
 FOWLER James; w 82; a 96  
 FRANK Baltzer - Strabane; w 96; minor ch 96 (George, Eve, John,  
 Jacob, Andrew, Daniel, Henry, Peter, Susannah)  
 FRAZEE David - Amwell; w 89; a 90 (Jonathan); minor ch 91 (Phebe,  
 Sarah, David, Mary, Ann); widow Mary m Simon Porter  
 FRAZEE Thomas; a 90  
 FRAZER David; w 83; a 93  
 FRAZER Francis - Peters; w 86; a 90 & 93  
 FRAZER John; a 95  
 FRAZER Robert; a 90 & 93  
 Y FROMAN Solomon; a 87 (Mary)  
 FRONICKER Jacob; a 88  
 FULK John; a 86  
 FULLENWIDER Henry; w 90  
 GERARD Jonah; w 82; a 85 (Justice)

GIBSON William - Strabane; minor ch 96 (David, Jannet, Mary, Esther, James)

GILL John; a 87 (William)

GILLANAN Philip; w 96

GLASS Listen; a 91; minor ch 88 (James 15, Margaret 11, Jane 8, John 6, Joseph 4, Samuel 1)

G(L)ASS Robert; w 82; a 86 (James)

GOODWIN Joseph; minor ch 89 (John)

GRAHAM William; a 92

GRAY Matthew; a 88 (Susanna)

GREEN Henry; a 86

GREGG John; a 89 (Richard)

GRIFFITH Edward - Smith; adm 83; minor ch 93 (Samuel); widow Lettice m William Martin before 83

\*GRIEVES George; a 87 /Eleanor)

GRIFFITH Thomas - Cecil; minor ch 82 (Thomas, Robert, John, Moses,

GRISELL Joseph - Fallowfield or Pike Run; w 88; a 96; minor ch 96 (Agnes)

GRISELL Priscilla (widow of Joseph); w 90; a 91 & 96

GUFFEY James; a 86

GUY Richard; minor ch 93 (Matthew); Richard, late of Md, died on his way to Wash Co; Matthew has been living with his grandfather, John Watt, and his uncle, John Kencaid

HALE William - Cumberland; w 93; a 94

HALL William; a 86 (Sarah) /zabeth)

HAMILTON William; a 87 (Mary & David); minor ch 89 (Margaret, Eli-

HARVEY John; a 86

HATHAWAY Abraham; a 87 (Abraham & Richard)

HATHAWAY Thomas; a 90 (William)

HAVLIN Henry; a 93

HAY Matthew; a 90 (Mary)

HAYES William; w 95

HAYS David Sr - Smith; w 92

Y HIGGS Jonathan; a 87 (Catharine); minor ch 87 (Mary)

HILL John; a 92 (Mary)

HILL Thomas - Donegal; a 96 (Mary); minor ch 96 (Ann, Rachel, Samuel, Jane, Margaret)

HOPKINS John; a 95 (Thomas)

HOUSE Adam; a 88 (Barbara)

HUDSON Joshua; a 88 (William)

HUFFMAN Rudolph - Somerset; w 94

HUGHEY Jane - Peters; w 84; a 87 (John)

HUGHS John; adm 84

HUIE Pierces, widow; w 90

Y HULL Francis; a 86; minor ch 88 (Elizabeth, Margaret); widow Catharine m Benjamin Pegg

HULL John - Robinson; a 90,92,94; minor ch 92 (Moses, Elizabeth, Rachel, John, Ruth, Gesham); widow Rachel m Vanata

HUPP John; a 86 (Ann & Everhart); minor ch 93 (John, Elizabeth)

HUSTON William; a 86 (James; Elizabeth & Robert) /Catharine)

HYTE Martin - Somerset; a 87; minor ch 84 (Anthony, Elizabeth,

IAMS William; w 95

INNIS James - Fallowfield; w 91

ISRAEL Jacob; w 83; a 85 (Isaac)



JACKSON Thomas; w 90; a 91 (Ann & William)  
 JACKSON William; a 86  
 JOHNSTON Jacob; w 81; a 86 (Nicholas)  
 JOHNSTON Mary - Fallowfield; w 93  
 JOHNSTON William - Anwell or Strabane; adm 83; minor ch 82 (William,  
 James, John, Eleanor); widow Eleanor  
 JOLLY Peter; a 86 (Martha)  
 JONES Evan; w 86  
 JONES Thomas; a 91 (Jacob)  
 \*JONES Jacob; w 85; a 91 (Rebecca)  
 JUDGE Neal; a 86 (Martha); bound ch 89 (William)

KELLAR Jacob; w 87  
 KELLOUGH Francis; a 89  
 KERR Alexander - Strabane; w 83; a 87 & 91  
 KERR John - Strabane; w 94  
 KERR John Sr - Nottingham; w 89  
 KINSOR John; a 84 (Elizabeth)  
 KINTNER Michael; a 86 (George & Catharine); minor ch 89 (George,  
 Michael, Margaret, Jacob); ch over 21 incl Adam & Mary m  
 Daniel Hisinger  
 KIRK James; a 87; widow Martha m Parker  
 KITTS Christian; w 89; a 90 & 92 (George & Valentine)  
 KUNTZ Michael - Washington; w 93; bound ch 94 (John, Peggy)  
 KUYKENDALL Lewis; w 89

LAMBERT Moses; w 82; a 88 (Ossey)  
 LANG Joseph; minor ch 95 (Joseph)  
 LAUGHLIN Matthew; ch 94 (John, William, Cassandra, Margaret Wallace,  
 Mary, Adam, Edward, James) - Pigeon Ck & Pike Run  
 LAW Catharine; a 86  
 LAW William; minor ch 86 (James); bound ch 86 (Mary, William, Agnes)  
 LAWRENCE Joseph - Bethlehem; w 95  
 LEFFLER Jacob; w 84; a 96  
 LEWIS John - Strabane; w 94; a 96 (Mary)  
 LIVINGSTON William - Strabane; a 96 (Agnes); minor ch 92 (William,  
 Hugh, Elizabeth, Jean, John, George, Sarah)  
 LOCKHART William; a 90 (Elizabeth)  
 LONG John; w 86; a 87 (Noah & Ann)  
 LONG William - Cecil; w 93; minor ch 96 (Jacob, William, Samuel,  
 Hannah, Joseph, Mary)  
 LOVE William; a 92

Y LOWDEN James; a 90 (Thomas & Robert)  
 LUCKEY Robert; a 94 (Catharine)  
 LYDIA Henry; a 94 (Jane); minor ch 94 (Peter, Ann)

MAINS Francis; w 84; a 87  
 MARCHANT Thomas; w 85  
 MARES William; a 89  
 MARLEY William; a 86  
 MARTIN John; a 87 (Abigail) /James)  
 MATTHEWS James; w 84; a 86; minor ch 87 (Robert, Paul, Margaret,  
 McADAMS James; a 90

Y McCANDLESS Alexander; a 87 & 90 (Elizabeth); ch 90 (Sarah, Alexan-  
 der, Hugh, Elizabeth, James, Jane)

- McCLOY Alexander; a 95
- McCORMAS Samuel - Fallowfield; w 94; a 96 (Zebelah); minor ch 96  
(William Sinclair McComas)
- McCONNEL Alexander - Cecil; w 93
- McCOY Angus; w 96
- McDONALD James; a 96 (Margaret)
- McDONALD John - Cross Creek; minor ch 96 (John, Margaret, Kennedy)
- McDOWELL Mary; w 96; a 96
- McFARLAND James; a 96 (Andrew & Francis)
- McFARREN Mary - Smith; w 92
- McGAUGHER Patrick; a 86
- McGEEHAN Duncan - Robinson; w 92; minor ch 92 (John, Sarah, Mary,  
Margaret, William, Duncan)
- McGLAUGHLIN Laughlin; a 89
- McGOOGIN Daniel; a 91 (Ann)
- McGUINISS Francis; a 88
- McGUIRE Patrick; a 96
- McGUIRE Robert - Hopewell; a 86 (Francis & Elizabeth); minor ch 84  
(Thomas, William, Robert)
- McGUIRE Thomas - Hopewell; w 93; minor ch 96 (Hugh, John)
- McINTOSH John ; a 88; minor ch 88 (Ann)
- McKAY Alexander; w 92
- McKEE David; a 87 (John & Margaret)
- McKILLIPS Patrick; minor ch 92 (Alexander)
- McKNEELY James; a 88
- McKNIGHT James; w 81; a 87
- McLELLAN Robert; w 91
- McMICHAEL John; a 93 (Andrew)
- McMULLEN James; w 90; minor ch 94 (Jane, John, Sarah, James, Betsy,  
Barbara, William)
- McMULLEN Susannah; w 90
- McNABEE Barnabas - Bethlehem; w 93
- McQUOWN Thomas - Strabane; w 95
- McROBERTS Charles; a 86 (Mary)
- McRORY James - Chartiers; w 94; minor ch 93 (Agnes, James)
- MEFFORD George; a 90 (John); ch 90 (George, Elizabeth, Jacob, John)
- MERCHANT John; a 86 (Thomas & Samuel)
- MEVEY Edmond - Robinson; w 91; a 95 (Benjamin & Jane)
- MILLER Christopher - Donegal; w 93
- MILLER George; w 91; a 93 & 96
- MILLER Jacob Sr; a 86 (Jacob Jr); ch 86 (Jacob, John, Polly m  
Andrew Deats, Adam, Catharine, Frederick, Peter, Henry); widow  
MILLER Oliver - Peters; w 82; a 86 (William) Mary
- MILLER Oliver; a 86 (Mary) /nes
- MILLIGAN John - Peters; a 83; minor ch 83 (James, Sarah); widow Ag-
- MITCHELL Kent; a 86 (Hannah); minor ch 85 & 88 (Shadrick, Eliza-  
beth, Mary, Thomas, Sarah, Isaac, Ezra)
- MOLBOWER George; w 95
- MONTGOMERY Nathaniel; w 85; a 86 (John)
- MOONEY James; a 86
- MOOR John; w 84 /Ann
- MOORE Daniel; a 86 (Morgan); minor ch 89 (Jane, Agnes); widow Mary
- MOORE David - Robinson; w 95
- MOORE James; a 87 (Mary)
- MORRIS Joseph; a 92 (Jonathan)



MORRISON Gavin; w 83; a 83 (John)  
 MORRISON John - Peters; w 89  
 MORROW John; w 95  
 M(O)YER Michael; w 87; a 90 & 95 (George & Michael)  
 MURDOCK James; a 93 (Mary)  
 MYERS George; w 95

NELSON Joseph; a 88 (Mary)  
 NEUMONS William; a 84 (Lettice)  
 NEWELL James; w 94; a 95 (John)  
 NORRIS John - Strabane; w 82

O'FARLAN Patrick - Nottingham; w 92  
 O'NEILL Barnett; a 90  
 OWENS (OWINGS) John Sr - Ten Mile; w 85; a 87 (Susannah); minor  
 ch 90 (John, David, Vincent, George, Mary, James)

Y PARK James; adm 84  
 PARK William; minor ch 83 (James, Mary); widow Ann m Isaac Cowen;  
 William only bro of James Park late Lt in 73 Va Regt  
 \*PARK Samuel - Cecil; w 96  
 PARR William - Chartiers Ck; w 82; a 87; minor ch 87 (Margaret);  
 widow Sarah m John Quinn  
 PATTEN Michael; a 91 (David)  
 PATTERSON Mary - Cross Creek; w 96  
 PAUL Nathaniel; w 95  
 \*PAUL James; w 86; a 87 (Sarah)  
 PEACOCK John; w 87; a 88  
 PEARSOL Jacob; a 87 (John)  
 PHILBAUM Conrad; a 87 (Sarah & Christopher)  
 PHILBAUM George; a 84 (Catharine)  
 PHILLIPS Lewis; a 84  
 PREGG John - Maryland; minor ch 96 (Samuel, William)  
 PRIOR Nathan - Cumberland; w 92; a 94 (Timothy & John); minor ch 94  
 (Margaret, John, Sarah, Nathan)  
 PYLATT Jacob; w 84

QUICK Cornelius; w 92

RANKIN John; w88; a 89 (Rebecca); minor ch 94 (James, Mary) -  
 Matthew Rankin of Smith Tp made guardian - Jesse, Samuel  
 brothers of John

RANKIN William - Smith; w 93  
 RANKIN Zachariah - Smith; w 85; a 87; minor ch 87 (Abigail)  
 RAWLINGS Nathan; adm 84  
 REDFORD Nathaniel; a 85 (Jane)  
 REED Joseph; a 96 (Margaret)  
 REINHART Thomas - Franklin; w 93  
 RENO Benjamin; w 83; a 87  
 REYNOLDS Alexander - Anwell; w 84; a 85 (Letitia); son Alexander  
 born after will was written

RHINEHEART Simon; a 87

RICE Abraham; w 95

RIGBY Thomas; a 82; minor ch 85 (Elizabeth, Nimrod, Henrietta,  
 Titus, Augustus, Mary); widow Ann m John Jones of Henallen Tp;  
 guardians Reason Pumphrey of Strabane & John Jones of Henallen

ROBBINS Ann; w 85; a 86  
 ROBBINS Isaac; minor ch 83 (Isaac, William, James)  
 ROBBINS Job - Cecil or Nottingham; a 92; bound ch 85 (James);  
 minor ch 85 (John)  
 ROBERTSON (ROBISON) Lane; w 84; a 85 (Susanna); 6 children;  
 Elizabeth by a former wife is known as "Patty"  
 ROGERS David - Hampshire Co, Va; w 83  
 ROLLAR George; w 96  
 RONEY James; w 91; a 92 (Hercules)  
 ROSE Tychicus - Morgan; w 93  
 ROSS James; a 86 (Mary); minor ch 82 (James, Mary, John, Phebus,  
 Moses, Isabel, Robert Andrews) - Cecil  
 ROSS John; a 87  
 ROZIER George; a 82  
 RUSSEL, William - Donegal; w 95  
 \*RAMLINGS Michael; a 88 (Mary)

SCARLETHORN Luke; a 87; minor ch 87 (Sarah, Nathaniel, Margaret,  
 Solomon, Isaac)  
 SCOTT Samuel; a 94 (Elizabeth); minor ch 92 (John, Jean)  
 SCOTT Thomas; a 90; minor ch 90 (Thomas); widow Eleanor m Johnston  
 SCOTT Thomas - Washington; w 96  
 SEATON James; a 87 (Betty & James)  
 SELSER Lewis; a 96 (Barbara)  
 SHANNON John; w 87; a 89 & 92 (George & Hannah)  
 SHARP Edward; a 90 (Catharine); minor ch 89 (William, Isaac, Adam,  
 Paul, Stogdail, Elizabeth, Mary)  
 SHEARER David; w 90; a 91 (Thomas)  
 Y SHEARER Robert - Smith; a 82 (Elizabeth); minor ch 82 (Mary, Eli-  
 zabeth); father Hugh; widow Elizabeth m Brown  
 SHUSTER Michael; w 87  
 SIMON Adam; a 88 (Michael & ?Richard)  
 SIX Conrad; a 86 (Henry)  
 SLOKERN Phoebe; a 92  
 SMITH Benjamin; w 84; a 93 (Esther & Rev. Joseph)  
 SMITH Edward; a 90 (Isaac)  
 SMITH Isaac; w 93  
 SMITH James; a 95 (John); minor ch 87 (James, Susannah)  
 SMITH John - Hopewell; w 88; a 90 & 92  
 SMITH Rev. Joseph - Hopewell; w 92  
 SMITH William - Cross Creek; w 95  
 SPEERS Solomon; a 91 (Noah)  
 SPROUL Francis; w 82; a 86; minor ch 83 (Jean)  
 STEPHENSON John - Canton; a 86 (Mary); minor ch 86 (William, John,  
 James, Samuel, Robert, Joseph, Mary, Elizabeth) - Jean m  
 Robert McComb, see 92 agreement  
 STEWART James; a 92; minor ch 91 (Daniel, Charles)  
 STEWART William; a 92; minor ch 90 (Mary)  
 STEWART William; w 90; a 96  
 STIBBS Joseph; w 86; a 90 & 92  
 STILLINGS John; a 86 (Elizabeth)  
 STILLWELL Shadrach; bound ch 87 (Jeremiah, Mary)  
 STONES Francis - Finley; w 89  
 STUART Charles; w 93  
 STULL Henry; a 93 (Valentine)



SUITERS Benjamin; a 84 (Caleb); ch 86 (Caleb, Mary, John Litton, Grace, William Burton, Benjamin, Anna, Mariah, Michael, Noah, Thomas Dent)

SWASSIX Richard; a 83 (George)

SWEARINGEN Van - Ohio Co, Va; w 94

TAYLOR John; w 86

TEAGARDEN Abraham; a 84 (Elizabeth)

TEMPLETON Nathaniel; a 83 (Isabella); minor ch 83 (Margaret, John, William); widow Isabella - Donegal

TENZEL George - Bethlehem; a 94 & 96; minor ch 93 (George, John, Agnes, Elizabeth)

THOMPSON James; w 86; a 86

\*THOMPSON Andrew; a 86

TICE John; a 93 (Ruth)

/well

TILTON Thomas; a 95 (John); minor ch 95 (William, Elijah) - Hope-

TINKEY John; a 89 & 91; minor ch 90 (George, Conrad, Frederick); son John over 21

TIPPONS William; w 95

TOUBAUGH Mathias - Anwell; a 94 (George); minor ch 94 (Rebecca)

TRISTLER George; w 96

TURNER William; a 91

TWEED John - Hopewell; w 91; a 92; minor ch 91 (Robert, John, Ann Grizel, William)

TWEED Robert; minor ch 86 (Agnes, Catharine)

ULERY Stephen; a 87 (Susannah); minor ch 87 (Daniel, Jacob, Stephen, David, Susannah)

URIE Thomas; a 91 (Susannah & Samuel); minor ch 91 (David, Elizabeth, Thomas)

VANCE John - Somerset; w 96

VANCE William; w 83; a 91 (Joseph)

VANHELAN Nicholas; w 82; a 86 (Garrett & George)

VANKIRK John - Anwell; w 92

Y VAUGHAN Abraham; a 84 (Richard)

VAUGHAN William; a 84; bound ch 87 (George)

VEACH Alexander; a 87

VENHAM George; a 88 (Mary); minor ch 88 (Thomas, Joshua, George, Ulrich, John, Elizabeth)

WADKIN William; a 88 (Hannah)

WAGGONER Godfrey; w 83

WAITS John; a 84 (Sarah); ch 96 (Elizabeth n Daniel Welch, Richard, Reuben, Polly, Jacob)

WAITS Joseph; a 83 (Susannah)

WALKER Alexander; a 86 (Robert)

WATERS Joseph; minor ch 90 (John)

WEAVER Jacob; a 92

WEIR John; a 87 (James)

WELCH Henry - Kings Ck; adm 85

WELCH Robert; w 94

WELSH James; w 88; a 89 (Mary & Robert); minor ch 93 (Robert, Rebecca, Jennet)

WELSH James; a 92 (John)

WHITAKER Thomas - Smith; w 91  
 WILLIAMSON Alexander; minor ch 91 (Martha)  
 WILLIAMSON William - Somerset; w 87; a 88 (Margaret & John)  
 WILLSON Archibald - Smith; minor ch 85 (Elizabeth, William,  
 Charlotte, Leah)  
 WILSON James - Washington; w 92; minor ch (John, Margaret)  
 WILSON Jane; minor ch 86 (Polly Pollock)  
 WILSON William; a 94 (Robert)  
 WILSON William; w 95; ch 95 & later (William, Robert, Esther m  
 William Giffin, Margaret m John Wilson, Elizabeth m John  
 Dundass) - Cecil  
 WININGS John; a 87; minor ch 91 (Benjamin)  
 WISE Adam - Ten Mile; w 81  
 WISE Frederick; a 96; minor ch 96 (Adam, Henry, John, Catharine)  
 WOOD Daniel; w 92; a 93  
 Y WOOD Jeremiah; a 83  
 WORK John; a 86 & 93  
 WRIGHT David; a 37 (Benjamin)  
 WRIGHT Joshua - Peters; a 86; minor ch 84 (Lydia, Enoch, Agnes)  
 YATES Christian - Amwell; minor ch (Christian, Andrew, Nicholas)  
 YEOMAN Joshua; a 87; minor ch 89 (John)  
 ZEDIKER Christopher; ch 87 (George, Agnes, Ulie, David, Mary,  
 Catharine, Christopher, John, Elizabeth); widow Margaret

#### MILITARY RECORDS IN ORPHANS COURT

- 1784 Thomas Kennedy, a disabled soldier  
 1794 Petition of Jane Hogeland, widow of Capt. John Hogeland  
 killed by Indians Jun 5-1782 at the Sandusky Villages  
 under Col. William Crawford - pension granted £50  
 1795 Petition of Rosanna Campbell, widow of John Campbell,  
 soldier, killed by Indians Jun 4-1782 at Sandusky  
 Villages under Col. William Crawford - pension \$135  
 1795 Susannah Neal, widow of John Neal, late a sgt in Capt.  
 John Buchanan's co of militia under Genl. Watt - John  
 Neal killed at Crooked Billet May 1-1778 - pension \$100



## Deed Records (in order of filing beginning Jan. 1, 1782)

Gabriel Cox of Youghogania Co. to James Logan of same co. a tract called the Rich Hill, July 7, 1781.

Patrick Farlin of Mingo Creek, Yough. Co., Va. to Wm. Barr of same, a tract on Mingo Creek of  $58\frac{1}{2}$  acres. July 3, 1781.

Wm. and Isaac Ellis of Wash. Co. to Wm. Fraser, land on Buffalo Cr., ab. Sept. 1774.

George Croghan, Esq. of Pittsburgh to William Croghan of same. Feb. 20, 1776.

John Bolly of Yough. Co., Va. to John Miller of same, a tract on Chartiers Creek, 100 acres. Apl. 20, 1780.

Samson Bever of Westmoreland, Pa. to James Terrence, land on Peter's Creek. July 7, 1777.

Levi Stephens of Westmoreland Co., Pa. to Alex. McConnal, land on Miller's Run, Coat Pitt Run and Two Mile Run. Apl. 17, 1777.

Thomas Dison of Yough Co., Va. to Samuel Fraser, land on the little Shirtee. Feb. 11, 1779.

Wm. B. Barker of Redstone Settlement of Augusta Co. to James McBurney of Shirtee Settlement, land on the little Shirtees Cr. May 3, 1776.

John Springer of Yough. Co., Va. to Francis Sproul, land on Millers Run. Jan. 17, 1778.

Isaac Miles of Wash. Co., Pa. to Joseph Wells,  $76\frac{1}{2}$  acres, May 4, 1782.

Robt. Walker of Sisel Twsh. of Wash. Co., Pa. to James Leech, Racoon Cr., 300 acres, Feb. 11, 1782.

Joseph Wells of Ohio Co. of Va. to Rev. Joseph Smith of York Co., Pa., land in Ohio Co., Va. 375 acres, May 2, 1780.

Wm. Hawkins of Ohio Co., Va. to James Stephenson, land on Merkin's Fork of Buffalo Cr., June 27, 1781.

Joseph Worley of Buffalo Cr., Wash. Co., Pa., to Sam. Buchanan of same co. and st. land on Buffalo Creek, June 11, 1782.

Sarah Sutton, admin. of Isaac Robbins to Eneas McDonald, land on Mingo Creek approx. 150 acres. June 7, 1782.

Benj. Vanator of Augusta Co., Va., to Joseph Couwenhoven, land on Mingo Cr., Mar. 4, 1775.

Geo. Croghan, Esq. of Pittsburgh to Robt. Lettis Hooper, Jr. of Trenton, 1500 acres of land. Jan. 9, 1772.

Andrew Russel of Wash. Co., Pa. to James Cambell, land on Chartiers Cr. Sept. 7, 1782.

Joshua Wright of Yohogan Co., Va. to Daniel Townsend of Glouster Co., West Jersey, land on Peters Cr. in Yough Co., Oct. 30, 1779.

Robt. Rutherford of Berkley Co., Va. to Sam. Purviance and Robt. Purviance of Baltimore Co., Md. land from a grant of 2500 acres in Wash. Co. Ap. 5, 1782.

Thomas Rutherford of Berkley Co., Va. to Samuel and Robt. Purviance of Baltimore Co., Md. 1000 acres of land on Western Branch of Raccoon Creek. Ap. 25, 1782.

John Sayler of Wash. Co. to Jacob Wolf, land on Shirtee Cr. Mar. 9, 1782.

Benj. Johnston of Wash. Co., Pa. to Hugh Brakenridge and Alex. Fowler of Westmore. Co., Pa. land in Pittsburgh. Sept. 25, 1782.

Peter Hanks of Wash. Co., Pa. to Thomas Woodward, land on Ten Mile Cr. 14 Nov., 1782.

Nathan Hammond to Valentine Crawford, land on Charees Cr. Jan. 28, 1775.

Valentine Crawford of Augusta Co., Va. to Edmund Jennings of Ann Arundell, Mr. land 1000 acres on Shirtees Cr., Augusta Co. Mar. 8, 1775.

Power of Attorney of Jonah Seaman of Wash. Co., Pa. to Jacob Newland of Kentucky. Dec. 11, 1782.

Joseph Clements of Westm. Co., Pa. to Thomas Best 300 acres on King's Creek. May 7, 1782.

John Inks of Yough. Co., Va. to Robt. Moore of Britain Twsh. Lancaster Co., Pa. 400 acres on Raccoon Cr. Oct. 11, 1779.

Wm. Wilson and Amos Wood of Aug. Co., Virginia to Sam'l. Merchant of little Britain Twsh., Lancaster Co., Pa. 400 acres on Raccoon Cr. May 3, 1777.

Henry Rolland of Huntington Twp., Westm. Co., Pa. to Robt. Little of Wash. Co., Pa. 100 acres in Wash. Co. Aug. 6, 1782.

John Reno of Wash. Co., Pa. to Hugh Brakenridge, land on Robinson's Run of 436 acres. Aug. 3, 1782.

Wm. Reno of Wash. Co., to Hugh Brakenridge, land on Robinson's Run of 436 acres. Aug. 3, 1782.

Thomas and Sarah Provence to Wm. Pettyjohn, 300 acres on Mon. River. Feb. 19, 1781.

Wm. Pettyjohn of Cumberland Twp., Wash. Co., Pa. to Timothy Douglas and John Douglas and Thomas Douglas of land on Mon River of 111 acres. Apr. 15, 1782.



Alex Henderson of Cecil Twp., Wash. Co., Pa. to Rev. Matthew Henderson of some goods. Dec. 9, 1782.

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Joseph Armstrong of Yough. Co., Va. to Jacob Buxton 100 acres on Cross Cr. Jan. 29, 1780.

John Reed of Yough. Co., Va. to Katherine Atchison of little Britain Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa. 400 acres on n. branch of Cross Cr. Nov. 30, 1779.

Ed. Dulin of Yough. Co., Va. to Sam. Agnew of York Co., Pa. 800 a. on George's Run in Yough. and Ohio Co's., Va. Ap. 15, 1780.

James Crawford and Ed. Cook to Robt. Moore of Cecil Co., Md. 400 a. on Chartiers Cr. Nov. 19, 1779.

Matthew Jefferies of Tyrone Twp., Westm. Co., Pa. to John Calhoon of Fredrick Co., Md. land on Shirtees Cr. June 19, 1773.

Geo. McCormick of Yough. Co., Va. to James Edgar of York Co., Pa. 400 a. on Two Drought. June 11, 1779.

John Hamilton of forth pitt town, Westmoreland Co., Pa. to John McKee of Westm. Co., Pa. 318 a. on n. side of Mon. R. Ap. 30, 1782.

Ed. Corn, Jr. of Westm. Co., Pa. to Francis Mains 300 a. in Westm. Co., on Ten Mile Cr. Feb. 12, 1774.

John Reardon of Westm. Co., Pa. to Zacharia Davis land on Mill Cr., Wash. Co. of 761 a. Oct. 16, 1782.

Henry Forgison (or Ferguson) of Yough Co., to James Graham. Dec. 6, 1775.

John Peters of Westm. Co., Pa. to Geo. Tegarden of Wash. Co., Pa. land on Ten Mile Cr. Ap. 15, 1782.

Richard Ashcraft to Geo. Tegarden (Teegarden) land on Mon R. Ap. 20, 1769.

John Lovejoy of Yough. Co., Va. and James Boys of same to Wm. Boys land on Froman's Mill Run. Jan. 30, 1779.

David Rankin of Yough. Co., Va. to Matthew Atchison land on headwaters of the middle fork of Raccoon Cr. of 580 a. Ap. 10, 1778.

Wm. Ewing of Yough. Co., Va. to James Reed 363 a. on Miller's Run. Oct. 19, 1778.

James Roberts of Wash. Co., N. Carolina to Wm. Gibson land on Shirtee Cr. Jan. 18, 1783.

John Hoge of the Ohio Settlement to John Brown 400 a. on Raccoon Cr., Feb. 1st, 1774.

Van Swearingen of Redstone Settlement to Thomas Bonfield 350 a. on Froman's Wagon Road. Ap. 15, 1778.

John Brakenridge of Yough. Co., Va. to James Mathewes land on Shirtees Cr.

Joseph Ross of Wash. Co., Pa. to James Ewing of 318 a. on Tumbleston's Cr. Dec. 2, 1782.

James Gillespy of Middleton Twp., Cumberland Co., Pa. to Joseph Kerr of Washington Co., Pa. 900 a. more or less on Raccoon Cr. Dec. 20, 1782.

Henry Hulce of Wash. Co., Pa. to Andrew Hood land in Peter's Twp. on Peter's Cr. of 250 a. Mar. 5, 1783.

Andrew Crawford of Yough. Co., Va. to James Matthews 250 a. on Brushey Run. Feb. 11, 1777.

Wm. Blunk of Wash. Co., Pa. to John Herron of Cumberland Co., Pa. 400 a. on Raccoon Cr. Nov. 2, 1782.

Martha Lapslie & John Shields of Wash. Co., Pa. to John Reed of same, land on Courthouse Rd. Feb. 25, 1783.

John McBride of Wash. Co., Pa. to Hugh Brackenridge 400 a. on Buffalo Cr. Ap. 1, 1783.

John Roberts to James Roney and Henry Holmes 444 a. on Roberts' Home Plantation. Dec. 16, 1780.

Wm. Crawford and Henry Houghland of West Augusta to John Phillis 486 a. on Raccoon Cr. May 10, 1776. Joseph

Joseph Alexander of Bedford Co. to Alexander Kerr 700 a. in Bedford Co. May 22, 1773.

Charles Reed of Wash. Co., Pa. to John Dickson of Antrim Twp., Cumb. Co., Pa. 300 a. on n. fork of Miller's Run. Mar. 10, 1783.

Jacob Heiderick of Yough. Co., Va. to James Marshel of Lancaster Co., Pa. 400 a. on headwaters of Cross Cr. Dec. 26, 1778.

Wm. Casselman of Westmoreland Co., Pa. to John Marshel of Lancaster Co., Pa. 400 a. on headwaters of Cross Cr. in Yough. and Ohio Co's., Va. Dec. 21, 1778.

Alex. Bowling of Ohio Co., Va. to Thomas Graffort of 200 a. on Shirtee Cr. Mar. 16, 1780.

Jacob Heidrick of Yough. Co., Va. to James Marshel of Westm. Co., Pa. 400 a. in Yough. Co., Va. Oct. 22, 1778.

James McFarlan to Arthur Cambell 60 a. July 27, 1782.

Wm. Long of Peter's Twp., Wash. Co., Pa. to Wm. Thompson land on Street's Run in Peter's Twp. Mar. 1, 1783.

Wm. Hinch of Yough. Co., Va. to David Frazer 441 a. on headwaters of Peter's Cr. July 26, 1779.

Anthony Dunlevy of Peters Twp., Wash. Co., Pa. to John Reed, land on Bushey Run of 98 a. Sept. 30, 1781.



Samuel McBride of Wash. Co., Pa. to Hugh M. Brackenridge land on a branch of Buffalo stream of 250 a. June 10, 1783.

Abraham Morgan of Wash. Co., Pa. to Sam. Irwin 220 a. on Mingo Cr. May 27, 1783.

Benj. Allen of Westm. Co., Pa. to Peden Cook 600 a. on Robinson's Run. May 11, 1781.

Sampson Bevers of Yough. Co., Va. to Benj. Allen of Westm. Co., Pa. 600 a. on Robinson's Run. Jan. 6, 1780.

Christian Himes of Wash. Co., Pa. to John Rynolds land on Fishpot Run. June 16, 1783.

John McKoliam, Sr. of Wash. Co., Pa. to John Rynolds land on Fishpot Run. June 30, 1783.

Wm. McCollum to Christian Heimes land on headwaters of Fishpot Run. Jan. 7, 1782.

Wm. White of Wash. Co., Pa. to Walter Buchanan of Cecil Co., Md. 400 a. on Traverse which joins Raccoon Cr. Feb. 6, 1783.

Alex. Edie of Wash. Co., Pa. to John McLean 318 a. on King's Cr., Pa. July 1, 1783.

John Kilgoar to Robert Ralston 300 a. in Yough. Co., Va. Ap. 29, 1780.

Stephen Barclay to Samuel Irwin 90 a. on Froman's Rd. May 2, 1783.

Joseph Hulce of Peter's Twp., Wash. Co., Pa. to Wm. Fry 800 a. on Peter's Cr. June 26, 1783.

Wm. Roch of Wash. Co., Pa. to Wm. Sinclair 294 a. on west fork of Shirtee Cr. July 2, 1783.

Dorsey Penticost of Westm. Co., Pa. to Sam. and Robt. Purviance of Baltimore, Balt. Co., Md. 400 a. on Shirtee Cr. Feb. 1, 1780.

Dorsey Penticost of same to Sam. and Robt. Purviance 400 a. on Ohio R. above Legg's Town. Jan. 10, 1783.

Dorsey Penticost of same to Sam. & Robt. Purviance 400 a. on Mon. R. along Rd. from Pittsburgh of old Redstone fort. Jan. 10, 1783.

Dorsey Penticost of same to Sam. & Robt. Purviance 350 a. on Ohio R. at junction of Shirtees Cr. Jan. 10, 1783.

Benj. Deuvall to Michael Chihorn (Chohorn, Choripess) land on Wheeling of 300 a. May 8, 1783.

Robt. Walsh of Baltimore, Md. and John Howell of Lancaster Co., Pa. to Wm. Richardson of Wash. Co., Pa. 372 a. on headwaters of Peter's Run. July 17, 1782.

Charles Records to Thomas McNary animals May 30, 1783.

James Allison of Wash. Co., Pa. to Thomas McNary 250 a. at forks of Shirtee Cr. & Sugar Tree run. Dec. 30, 1782.

Gabriel Walker of Yough Co., Va. to Thomas Patterson 400 a. on Raccoon Cr. Dec. 27, 1779.

Henry Dickinson of Westm. Co., Pa. to Robt. Doke 330 a. in Westm. Co. Oct. 21, 1773.

John Huston of Westm. Co., Pa. to Francis Baldwin land on big whitely. June 29, 1774.

Thomas Provence of Wash. Co., Pa. to Aaron Jenkins cland on big Whitely at Mon. R. May 8, 1782.

Jacob Bonham to James Watson land on Cross Cr. Apr. 13, 1779.

John Kimbel of Frederick Co., Va. to Jeremiah Wilson of Raccoon settlement land on Raccoon Cr. June 12, 1776.

Wm. Young of Westm. Co., Pa. to Joseph Wherry of Chester Co., Pa. 300 a. on middle prong of Shirtees i.e., Chartiers Cr. Jan. 14, 1782.

Anthony Dunlevy of Peters Twp., Wash. Co., Pa. to John Reed of same 98 a. on Bushey Run. Sept. 30, 1781.

Nicholas Depue of Fallowfield Twp., Washington Co., Pa. to Benj. Frye 350 a. in w. side Mon. R. Mar. 27, 1783.

Wm. Wilson of Wash. Co., Pa. to Miles Wilson 200 a. on Shirtee's Cr. May 25, 1783.

Caleb Winget of Westm. Co., Pa. to Joseph Luckey of Chester Co., Pa. 250 a. on Ten Mile Cr. June 10, 1782.

Nathan Frakes of Wash. Co., Pa. to Thomas Scott 300 a. on Mon. R. May 19, 1783.

Michael Teggart of Westm. Co., Pa. to John Mackey 400 a. on King's Cr. Feb. 20, 1782.

John Brown of Wash. Co., Pa. to Wm. Dunlap 50 a. on Chartee Cr. Oct. 13, 1783.

Torrance Clark of Yough. Co., Va. to James McNary of York Co., Pa. 233 a. on Shirtee. Ap. 19, 1780.

Sampson Bevers to Thomas Philips land on Shirtee's Cr. Oct. 28, 1776.

Mastram Clark of Westm. Co., Pa. to Michael Teggart 400 a. on Kings Cr. Feb. 20, 1782.

Thomas Philips of Wash. Co., Pa. to Joseph Walker land on Shirtee's Cr. Aug. 7, 1782.



Joseph Walker of Wash. Co., Pa. to Wm. Dunlap land on Shirtee's Cr.  
Oct. 14, 1783.

John Smith to Joseph Casey 166 a. on Buffalo Cr. Mortgage June 21, 1783.

John Hall of Yough. Co., Va. to John Rolston 200 a. on Shirtee. Nov. 10, 1780.

Jeremiah Dunn to Ananias Davis 300 a. on Buffalo Cr. Mortgage Ap. 28, 1783.

Andrew Scott of Westm. Co., Pa. to Sam. McKibben 300 a. on Mon. R.  
Sept. 29, 1780.

Peden Cook of Wash. town to Eliazer Williamson of Hopewell Twp., Wash. Co., Pa.  
house and land in Wash. town. Mortgage Oct. 30, 1783.

Duncan McGihon of Wash. Co., Pa. to David McNary of York Co., Pa. 300 a. on  
Herman's Cr. Oct. 25, 1783.

And. Scott of Westm. Co., Pa. to Sam. McKibben 300 a. on w. side Mon. R.  
Sept. 29, 1780.

Joseph Wells of Wash. Co., Pa. to Andrew Walker of Lancaster co., Pa. land  
on Cross Creek. Oct. 30, 1783.

John & Sarah Grigg of Amwell Twp., Wash. Co. Pa. to Laughlin McIntosh of  
Louden Co., Va. land in Prince Williams Co., Va. Dec. 2, 1783.

David Lindsey of Yough. Co., Va. to John Reed 400 a. on Miller's Run.  
Mar. 4, 1780.

Isaac Miles of Hopewell Twp., Wash. Co., Pa. to Rev. Joseph Smith 123 a. in  
same Twp. Dec. 11, 1783.

Joseph Casey of Wash. Co., Pa. to John Smith 160 a. on Buffalo Cr.  
Ap. 15, 1783.

John Smith of Wash. Co., Pa. to Matthew Wallace of York Co., Pa. 160 a. on  
Buffalo Cr. Oct. 15, 1783.

John Smith of Ohio Co., Va. to Joseph Casey of Wash. Co., Pa. bargains.  
Dec. 18, 1783.

John Campbell of Pittsburgh, Westm. Co., Pa. to Sam. Irwin & Wm. Barr of  
Wash. Co., Pa. land on Coal Hill on the Mon R. June 28, 1783.

Thomas Rogers of Yough. Co., Va. to John Scott of of Lancaster Co., Pa.  
400 a. on Raccon Cr. Nov. 19, 1779.

Wm. Marshel of Peter's Twp., Washington Co., Pa. to James Matthews 163 a. on  
s. fork of Bushey Run. May 17, 1783.

James Watson of Peter's Twp., Wash. Co., Pa. to Charles Morgan 318 a. on Bushey  
Run. June 5, 1782.

Amos Mills of Westm. Co., Pa. to John Watson land on Dunkard Cr. of 749 a.  
Sept. 8, 1783.

Nathaniel Coulter of Wash. Co. Pa., to Sam. Coughy of goods. Oct. 13, 1783.

Wm. Willson of Yough. Co., Va. to Robt. Wallace 300 a. on Raccoon Cr.  
Oct. 22, 1779.

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And. Lynk of W. Augusta Co., Va. to Alex. Wright of Cumb. Co., Pa. 400 a. on  
Raccoon Cr. May 25, 1776.

James Marshel bound to perform duties of office of Lt. of County of Wash.  
in State Militia. Ap. 3, 1781.

James Watson of Wash. Co., Pa. to John Wallace land on Peter's Cr. Mar. 4, 1783.

Hannah McManamy of Wash. Co., Pa. to John Springer land on Shirtee.  
Oct. 4, 1783.

Nathan Hathaway to Hugh M. Brackenridge land on South fork of Ten Mile Cr.  
Jan. 2, 1784.

Tm. & John Pollock of Wash. Co., Pa. to Wm. Pollock 188-3/4 a. on Cross Cr.  
Dec. 25, 1783.

Cornelius Mannon of Peter's Twp., Wash. Co., Pa. to John Campbell of Jefferson  
Co., Va. goods. Jan. 5, 1784.

Samuel Johnson of Yough. Co., Va. to James Crawford, Monongehela Co., Va.  
900 a. on N. fork of King's Cr. Feb. 7, 1780.

Sam. Jeffery of Yough. Co., Va. to John Lee Webster of Harford Co., Md. 300 a.  
on Montures Run. Jan. 17, 1780.

John Mountgomery of Yough. Co., Va. to John Lee Webster of Hardford Co., Md.  
400 a. on Kings Cr. Feb. 8, 1780.

James Littell and Joseph Phillis both of Yough Co., Va. to John Lee Webster  
of Hardford Co., Md. 1000 a. on Kings Cr. Feb. 8, 1780.

Andrew Hood of Peter's Twp., Wash. Co., Pa. to Frederick Dunfield 318 a. on  
Planters Run. Aug. 14, 1783.

Tm. Ellis of Wash. Co., Pa. to Wm. Ellis 90 a. on Bushy Run. Feb. 20, 1782.

Charles Tuel of Wash. Co., Pa. to John Wilkinson 50 a. on Bushy Run.  
Nov. 21, 1783.

Wm. McKeage of Cecil Twp., Wash. Co., Pa. to Tm. Fergus 200 a. on Raccoon Cr.  
June 6, 1783.

John Ross of Oxford Twp., Chester Co., Pa. to James Ross of Raccoon Settlement,  
Wash. Co., Pa. 300 a. on headwaters of Raccoon Cr. Oct. 30, 1781.

Geo. Vollandigham of Yough. Co., Va. to Henry Potter 250 a. Oct. 12, 1779.

John Dodd of Wash. Co., Pa. to Sam. Irvine 200 a. on middle fork of Wheeling.  
Nov. 28, 1783.



Michael Teggart of Wash. Co., Pa. to Sam. Irvine 318 a. on headwaters of Shirtees Cr. Nov. 11, 1783.

Josiah Crawford of Westm. Co., Pa. to Wm. McClesry of Wash. Co., Pa. on Muddy Cr. Oct. 31, 1783.

Joseph Worley to Sam. Buchanon 400 a. on Buffalo Cr. Mar. 14, 1783.

Alex. Bowling to Abraham Teegarden land between Muddy Cr., Enoch's Run and Mon. R. Nov. 1, 1767.

Zach r Connel of Westm. Co., Pa. to Jesse Parmore 300 a. on headwaters of Mingo Cr. Sept. 11, 1783.

Andrew Lynk of Wash. Co., Pa. to Wm. Huston 300 a. Oct. 6, 1783.

James Bellshe of Wash. Co., Pa. to Wm. Hudson 234 a, 11 poles acres. Jan. 23, 1784.

Deposition of John Corbly.

Deposition of Richard Ivers.

Deposition of John Vertrees.

Andrew Smith of Wash. Co., Pa. to John McClean 2 horses. Jan. 15, 1784.

Henry Bowling of Westm. Co., Pa. to John Tennel land. July 8, 1773.

Levi Dungan of Wash. Co., Pa. to James Woodburn 100 a. on Chartiers Cr. Nov. 30, 1782.

Deposition of Samuel Elliot.

Nicholas Harrison of Fayette Co., Pa. to Tm. Rogers of Wash. Co., Pa. 400 a. on Raccoon Cr. Nov. 10, 1783.

Tm. Hughes of Mon. Co., Va. to James Carmichael 300 a. on Muddy Cr., Mon. Co. July 24, 1780.

Tm. Phillips of Yough Co., Va. to James Moore of Westm. Co., Pa. land on Shirtee Cr. Oct. 12, 1778.

John Horable to Abraham Teegarden land on the n. fork of Ten Mile Cr. Oct. 22, 1771.

Conrad Hartsogh of Wash. Co., Pa. to Henry Hartsogh his estate. Feb. 2, 1784.

Henry Rhoad of Westm. Co., Pa. to Payton (Peden) Cook \_\_\_\_\_ hundred a. on Shirtee Cr. Dec. 18, 1780.

John Campbell of Mon. R. to Abr. Teegarden two tracts of land on mouth of Dunkard Cr. Sept. 28, 1771.

- Adam Smith of Culpepper Co., Va. to Daniel Murdock of Mon. R. 2 tracts, one on Bushy Run and one on Enoch's Run. May 20, 1772.
- John Owens of Fort Pitt to Abr. Teegarden of Fred. Co., Md. land on Mon. R. Enoch's Run, and Muddy Cr. Oct. 12, 1772.
- Tm. Maginess to John Smith 50 a. Dec. 19, 1783.
- Sam. McClannehan of Wash. Co., Pa. to Alex. Edie land on Shirtee Cr. Oct. 25, 1783.
- Geo. Plomer of Wash. Co., Pa. to John Davis 50 a. Feb. 3, 1784.
- Tm. Clerk of Wash. Co., Pa. to John Davis 100 a. Mar. 4, 1784.
- David Steel of Wash. Co., Pa. to John Anderson 100 a. in Wash. Co. Mar. 9, 1784.
- James Patterson of Wash. Co., Pa. to Wm. Fife 160 a. on a branch of Robinson's Run. Nov. 28, 1783.
- Matt. Rodgers of Yough. Co., Va. to Sam. Park of Dennigall Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa. 550 a. on Chartiers Cr. Dec. 11, 1777.
- Sam. Leeper of Strabane Twp., Wash. Co., Pa. to Archibard Leeper 100 a. on Cross Cr. Feb. 4, 1784.
- Fred. Lamb of Hopewell Twp., Wash. Co., Pa. to James McMullen 162 a. on Buffalo Cr. Mar. 4, 1784.
- Fred. Lamb to Elizabeth Lamb 500 a. at fork of Bush Run, Buck Run, and Brush Run. Mar. 27, 1784.
- Geo. Croghan of Westm. Co., Pa. to David Sample 500 a. betw. Shirtees Cr. and Montures Run. Aug. 16, 1773.
- Alex. Fulton of Caul Co., Md. to Edw. Earl of Lancaster Co., Pa. 320 a. on Maple Cr. Mar. 18, 1775.
- Dan. Brooks to Benj. Fry 318 a. on Mon. R. in Horseshoe Bottom. Aug. 20, 1783.
- James Wright of Ten Mile Settlement, Wash. Co., Pa. to Benj. Stitts of Wash. Co., Pa. 400 a. on middle fork of s. fork of Ten Mile Cr. Dec. 8, 1779.
- Wm. & Robt. Ross of Wash. Co., Pa. to Nicholas Breast in two tracts on Beastis Fork. Sept. 11, 1784.
- Sampson Bevers of Wash. Co., Pa. to Sam. Blackmore of Montgomery Co., Md. 400 a. on Peter's Cr. Mar. 11, 1784.
- Tm. Bevington of Wash. Co., Pa. to James Johnston 60 a. on Raccon Cr. Dec. 7, 1783.
- John Vanater of Wash. Co., Pa. to Sam. Irwin 80 a. on a Branch of Mingo Cr. Oct. 8, 1783.



- Francis Starnaker to John Jimison land on Wheeling. Oct. 20, 1784.
- Richard Yeates to John Dodd 35-1/2 a. Oct. 19, 1783.
- Jacob Kimberlin, Jr. of Sheir Co., Va. to Van Swearingen of Wash. Co., Pa. power of attorney. Feb. 8, 1784.
- Charles & Tm. Reed of Yough. Co., Va. to John Lee Webster of Harford Co., Md. 350 a. on Robinson's Run.
- John Felty of Mon. Co., Pa. to John Lee Webster of Harford Co., Md. 375 a. on Raccoon Cr. Dec. 25, 1779.
- Archibald Records of Yough. Co., Va. to John Lee Webster of Harford Co., Md. 400 a. on Raccon Cr. Jan. 30, 1780.
- Wm. Sutton of Yough. Co., Va. to John Lee Webster of Harford Co., Md. 400 a. on Robinson's Run. Dec. 13, 1779.
- John Swearingen of Yough. Co., Va. to John Lee Webster of Harford Co., Md. 400 a. on Raccoon Cr. Dec. 18, 1779.
- John Stillings of Yough. Co., Va. to John Lee Webster of Harford Co., Md. 400 a. on Raccoon Cr. Feb. 10, 1784.
- Dorsey Penticost of Wash. Co., Pa. to Wm. Campbell of Wash. Co., Pa. 100 a. between Raccoon Cr. and Cross Cr. Mar. 23, 1784.
- Wm. Marshal of Wash. Co., Pa. to Robt. Marshal 100 a. on middle fork of Cross Cr. Mar. 25, 1784.
- John Fife of Yough. Co., Va. to John Swearingen 376 a. on Chirties Cr. Mar. 30, 1779.
- Wm. Price of Wash. Co., Pa. to Robt. Stephenson of Cumb. Co., Pa. 900 a. in Wash. Co. Aug. 14, 1783.
- Wm. Campbell of Wash. Co., Pa. to Benj. Baccus land in Kentucky. Ap. 12, 1784.
- Henry Levins of Wash. Co., Pa. to Ann Levins.
- Joseph Alexander of Bedford Co., Pa. to Nicholas Little 318 a. in Bedford Co. Mar. 9, 1773.
- Rich. Parr & John Hawthorn to John Cannon of Shirtees Settlement land on the main fork of Shirtees Cr. Oct. 15, 1774.
- Alex Edey of Wash Co, Pa. to Henry Cotton 250 a. in Wash. Co. Ap. 26, 1784.
- Cornelius McIntere of Hopewell Twp, Wash. Co, Pa. to Hugh Means of Wash., Pa. 66-1/2 a. on Buffalo Cr. in Hopewell Twp. Ap. 30, 1784.
- Joseph Alexander of Wash. Co., N. Car. to Henry Cotton of Wash. Co., Pa. land in Wash. Co. Sept. 23, 1783.

- Lawrence McHam (McKam) of Hopewell Twp., Wash. Co., Pa. to Joseph Wells, 55 a. on Cross Cr. Mar. 13, 1784.
- Samuel McKibbin of Wash. Co., Pa. to Hugh M. Brackenridge land on Mon. R. at the narrows. Mar. 13, 1784.
- Jeremiah Meeks of Yough. Co., Va. to Alex. McCandless, Sr. & Jr. land on Montuers Run. May 1, 1779.
- James Hogland of Mon. Co. Va. to Henry Spears, Jr. of Yough. Co., Va. land on Mon. R. June 1, 1779.
- David Parkison of Wash. Co., Pa. to Wm. Scott of Cumberland Co., Pa. 266 a. on Mon. R. Aug. 29, 1783.
- Geo. McCormick of Wash. Co., Pa. to Jeremiah Stansbury 70 a. on Harmon's Run. Mar. 18, 1782.
- James Brownlee of Shirtee Settlement to Walter Summers 318 a. Nov. 27, 1776.
- Christian Gibs to Christian Yost 55 a. Nov. 1, 1782.
- Jesse Parmour of Wash. Co., Pa. to Ezekiel Hopkins 121 a. on Mingo Cr. Nov. 14, 1783.
- Alex. Crawford of Wash. Co., Pa. to Alex. Denson of Smith's Twp., Wash. Co., Pa. land on Raccoon Cr.
- John Grigg of Amwell Twp., Wash. Co., Pa. to Laughlin McIntosh of London Co., Va., power of attorney over 252-1/2 a. in Prince Wm. Co., Va. June 29, 1784.
- Silas Hopkins of Wash. Co., Pa. to Nathaniel Wallace 60 a. June 26, 1784.
- John Hopkins of Pike Run Settlement, Wash. Co., Pa. to John Hopkins, Jr. 280 a. on Pike's Run. June 4, 1784.
- Geo. Meekle of Wash. Co., Pa. to Vincen Colvin land on Dutch fork of Buffalo Cr. Feb. 25, 1782.
- Hugh O'hara of Westm. Co., Pa. to James Kavens 470 a. on Saw Mill Run. Ap. 12, 1784.
- John Moore of Springhill Twp., Westm. Co., Pa. to Abraham Scott 300 a. on Muddy Cr. Aug. 25, 1780.
- Pclser Shillins of Redstone Settlement to Thesbazzar Bentley of New Castle Co., Pa. 1043 a. on Pigeon Cr. & Pike Run. May 8, 1777.
- David Still (Steel) of Wash. Co., Pa. to James Rollings of Westm. Co., Pa. 114 a. on Peter's Cr. June 3, 1784.
- John Craig of Wash. Co., Pa. to Samuel Craig 300 a. in Amwell Twp. July 1, 1784.
- John Bolley of Chartiers, Wash. Co., Pa. to Paul Pierce of Cumb. Co., Pa. 152 a. on Chartiers Cr. June 11, 1784.



Wm. McCandless and James McCrady of Yough. Co., Va. to John Lee Webster of Harford Co., Md. 400 a. on Montures Run. July 19, 1784.

Josiah Records of Yough. Co., Pa. to John Lee Webster of Harford Co., Md. 400a. on Raccoon Cr. Jan. 14, 1780.

Aaron Williams of Yough. Co., Va. to John Lee Webster of Harford Co., Md. 400 a. between little and big Traver's Run. Jan. 13, 1784.

Wm. Turner of Yough. Co., Va. to John Lee Webster of Harford Co., Md. 600 a. on Raccoon Cr. Jan. 13, 1784.

Joseph McKennon of Yough. Co., Va. to James Crawford of Mon. Co., Va. (transferred to John Lee Webster of Harford Co., Md. May 9, 1780) 200 a. on Raccoon Cr. Feb. 10, 1784.

John Little and Alex. Gray of Yough. Co., Va. to James Crawford of Mon. Co., Va. (transferred to John Lee Webster of Harford Co., Md. May 9, 1780) land on Harmon's Run. Feb. 24, 1780.

John Edgerton of Wash. Co., Pa. to John Kerr 307-1/2 a. on Chartier s Cr. Ap. 1, 1784.

James Wilson of Wash. Pa. to Hugh Wilson land in Bedford Co. Nov. 10, 1784.

Gabriel Peterson of Wash. Co., Pa. to Dorsey Penticost power of attorney over fees due to his service in Continental army. Nov. 12, 1784.

Andrew Link of Wash. Co., Pa. to to Josiah Scott 300 a. on Raccoon Cr. Jan. 7, 1782.

James Tagert of Cumb. Twp., York Co., Pa. to Wm. Ledler land on middle Wheeling. Mar. 23, 1778.

Noah Hayden of Westm. Co., Pa. to Dan. Charmichaels 400 a. on Servue Cr. Sept. 2, 1782.

John Vaneter of Nottingham Twp., Wash. Co., Pa. to Andrew Walker 20 a. on Mingo Cr. June 11, 1784.

Lawrence Roelson of Nottingham Twp., Wash. Co., Pa. to Sam. Scott of Rowstraver Twp., Westm. Co., Pa. 400 a. on Mingo Cr. Feb. 17, 1784.

John Hellor of Peter's Twp., Wash. Co., Pa. to James Johnson of Hanover Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa. 200 a. on Saw Mill Run. June 8, 1784.

Thomas Grigg of Mon. Co., Va. to John Swan of Frederick Co., Md. 400 a. on Ten Mile Cr. Oct. 22, 1777.

Brice Virgin of Wash. Co., Pa. to James Wilson 72 a. on Shirtee Cr. Aug. 7, 1784.

Daniel Leet of Wash. Co., Pa. to John Gabby of Wash. Co., Md. 120 a. on Shirtee Cr. June 5, 1784.

Richard Yeats of Ohio Co., Va. to John Gabby of Wash. Co., Md. 160 a. on Shirtees Cr. June 8, 1784.

Peter Jolly of Wash. Co., Pa. to Robt. Stockton 317-3/4 a. and 20 poles on Shirtee Cr. July 2, 1784.

Ben. Collins of Wash. Co., Pa. to Robt. McDuffy 50 a. on s. fork of Peters Cr. Mar. 30, 1784.

Peter Manning of Westm. Co., Pa. to Benj. Davis 318 a. on Kings Cr. Ap. 1, 1783.

Wm. Bohn of Wash. Co., Pa. to John Duncan 129 a. in Wash. Co. Aug. 24, 1784.

John Dungan of Wash. Co., Pa. to Joseph Holmes 440 a. on Big Travers. Dec. 14, 1782.

Ed. Anderson of Wash. Co., Pa. to Edward Dulin 200 a. on Buffalo Cr. Mar. 15, 1784.

John Carpenter of Ohio Co., Va. to James Crawford of Mon. Co., Va. 400 a. on Doldrerer Run, a branch of Buffalo Cr. Feb. 20, 1780.

Wm. Hays of Wash. Co., Pa. to Ruth Rheinhardt 40 a. on s. branch of Ten Mile Cr. May 24, 1784.

Alex. Montgomery of Wash. Co., Pa. to Wm. Sinclair, Jr. land on Shirtee. Aug. 15, 1783.

Obediah & Abraham Holmes both of Wash. Co., Pa. to Robt. Hamilton 123-1/2 a. and 20 poles on George's Cr., a branch of Shirtee. Nov. 12, 1784.

Sam. Clemmons of \_\_\_\_\_ Co., Pa. to Andrew Linn 400 a. on Harmon's Cr. Nov. 1, 1784.

Josiah Crawford of Wash. Co., Pa. to James Crawford 290 a., 28 perches on Mon. R. in Bedford Co. Aug. 3, 1784.

Wm. Roah of Wash. Co., Pa. to Wm. Lowry 400 a. on Shirtee Cr. Aug. 4, 1780.

John McKee of Wash. Co., Pa. to Dan. Rasher 7 a. on Mon. R. Jan. 28, 1784.

John Tennill of Wash. Co., Pa. to Josiah Conn two Tracts of land in Wash. Co. Ap. 20, 1784.

Mordicai Richard of Wash. Co., Pa. to Wm. Hill of York Co., Pa. 200 a. on Chartiers Cr. Nov. 7, 1782.

David Long of Wash. Co., Pa. to Alex. Long on house. Aug. 5, 1784.

Ben. Tate of 18th Royal Irish Regiment to Capt. Wm. Thompson land on Mon. R. July 16, 1770.

Geo. Margues of Wash. Co., Pa. to Sam. Hineman 60 a. on Cross Cr. July 7, 1783.



John Boggs of Franklin Co. to Robt. Johnston 300 a. on Shirtee Cr.'s mouth.  
Nov. 17, 1784.

John Marshal of Hopewell Twp., Wash. Co., Pa. to Sam. Egnew of Strabane Twp.,  
Wash. Co., Pa. 202 a. in Wash. Co., Pa. Oct. 18, 1784.

Duncan Kennedy of Wash. Co., Pa. to Thomas Sergeant land on Wheeling Cr.  
Sept. 20, 1784.

Arthur Eckles of Wash. Co., Pa. to Henry Craig and Wm. Campbell 150 a. on  
Sevies. Oct. 7, 1784.

Jacob Leady of Wash. Co., Pa. to Philip Leady 89-3/4 a. Nov. 12, 1784.

Sebastian Frederick of Wash. Co., Pa. to Matt. Hay of Lanc. Co., Pa. 319 a.  
on Mon. R. May 5, 1784.

Van Swearingen, Sheriff of Wash. Co., Pa. to James Brackenridge 318 a. in  
Cecil Twp. Dec. 1, 1784.

John Moore of Springhill Twp., Westm. Co., Pa. to Abraham Scott 300 a. on  
Muddy Cr. Aug. 25, 1780.

John McKee of Wash. Co., Pa. to Daniel Risher 268 a. 104 perches on Mon. R.,  
Cecil Twp. Mar. 2, 1783.

Sam. Welbs to Benj. Welbs of Westm. Co., Pa. 1000 a. on Raccoon Cr. and Mingo  
Cr. Feb. 20, 1774.

Francis Baldwin of Green Twp., Wash. Co., Pa. to James Hook 400 a. on  
Whitely Cr. July 2, 1784.

Sam Beeler of Wash. Co., Pa. to Seshbezzar Bently one Negro Woman and one  
negro child. Dec. 23, 1784.

John and Tm. Douglass of Wash. Co., Pa. to James Taggart 260 a. on the middle  
fork of Shirtee Cr. Sept. 3, 1784.

Wm. Bruce of Wash. Co., Pa. to Benj. Kirkingdoll land at mouth of Peters Cr.  
Nov. 15, 1784.

Tm. Bond of Wash. Co., Pa. to John Buckias 300 a. on Tumbleston's Cr.  
Dec. 30, 1784.

Mich. Teggart of Wash. Co., Pa. to Sam. Irwin of Pittsburgh 200 a. on Chartiers  
Cr. Dec. 16, 1784.

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David Finley of Ohio Co., Va. to John Munel of Wash. Co., Pa. 102 a. in  
Wash. Co. Nov. 30, 1784.

Tm. Griffith of Smith's Twp., Wash. Co., Pa. to Wm. Martain land on Raccoon  
Cr. Sept. 8, 1784.

- Joseph Ross of Shirtee's Cr., Aug. Co., Va. James Martain 400 a. on Shirtee's Cr. Feb. 9, 1776.
- John Margues of Hopewell Twp., Wash. Co., Pa. to Tm. Griffith land. Aug. 14, 1784.
- Sam. Jenkins to Wm. McComus of 125 a. on Dus Cr. in Harford, Co., Md. Ap., 1781.
- Rich. Yeates of Ohio Co., Va. to John Dodd of Wash., Wash. Co., Pa. 20-35 a. Jan. 20, 1785.
- James Miller of Cecil Twp., Wash. Co., Pa. to Hugh Patton 150 a. w. branch of Chartiers. Mar. 4, 1783.
- Tm. Waller, Cecil Twp, Wash. Co, Pa. to David Reed 318 a. on Miller's Run. Sept. 14, 1782.
- John Kinkead, Jr. of Lanc. Co., Pa. to John Douglass of Wash. Co, Pa. land on Chartiers. Mar. 5, 1782.
- Amos Wood of Aug. Co., Va. to John Allen 400 a. on Raccoon Cr. Ap. 22, 1774.
- David Long, Wash. Co., Pa. to Matthew Johnston 200 a. on Shirtee Cr. Mar. 7, 1783.
- James Chambers of Pittsburgh to Tm. Walker, Hempfield Twp, Westm. Co, Pa. 318 a. in Robinson's Twp., Wash. Co. Aug. 9, 1784.
- John Nickols of Wash. Co., Pa. to David Chambers 117 a. on Buffalo Cr. July 8, 1784.
- Wm. McGinness, Hopewell Twp, Wash. Co., Pa. to Hugh McConky of Lancaster Co., Pa. 142 a, 2 rood, 24 perches on headwaters of Chartiers & Cross Cr's. May 3, 1784.
- David Hoge of Cumb. Co, Pa. to Hugh Scott, Van Swearingen, Daniel Lite, & John Armstrong all of Wash. Co., Pa. a lot in Basset Town. Oct. 18, 1781.
- Adam Slye of Wash. Co., Pa. to James Thompson a quite claim unto his wife, Lyda Slye. Feb. 25, 1784.
- George McCormick, Wash. Co., Pa. to John Murdock the power of attorney. Feb. 16, 1785.
- Wm. Mectkirk of Wash. Co., Pa. to John Murdock the power of attorney. Feb. 15, 1785.
- Danial Brooks of Wash. Co, Pa. to James Bevard and Wm. Gibson of Westm. Co., Pa. 400 a. on w. side Mon. R. Mar. 5, 1784.
- Charles Dodd of Wash. Co, Pa. to John Dodd lott and structures in Washington. July 1, 1784.
- Jacob Wolf of Wash. Co., Pa. to John Lane land on Buffalow Cr. Feb. 16, 1785.

Mary Marchant of Wash. Co., Pa. to Wm. Allen of Cecil Co., Md. the Power of Attorney. Mar. 5, 1785.

Paden Cook Wash. Co., Pa. to John Murdock the power of attorney. Feb. 17, 1785.

John Davis of Delaware to Geo. Plomer 50 a. Dec. 5, 1784.

Ben Morgan of Philadelphia, Pa. to John Goble of Wash. Co. a tract on the s. fork of Ten Mile Cr. Feb. 17, 1785.

Robt. Andrews Wash. Co., Pa. to Wm. Nilson & James Henry 300 a. on headwaters of Matthew's Run. Oct. 8, 1784.

Maurice Kennedy of Philadelphia to John Goble of Wash. Co. land on s. fork of Ten Mile Cr. Feb. 17, 1785.

Wm. Williams to Hugh M. Brackenridge 400 a. on Buffalo Cr. Jan. 1, 1785.

David Owens of Mon. Co. to James Hook 400 a. on Ten Mile Cr. Mar. 1, 1780.

Wm. Brown of Morgan Twp., Wash. Co., Pa. to James Seals 300 a. on Ten Mile Cr. Nov. 15, 1784.

Venson Brown of Morgan Twp., Wash. Co., Pa. to James Seals 300 a. on Ten Mile Cr. Mar. 6, 1785.

Andrew Scott of Hopewell Twp., Wash. Co., Pa. to Joseph Scott 100 a. in Hopewell Twp. Aug. 1, 1784.

Sarah Sutton of Mingo Cr. Settlement, Wash. Co, Pa. to Enos McDonald 318 a. on Mingo Cr. Sept. 13, 1784.

David Larimore of Cumb. Co., Pa. to Oliver Crawford land at mouth of Muddy Cr. Oct. 23, 1770.

John Philips of Cecil Twp., Wash. Co., Pa. to Robt. Parkes 100 a. on two Mile Run. Mar. 15, 1785.

John Wm. Provance of Westm. Co., Pa. to John Kennedy 200 a. in Westm. Co. Nov. 30, 1779.

Levi Adams of Philadelphia to John Goble land on s. fork of Ten Mile Cr. Feb. 17, 1785.

Evan Williams to David Glass 366 a. on n. prong of Pigeon Cr. Ap. 19, 1773.

Geo. Dearth of Wash. Co., Pa. to Tm. Stokely the power of attorney. Ap. 5, 1785.

Benj. Tate of 18th Royal Irish Regiment to Capt. Wm. Thompson land on Mon. R. July 16, 1770.

Joseph Wells of Wash. Co., Pa. to James Ritchey 125 a. on Shirtees Cr. Aug. 14, 1784.

James Ewing of Wash. Co. Pa. to And. Horshe 300 a. on Big Travers. Ap. 3, 1784.



Tm. Lattimore of Philadelphia, Pa. to Tm. Sheilds land on s. fork of Ten Mile Cr. Feb., 1785.

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Tm. Shortall of Phil. to Levi Hollingsworth of Phil. land on s. fork of Ten Mile Cr. Feb. 17, 1785.

Richard Yeates to James Wilson 200 a. on Wagon Rd. Oct. 28, 1783.

Mich. Tegart of Wash. Co., Pa. to James Wilson of Washington 170 a. in Wash. Co., Pa. Dec. 2, 1783.

John McLaughlin of Wash. Co., Pa. to John Wilson and Ed. Penshaw 329 a. on Streets Run. Oct. 9, 1784.

Tm. Matthews of Wash. Co. Pa. to Alex Feagon 400 a. on Mill Cr. Nov. 4, 1784.

Tm. Cummins of Robinson's Run, Va. to Wm. Kirkpatrick of Cumb. Co., Pa. 340 a. on Rareton's Run. Ap. 1, 1776.

Alex. Fowler of Pittsburgh to Geo. Fowler of Wash. Co., Pa. 250 a. on Shirties. Nov. 18, 1784.

Michael Teggart of Wash. Co., Pa. to James Beaughanon goods. Ap. 18, 1785.

James Johnston of Wash. Co., Pa. to Adam Wier 70 a. in Wash. Co. May 13, 1785.

John Miller of Wash. Co., Pa. to Nehemiah Day land on Ten Mile Cr. May 26, 1782.

Jesse Martain of Hopewell Twp., Wash. Co., Pa. to Wm. Slemmons 318 a. on headwaters of Shirtee & Buffalo Cr's. May 27, 1785.

John Redmore of Wash. Co., Pa. to Isaac Miller of Westm. Co., Pa. 240 a. on Chartiers Cr. Nov. 16, 1784.

Joseph Wells of Ohio Co., Va. to Nathaniel Wells 50 a. for lease. June 26, 1780.

John Reid of Dickinson Twp., Wash. Co., Pa. to Jacob Bare, Sr. of Bart. Twp., Lanc. Co., Pa. 300 a. in Dickinson Twp. Mar. 4, 1785.

Reason Pumfry of Wash. Co., Pa. to Druzelda Lamb of Ohio Co., Va. one Negro slave named Lot. Recorded June 3, 1785.

Reason Pumfry of Wash. Co., Pa. to Edward Lamb of Ohio Co., Va. on Negro slave name Ben. Recorded June 3, 1785.

Reason Pumfry of Wash. Co., Pa. to Amelia Lamb of Ohio Co., Va. one Negro slave named Diver. Jan. 3, 1785.

And. Scott of Hopewell Twp., Wash. Co., Pa. to Sam. Moore of Providance Twp, Bedford Co., Pa. 350 a. in Hopewell Twp. Jan. 27, 1785.

Sam. Mason to Tm. Mason land in Denigal Twp, Wash. Co., Pa. June 3, 1785.

Peter Conselley, Sr. of Westm. Co., Pa. to Tm. Wilson of Wash. Co., Pa. 400 a. on Salt R. in Lincoln Co., Va. June 24, 1785.

Aaron & Solomon Delong and Francis Keller 150 a. Feb. 7, 1785.

James Hook of Ten Mile Settlement, Wash. Co., Pa. to James Sam. Hook of Frederick Co., Md. 400 a. on s. fork of Ten Mile Cr. May 20, 1785.

James Hook of Ten Mile Settlement, Wash. Co., Pa. to James Sam. Hook of Fred. Co., Md. 200 a. on s. fork of Ten Mile Cr. May 26, 1785.

Hugh Sidwell of Wash. Co., Pa. to Tm. Howell 200 a. on headwaters of Buffalo Cr. June 1, 1785.

John Miller of Wash. Co., Pa. to Jeremiah Cory of Morris Co., N. J. land on Ten Mile Cr. June 3, 1785.

Wm. Frye of Bedford Co., Pa. to Benj. Frye land on Mon R. Oct. 3, 1770.

Francis Baldwin of Green Twp., Wash Co, Pa. to James Hook 400 a. on Whitley Cr. July 22, 1784.

Pennsylvania to Hugh Gardner Inspectorship of flour for Wash. & Westm. Co's. Ap. 27, 1785.

Nathaniel Stokes of Peter's Twp, Wash Co., Pa. to Jacob Milch 340 a. in Peter's Twp. June 1, 1785.

Tm. Durbin to Tm. Stokely bond for office. June 30, 1785.

Sam Johnston of Wash. Co., Pa. to Alex. Clemmons. 400 a. June 14, 1785.

Sam Johnston of Wash. Co., Pa. to John Wilkinson 400 a. June 14, 1785.

John Philips of Cecil Twp, Wash. Co., Pa. to Robt. Wilson land in Wash. Co. Mar. 4, 1785.

Wm. Gallogh of Cecil Twp, Wash. Co., Pa. to John Horner 318 a. Ap. 18, 1785.

- David Hoge of Cumb. Co., Pa. to James Marshal of Wash. Co., Pa. a lot in Washington. Feb. 2, 1785.
- Robt. McMin of Robinson Twp., Wash. Co., Pa. to Wm. Martin 270 a. on Montous R. Ap. 18, 1785.
- Nich. Spery of Washington to Phillip Coe a lot in Washington. July 6, 1785.
- Daniel Preston of Wash Co., Pa. to Wm. Parkison 445 a. on Pigeon Cr. and Sugar Camp Run. June 5, 1785.
- Brice Virgin of Wash. Co., Pa. to Resin Vigin land on Shirtee. July 12, 1785.
- John Elliot of Bedford Co., Pa. to Wm. Wilson of Pittsburgh 300 a. in Wash. Co. June 16, 1784.
- Jesse Martin of Hopewell Twp., Wash. Co., Pa. to Robt. McGown 180 a. in Hopewell Twp. June 10, 1785.
- And. Link to Hugh M. Brackenridge 300 a. in Wash. Co., June 15, 1785.
- Caleb Pumphry of Wash. Co., Pa. to Payton Cook 300 a. on Chartiers Cr. July 12, 1785.
- John Bolly of Cecil Twp., Wash. Co., Pa. to Wm. Rowley 152 a. on Chartiers Cr. June 9, 1785.
- Van Swearingen of Strabane Twp., Wash. Co., Pa. to Wm. Rowley of Pittsburgh 250 a. on Chartiers Cr. Feb. 1, 1785.
- Sam. Irwin, Jr. of Pittsburgh to John McDonald 600 a. on Peter's Cr. July 30, 1785.
- John McDonald of Pittsburgh and Sam. Irwin, Jr. 600 a. on Peter's Cr. Aug. 3, 1785.
- David Colwell of Wash. Co., Pa. to Wm. Wilson of Pittsburgh 300 a. on s. side Mon. R. July 3, 1785.
- James Hunter of Ten Mile Cr., Amwell Twp, Wash. Co., Pa. to Henry Moore 400 a. at Sack Horse Fork on the Wheeling. Feb. 22, 1785.
- John Philips of Cecil Twp., Wash. Co., Pa. to John Wilson 100 a. on Two Mile Run. Mar. 15, 1785.
- Tm & Ann Cochoran of Wash. Co. Pa. to Joel Jones land in Wash. Co. Aug. 10, 1785.
- John Miranda of Wash. Co., Pa. to Sam. Irwin of Pittsburgh one warrant of survey for 200 a. on Chartiers Cr. Aug. 12, 1785.
- David Stephanson, Jr. & Sr. of Cecil Twp, Wash. Co., Pa. to John Kennedy and Tm. Hogg 300 a. on Raccoon Cr. Dec. 1, 1783.



Benj. Stites of Ten Mile Cr. Settlement in Morgan Twp., Wash. Co., Pa. to Jacob Rush land on Ten Mile Cr. Aug. 12, 1785.

Christopher Hays of Westm. Co., Pa. to Isaac Taylor land at the forks of Buffalo Cr. Oct. 18, 1773.

Israel Cox of Ohio Co., Va. to Stephen Brown of Barkley Co., Va. land on Cross Cr. Sept. 8, 1785.

Geo. Brothers of Ohio Co., Va. to James Espy 100 a. Mar. 9, 1779.

David Vance of Westm. Co., Pa. to James Spears of Wash. Co., Pa. 300 a. on Moon Run. Sept. 7, 1784.

Paul Peirce of Cumb. Co., Pa. to John Bolley of Chartiers, Was. Co., Pa. 282 a. on Chartiers Cr. June 11, 1784.

Isaac Taylor of Wash. Co., Pa. to John Wilkinson 100 a. in Wash. Co. Ap. 3, 1785.

Wm. Wilson of Pittsburgh to Christopher Sticher of Wash. Co., Pa. one order of survey for 300 a. on Mon. R. July 26, 1784.

Dorsey Penticost to Levi Hollingsworth of Phila. 500 a. on Chartiers Cr., 336-1/2 a. on Mon. R., 900 a. on e. branch of middle fork of Chartiers Cr. Feb. 26, 1785.

John Wilkinson of Cecil Twp., Wash. Co., Pa. to Mary Murgan 200 a. on Tom's Run. May 18, 1785.

Jacob Simon Fegley of Wash. Co., Pa. to Elisha Teters 300 a. on Mon. R. a mouth of Mingo Cr. May 1, 1785.

Tm. Wilson of Wash. Co., Pa. to Isaac Prichet of Lincoln Co., Va. 400 a. in Lincoln Co., Va. Ap. 1, 1785.

Ed. Anderson of Wash. Co., Pa. to James Gillespie one Negro woman named Dina and child named Grace. Aug. 9, 1785.

Wm. Martain of Wash. Co., Pa. to John Marquis on Negro girl named Lidd. June 1, 1778.

Harmon Consely of Kentucky to Peter Consely land, then to Tm. Wilson. May 28, 1781, and Dec. 9, 1784.

Jesse Martin of Hopewell Twp, Wash. Co., Pa. to Robt. Caldwell 475 a. on headwaters of Buffalo Cr. Ap. 7, 1785.

Wm. Lamb of Wash. Co., Pa. to Forqus Smith of Ciscil Co., Md. 200 a. on Buffalo Cr. May 11, 1785.

Elijah Nuttall of Wash. Co., Pa to Robt. Wylley 400 a. on Chartiers Cr. Aug. 17, 1785.

David and Hannah Ranken of Wash. Co., Pa. to Mary Cowden of Westm. Co., Pa. 163 a. in Cecil Twp. Nov. 18, 1785.

John Penn, Jr. & Sr. of Philad. to Jacob Bausman of Peters Twp., Wash. Co.,

- Joseph Crable of Westm. Co., to Wm. Calvin land. June 30, 1773.
- Lewis Williams of Fayette Co, Pa. to George Mitchell the power of attorney. Nov. 14, 1785.
- John Penn, Jr. & Sr. of Phila. to Jacob Baussman four lots on Coal Hill in Pittsburgh. Feb. 17, 1785.
- John Penn, Jr. & Sr. to Jacob Baussman of Peter's Twp., Wash. Co., Pa. 275 a. in Peter's Twp. Sept. 21, 1785.
- From Pennsylvania to Jacob Baussman the establishment of a public Ferry. Sept. 19, 1785.
- Sam. Miller of Fayette Co., Pa. to Sam. McKindley of Wash. Co., Pa. 150 a. on a branch of Buffalo Cr. Jan. 6, 1785.
- Sam. McKinley of Wash. Pa. to David Redick 150 a. on Sidwell's Fork of Buffalo Cr. Sept. 3, 1785.
- Mass Clark of Westm. Co., Pa. to Mich. Teggart 400 a. on King's Cr. Feb. 12, 1782.
- Joseph. Spawton to Charles Dodd of Wash. Co., Pa. 12 a. July 28, 1783.
- Charles Dodd of Wash., Pa. to John Dodd 12 a. July 7, 1784.
- Hugh Workman of Wash., Wash. Co., Pa. to John Dodd 7 a. + 20 rods in Wash. Co. Aug. 25, 1785.
- James Crawford of Fayette Co., Pa. to Benj. Wilson 150 a. on Pikes Run. Aug. 25, 1785.
- Stephen Bennet of Wash. Co., Pa, to David English 188 a. on Wheeling Cr. Sept. 1, 1785.
- Silas Dextor of Peter's Twp, Wash. Co., Pa. to Joseph Wilson 227 a. on Petlore Cr. Oct. 30, 1782.
- Charles Church of Shirtees Cr., Westm. Co., Pa. to Wm. Richardson of Balt., Md. 320 a. on Shirtee Cr. Sept. 1, 1773.
- Robt. Black of Shirtees Cr., Westm. Co., Pa. to Wm. Richardson of Balt., Md. 6,292 a. on Robinson's Run. Sept. 15, 1773.
- Nathan Rawlings of Wash. Co., Pa. to Andrew Swearingin 100 a. on Shirtees Cr. Nov. 14, 1785.
- Tm. Ansley of Wash. Co., Pa. to Francis Holland of Herford Co, Md. 52 a. on Raccoon Cr. Nov. 17, 1785.
- Robt. Beer of Wash. Co., Pa. to John Lee Webster of Hartford Co., Md. 32 a. on Raccoon Cr. Nov. 14, 1785.

Geo. French of Wash. Co., Pa. to Stephan Cook 105 a. in Wash. Co.  
Feb. 15, 1785.

John McLoney of Peter's Twp, Wash. Co., Pa. to Robt. Lusk 114 a. + 20 perches  
in Peter's Twp. Dec. 9, 1785.

David Redick to Tm. Gordon 150 a. on a Branch of Buffalo Cr. Dec. 11, 1785.

Ephram Bilderback of Wash. Co., Pa. to Wm. Wiley 300 a. on Shirtees Cr.  
Aug. 1, 1785.

Jeremiah Day of Amwell Twp, Wash. Co., Pa. to Jacob Cook land on Ten Mile Cr.  
June 4, 1785.

Robt. McGowen to Charles Teberghein Lot #85 in Wash. Orig. Plan. Dec. 17, 1785.

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Faul Pierce of Cumb. Co., Pa. to Wm. Hill of Wash. Co., Pa. 282 a. on  
Charteers Cr. June 11, 1784.



In 1786 and 1787 were recorded these deeds written before 1781:

1786

Peter Holabrand to Henry Speers land on Mon. R. July 29, 1770.

Jas. Clark of Letterkenny Twp, Cumberland to John Shields 400 a. on Peters Creek. Oct. 10, 1778.

Jos. Lindsley of Amwell Twp to John Rude 400 a. in Amwell Oct. 19, 1780.

Gabriel Cox to Hans Ireland land on Raccoon Ck. Jul. 1, 1775.

Benj. Beeler of Berkley Co. Va to Patrick Scott of Fawn Twp, York Co, 400 a. on Big Traverse. Apr. 12, 1780.

Henry Thomas to Thos Clifton Mar. 18, 1775.

Geo. Croghan to Zadock Wright, land on Montours Run, May 9, 1774.

Jos. Hunter & wife Mary of Carlisle, Pa. to David Hoge of Cumb. Co. 1200 a. on Shurtee Cr. Apr. 23, 1771.

Abram Hunter, Jos. Hunter, Martha Hunter of Carlisle, Pa. (children of Jos. Hunter of Carlisle) to David Hoge, 1200 a, at Catfish Camp. Apr. 6, 1771.

Jos. Bozarth of Monongalia Co., Va. to Jas. Fitzpatrick, land on 10 mile ck. Dec. 27, 1779.

Geo. Teagarden of Monongahela to Philemon Askin land on s fork of 10 mile ck. Mar. 16, 1770.

John Maynard of Westm Co. to Walter Graham of Ft Pitt 300 a. on the Mon R. (1½ a cleared by Maynard 1768), Sep. 25, 1773.

Walter Graham of Yohogania Co to Saml Ewatt of Pittsburg 318 a on Mon R. Jul 23, 1779.

1787

Jas. Crawford of W. Nottingham Hundred, Cecil Co, Md. to Jacob Neisley of same, 400 a on s. side of Mingo Path & on Raccoon Ck. Mar. 13, 1780.

(Bock A, p. 201 recites that Joshua Hudson, who died Sep. 19, 1774 at the house of Richard Ivers on Whitely Ck. left his property, bought in 1773 from Jacob Lynk to his brother William)

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#### Old Residents Leave.

The family of J. F. Evans of Dinsmore avenue moved Monday to their new home at Monongahela City. Mr. Evans is the agent of the Gulf Refining Co. at Donora, and he found it inconvenient to continue his residence in Burgettstown where the family has lived the past eight years, coming here from Clarksburg, W. Va. The family consists of Mr. and Mrs. Evans; two sons, Jack, a student at The University of Pennsylvania, and David, who has been in the second grade here; and one daughter, Jane Lee, a Junior in the local high school. Miss Evans also was the society editor of the Enterprise for the past three years, in which position she gave eminently satisfactory service.





# SOCIETY.

## Mary Jeanne Evans Is June Bride Of George Hanna At Church Ceremony

At a double ring ceremony performed Saturday, June 10, at 12 noon in the First United Presbyterian Church, Miss Mary Jeanne Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Evans, 66 North Main street, became the bride of George Hanna, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuella Hanna of Joffre. Rev. R. C. Sutton heard the exchange of marriage vows before an altar embanked with palms and ferns.

As the wedding guests assembled Mrs. Gaylord Malone, church organist, played appropriate music. Preceding the ceremony, Mrs. Wayne Culley, soloist, sang "Always", "I Love You Truly", "Because", "The Wedding Hymn", and after the ceremony "The Lord's Prayer".

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an ivory crepe back satin gown fashioned with high round neck, draped bodice, long sleeves pointed at the wrists, and full skirt ending in a long train. Her fingertip illusion veil was tiered with orange blossoms and she carried a bouquet of calla lilies.

The bride chose her sister, Miss Sophia Evans, as her maid of honor and Miss Eunice Deemer, a sorority sister of South Bend, Pa., as her bridesmaid. Both girls wore identical gowns of pink and yellow green taffeta respectively and carried bouquets of pink and fuschia carnations. They wore matching flowers in their hair.

The best man was Patrick Hughes of Pittsburgh, and Nick Tepsic of Slovan uncle of the bride, George Evans, brother of the bride, and Gabriel Hanna, brother of the groom, served as ushers.

For her daughter's marriage Mrs. Evans wore a gray dress with navy accessories while Mrs. Hanna was attired in a powder blue dress with black accessories. Both wore corsages of red and white roses.

A reception followed at 2 p.m., at Club 22 for approximately ninety guests. The wedding cake was three tiered, topped with a miniature bride and groom.

Saturday's bride is a graduate of Union High School, class of '40 and Indiana State Teachers' College, class of '44, where she majored in Home Economics. She taught at Hickory High School for one year and Union High School for three years. Her husband is also a graduate of Union, class of '40, and at present is attending the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, having received his Bachelors degree with the class of '47. During World War II, he served in the U. S. Army for 38 months, 30 of which were spent overseas in the Pacific.

The couple left by plane for a

two week's wedding trip to the New England states. For travelling the bride wore a teal blue suit with navy and white accessories and a corsage of pink roses. Upon their return they will reside at the home of the bride's parents.

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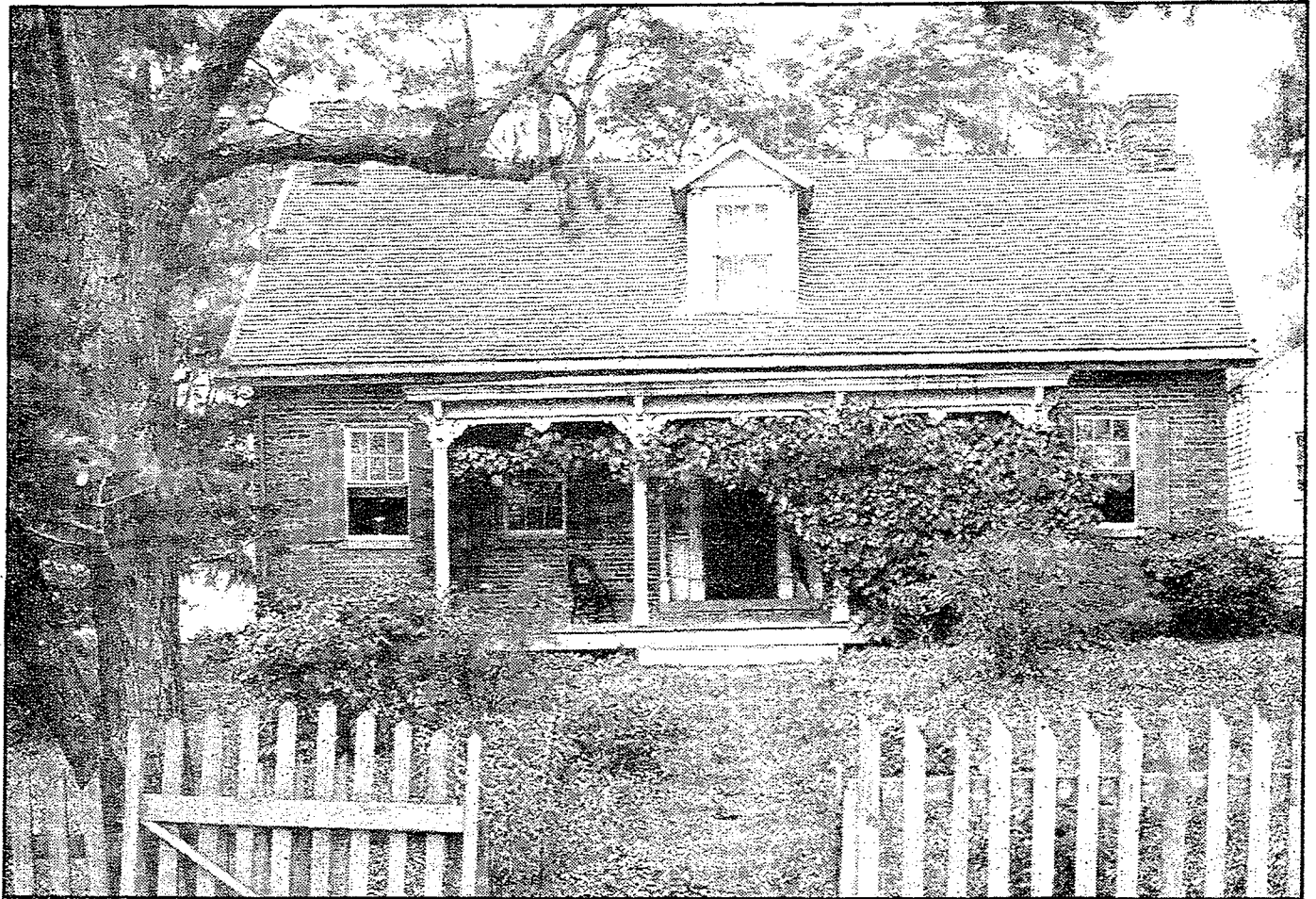


**Horace Ewing**  
Son of William and Margaret Keifer Ewing  
January 4, 1871-August 16, 1940

Mr. and Mrs. J. Gregg Scott  
announce the marriage of their daughter  
Letitia Ewing  
to  
Mr. Merille James Jones  
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**Wedding Invitation of Letitia Ewing and Merille James Jones  
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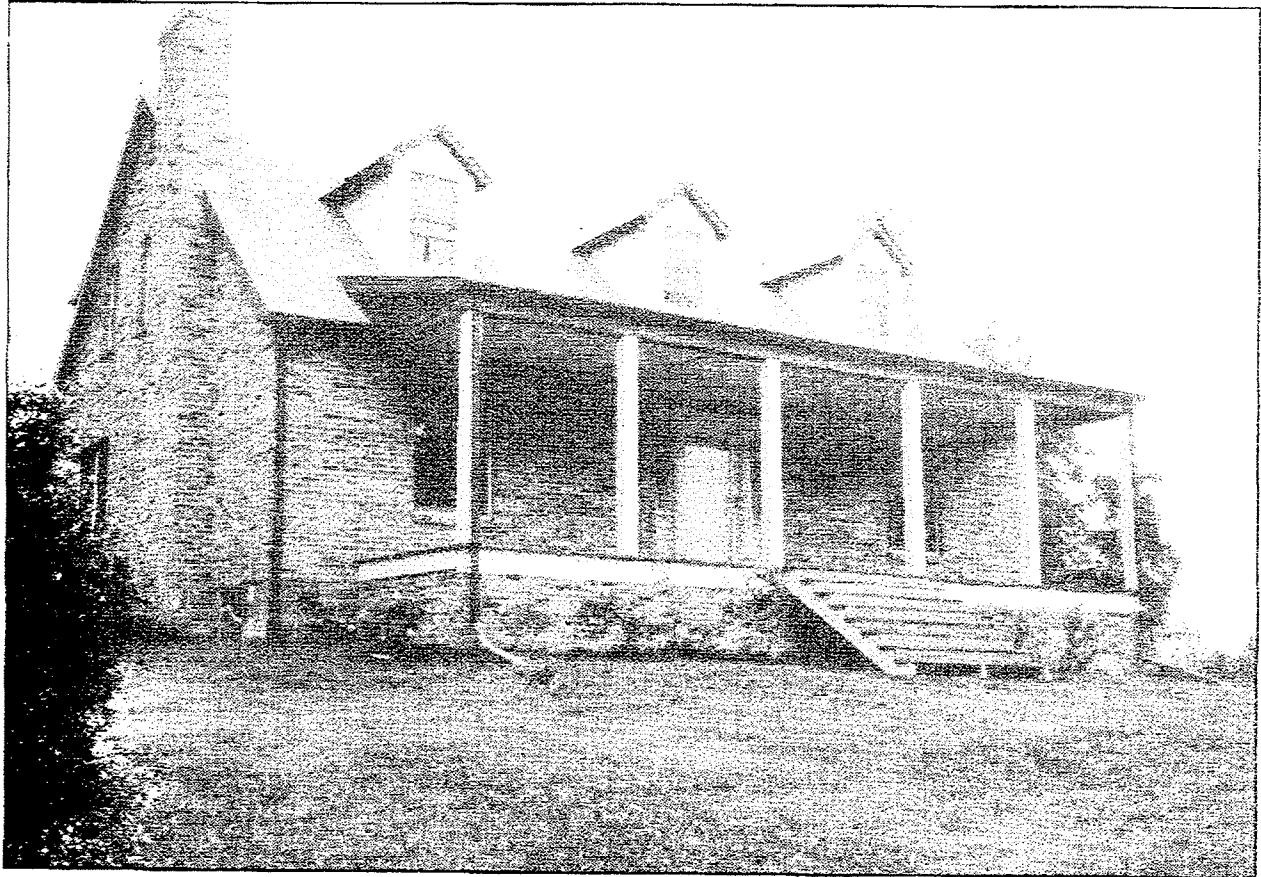




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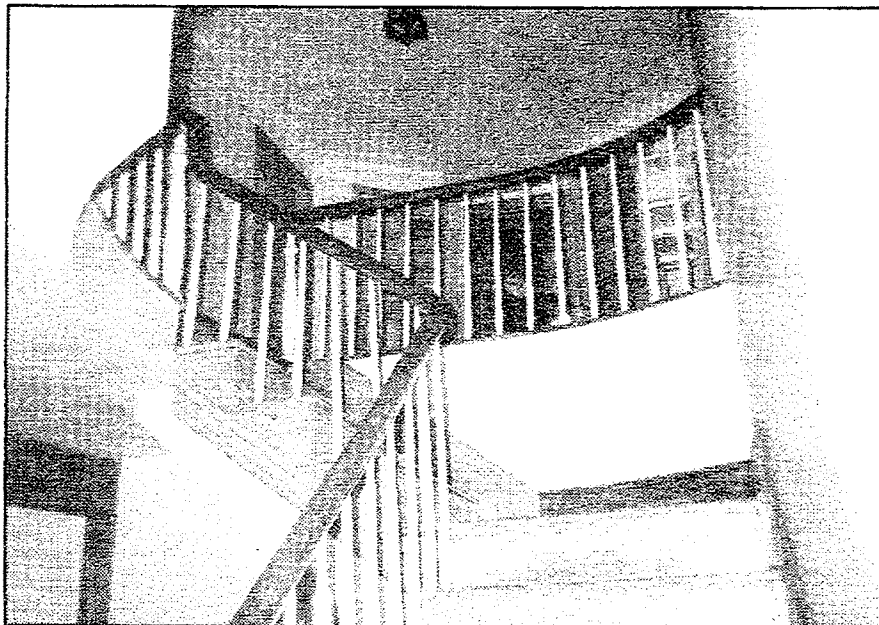
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**THE NEW HOUSE** on Bonnymeade Farm, built in 1984-1988 by John Tomn, present owner.

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**THE STAIRCASE**, brought intact from the old house.



**HELENA TOMN, JOHN'S** sister, in her newly furnished Irish Country dining room.

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The bricks used on the exterior of the old house were not suitable for use when John Tomn was ready to brick the new one. But he compensated for this by buying used bricks to give the house the rustic atmosphere of an old farmhouse.

He did find several uses, however, for the old soft bricks. He built a beehive outdoor oven in which Helena could bake her bread if she so desired. And with more of the bricks, he fashioned a wishing well.

John believes he had good reason for making the wishing well. One day as he was strolling over his property, one foot sank into something soft. Upon investigation, he discovered a few rotted boards over a well, and overgrown with weeds! John figures he was pretty lucky. The well had no doubt been used by previous families, as it had been dug and stone-lined. So with John's windlass and a few bricks placed above the ground, he had an authentic wishing well.

John also discovered that he could build a walk from the soft bricks of the old house. He found that by laying 45 bricks a day, he would still have time to do the other work he had scheduled. But he needed someone to clean them. Since Helena was the only one around, the task fell to her. "Every day, I counted out 45 bricks and cleaned them," she laughs. And, of course, with such excellent help, he made the walk double-wide!

After the house was finished, the task of interior decorating fell to Helena. The curtains, Dorothy's Ruffled Originals, enhance the windows throughout the house. The decor of the dining room is Irish Country, while that of the living room is American and French Country. The floors of both are centered with colorful hand-braided wool rugs, done by her Amish friends, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Byler of New Wilmington.

While building the various stages of the house, John eventually became accustomed to the many sideline spectators who had

equally as many ideas for him to follow. "You can't do it that way! It won't work!" And they would proceed to tell him to saw the board off square, when John wanted it at an angle, or to lay all the bricks flat, when a vertical position was what John had in mind. But John's way always worked, and house is finished. John's work, however, isn't. He was criticized when he began to build it at age 72. But to John, age is only a number. Now at 82, he feels that he has many new fields to conquer, many far horizons to reach.

He will give away the vegetables he will grow this summer in the garden. He will care for the bees and gather the honey. He will help Helena coax pink roses up the limestone walls of the old barn foundation. He will cut the grass and let it go back to the earth.

But most important of all to the historically-minded John, there is still to be found a remnant of an old dwelling. John White III and his wife, Mary May White, came to the farm in 1814. The old house was not built until 1842. Where did they live? Where was the front yard where their children played? John walks and looks and searches for some trace of a crude dwelling. Some day, some time, he will find it, on this place called Bonnymeade — this "Fair Meadow."

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**By Kathryn Campbell Slasor**  
For The Enterprise

Atop a pleasant wooded knoll rising above the bottomlands of Raccoon Creek, near Cherry Valley, is an imposing sight — a new brick house with an old-time look, the home of John and Helena Tomn. John and Helena are brother and sister, and they have lived in the house that John designed and had a large hand in building, since Sept. 8, 1988.

"That Crazy John!" the neighbors had exclaimed. "Who would start the construction of a new house at age 72, especially when you have to tear down an old one for some of the materials?" But the neighbors did not really know John Tomn. John knew what he wanted, and he persisted in minor details until workers, who would have done things an easier way, complied with his wishes.

John lived in Cuddy, near Bridgeville, and raised minks on a large scale from the time he was discharged from service in 1946. He had long had his eye on Bonnymeade Farm. No one today knows who saw the rolling fields with the soft contours and christened it with the charming name meaning "Fair Meadow." Unaware of the historical importance of the area at that time, John wanted only to move his 2,500 minks to larger quarters, provide more space for his bees and, being a man of the sod, ensure his closeness to the earth.

In 1963, after many delays and legal entanglements, he bought the farm from the Farrar heirs. Previous to the Farrar ownership, the farm had belonged to the John White III family. This John with his brother, James, had purchased the farm of 160 acres in 1814. In 1827, John bought the interest of his brother. In 1835, he purchased Chidister's Mill with 38 additional acres. For the next 15 years, milling became the chief business of the family. John White III had learned the trade from his father, John Jr., who had operated the mill on Chartiers Creek, known as White's Mill, many years before.

John White Jr. was commissioned by Patrick Henry as Lieutenant

of Militia in 1778. John Jr.'s father, John White I, had brought his five sons from Lancaster County in 1771. Thus by 1827, the John White III family had become firmly established on Bonnymeade Farm in Raccoon Valley.

In 1832 a large barn was built, the limestone foundation of which remains today in the back yard of John and Helena Tomn. The barn had burned before John Tomn's purchase of the farm in 1963. The house with nine rooms had been built in 1840-1842.

In 1850, after all the children of John III and Mary May White had married and moved away, the farm was sold. Their second child, Phoebe, born in 1816, married John Farrar in 1840. The farm eventually passed to the Farrar family, with the late Miss Dorothy Farrar the last of the name to claim ownership. Miss Farrar retired in 1953 after 41 years of teaching in Smith Township schools. She had been graduated from Burgettstown High School with a class of nine in 1909.

Miss Farrar had recalled some historical facts of her homestead. She related that the bricks to build the house had been kilned in the yard more than one hundred years before she had retired from her teaching profession. She had also recalled the days when more than a thousand men were employed on the payroll of the Cherry Valley mines. It was from Miss Farrar's heirs that John Tomn purchased Bonnymeade Farm.

John raised his minks and sold the pelts until 1969. He is the proud owner of a large and beautiful trophy for his efforts. He has also won many ribbons. Even though he owned the farm, he had made no attempt to build a house until 1984. The old one stood in a continuously deteriorating state. But with John's experience in the field of construction, and his keen eye to the beauty of wood, he discovered that much of it could be salvaged from the old house. He fixed in his mind the plans for a new house, hired an architect and together they went to work.

He used the beautiful old wood for all the interior trim, the floors, the lovely staircase and the front entrance. He made the house larger than the original, but he kept as closely as possible to the same plans. "I was the contractor," he says today. "I told everyone what I wanted done and made sure it was done the way I wanted it. But I did all the wood."

The kitchen has hardwood cherry floors. John cut the trees on the farm and hired a portable sawmill. Then he took the boards to Sutherland's to be tongued and grooved. The solid cherry mantels were cut from the farm trees, as were the catalpa beams that are exposed in the ceilings of the large rooms.

The fireplaces at each end of the house are of John's own design. They contain "soldier" bricks, those that stand vertical instead of being laid the conventional way. "That's the way I wanted them!" John smiles.

The fireplace in the living room of the old house had been the scene of several special occasions during the years of the White-Farrar ownership. Mary Louise, daughter of John and Phoebe White Farrar, was married before the fireplace on June 16, 1873, to Billingsley Morgan, by the Rev. G.M. Kerr, pastor of Raccoon Presbyterian Church. Mary Louise was the granddaughter of John White III, who had built the house.

Exactly 50 years later, another Mary Louise, daughter of George W. and Luella Arbogast Farrar, who owned the farm at that time, was married in the same room of the same house on the same date, June 16, 1923. The bridegroom was Thomas Cole Linn. The same minister, Dr. Kerr, also performed this ceremony. Four persons were present at both weddings: George W. Farrar, father of the latter bride; John W. Farrar and Samuel Clark Farrar, uncles; and Dr. Kerr.

On Aug. 14, 1944, Luella Farrar Linn, daughter of Thomas Cole and Mary Louise Farrar Linn, was married to Leonard Francis Peterson in the same room of the same house, which was then over 100 years old.

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**Completed Special Course.**

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fee of Burgettstown recently completed at the Butler University coaching school at Indianapolis, Ind., a special course of study. The school was in session from August 10th to 15th, inclusive, with experts from Butler, Purdue University, Princeton University, and Indiana University on the faculty. One hundred and thirty coaches and athletic directors, from all parts of the U. S., attended the Butler coaching school, which was established four years ago by Noble Kiser, athletic director at Purdue, and Paul D. Hinkle, athletic director at Butler.

**Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fee Completed Special Course  
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## RALPH FELTON AT ALL-STAR GAME



BASEBALL STARS—Sylvan Lucas of Pittsburgh and Ralph Felton of Midway talk with baseball's "Old Pro" Joe DiMaggio and New York's Mayor O'Dwyer before start of the fourth annual Hearst All-Star Sandlot Classic played in the Polo Grounds, New York. DiMaggio's 'good luck boys' certainly paid off, for Lucas played an outstanding game in the field, and Ralph Felton produced the game winning blow when he singled sharply to drive in two runs to give victory to his teammates, the United States All-Stars over the New York All-Stars.

**Sylvan Lucas and Ralph Felton talk Baseball with Joe DiMaggio and Mayor O'Dwyer**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-September 1, 1949 Edition**



### **ACCIDENT AT MINE**

August Ferbezar, well known young man, was seriously injured while at work at Langeloth Mine on Wednesday, November 18. He was removed to the Mercy hospital for treatment. It has been necessary to amputate Mr. Ferbezar's left leg below the knee, because of injuries received.

#### FERGUSON--MASQUELIER

Miss Frances M. Ferguson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Ferguson of Center Avenue, and Alvin D. Masquelier, S 2/C, United States Navy of Great Lakes, Ill., son of Mrs. William Masquelier of Valley Street, McDonald, Pa., were united in marriage on Saturday, February 12, at 4:30, in the home of Rev. S. A. McCollam, pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church of McDonald.

The bride was attired in a powder blue dress with black accessories. Mrs. Glen Mumper of Midway, matron of honor, also wore a powder blue dress with black accessories.

The bridegroom's brother, William Masquelier of Aliquippa, served as best man.

The bride is a graduate of Midway High School, class of 1940, and the bridegroom graduated from McDonald High in 1939.

Mrs. Masquelier is employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad. Before her husband's induction on December 27, 1943, he was employed by J. & L. of Aliquippa.

A dinner was held in the young couples honor on Monday, February 14, for the immediate families and relatives at the home of the brides parents.



Interviewed: Katarina Jardas Filip

Interviewer: Linda Brunelli

This essay is a series of answers to questions I asked Katarina Filip, 77 years old, of Baden, Pennsylvania. She has been married twice; her first husband died of black lung.

"I was the 13th of 14 children born in a town called Gorski Kota in Yugoslavia. There was never any formal schooling for me even though I learned to read Croatian from my brother before I was of school age. The priests at the local church school wanted to educate me at their expense, but my father didn't want a daughter to be smarter than he was.

"Life during childhood and adolescence consisted of tending cattle when I was old enough to wield a stick. I learned to climb a tree as well as any boy and was quite strong for my small size. I am now only 4' 11" tall. We grew our own food and carried water in tubs on our heads from the streams.

"At times, when my father had a little too much wine, he would close all of the children out of the house, and we would sleep in the fields or barn as the weather would permit.

"When I was 19, I got a job in a match factory. The distance I walked to and from work was more than a kilometer. My job was to wrap the packages of matches.

"In my dreams only, I thought of coming to America. Then, one day a young man who was already in America got my address and description through a mutual acquaintance. Though we had never met, we became friends through correspondence. He was a lonely man, working in the mines, and had a brother nearly 200 miles away from my home. He saved enough money for my fare and needed expenses and sent it to me. He offered marriage, but said if, after meeting him, I chose not to, he would understand.

"I consulted my mother and she said it would have to be my decision. In my excitement, I decided I would and promised to come back and visit her. She said, 'No daughter, you won't unless you have two hearts--one to leave in America, and one to bring back to me.' Wisely, she knew I would never come back. She and my father died without my getting to see them again. My father did not believe I was leaving until my trunks were actually taken away.

"The trip from my town to Zagreb was by train and thence from Zagreb to the seacoast. My trip to the United States was by the Cunard Liner - Aquitania, a huge and frightening ship. I did not know a soul on this entire voyage but most of us, being in the same predicament, would try to make friends with others. Because of my Mediterranean-looking features, dark hair and light olive skin, I was many times mistaken for Italian, and people would come along and say, "Parla 'Talian," and I would just look at them.

"The worst of my memories were of Ellis Island, outside of New York. This was the immigration depot at that time where you were sent until your sponsor came for you. As if it wasn't bad enough to be lonely and frightened, we were treated worse than my cattle were treated. They herded us into this big room with only a very few of our belongings. One spent the whole day wondering what would happen if no one came for him. We ate what was put in front of us. At night we were shown to a metal bed with springs and no mattress. We were given

**Katrina Jardas Filip**

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one blanket--which we could use for padding or as a cover. I ended up rolled up in mine. Thank God I was allowed my own pillow. In the morning, we were awakened by the guards banging the foot of the bed with a club. I spent two frightful days and two wakeful nights there before my future family came to claim me. How good they looked!

"From New York, we motored to Cleveland, deciding on the way to give a try at marriage. We were married in St. Paul's Cathedral in Cleveland with very little ceremony except to get the sacraments of the church. There was no honeymoon because we had to get back to the little coal-mining town in southeastern Ohio where my husband Andy worked.

"We bought the necessary odds and ends of used furniture and rented a farmhouse. I knew very little about cooking and could not speak a word of English. My husband spoke and understood enough English to get by. Our countrymen lived a mile or more away, so they couldn't always help. The person that proved to be the most help to me was a black woman in our area. She was kind and understanding and, above all, patient. She would convey to me in any way she could the things she wanted me to understand.

"My first attempt at bread-making was a disaster. I knew that it took flour and shortening, salt and even milk--but yeast! Who knew you needed yeast for bread? I certainly didn't. That bread didn't raise and with just a little mortar you could have started building a house!

"We bought many of our supplies at the company store, simply because it was the only store around. We grew our own lettuce, tomatoes, carrots, cabbage, horseradish, corn, green beans and potatoes. We raised a cow for milk and usually managed to buy enough beef from the people who raised a few beef cattle. Some of our meats were smoked to keep them longer. From time to time we raised our own hogs and did our own butchering. Bristles were removed by flaming, then scalding with water and scraping with a knife. The only time we had help for this was if we happened to have boarders.

"Canning was done in water bath. We had metal lids with porcelain-type lining and circles of rubber, called jar rings, to seal the jars. Our sauerkraut was made in large earthenware crocks. We made and bottled our own ketchup. Andy even made home-brew at times. We would buy malt, and there were usually directions with it. It was not as bitter as beers today. We raised a small flock of chickens--some for cooking, some for eggs.

"We quickly adopted as many American ways as possible. There were not too many advantages in trying to keep our old ways of life, except for self-preservation. If you were poor, it was hard to be anything but poor, especially if you had very little to begin with. Our neighborhood in later years was a mixture of nationalities. Very few of us had cars, so church-going was restricted to when we had transportation. We found a way to get there for the weddings, christenings and communions. Wedding receptions were held in the bride's home or the couple's future home. You had music if there were any musicians in the neighborhood. Usually there was someone with an accordion, or there might even be a three- or four-piece group.

"With all the talk of religion now, I feel that we were more religious because we learned our Bible and tried to make every day one in which we lived according to His gospel.

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"Our children were usually delivered with neighboring women as midwives. The doctor might be present for the birth, though usually he was not, but he was required to fill out the birth record.

"For Christmas, I made nut bread and would put half dollars inside the bread in different spots. You know in what the children were interested! We usually had oranges and apples and nuts. One year, about 1934, we had a Christmas tree with candle holders and real candles. We didn't dare to leave it lit long, for fear of burning the house down.

"We would try to pass on some of the old stories, especially if there were several of the same nationality together. The children would naturally want to hear everything, so in this way, they learned some of the things that amused or frightened us.

"My husband and I loved music and singing, and on special occasions, we would get together with friends and sing until late at night, usually without accompaniment.

"When we moved to Dilles Bottom, Ohio, we would go to the picnic grounds at Belmont Park, about a mile away. A Croatian band from Shadyside, called the Tamburasi (pronounced "tamburash") would play the Yugoslavian music, and we would dance the kolo and other group dances and have a picnic from noon until dark.

"I raised four children, mostly without the aid of my husband because he died when I was 41 years old. He worked in a mine and died of black lung. Social Security did not exist at that time, so I had to work washing clothes for neighbors and helped to do the chores. My son also went to work with the WPA at that time. I still brought water from the stream. Eventually I was able to use a neighbor's hand pump. I didn't own a car and never learned to drive. I remarried in 1955 to Mike Filip. We lived in Youngstown, Ohio, where Mike worked as a crane operator in a steel mill."

Mrs. Filip likes to knit and sew. She says she is always ready to learn more. Now she is taking a homemaking class and is learning weaving and macrame.

She bakes her own bread often and makes a variety of baked goods for the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Filip accepts new ideas, but she also carries out some of the customs of the "old country". Most of the time, when baking, instead of using an electric mixer, she uses a wooden spoon.

Mrs. Filip has four children, 22 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She is an extremely proud woman and enjoys all members of her family. She loves to make big dinners and enjoys such things as an outdoor ham or lamb barbecue with the entire family present.

Mrs. Filip now lives in Baden, Pennsylvania, in Beaver County. She is 77 years old. She receives Social Security and Insurance Benefits as her income. She says, "The world has changed a lot, and I have tried to change along with it. I have enjoyed living in the United States, and I hope my children realize their privileges.



## Filipponi Brothers - Once They Were Five

When Adolph Horovitz took up quarters in the original store building, it had just been vacated by another prominent Slovan family, the Filipponi's. This family was comprised of five brothers, Ralph, Rudolph, Anthony, Narciso and Armido.

All five entered into the grocery business, although Narciso and Armido remained for the most part in Italy. The business dates back to 1914.

The brothers built the old Filipponi building, on the site of the Horovitz Dry Goods Store, and which later burned down. They later separated, with Ralph going to a farm on Cross Creek Road. Rudolph stayed in Slovan, and Anthony opened a grocery store where the old Post Office building stands.

The families of Ralph and Rudolph later moved to the old Coventry house near Bavington, which was recently dismantled log by log and hauled to Moon Township for reconstruction as a Bicentennial project of the Old Moon Township Historical Society.

They returned to Slovan and the Slopek building where they opened a grocery and meat market in 1921, adding brother Narciso this time to their partnership. Brother Anthony went into the furniture business in the A. Filipponi building in Burgettstown, also in 1921.

The present building was constructed in 1926, with the brothers again going their separate ways in 1929, leaving it as it stands today: Ralph Filipponi and Sons (Bill and Dante). The only ones living out of the five original Filipponi brothers are Anthony, in Oklahoma, and Narciso, in Italy.

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Over the years, there were many partnerships within the family. In 1914, Filipponi Brothers, was owned by the five brothers, Ralph, Rudolph, Anthony, Narciso, and Armido. In most part, Narciso and Armido remained in Italy.

The business changed hands with Ralph changing the store name to Clover Farm Stores.

March 6, 1947, Ralph welcomed his sons, William and Dante as partners. The store was named Ralph Filipponi and Sons. The store operated on Main Street, Slovan until 1985.

To The Family,

I wish I had the talent to write, and the ability to be more perceptive so that I might do justice to what Aunt Gina meant to us. I know each of us has countless memories of her and what she did for us. We were proud of what she stood for, proud of her accomplishments, and proud that she did so much for the Filipponi name. The world is a better place because of the manner in which she lived her life.

Reno F. DiOrio

March 4, 1998



Although we are here today with heavy hearts, teared eyes, and minds filled with sadness, let's remember that, at this time in particular, we should pause to celebrate the life of Gina Filipponi and it was a wonderful life.

Only a few individuals touch the lives of many people in a profound way, and Gina was one of those few. She had that rare ability to make each one of us feel special. She knew what was taking place in the lives of every one of us, she asked about those events, and she listened to everything we had to say because she genuinely cared. Rationally, I think to myself, listening cannot be a genetic trait, some innate quality. One must be able to practice and become better at a skill like being a good listener. It must be, Aunt Gina, like typing – a skill that can be improved. In Gina's case, it was an innate quality – one of the many special qualities that she had that made her who she was. In the past several days, as our family shared memories and stories, it was Mickey who said, "If you asked everyone in this area who their best friends

were, two or three people who regularly impacted their life, I bet Aunt Gina would make the list of the majority of people.” I think we all agree. I really believe that her ability to listen, to hear not only our words, but our emotions as well, is one of the qualities that made her such a valued sister, aunt, friend, and teacher.

How many of us have our own story about her compassion, her gentle and caring way? She always asked the right question, had the right answer, and wrote the most meaningful note. How about those very special notes that she always found the time to write? How many times did her compassion and concern lead her to action – how many of us did she call, or visit? I recall being with Aunt Gina visiting a relative in a hospital. On our way to the room we were visiting we passed a room from which came a piercing cry from a patient obviously suffering. I felt terribly awkward not knowing what to do and convincing myself that since I did not know this patient, I didn’t have to do anything. In the meantime, Aunt Gina stopped, walked into the stranger’s room,

spoke with the elderly gentleman, then went to the nurse's station and suggested that a nurse was needed in that room. It was not so much that her action was magnanimous as it was that she always did what most of us would not or could not do.

I think all would agree that she was certainly adventuresome, but Aunt Dina explains that she was not always like that. As first graders, the two of them went off to school, but Aunt Gina missed her mother and in her determined manner, which she apparently had even at that young age, she announced she wasn't staying at school, and she walked home. Her mother immediately gave a cousin, Anita, the responsibility of marching Gina back to school. She may have been a reluctant first grader – but that incident was her only reluctant experience with education.

One of the tasks to be completed over the last several days was to prepare her obituary. Family members mentioned the organizations to which she belonged, but something didn't seem



right. There were a half dozen or so organizations mentioned, but they hardly seemed to explain why she was always on the go. Her family recalls her being busy all day, every day, even after her retirement she had a full schedule. But, of course, her schedule was not the result of organizations and meetings that required her time. Sure, she did devote time to her church, the library, and several professional groups, but we kept her busy. Every one of us, family and friends needed her for comfort, advice, laughs, or we needed her presence. It was that simple. When she was with us, things were always better.

My mother, Mary, Aunt Irene, Aunt Clara, Aunt Dina, Uncle Bill, and Uncle Dante each have hundreds of stories that describe their relationship with their sister, but here are several anecdotes that provide wonderful examples of how she responded to our needs. Uncle Dante told this story. “At age twelve, I did something that caused my father to send me to bed early with no dinner. It was Gina who later came quietly to my room with a

plate full of food.” How many kind acts, large and small, did she provide for each of us?

When Monica Anderson was a high school student, Aunt Gina presented her with a book by Ann Landers titled, Necking and Petting and How Far To Go, and quietly said to Monica, “Why don’t you sit down and read this.” How many times did she look out for each of us and do something that she thought would make us better?

In the hospital, Karen Anderson was helping Aunt G. write a note to be attached to a box of candy that she was giving to her nurses, (does that surprise you?). Karen suggested the word compassionate would fit in the note and Aunt Gina looked directly at Karen and said, if you are going to use that word, do you know how to spell it, make sure you do! How many of us are better because of the high standards she had, and in turn expected each of us to meet. When I was a college freshman and full of myself as

college freshman can be, I made a self-complimentary statement about how much I had learned as though I had successfully learned about all of humanity in one semester of college. Aunt Gina spoke to me in subtle terms, so subtle that it wasn't until the next day that I realized that she was saying, slow down fellow, you have a long way to go. Wasn't that always her style? She offered advice, but only in a gentle way. She was always happy but never loud. She was firm but never angry and she always knew the right thing to say, the right thing to do, the right way to act, the right way to dress, she just knew.

There are scores of former student who owe her thanks for their professional and personal success and happiness. There are countless friends who feel blessed to have had her as a part of their life. And then there is a smaller group, her family, and we could not begin to explain the way she touched each of our lives.

Students and friends were important to Gina, but her family is what she lived for. If one felt fortunate to have known her as a teacher



or even more fortunate to have had her as a friend, think of how blessed we were to have had her as a daily presence in our lives. She brought to us joy, happiness, and love everyday of her wonderful life.

If it is the wish of all of us, her former students, her friends, and her family to serve the memories we have of her, then perhaps we should dedicate ourselves to following her example. We should try to be more thoughtful, more kind, more considerate, and more generous. We should try to find more courage and greater strength. We should try always to think of others. Our sister, our aunt, would like that.

## **Gina Filipponi Named Chairman At State Convention**

Gina Filipponi, a teacher-counselor at Burgettstown Area Junior-Senior High School, was chosen Exhibits Chairman at the 46th annual convention of the Pennsylvania Association of Women Deans and Counselors, which met at the Bedford Springs Hotel, Bedford, from Thursday to Saturday, October 27-29.

She is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and has earned a Masters degree at Pitt. In addition to her PAWDC position, she is also a member of the Delta Pi Epsilon fraternity, Tri-State Business Education Association and the Pennsylvania Business Education Association.

She resides at Slovan.

Theme for the convention attended by 153 persons, was "A World Of Changing Values."

Miss Martha G. Faust is serving a two-year term as president. She is Dean of Women at Lebanon Valley College.

Among the speakers were Dr. Catherine E. Reiser, professor of history and political science; Mrs. H. V. B. Kline, Jr., special assistant to the Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh as advisor on women's education; and Juanita Kidd Stout, Judge of the County Court of Philadelphia.

Miss E. Steele Houchens, Dean of Girls, Haverford Township high school, was elected president-elect for the coming year.

**PUBLIC SALE**

My husband having died and three sons in the armed services, unable to get help, am forced to offer at public sale on the Spillman farm on the concrete road between Atlasburg and Hickory

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12  
AT 1 O'CLOCK**

1 team of good work horses, weighing 1500 each; 1 Farmall tractor with plows, harrow, cultipacker. All equipment just new; 1 cornplanter; 1 mowing machine, Hayrake, forks and a lot of small tools; 10 tons of good hay, 2 cows, 1 fresh with calf at side other in good flow of milk; a few chickens and some lumber; some household furniture; New electric stove and many smaller articles. Will also offer my farm of 113 acres in good state of cultivation—House just remodeled—running water in house and barn, good dairy barn. Other out-buildings all in good repair.

Terms—Cash on personal property.

Terms will be arranged on real estate.

MRS. RUDOLPH FILIPPONI,  
Slovan, Pa.

C. W. WILLIAMS & SONS  
Auctioneers,

West Middletown, Phone Avella 2273  
PAUL WESTFALL, Clerk.

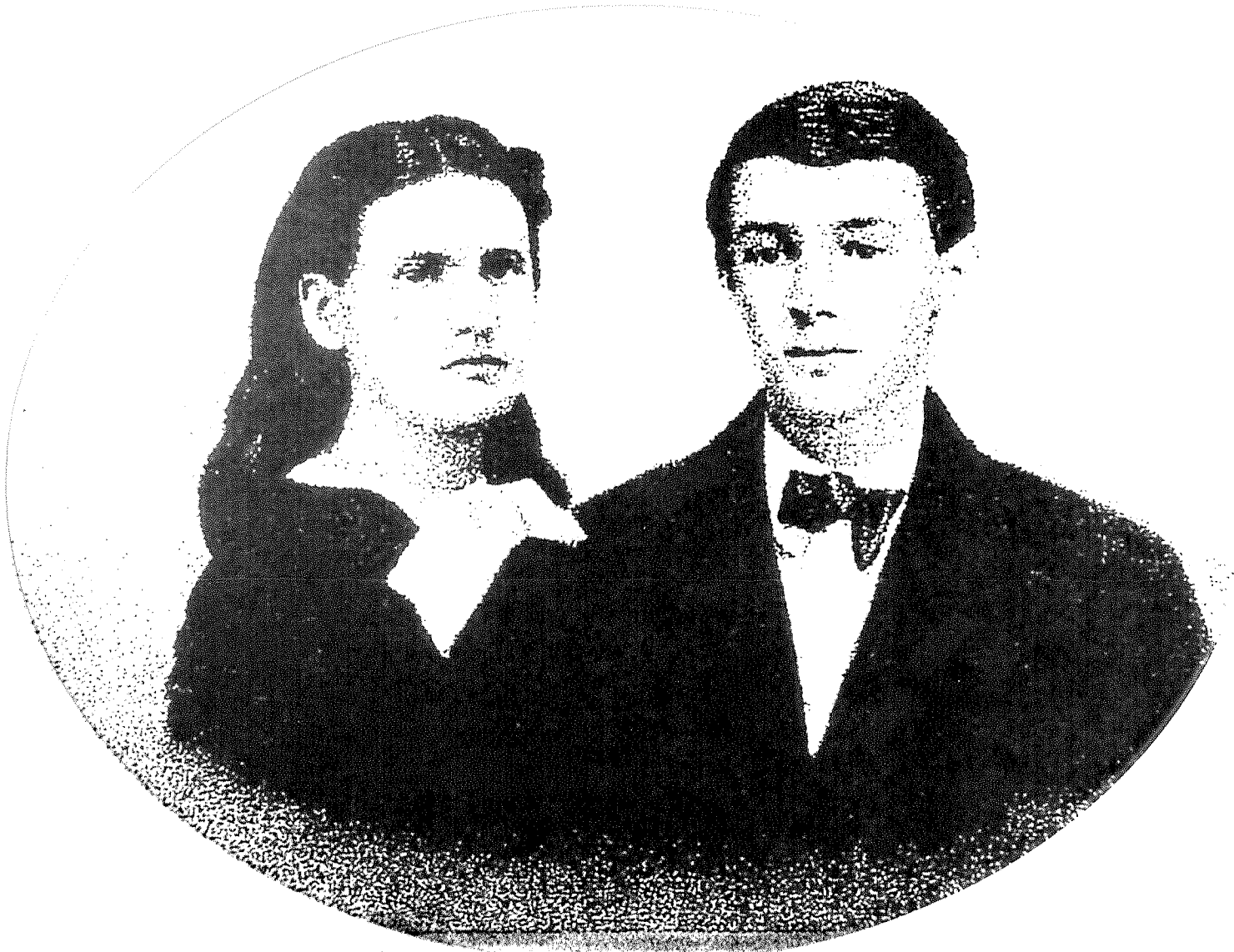
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**Public Sale- Mrs. Rudolph Filipponi**  
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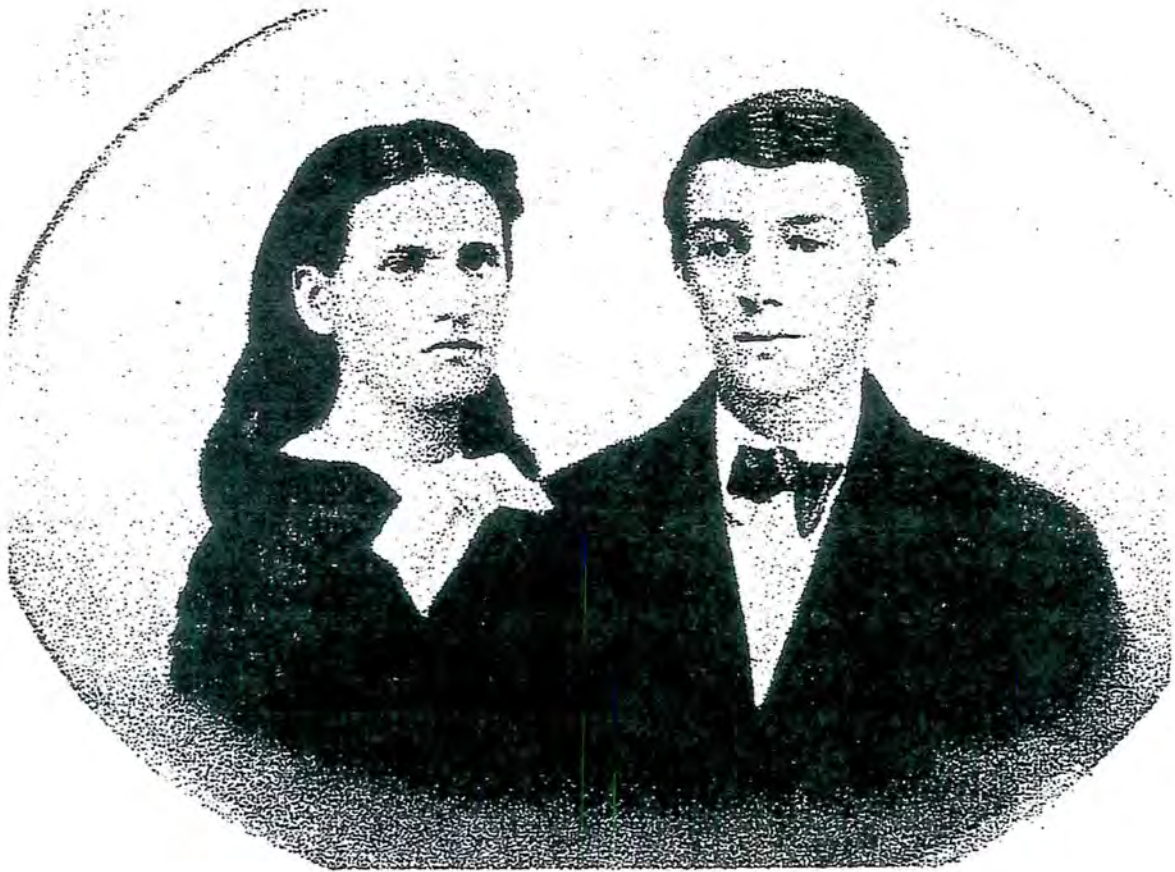
A Filipponi, as was his usual habit betook himself to the near-by metropolis a recent morning, and parking a car at a wholesaler's curb, proceeded to load it with articles of merchandise to retail at his furniture emporium. When Tony was ready to return home, he was unable to start the car with the keys from his pocket and called a mechanic to cross wires to get the motor started. He returned home and was about to unload when he discovered the rear empty and all merchandise missing. Tony called upon Chief Powell, declaring he had been robbed, was the victim of foul play, etc, etc. Powell called Pittsburgh police who immediately reported to him the theft of an automobile.

All's well that ends well. Tony, without a backward glance had driven off in someone else's car, and upon returning to the city, discovered his loaded automobile, precisely at the spot where he had left it; the load intact.



**John Hunter Finigan and Mary S. Kidd**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



**John Hunter Finigan and Mary S. Kidd Finigan**  
Married-April 3, 1873



Paris, Pa., April 3, 1873

It is hereby certified that this day I have united in the bonds of Matrimony, John H. Finigan and Mary Kidd both of Steubenville, Ohio.

J. Campbell  
Minister of the gospel

Paris Pa April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1773

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and Mary Hidd both of  
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J. J. Campbell

Minister of the Gospel





Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Fleming of South Main street held open house on Monday, May 10 in observance of their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Well respected citizens, Mr. and Mrs. Fleming have lived in Burgettstown since they settled here in 1898 and have been active in the civic and church life of the town for many years. Mrs. Fleming is the fourth member of the Ladies' Bible class of the First Presbyterian church to celebrate fifty years of married life, in recent years, and members of the class called during the day to congratulate the Flemings.

Mr. and Mrs. Fleming were united in marriage by the Rev. A. W. Newlin at Richmond, O., May 10, 1893. They were both born and raised in Jefferson County, Ohio. They came to Burgettstown in 1898 and Mr. Fleming conducted a general store for many years at the corner of Pittsburgh and Main streets. He clerked for 17 years in the A. C. McClure Hardware store and for several years until his retirement, was manager of the supply room of the Harmon Creek Coal Company.

The Flemings are the parents of Mrs. Verda Stewart of Highland ave-

nue, one granddaughter, Doris Ivery and one grandson, Harold Ray Stewart. A son Harley Stewart and a daughter, Mary Ada Ivery are deceased.

The honor guests received many beautiful gifts, including a beautiful bedspread, gift of the Ladies' Bible class. Out of town guests present for the celebration included Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Everson and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sindlinger of Brilliant, O., Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fleming and daughter, Ruth and Misses Bertha and Wilella Fleming of Toronto, O., Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Malone and Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Alexy and son Dale and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Maxwell and son, Leslie of Sheridan and William McMurray of Costonia, O.

Other couples from the Presbyterian Bible class, recently celebrating Golden Weddings are: Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Nicholls, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Culley, Mr. and Mrs. George P. Dennis and in June, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cowan of Dinsmore avenue will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

The Flemings desire to express their thanks for the many beautiful remembrances received.

## Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Fleming Celebrate Golden Anniversary Burgettstown Enterprise-May 13, 1943 Edition



## A HUNTER'S NARROW ESCAPE.

### MR. FLEMING'S TERRIBLE ENCOUNTERS WITH BEARS.

BURGETTSTOWN, Penn., Dec. 26.—Nicholas Fleming, an old hunter famous among the mountains of Southwestern Pennsylvania and Northwestern West Virginia, on Thursday last had his second narrow escape from death this season while fighting hand to hand with bears. Since the middle of November last Fleming had been unable to visit his hunting grounds in Nicholas County until last Thursday, on account of injuries inflicted on him by a bear that attacked him unexpectedly. Up to that time Fleming had killed twelve bears during the season, and he was following his dogs, who had struck the trail of the thirteenth. Fleming was some distance behind his dogs, when he was suddenly confronted by an immense she bear that rose up out of the brush, and which the dogs had not scented in their eagerness on the trail of the bear they were following. Before Fleming could raise his gun to his shoulder the bear was upon him, and, with one blow of her forepaw, felled him to the ground. As he lay half stunned on the ground the bear began tearing at him with her teeth and claws, and by the time Fleming had recovered himself and began struggling to regain his feet, his clothing from the neck down was torn to shreds, and his flesh was terribly lacerated. To get upon his feet Fleming had to turn over on his hands and knees, and as he did so the bear struck both forepaws between his shoulders and sank her long, sharp claws clear through his heavy hunting clothes and buried them deep in his flesh. As Fleming rose up the bear ripped her claws down his back and stripped his clothing down to his heels, and gashed the flesh in half a dozen places to the bone, the entire length of his body.

Gaining his feet, Fleming turned to attack the bear with his knife, but the bear threw herself bodily upon him and bore him to the ground again, falling upon him heavily and knocking the breath from his body. In the fall the knife was knocked out of Fleming's hand and far out of his reach. The bear held him as in a vise, and the hero of many a contest in the woods gave himself up for lost. At that moment he heard the yelping of his dogs, and knew that they were approaching. A second later, another bear passed within 10 feet of where Fleming lay helpless in the clutch of the she bear, and as it did not pause to take a hand in the fight Fleming knew that the dogs were close on its track. The bear had scarcely passed when the dogs came up, and at once attacked the bear that had their master at her mercy.

The bear forsook her victim to defend herself against the dogs, and while they were engaging her Fleming dragged himself to where his gun lay, and rising up to a sitting posture he fired, sending a ball through the bear's brain, killing her instantly. Fleming then fell back helpless and half-fainting to the ground. His dogs by their continuous yelping and barking attracted the attention of two other hunters who happened to be in the vicinity, and they came to Fleming's aid. They carried him home and his life was for a long time despaired of.

He recovered, however, and, although not yet strong, started on his first hunting trip last Thursday since his fight with the bear. He went out for the purpose of tracking deer in the snow, not supposing that there were any bear remaining out of their Winter quarters. In the locality where he had had the narrow escape in November, much to his surprise, he struck the fresh track of a bear that had shuffled along through the snow. Fleming could not restrain himself from following the track, and only a few rods ahead he came upon the bear in a hollow in the woods. It tried to get away, but was so handicapped by the deep snow that its progress was slow. Fleming made his way to within a few feet of the bear and sent a ball into its shoulder. Brain fell in the snow, and began to bleed freely from its wound. Fleming fired again as the bear struggled in the snow, and, knowing that he had given the big animal its death wound, he stood quietly in his tracks watching it die. Suddenly the bear sprang to its feet, and, with one plunge through the snow, threw itself bodily upon the hunter. As in his November fight, Fleming was taken entirely by surprise, and was unprepared for the attack. He went down heavily and the bear fell with its entire weight upon him and began ripping with its claws and snapping and tearing with its teeth at the hunter's breast and legs. The bear raised its head to catch Fleming by the throat, but he prevented that by thrusting his arm between the open jaws of the infuriated but rapidly weakening brute. The bear closed its jaws on the arm, and in spite of the protection of the heavy clothing crunched through the bones as if they had been brittle sticks. The great pain coming so suddenly upon Fleming in his weak condition caused him to faint. He does not know how long he was unconscious, but when he came to the bear was lying dead in the snow by his side, and he was drenched with its blood as well as his own. Fleming dragged himself home with great difficulty, and his injuries will house him up again for a long time. The bear he escaped from in November weighed 330 pounds, and the one he survived on Thursday last was nearly as heavy. It had claws over three inches long.

## Flemings Celebrate 55th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Fleming of Main street celebrated their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary Monday, May 10. On Saturday a group of relatives visited the Flemings in honor of the occasion. A lovely cake decorated with red roses was presented as a gift.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Clark Forner, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Forner, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Maxwell and son Leslie, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Malone, Mrs. Meryl Faffette and daughter Gay, Phyllis Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Malone, Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Malone and son Garry Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Malone, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Malone, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Alexy and son Dale, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stewart and son Ray. A lunch of ice cream and cake was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Fleming were married in Jefferson County, O. and went to housekeeping there. They moved to Burgettstown in 1898, fifty years ago.



# **Fowler- Magee Family**

**Leaves of History-Cross Creek, Brooke County-Part II  
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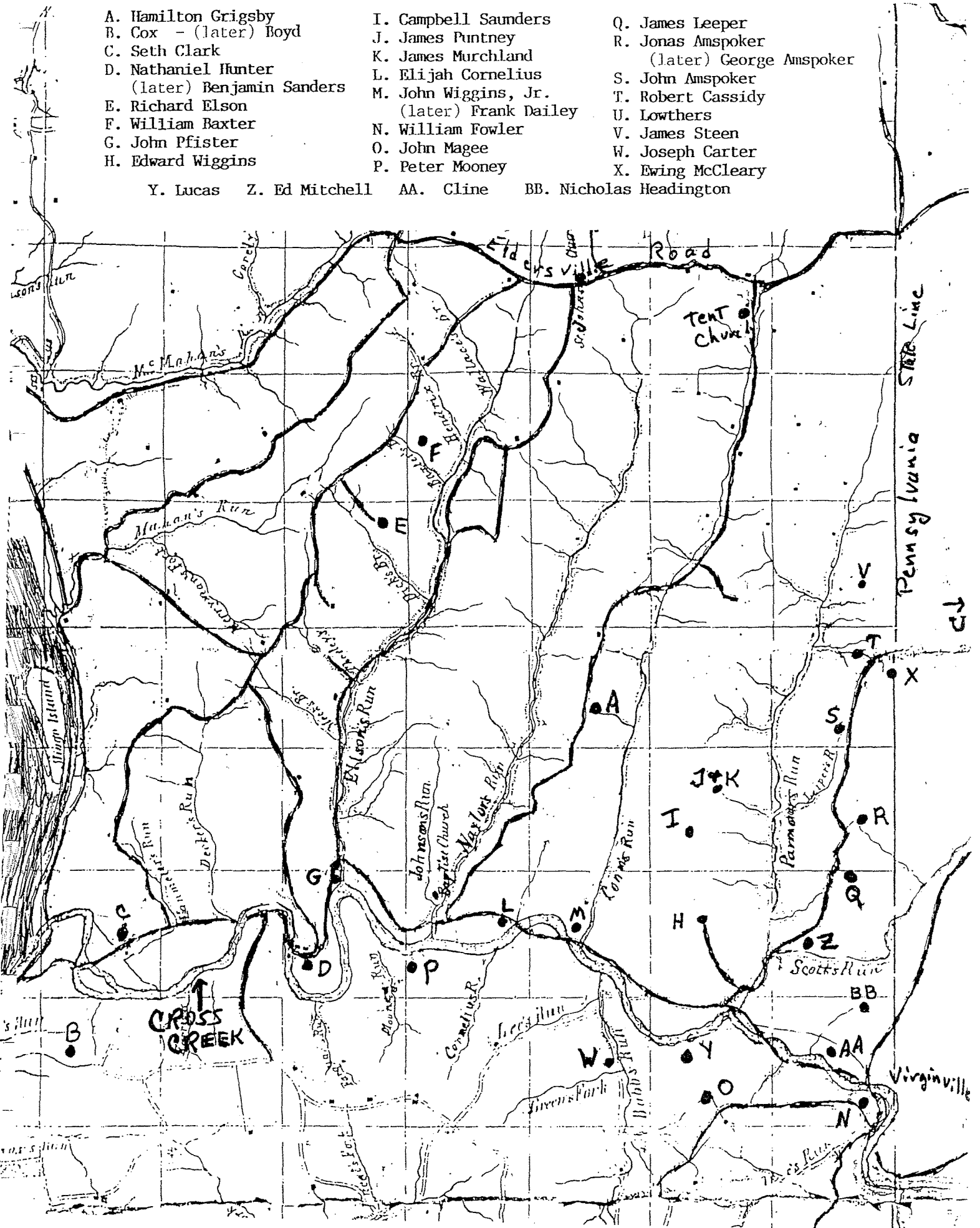
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| Joe Aftanas                        | Eugene Georgetti                   | Delbert Morris                   | Theresa Tripodi                     |
| Arlene Boies Alexander             | Bernice Gist                       | Dorothy Morton                   | Alice Ulrich                        |
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| Bill and Betty Mitchell Carey      | Ann Kress                          | Anna Bell Joily Rouse            | PICTURES IS STILL APPRECIATED       |
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| Freda Saunders Dunn                | Mary Ann Mitchell                  |                                  |                                     |

# THE EARLY FAMILIES

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| A. Hamilton Grigsby                             | I. Campbell Saunders                         | Q. James Leeper         |
| B. Cox - (later) Boyd                           | J. James Puntney                             | R. Jonas Amspoker       |
| C. Seth Clark                                   | K. James Murchland                           | (later) George Amspoker |
| D. Nathaniel Hunter<br>(later) Benjamin Sanders | L. Elijah Cornelius                          | S. John Amspoker        |
| E. Richard Elson                                | M. John Wiggins, Jr.<br>(later) Frank Dailey | T. Robert Cassidy       |
| F. William Baxter                               | N. William Fowler                            | U. Lowthers             |
| G. John Pfister                                 | O. John Magee                                | V. James Steen          |
| H. Edward Wiggins                               | P. Peter Mooney                              | W. Joseph Carter        |
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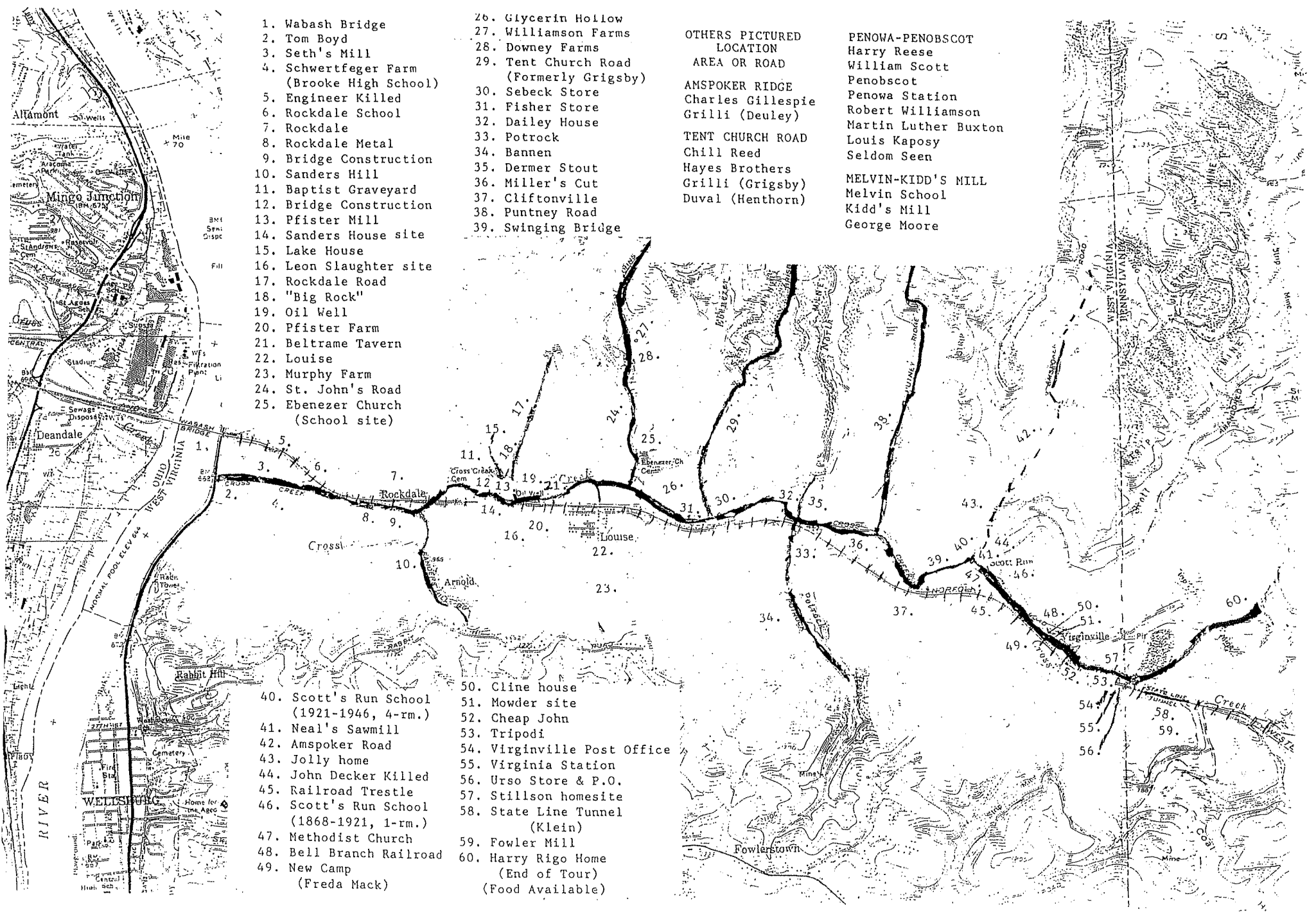
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2. Tom Boyd
3. Seth's Mill
4. Schwertfeger Farm  
(Brooke High School)
5. Engineer Killed
6. Rockdale School
7. Rockdale
8. Rockdale Metal
9. Bridge Construction
10. Sanders Hill
11. Baptist Graveyard
12. Bridge Construction
13. Pfister Mill
14. Sanders House site
15. Lake House
16. Leon Slaughter site
17. Rockdale Road
18. "Big Rock"
19. Oil Well
20. Pfister Farm
21. Beltrame Tavern
22. Louise
23. Murphy Farm
24. St. John's Road
25. Ebenezer Church  
(School site)

26. Glycerin Hollow
27. Williamson Farms
28. Downey Farms
29. Tent Church Road  
(Formerly Grigsby)
30. Sebeck Store
31. Fisher Store
32. Dailey House
33. Potrock
34. Bannen
35. Dermer Stout
36. Miller's Cut
37. Cliftonville
38. Puntney Road
39. Swinging Bridge

- OTHERS PICTURED  
LOCATION  
AREA OR ROAD
- AMSPOKER RIDGE  
Charles Gillespie  
Grilli (Deuley)
- TENT CHURCH ROAD  
Chill Reed  
Hayes Brothers  
Grilli (Grigsby)  
Duval (Henthorn)

- PENOWA-PENOBSCOT  
Harry Reese  
William Scott  
Penobscot  
Penowa Station  
Robert Williamson  
Martin Luther Buxton  
Louis Kaposy  
Seldom Seen
- MELVIN-KIDD'S MILL  
Melvin School  
Kidd's Mill  
George Moore

40. Scott's Run School  
(1921-1946, 4-rm.)
41. Neal's Sawmill
42. Amspoker Road
43. Jolly home
44. John Decker Killed
45. Railroad Trestle
46. Scott's Run School  
(1868-1921, 1-rm.)
47. Methodist Church
48. Bell Branch Railroad
49. New Camp  
(Freda Mack)
50. Cline house
51. Mowder site
52. Cheap John
53. Tripodi
54. Virginville Post Office
55. Virginia Station
56. Urso Store & P.O.
57. Stillson homesite
58. State Line Tunnel  
(Klein)
59. Fowler Mill
60. Harry Rigo Home  
(End of Tour)  
(Food Available)





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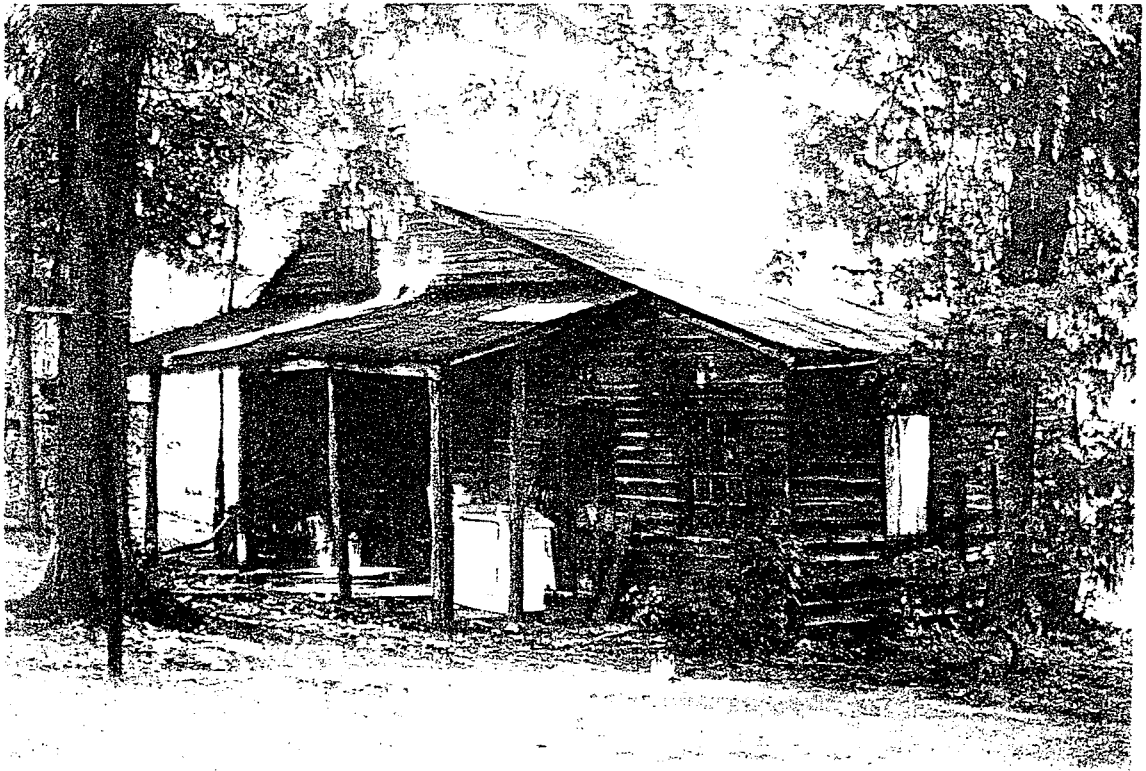
William Fowler and Susanna Zook, his wife, were born in 1776 and came to Brooke County about 1806. They were the parents of three sons and five daughters. The son, William, Jr., was tragically killed by a neighbor's bull. The other sons were John and Zadoc.

John Fowler married Sarah McCleary and followed in his father's footsteps as the miller at the Fowler Mill near Virginville on Cross Creek. John and Sarah's son, William, who was born at Fowlers Mill, married first Damaris Wiggins, the daughter of John Wiggins, Sr. and his wife, Margaret Baxter Wiggins. Damaris died in 1863, leaving a nine year old son, John Hiram Veasy Fowler. After her death, William, married Hannah Baxter and by her he had four more children. Their son, William S. Fowler, continued in the tradition of a miller, taking up the trade where his father left off. By this time, the mill had been moved from Cross Creek to Washington Pike near Fowlers Inn, later known as Drovers Inn. William S. married Carrie Coen but no children were born to them.



Drover's Inn, Washington Pike, Wellsburg, West Virginia.

John Fowler's brother, Zadoc, married Frances Hunter and to them were born three sons. John C. married Mary Ellen Gist. They were the parents of Earl Fowler who married Martha Sanders of the Sanders Mill family. Their children, Earl Fowler, Jr. and Betty Fowler Fell were born on the beautiful Fowler homestead near Fowlers Inn. At this writing ( 1998), Earl, Jr. is still the proud owner of this magnificent farm from which, from a vantage point near the old house, can be seen a panoramic view of surrounding countryside which includes points as distant as Bethel Church in Washington County, Pennsylvania.



Early Fowler cabin still standing ( 1998) on Earl Fowler farm, Brooke County



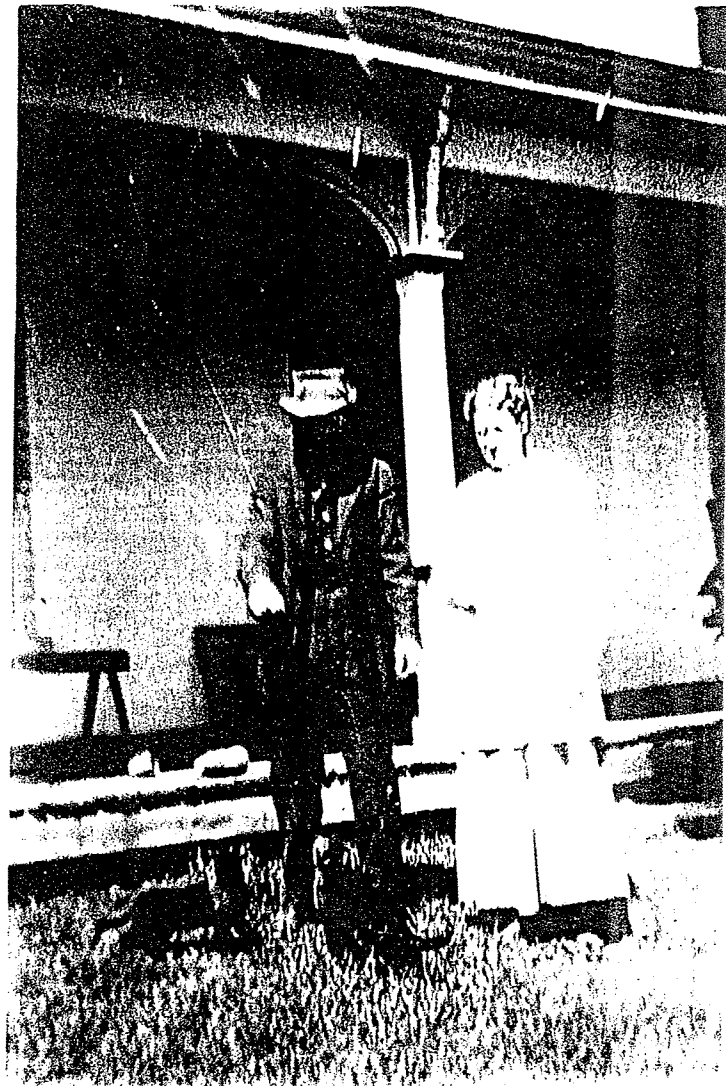
Earl Fowler Homestead, 1998

Of the five daughters of William and Susanna Fowler, Amy married John Magee while her sister, Martha, married William Magee. This double union of Magees and Fowlers provided connections to a large number of the pioneer families of the Cross Creek area.

John and Amy Fowler Magee were the parents of:

- 1) Silas, who married Margaret Wiggins.  
Their son, John Wiggins Magee was the well-known heir to the Edward Wiggins property on Puntney Ridge. He was a musician and an entertaining story-teller.
- 2) Susannah, who married John Pogue.
- 3) Mary, who married John Amspoker and whose daughter, Clara wed John Wells of the pioneer Wells clan.
- 4) Caroline, who married Thomas Hunter, a descendant of which was the well-known late Frank Chapman of Washington Pike.
- 5) Campbell

Pictured on the right is John Wiggins Magee and his wife, Viola Morton Magee. The house in the background is the old Wiggins mansion, built about 1840 by the maternal grandfather of Wiggins Magee, John Wiggins, Sr. It became the property of Wiggins in 1863.





The children of Martha Fowler and William Magee were John, William, Mary Ann and Rebecca. Mary Ann married Ewing McCleary and to them were born eight children who married into the Cunningham, Buxton, Vance, Perrin, Brady, and Churchman families.

John, the son of Martha and William Magee, married Nancy Heron, whose son William Campbell Magee, wed Laura Brady. William and Laura's grandson, the late Bill Magee of McCord Hill Road, was well known in the area as a gracious host whose lavish entertainment, food, and musical festivities will long be remembered. His secluded home atop the hill above Buffalo Creek was replete with antiques from four to five generations past of his forebears, and was a favorite retreat of a large host of friends.

His death left a note of deep sadness in the hearts of those who knew him well. He was a very historically minded individual and an incomparable dancer. It is fitting that a man of his caliber should be the last to mark the end of this old pioneer line.



Maude  
Robinson  
Carter

Ella  
Fowler



COUSINS: Bob Stewart, Bob Kidd, Bill Magee, and Bob Irwin

Phil

Mary Forsythe

April the 12. 1861

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 but remain your till death

Annamary Forsythe to Phillip Gilbert

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Mary Forsythe to Philip*

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but we mourn yours til the earth

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**L. E. FOSTER BURGESS  
AND COUNCILMAN**

L. E. Foster came to Burgettstown in 1920 and became a hardware salesman. He and his wife, the former Gynx Vance, had three children: Lee, Raymond and Edna. They resided on Lincoln Avenue. Mr. Foster was president of Borough Council and became Burgess in the 1940's. Also in 1940, Mr. Foster accepted a position with British Metal that required him to travel among various plants: American Zinc, St. Joe Lead and DuPont Smelter.



## Fosters To Hold Open House On Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Elice Foster will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Tuesday, June 15th. A reception At Home will be given in their honor on that day, hours 2 to 5 in the afternoon and 7 to 9 in the evening. Friends and relatives are invited to call during these hours at the Foster home on Lincoln avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster were married on June 15, 1898, at the parsonage of the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church and have spent their entire lives in the community.

Five of ten young people who "stood up" with Elice and Gynx fifty years ago are living in the district, and it is hoped that they will be among those present on this anniversary. They are: Dr. A. O. Hindman, his sister, Miss Della Hindman of Cross Creek; Mrs. R. J. Donaldson, Mrs. Mae Gardner, of Youngstown, Ohio; and Dr. William McCorkle of Bridgeville.

## Fox - 100 years

Ruth Louise Crouse Caldwell Fox of Strabane Trails Village will celebrate her 100th birthday with an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday at Strabane Trails.

She was born May 6, 1915, in Greene County.

In 1935, she married Frank Caldwell, who passed away in 1971. She later married Franklin Fox, who passed away in 2004.

She has two children, Edward (Bonnie) Caldwell and Wilma Jean Shrefler.

Mrs. Fox has three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She worked for W.T.



Grants for 29 years, then as a seamstress for Langs until she was 81. Mrs. Fox continued to do seamstress work until she was 95. She is a longtime member of Washington Alliance Church.

**ATTRO FRATONI  
HONORED AT LIBRARY**

A social hour was held at the Burgettstown Community Library Friday evening, March 1, to honor Attro Fratoni, a past president of the Burgettstown Community Library Board. Mr. Fratoni was presented with a plaque for his years of faithful service.

Marlo Grabski, accompanied by Annette Valenti, sang for the occasion. Light refreshments were served.



**J. O. FREDERICKS  
OWNED LUMBER CO.**

J. O. Fredericks, a native and life long resident of Burgettstown, was a carpenter and builder in the Borough. In 1922 he established the Burgettstown Building and Supply Company with E. M. Dowler, H. B. Pyle and M. A. Hulick. In 1924, Mr. Fredericks bought out his partners. He married Julia Smith, and the couple resided on Center Avenue and later on the corner of Dinsmore Avenue. They were members of the former Westminster Presbyterian Church, where Mr. Fredericks for a time was clerk of session.

**Sustains Foot Injury.**

While at work on a barn construction job on the James Mazzier farm at Cherry Valley Monday morning, J. O. Fredericks, local lumber dealer, was painfully injured when a piece of timber in which a large spike was embedded fell and the spike penetrated deeply into Mr. Fredericks' right foot. He is confined to his bed in his home on Center avenue, but his condition now is regarded as free from danger of serious consequences.

## Paris Couple, Who Married 66 Years Ago, Still Active



MR. AND MRS. ELIAS FRESHWATER

Sixty-six years married and still active is the unusual distinction and good fortune of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Freshwater, of Paris, Hanover Township.

The ceremony which made them man and wife was performed just 66 years ago today, May 27, 1869, and they have lived continuously since in Paris, where they are one of the best known and most highly respected couples.

A blacksmith, Mr. Freshwater still follows that trade and the ring of his anvil as he continues to shape steel into some implement or device needed by mankind can be heard daily except Sunday. His vigor for a man of years, he having attained the age of 90, is remarkable. Mrs. Freshwater is 83 and does her own housework.

Their home stands along the now widely known William Penn Highway, one of the main arteries of east-west traffic. Hundreds of cars whirl along over the concrete rib-

bon which has supplanted the dirt road of their childhood.

Mr. Freshwater has no vice to account for his long years. He does not smoke, chew or drink and never has. He has missed only two Burgettstown Fairs since its organization which occurred while he was a young man. He is a Democrat.

Mr. and Mrs. Freshwater, the latter Martha Belle Kennedy, of Burgettstown, previous to her marriage, have been active throughout their lives as members of the Three Springs Presbyterian Church of Paris. Mr. Freshwater has served as trustee and has been treasurer for the church for 50 years. Mrs. Freshwater has taught in the Sunday School.

Nine children were born to them, four surviving. Two sons and three daughters are dead but all lived to marry. They have 45 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

**Mr. and Mrs. Elias Freshwater Celebrate 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**The Morning Star-1935**



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(We are indebted to Harold and Jane Freshwater for their research in England on the Freshwater Family.)

Thomas Freshwater B - 1633, D - ca 1694

His father - Edward - B - 1603 - D - 1674. Records show that in 1619 he was a teen age orphan boy who was working as a servant. Later it showed he was working as a grocer in Malden, just one mile from Heybridge Hall. What is important, is that he appeared at St. Andrews Church in Heybridge on Mar. 2, 1633, to christen a child whos name was Thomas Freshwater - our Thomas.

Thomas was admitted to the Fish Mongers Guild in 1649 - Thomas was 16, on a FREE BASIS. This means he could earn money and wages during his 7 yrs. of required apprenticeship. The influence of his famous Uncle Thomas and 1st cousin Edward who were prominent lawyers(Lincoln's Inn - the same as Harvard Law School) probably got him admitted on a free basis.

The Fish Mongers Guild - Very powerful - Controlled all of the fishing ships - docks - cheese and salt making operations - vitally important to the English economy of that time.  
1649 + 7 yrs. = 1656 Thomas to America. (Go to next page.)

George Washington's great grandfather John came to America in 1656 and settled about 30 miles from where Thomas settled in 1656. It is almost certain that John Washington and Thomas Freshwater, both planters, knew each other.

John Washington - 1656 - Sea Horse  
Thomas Freshwater - 1656 - Humphrey Booth

The English Cival War - 1642 - 1651 - Thomas was 9 yrs. old when it started and 18 yrs. old when it ended, with Cromwell's victory over the English Throne of Charles I. Thomas was 15 yrs. old when Charles Ist was executed in 1649. When Oliver Cromwell died in 1658, Thomas was 25 yrs. olds and had been in Royal Virginia for 2 yrs.

The Freshwater Family was probably loyal to the crown, and suffered under Cromwell's rule.

Charles II restored to the throne in 1660. Thomas was 27 yrs. old and had been in America for 4 yrs.

1662 - THE VIRGINIA HEAD RIGHT SYSTEM - Established by the crown. Wanted to increase immagrations to Virginia. The crown had more land than money. 50 ares of free land to any one who would pay for the transportation of one person to Royal Virginia.

This was an opportunity for the Freshwater's to transfer some of their assets in England for land in Virginia. (Remember Thomas mas was now 29 yrs. old and had been in Virginia for 6 yrs.)

**Thomas Freshwater Family (Pg. 1)**  
**From the Library of George W. Freshwater**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

Thus, the land grant to Webley, Davis and Freshwater for 7221 acres of Virginia land, dated in August of 1664. This was for the transportation of 145 people to Virginia.

145 people x 50 acres = 7250 acres (29 acres must have been the filing fee.)

From Sir William Berkley, Knight, Royal Governor of Virginia.

(The Freshwater's at Heybridge Hall in England)

The Freshwater's had a real knack for locating at the right place to prosper. Their location at Heybridge, was at a point where the tidal effects of the North Sea was quite prominent on the Black Water River. They would set up their fish nets to catch freshwater fish when the tide was going out, and salt water fish when the tide was coming in. In conjunction with this operation, they also had salt water flats into which they would divert sea water at high tides. When the sea water evaporated, they would have salt for preserving their fish catch. In fact, owning your own salt making operation in those days was like having a license to print you own money. Of course with this abundance of salt, they had their own cheese making operation from cow, sheep and goat milk. Bread and cheese was the standard diet of the average Englishman in those days.

We can easily see why the Freshwaters of Heybridge Hall prospered in wealth and influence in their community. This coupled with having some family member being leading lawyers and barristers, you can see why the family was granted a code of arms from the English Crown.



# With bubblegum pink nose, Atlasburg woman a real clown

By RUTH PLUNKETT  
Staff writer

BURGETTSTOWN — While the Christmas season is a time of joy and cheer, Rainbow the Clown brings those qualities to every season of the year through her magic and balloon tricks. And while she can't outshine Santa, she brings a program of merriment to many holiday parties.

Rainbow's alter ego is Carla Fritch of Atlasburg. Carla has been "clowning around" for years, but became an official clown 10 years ago. That's when her bubblegum pink nose became her trademark.

"It's like your diploma," Fritch said. "The kids ask about the nose all the time. Each clown has their own trademark, and the bubblegum pink nose is mine."

At birthday parties, Rainbow is usually a big hit. She remembers one party, though, where a child was so scared sitting on her lap that she let the youngster hold her equipment bag.

When the party was over and Rainbow was ready to pack up, the bag couldn't be found. When asked if she had seen the bag, the little girl said she had put it in her bedroom because Rainbow was going to stay with her and be her very own.

This year, Rainbow has curtailed some holiday appearances to be just plain "Mom." She and her husband, John, are waiting for the homecoming of their son, Christopher John, who is coming home the day af-

ter Christmas for the first time in several years. He is in the states during the holiday. The couple has two adopted daughters, Tina, who now is clowning around, too, and Jessica. Both girls are active in organizations and school, and have many dance and music performances scheduled, too.

Being a clown may sound like all fun and games, but to become a professional clown takes some work and training. Fritch attended eight weeks of schooling at Clown College in Aurora, N.Y., to learn basic entertaining, make-up and other "tricks of the trade."

"If anyone thinks this college is any easier than any other, they are going to be fooled," she said. "We worked from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and then practiced in the evening. It really takes work to be fun," she said.

She just returned from a 12-day clown convention where she learned new rope tricks and balloon bending.

"You have to keep updating your tricks because often you see the same kids every year," she said.

Rainbow is a white-faced clown, known in the industry as the good guy. She wears a bright blue costume with white and yellow accents, a pink wig to go with the bubblegum nose and real big blue and white shoes.

This costume might be replaced next year, though, with a dress and pantaloons.

Rainbow often makes ap-

pearances with Clipper the Clown — or Joyce Donaldson — who is a farm boy clown who is more of a noisy or "pie in the face" type clown who carries a pig around.

"What is a Rainbow if there is no raindrops? Now my daughter, Tina, performs with me sometimes as Raindrop the Clown," Fritch said. "She's a white face, too."

Rainbow and Clipper have been asked to perform at the White House Easter egg roll in 1996, a second time for both. The first was in April of 1992, when President George Bush was in the White House.

She has studied performance and juggling in England, where she says they don't go for costumes like American clowns wear. She has also made appearances at Disney World and Kennywood.

She started out appearing with the Burgettstown Lollipop Lady — Linda Full — and the Sunshine clown at many charity programs. Before becoming a clown she was a pre-school director at Eldersville Church.

Rainbow has never auditioned for the Ringling Brothers Circus clowns because they don't take married people.

She is a member of the World Clowns of America and the Mid-Atlantic Clown Association.

"It's a lot of fun and I really enjoy adding a little joy and cheer to other's lives," Fritch said.



**JUST CLOWNING AROUND** — Rainbow the Clown, left, and her friend, Clipper, have added a lot of joy to their own and other's lives by clowning around.

**Rainbow the Clown**  
**PA Focus-December 16, 1995 Edition**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



# Man's disappearance baffles police

**BY CHRISTIE CAMPBELL**  
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SLOVAN - Marvin Fritch loves animals. So much, in fact, when raccoons get into his chicken pens, he catches them in humane traps, takes them to the state gamelands and sets them free.

But sometime last week, Fritch released the animals he cared for - chickens, ducks, rabbits, turtles and other aquarium life - and disappeared.

The 33-year-old chemist is believed to have walked into the woods near his home late Sunday night. Efforts to find him have been unsuccessful.

The case has baffled Smith Township police Chief Bob King.

"I never in all my career, never, had a case like this one," King said. "It was like he got zapped up by a flying saucer."

Fritch was last seen Sunday evening by family members who live nearby. Monday morning, his boss at Washington Penn Plastics

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called to report he had not shown up for work.

"He has never missed work, never," King said, describing him as a workaholic who labors 60 hours a week.

The door to Fritch's mobile home was unlocked. The keys to his car and truck were lying on a table, as well as his wallet and money. The house was left in order.

King does not suspect foul play because so much money was left behind. And there is no reason to believe Fritch was despondent. King

said Fritch does not own a gun, and there were no notes.

Fritch lives near his mother and brothers. The family has declined to speak to the media. "They're devastated," he added.

On Tuesday, about 75 firemen, police and volunteers searched for Fritch in a grid pattern near his Vance Road home. The next day, a rescue team from Columbiana County, Ohio, searched. The team is returning today to resume looking. Some of his co-workers at Penn-Plastics have agreed to join in.

King has been on the police force since 1983 and has overseen five or six major searches. "We've always been lucky," he said.

"Who knows? If he hit his head in the woods, he could be dazed, he could be hurt. Suppose he had an aneurysm? Young people do," King said.

Fritch enjoys walking through woods and taking nature photographs. Fritch owns two cameras, but King was unsure if they were missing. He did notice piles of na-

ture photographs in his home. Some were pictures of insects and reptiles. Others were of abandoned railroad arches and fields. Fritch returned to one site with every change of season to photograph the area. King was struck by one picture of a spider web. "There was dew on the web, and it just glowed like it was lit up," he said.

But most puzzling to the lawman is the missing animals.

King said Fritch had 14 chickens, 20 ducks and 10 rabbits in outside pens. In his home were aquariums that once contained turtles, snakes and fish. The aquariums are now empty.

Just this year, Fritch trapped 33 raccoons and moved them to a wooded area.

The rabbits were still in their pens Saturday night when Fritch's niece visited.

Fritch is 5 feet 10 inches tall, of medium build, and has brown hair, blue eyes, a beard and mustache. He is believed to be wearing



**MARVIN FRITCH**

a camouflage shirt, pants and hat.

King suspects Fritch may have given away the animals and is asking anyone who knows what happened to them to call police at 947-5069 or 911.

**Marvin Fritch-Man's disappearance baffles Police  
Observer-Reporter-August 2, 1997 Edition**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

# Missing Burg. man found dead behind his house

**By Karen Mansfield**  
for The Record-Enterprise

Marvin Fritch of Burgettstown was reported missing by his family July 28.

On Aug. 9, the body of the 33-year-old biologist who loved animals, nature and photography was discovered by family members near his mobile home on Vance Road, Burgettstown.

He had hanged himself from a tree behind his house sometime late Aug. 8, Washington County Coroner S. Timothy Warco said following an autopsy.

Warco said Fritch apparently

had spent the past several days in the woods near his home.

"Equipment found indicated he was in and out of the woods during the time he was reported missing," Warco said.

Fritch left two notes in his home, one to his family and another to his co-workers at Washington Penn Plastics, said Bob King, Smith Township police chief.

In the notes, Fritch indicated he was despondent and regretted making people worry about him.

He also expressed love and admiration for his family and co-workers, King said.

After he was reported missing,

a rescue team from Columbiana County, Ohio, and about 75 firemen, police and volunteers, including co-workers from Washington Penn Plastics, searched for Fritch.

"He wrote he was sorry he caused problems. He knew we were hunting for him," said King.

Fritch's family was devastated by his death and did not comment.

Smith, however, described Fritch as "a quiet, private guy who was very bright and was extremely well liked.

He loved to roam the woods and took excellent wildlife pictures."

**Marvin Fritch-Found behind his Home**  
**The Record-Enterprise-August 13, 1997 Edition**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

## Promoted At Airport



Pictured above is Arthur A. Froats, of R.D.1, Coraopolis, who has been promoted to Ramp Supervisor with Allegheny Airlines at the Greater Pittsburgh Airport.

Since joining the airline in April, 1958, Froats has experienced duties in crew scheduling, communications, passenger service, cargo and meteorology and has traveled extensively throughout the United States and the Bahamas.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis G. Froats, of Burgettstown, R.D.2, and is married to the former Carol Cumer, of Cherry Valley. They have two sons and a daughter.

**Arthur A. Froats-Promoted at Airport  
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 3, 1965 Edition**



## ANNIVERSARY



### **Mr. and Mrs. Willis G. Froats**

Willis G. and Margaret Froats of Plum Run Road, Burgettstown R.D.2, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Thursday, Nov. 18.

The couple were married in Wellsburg, W.Va., on Nov. 18, 1933.

They are the parents of Robert Froats of Weirton, W.Va., and Arthur Froats of the Coraopolis area. They have 10 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Willis Froats, before his retirement in 1970, was employed as a maintenance man at The Meadows.

**Mr. and Mrs. Willis G. Froats 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**The Enterprise-November 17, 1993 Edition**

## *Valedictory*

With this issue of the Enterprise I am retiring from the arena of journalism, having disposed of the newspaper and printing plant and the building in which the business has been conducted—While I shall remain for a limited time in the capacity of foreman of the printing plant, all business matters from this time forth will be in the hands of Mr. Maurey, my successor.

In writing the closing chapter of my long experience as the publisher and editor of the Enterprise I truthfully may say that for more than 20 years I have enjoyed the friendship and good will of the people of the entire community. To those who have loyally supported the paper and by their patronage and friendship made it possible for me to carry on a successful business, I return my heartfelt gratitude.

For my successor, who is a worthy man, I would earnestly bespeak the full support of all my friends.

May prosperity attend the Enterprise, the old home town and all its people.

L. H. Fullerton.

## **Valedictory**

## WILL BOOK No. 4

WILL OF NELSON )  
 )  
 FULLUM DECEASED )

The last Will and Testament of Nelson Fullum of Robison Township Washington County State of Pennsylvania I Nelson Fullum considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound mind and memory blessed be Almighty God for the same do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say first I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Magdeleny Fullum one cow five sheep with hir bedd and beading hir spinning wheell hir chest with the controle of all that belongs to my place while she continues my widow and if she should Marry I allow the personal property to be sold and the land to be rented untill the youngest child comes of age also I allow my family to live together as long as the live agreeable and to take care of the youngest children if not to vacuate the primesey and the personal property to be put to sale and the land to be rented for the suport of my widdow and youngest children also to hold the land during hir natural life that if she continues my woodow and lastly I appoint my said beloved wife Magdeleny Fullum and my son Wm Fullum whom I hereby appoint sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made IN WITNESS whereof I set my hand and seal this twenty first day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight.

his  
 Nelson Q Fullum (L.S.)  
 mark

Signed sealed published and declared by the above named Nelson Fullum to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereunto we set our hand and seal this twenty first of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight.

Attest John Strain John Matur Junr

Washington County's s: Be it remembered that on the 7th day of September Anno Domini, 1829. Before me Robert Colmery Register for the probate of Wills and granting Letters of Administration in and for said county came John Strain and John Matur Jr. the subscribing witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Nelson Fullum decd. who being sworn as the law directs do depose and say that they were personally present and did see the Testator thereof execute this will and did hear him

publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament and that at the time of his so doing he was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of their knowledge observation and belief.

John Matur Jur John Strain

And sworn to and subscribed before me

R. Colmery, Regr.

Sept 7th 1829. Letters Testamentary with Copy of the Will and probate annexed issued to Magdeleny and William Fullum the Executors within named who on same day were duly sworn.

R. Colmery, Regr.

Registered and compared with the original Sept 7th 1829.

R. Colmery, Regr.

**Last Will and Testament of Nelson Fullum**  
**Registered September 7, 1829**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



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 Nelson Q Fullum (L.S.)  
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Signed sealed published and declared by the above named Nelson Fullum to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereunto we set our hand and seal this twenty first of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight.

Attest John Strain John Matur Junr

Washington County s: Be it remembered that on the 7th day of September Anno Domini, 1829. Before me Robert Colmery Register for the probate of Wills and granting Letters of Administration in and for said county came John Strain and John Matur Jr. the subscribing witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Nelson Fullum dead. who being sworn as the law directs do depose and say that they were personally present and did see the Testator thereof execute this will and did hear him

publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament and that at the time of his so doing he was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of their knowledge observation and belief.

John Matur Jur John Strain

And sworn to and subscribed before me

R. Colmery, Regr.

Sept 7th 1829. Letters Testamentary with Copy of the Will and probate annexed issued to Magdeleny and William Fullum the Executors within named who on same day were duly sworn.

R. Colmery, Regr.

Registered and compared with the original Sept 7th 1829.

R. Colmery, Regr.

9-26-46

## Roma Fullum Wins Popularity Contest



Roma Fullum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Fullum of Center avenue emerged first prize winner in the popularity contest held in the McDonald Municipal building on Emancipation Day, Sep-

tember 21. At a dance, following the contest, Miss Fullum was crowned queen of the Day and presented with a silver loving cup and an electric phonograph.

She was a member of the 1946 graduating class of U. H. S.

**Roma Fullum**  
***Wins Popularity Contest***  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-September 26, 1946 Edition**

## **AUCTION**

At the Mrs. Grover Fulton residence, Hanlin Station, Pa.  
(Washington Co.; located 6 mile West of Burgettstown on the  
Langeloth Eldersville Road then 1 mile North to Hanlin  
Station to the sale site:

**SATURDAY      OCTOBER 14, 1978      10:00 A.M.**

### **HOUSEHOLD                      ANTIQUES**

Seven piece dining room suite; gateleg table; 2 piece living  
room suite; end tables; stuffed rocker; rugs; 3 piece bedroom  
suite; 21" TV; Crosley refrigerator; gas range; dinette set;  
Maytag gas dryer; Dexter washer; small safe; small corner  
cupboard; glider; straight chairs; stands; chests; beds; desk  
& chair; drop leaf secretary; rockers; Gone With The Wind  
lamp; wood bucket; old 18" wide boards; brass powder horn;  
old telescope; hand school bell; Roseville; wicker baskets; oil  
lamp; crocks; glassware; depression glass; Noritake; Carnival;  
Warwick; pictures; Seth Thomas & Waterbury mantel clocks;  
0.22 Savage rifle; 21" self propelled lawn mower; ladders;  
tools; miscellaneous of all kinds.

TERMS: Cash or Check

LUNCH

Sale Conducted By:  
**ANDERSON AUCTIONEERS, INC.**  
R.D. #1, GEORGETOWN, PA.

**Auctioneer: Harry Anderson, CAI      -      Phone: 412-573-9767**



## MANY ATTEND FULTON REUNION

A family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Fulton of Hanlin Station. Those present were: Clair and Wylie Fulton, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kinney and children, Mrs. Mary Reed, Miss Louella Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reed and children, of Burgettstown; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Reed and sons and Miss June Herron of Chester, W. Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Arleigh Reed and daughter, Miss Mildred Powell, Joseph Gruda, Mrs. Nettie Mendenhall of Weirton; Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Russell, Alice Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Merl Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Caster and children, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bails and son, Mrs. Anderson and children of Canonsburg; Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Russell and daughters, and C. E. Moss of Washington; Mrs. Alta Dornan of Gretna; Clayton, Mary and Rachel Caster of Carnegie; Tony Weikel and Miss Gertrude Lewis.

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**Fulton Reunion**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-July 13, 1939 Edition**



### **WILLIAM SCOTT FULTON**

W. S. Fulton, member of the first Council in the Borough, was a freight and ticket agent on the Panhandle Division of the P.R.R. here. He was born December 16, 1841. He married Mary E. Gregory, who by a former marriage was the mother of the late Mrs. R. C. Cassidy. Mr. and Mrs. Fulton had a daughter, Edith. The Fulton residence is located on the corner of Whitaker Street and is presently occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Chal Mahoney. Mr. Fulton died April 21, 1927, and is buried in the Steubenville Cemetery.



## James Fusarelli's Celebrate 25th

Mr. and Mrs. James Fusarelli, of Avella, were honored at a surprise party marking their 25th wedding anniversary on Saturday, April 23. The party was held at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barrett, of Hookstown.

Guests attending were Mrs. Maria Revetta, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Di Bacco, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lis, Mr. and Mrs. John Fusa-

relli, Mr. and Mrs. John Lusakow, Mr. and Mrs. John Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. Louis DiBacco, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Mike DiBacco, Mr. and Mrs. John Lis, Mr. and Mrs. John Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Frank, Nancy Farrar, Tony Fusarelli, Rosemary Fusarelli and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barrett.

Mr. and Mrs. Fusarelli were married April 21, 1941. They have resided in Avella the past 25 years, and are the parents of three children, Mrs. Harry Barrett, Tony and Rosemary Fusarelli.

**Mr. and Mrs. James Fusarelli Celebrate 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise- May 1966 Edition**



### Langeloth Girl Chosen Homecoming Princess

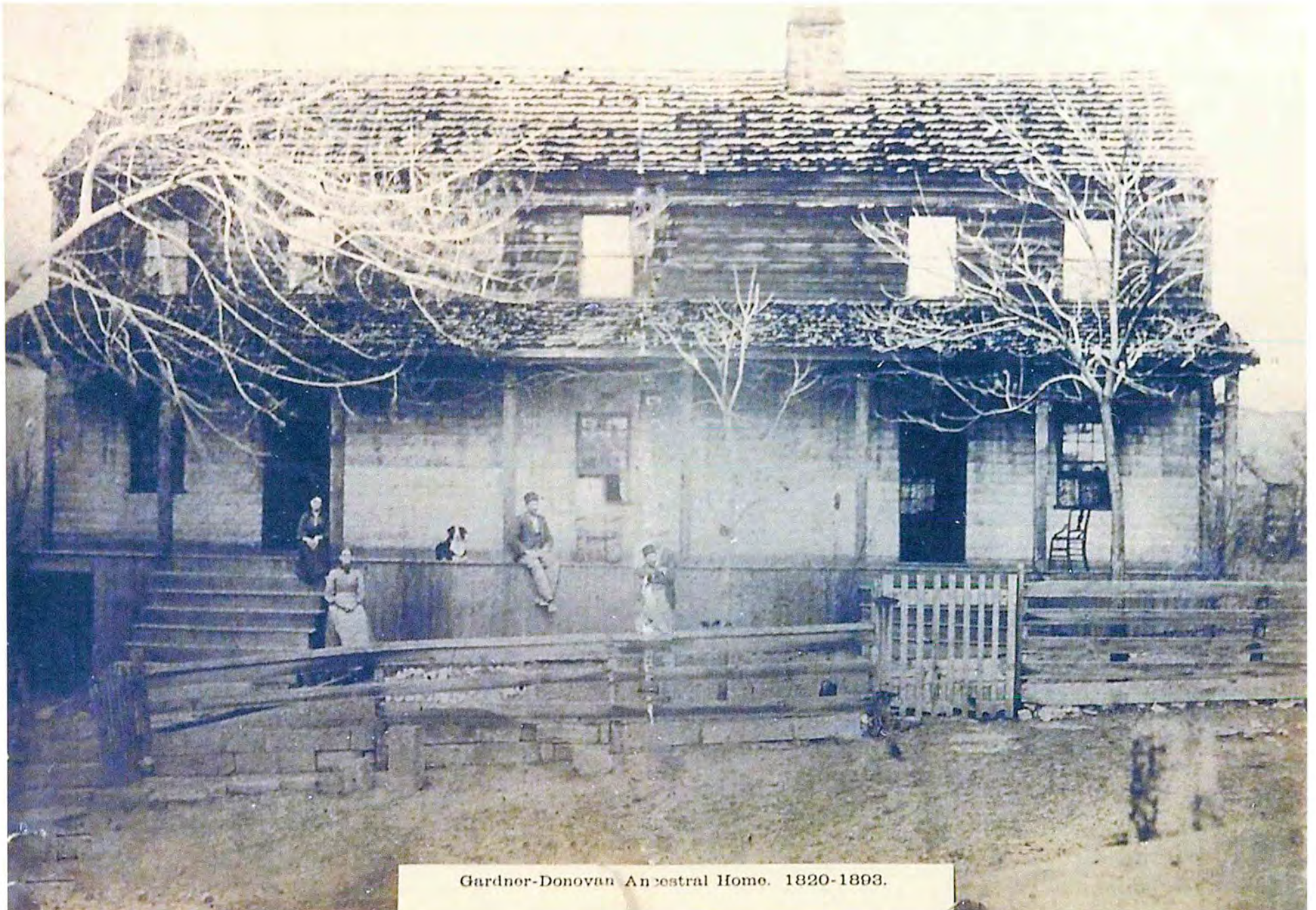


Shown above receiving congratulations upon her selection as a princess for the Bethany College annual fall homecoming celebration Saturday, October 26, is Miss Josie Garcia (right) of Langeloth. With her are Miss Violet Karavanic (center), queen of Weirton, W. Va., and Miss Peggy Anderson (left), princess of Mansfield, O.

Miss Garcia is a cheerleader at Bethany and a member of the Kappa Delta sorority.

**Langeloth Girl Chosen Homecoming Princess**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-October 31, 1946 Enterprise**





Probably the first Greathouse Castle. Built in 1820 by David Gardner for his wife, Nancy Donovan Gardner, to replace a log house. David was the son of John and Elizabeth Gardner, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Gould now (1994) stands here. Jefferson Twp., Washington County, PA.

*Fort Vance Historical Society*





### ***Sharing memories***

Earl James (Beefy) Gareis, 92, of Georgetown R.D.1, formerly of Burgettstown, handed down many memories to his great-grandson Mark Cowden, 13, an eighth-grader at Fort Cherry High School, when he gave the youngster his Erie Mine baseball uniform worn in 1921. Gareis is holding one of the baseballs he pitched with in his youth. The Erie Mine baseball uniform suit was manufactured by Honus Wagner of Pittsburgh.



## BIRTHDAY

### Gareis – 102 years

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His grandchildren are Earl III, James, Bonita, Shirley, Jon, Patrick, Robbie, Kathryn, Charles, William, John, Kenneth,



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**Earl James Gareis Celebrates 102 Years**  
**Observer-Reporter-February 26, 2001 Edition**

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS  
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

File No. **94462**

Primary Dist No. **02 66-17**

Registered No. **821**

|   |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| BIRTH NO.   |  | 1. PLACE OF DEATH  |  | 2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived, if institution: residence before admission)                    |  |
| a. County <i>Allegheny</i>  |  | a. State <i>Pa.</i> b. County <i>Allegheny</i>   |  | c. City (if outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give township) or Borough <i>South Park T. Pa.</i> |  |
| b. City (if outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give township) or Borough <i>South Park</i>   |  | c. Length of Stay (in this place)  |  | d. Street Address (if rural, give location) <i>Sturgis</i>   |  |
| d. Full Name of Hospital or Institution <i>Wendell White Hosp.</i>  |  | 3. NAME OF DECEASED  |  | 4. DATE OF DEATH   |  |
| a. (First) <i>GERTRUDE</i>  |  | b. (Middle) <i>GAREIS</i>  |  | c. (Last)  |  |
| 5. SEX <i>F</i>   |  | 6. COLOR or RACE <i>W</i>  |  | 7. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify) <i>Never</i>                                      |  |
| 8. DATE OF BIRTH  |  | 9. AGE (in yrs. last birthday)   |  | 10. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired)               |  |
| <i>Nov. 24 1883</i>   |  | <i>64</i>  |  | <i>None</i>  |  |
| 11. BIRTHPLACE (also give State or foreign country)   |  | 12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY?   |  | 13. FATHER'S NAME  |  |
| <i>Pa.</i>  |  | <i>U.S.A.</i>  |  | <i>John Tittlebach</i>   |  |
| 14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME  |  | 15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no or unknown) (If yes, complete reverse side of certificate)                              |  | 16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.  |  |
| <i>Mary Peters</i>  |  | <i>No</i>  |  | <i>None</i>  |  |
| 17. INFORMANT'S OWN SIGNATURE   |  | 18. CAUSE OF DEATH   |  | MEDICAL CERTIFICATION  |  |
| <i>Richard Howard Parkdale</i>  |  | Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c)  |  | I. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH* (a) <i>Thrombotic stroke</i>                          |  |
|   |  | *This does not mean the mode of dying, such as heart failure, asthma, etc. It means the disease, injury, or complication which caused death. |  | ANTECEDENT CAUSES  |  |
|   |  |  |  | Morbidity conditions, if any, DUE TO (b) <i>Hypertension</i>   |  |
|   |  |  |  | DUE TO (c)   |  |
|   |  |  |  | II OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS  |  |
|   |  |  |  | Conditions contributing to the death but not related to the disease or condition causing death.          |  |
| 19a. DATE OF OPERATION  |  | 19b. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION   |  | 20. AUTOPSY? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                         |  |
|   |  |  |  | <i>4.5.18</i>  |  |
| 21a. ACCIDENT SUICIDE HOMICIDE (Specify)  |  | 21b. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.)   |  | 21c. (CITY, TOWN AND TOWNSHIP) (COUNTY) (STATE)  |  |
|   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 21d. TIME (Month) (Day) (Year) Hour OF INJURY   |  | 21e. INJURY OCCURRED While at Work <input type="checkbox"/> Not While at Work <input type="checkbox"/> m. E.S.T.                             |  | 21f. HOW DID INJURY OCCUR?   |  |
|   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 22. I hereby certify that a view (an inquest) was held upon the body of the above named deceased on <i>Nov. 27 1953</i> , and that death occurred at <i>6:25 p.m.</i> , E.S.T., from the causes and on the date stated above. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 23a. SIGNATURE OF CORONER   |  | 23b. ADDRESS   |  | 23c. DATE SIGNED   |  |
| <i>Richard Howard Parkdale</i>  |  | <i>542 1/2 St. Parkdale, Pa.</i>   |  | <i>11-27-53</i>  |  |
| 24a. BURIAL CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify)  |  | 24b. DATE  |  | 24c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY   |  |
| <i>Burial</i>   |  | <i>Nov 27 1953</i>   |  | <i>St. Patrick's</i>   |  |
| 24d. LOCATION (Town, township and county) (State)   |  | 25. SIGNATURE OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR  |  | ADDRESS  |  |
| <i>South Park T. Pa.</i>  |  | <i>Richard Howard Parkdale</i>   |  | <i>Parkdale, Pa.</i>   |  |
| DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REG   |  | REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE  |  | 25. SIGNATURE OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR  |  |
| <i>11-27-53</i>   |  | <i>Alice H. McMillen</i>   |  | <i>Richard Howard Parkdale</i>   |  |

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING  
 WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD  
 CORONERS should state CAUSE OF DEATH  
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 Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. CORONERS should state CAUSE OF DEATH  
 in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact Statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

*See*  
*Elizabeth D. Craft*  
*02-24*

**Death Certificate of Gertrude Tittlebach Gareis  
November 24, 1953**



## Larry Gareis High Honors Graduate

Lawrence Gareis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gareis Sr., of Georgetown RD 1, was graduated with high honors November 17 from the National School of Meat Cutting in Toledo, Ohio, upon completing an eight week meat cutting, merchandising and self-service meats course.

A graduation party was held in Larry's honor at the Waldorf Hotel in Toledo. Those in attendance were: Paul Gelushia, St. Clair, Michigan; Denny Collier, Pittsburg, Kansas; Kim Reading, Currys ville, Missouri; David Courtwright, Mantoloking, New Jersey; Ron Brooks, Hibbing, Minnesota; and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Smith, of Ansonia, Connecticut.

**Larry Gareis**

Consent to the Marriage of a Child or Ward.

I, John Tittelbach, residing at Pittsburg Pa do hereby certify that I am the father of Gertrude Tittelbach residing at Jeannette Pa who is now 18 1/2 years of age. That I have been informed of the intended marriage of my said Daughter to Nicholas Gareis and hereby consent to said marriage.

Signed in the presence of A. L. Rothman Residing at Jeannette Pa Residing at Pittsburg Pa

John Tittelbach

On this 23rd day of June A. D. 1890 personally appeared before me a Notary Public the above named John Tittelbach and acknowledged the foregoing Certificate to be his act and deed.

A. L. Rothman Notary Public

The foregoing Certificate is not valid unless acknowledged before a Notary Public or other officer competent under the laws of this State to do so.

Gertrude Tittelbach to Nicholas Gareis
Consent of the Marriage of a Child or Ward
June 23, 1890

No. 3522

# APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE.

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1. Full name of the man.
2. Full name of the woman.
3. Relationship of the parties, either by blood or marriage.
4. Age of the man.
5. Age of the woman.
6. Residence of the man.
7. Residence of the woman.
8. Parents' names—man.
9. Parents' names—woman.
10. Guardian's name—man.
11. Guardian's name—woman.
12. Consent of parents or guardians.
13. Date of death of man's former wife, if any.
14. Date of death of woman's former husband, if any.
15. Date of divorce of man at any time.
16. Date of divorce of woman at any time.
17. Color of parties.
18. Occupation of man.
19. Occupation of woman.

Nicholas Gareis  
 Gertrude Tittelbach  
 None  
 23 years  
 18 years  
 Jeannette  
 Jeannette  
 Conrad  
 John & Mary Tittelbach  
 None  
 None  
 Consent filed  
 Never married  
 Never married  
 None  
 None  
 White  
 House Painter  
 Housekeeper

### Westmoreland County, ss:

Personally appeared before me, <sup>J. P.</sup> ~~J. P.~~ Clerk of the Orphans' Court of said County of Westmoreland, at Gettysburg, Pa.

<sup>Jeannette</sup> ~~Jeannette~~ Nicholas Gareis and <sup>Gertrude</sup> ~~Gertrude~~ Gertrude Tittelbach

who, being duly qualified according to law, did depose and say that the statements above set forth are correct and true to the best of their knowledge and belief.

and subscribed before me, this  
 23 day of June A. D. 1890

*J. P. [Signature]*

Nicholas Gareis  
 Gertrude Tittelbach

**Gertrude Tittelbach to Nicholas Gareis**  
 Application for Marriage  
 June 23, 1890





# Application for Marriage License.

1. Full name of the man. *Nicholas Gareis*  
 2. Full name of the woman. *Gertrude Tittelbach*  
 3. Relationship of parties by blood or marriage. *None*  
 4. Age of the man. *23 years*  
 5. Age of the woman. *19 years*  
 6. Residence of the man. *Jeanette Pa*  
 7. Residence of the woman. *Jeanette Pa*  
 8. Parents' names—man. *Deceased*  
 9. Parents' names—woman. *John & Mary Tittelbach*  
 10. Guardian's name—man. *None*  
 11. Guardian's name—woman. *None*  
 12. Consent of parents or guardian. *Consent of father accompanying the application.*  
 13. Date of death of man's former wife, if any. *Never Married*  
 14. Date of death of woman's former husband, if any. *Never Married*  
 15. Date of divorce of man at any time. *None*  
 16. Date of divorce of woman at any time. *None*  
 17. Color of parties. *White*  
 18. Occupation of man. *Blues Brother*  
 19. Occupation of woman. *House Keeper*  
 20. Place of birth—man. *Indiana*  
 21. Place of birth—woman. *Pottsville Pa*

Westmoreland County, Pa.

Personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace, of said County of Westmoreland, at *Jeanette Pa* *Nicholas Gareis* and *Gertrude Tittelbach* who, being duly qualified according to law, did depose and say that the statements above set forth are correct and true to the best of their knowledge and belief.

*Sworn* and subscribed before me this *23* day of *June* A. D. 18*90* } *Chas. Gareis*  
*W. L. Bethune* } *Gertrude Tittelbach*  
Justice of the Peace.

**Gertrude Tittelbach to Nicholas Gareis**  
Application for Marriage License  
June 23, 1890

3522

APPLICATION

FOR

**Marriage License.**



Filed *June 23* 18*90*

*Joe D. Best* Clerk

LICENSE GRANTED

*June 23* 18*90*

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**Gertrude Tittelbach to Nicholas Gareis**  
Application for Marriage License 3522  
June 23, 1890

No. 3522

# MARRIAGE LICENSE.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.  
COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND.

To any Minister of the Gospel, Justice of the Peace or other officers or persons authorized by law to solemnize marriage:

You are hereby authorized to join together in the holy state of Matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your church, society or religious denomination and the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

*Nicholas Gareis* and *Gertrude Tittelbach*

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE ORPHANS' COURT OF SAID COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND, AT GREENSBURG, PA.

this *24* day of *June* A. D. 18 *90*



*Geo. D. Best*  
Clerk.

No. 3522

# DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE.

I, *A. G. Bethune* hereby certify, that on the *24* day of *June* one thousand eight hundred and ninety-

at *Jeannette Pa.*  
*Nicholas Gareis* and *Gertrude Tittelbach*

were by me united in marriage, in accordance with license issued by the Clerk of the Orphans' Court of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, numbered *3522*.

When returned: *July 17* 18*90*

*A. G. Bethune*  
Minister of the Gospel, Justice of the Peace or Alderman.

No. 3522

# MARRIAGE LICENSE.

DUPLICATE

I, *A. G. Bethune Justice of the Peace* hereby certify, that on the *24<sup>th</sup>* day of *June* one thousand eight hundred and ninety-  
*at Jeannette Pa*  
*Mr. Nicholas Gareis* and *Miss Gertrude Tittelbach*  
 were by me united in marriage, in accordance with license issued by the Clerk of the Orphans' Court of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, Numbered *3522*.  
*A. G. Bethune*  
*Justice of the Peace*

This Certificate to be returned to the Clerk of the Orphans' Court within Thirty days after the solemnization of said marriage.

We, the undersigned, were present at the solemnization of the marriage of  
and as set forth in the foregoing certificate.

**Gertrude Tittelbach to Nicholas Gareis**  
Marriage License 3522  
June 24, 1890



## 62nd Wedding Anniversary Observed By Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gareis, Sr.



Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gareis, Sr., of Georgetown, R. D. 1, former residents of Burgettstown, celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary on December 20 with a Mass said for the couple at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Weirton, West Virginia, by the Rev. Fr. Victor Frobos.

They were united in marriage on December 20, 1919, by the late Fr. William J. McCashin in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Burgettstown.

Mr. Gareis is the son of the late

Nicholas and Gertrude Gareis, of Sturgeon. Mrs. Gareis is the daughter of the late Jacob and Frances Leona Rotta, of Burgettstown.

They are the parents of six sons and six daughters, Earl, Jr., of Warren, Ohio; John, of Prosperity; Harold, of Georgetown, R. D. 1; Elmer, of Brook Park, Ohio; Bernard, of Bulger; and Lawrence, of Weirton, West Virginia; and Leona, wife of Bart Gillan, of Arlington, Virginia; Thelma, wife of William Wass, of Burgettstown; June, wife of Richard McKittrick, of Paris-Collier Road, Burgettstown; and Barbara Ann, wife of Thomas Spinella, of Weirton. Two daughters, Lois Rose and Mary Louise, are deceased. They have 36 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Gareis worked in the coal mines for 37 years. He retired from the Raccoon Creek State Park. He is a member of the South Side Sportsmen's Club in Hookstown.

Mr. and Mrs. Gareis are members of the Immaculate Conception Church in New Cumberland, West Virginia, where Mr. Gareis is a member of the Holy Name Society and Mrs. Gareis is a member of the Altar and Rosary Society and the Christian Mothers. They are also members of St. Paul's Altar and Rosary Soci-

**Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gareis Celebrate 62<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 3, 1982 Edition**





**MR. AND MRS. GAREIS**

## ***Observe 68th Wedding Anniversary***

The 68th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gareis, Sr., former residents of Burgettstown now residing at Georgetown, R.D. 1, was observed Dec. 20, 1987, with a Mass said by the Rev. Thomas Schiffer, pastor of St. Paul's Catholic Church in Weirton, W.Va.

Also, a special Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Roman R. Vanasse at the Shrine of St. Joseph in DePere, Wisc.

The couple were united in marriage on Dec. 20, 1919, by the late Rev. William J. McCashin at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Mr. Gareis, known as "Beefy," is the son of the late Nicholas and Gertrude Gareis of Sturgeon. He has been a member of the Burgettstown SNPJ Lodge for over 50 years and is also a member of the South Side Sportsmen's Club in Hookstown. He played ball for the Burgettstown Coal and Erie Mine baseball teams.

He was employed for 37 years in Pennsylvania coal mines and also worked and retired from Raccoon Creek State Park.

Mrs. Gareis is the former Rose Rotta, daughter of the late Jacob and Frances Leona Rotta of Burgettstown. She has a brother, Ernest Rotta, who still resides in Burgettstown.

The Gareis couple are parents of six sons, Earl Jr., of Cumberland, Md.; John, of Prosperity; Harold, of Georgetown; Elmer, of Brook Park, Ohio; Bernard, of Bulger; and Lawrence, of Weirton, W.Va.

They also have six daughters, Mrs. Bart (Leona) Gillan of Hampton, Va.; Mrs. William (Thelma) Wass of Burgettstown; Mrs. Richard E. (June) McKittrick of Paris-Colliers Road; and Mrs. Thomas (Barbara Ann) Spinella of Weirton. Two daughters, Lois Rose and Mary Lousie, are deceased. They also have 37 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandson.

Mr. and Mrs. Gareis are members of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, where Mr. Gareis was a member of the first men's choir and the Holy Name Society.

Mrs. Gareis is a member of the Christian Mothers. They hold membership in St. Paul's Altar and Rosary Society at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Weirton.

**Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gareis**  
**Observe 68<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-January 13, 1988 Edition**



## Barbara Gareis, Thomas Spinella Married



Miss Barbara Ann Gareis and Mr. Thomas Spinella were united in marriage Saturday during a Nuptial Mass, double ring ceremony at ten o'clock in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, in New Cumberland, West Virginia. Rev. Father Innocent J. Koncnik officiated for the wedding.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Earl James Gareis, Sr., of R. D. 1, Georgetown, former residents of Burgettstown and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Spinella of 102 Woodard road, Weirton.

"Ave Maria" and "Mother At Thy Feet Is Kneeling" were nuptial selections provided by Helen Kirpen, while the bride presented a bouquet of mums to the altar of the Blessed Mother.

Altar decorations were ferns, palms, and arrangements of yellow mums.

The bride, escorted down the white crashaisle by her father, was lovely in a floor-length gown of white peau de soie. Accenting the fitted bodice were long tapering sleeves, accented with buttons, and a sweetheart neckline embroidered with sequins and pearls. Sequins and pearls

encircled the full skirt, leading to a chapel train. Her fingertip, silk illusion bouffant veil was held in place by a Queen's crown of pearls and crystals. Her only jewelry was a pair of crystal earrings, a gift of the bridegroom.

She carried white pearl rosaries, belonging to her mother, and a bouquet of white mums garlanded with pom poms, bittersweet, and wheat.

Mrs. Joseph Barron was matron of honor. She selected a copper - glow satin cocktail dress, featuring a fitted basque bodice with a modified scoop neckline, and elbow length sleeves. The detachable bell-shaped, floor-length overskirt was accented with bows at the waist and hemline. Her headpiece was a matching copper glow crown. She carried pearl rosaries, a gift of the bride, and a bouquet of yellow mums, centered with bronze pom poms, bittersweet, wheat, and ivy.

Bridesmaids were Mrs. Robert Marshall, Miss Josephine Spinella and Miss Rose Rizor. They were attired identically to the matron of honor, except in gold satin. Headpieces were matching pearl and crystal crowns with theatre veils. Their only jewelry was small pearl earrings, gifts of the bride.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Gareis wore a two-piece autumn blue silk

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brocade suit. Satin and velvet accessories and a white mum corsage completed her ensemble.

The mother of the bridegroom selected a two-piece ivory brocade suit, enhanced with matching accessories and a white mum corsage.

Best man was Bert Spinella, brother of the bridegroom. Ushers were Lawrence Gareis of Georgetown, brother of the bride, Robert Marshall, of Burgettstown, and Paul Seminek, of Weirton.

A reception for 300 guests was held at the Hellenic Memorial Hall, West street. Centering the bridal table was a five-tier wedding cake decorated with gold roses and mint-colored leaves. Atop the cake were the traditional miniature bride and bridegroom.

Following a wedding trip to New York the couple will reside at Orchard street. For travel, the bride selected a two-piece gray wool suit with matching accessories and a white mum corsage.

The new Mrs. Spinella is a 1959 graduate of Southside high school, Hookstown. She is employed as a teletype operator for the Weirton Daily Times.

Mr. Spinella attended Steubenville Catholic Central high school, and is

employed in the Tin Mill department of the Weirton Steel Company.

Out of town guests attended from Arlington, Va.; Cleveland and Warren, O.; Canonsburg, Ambridge, Aliquippa, Washington, and Burgettstown, Pa.

## Gareis-Spinella Wedding

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**Gariglio Reunion  
At Hanover Park**

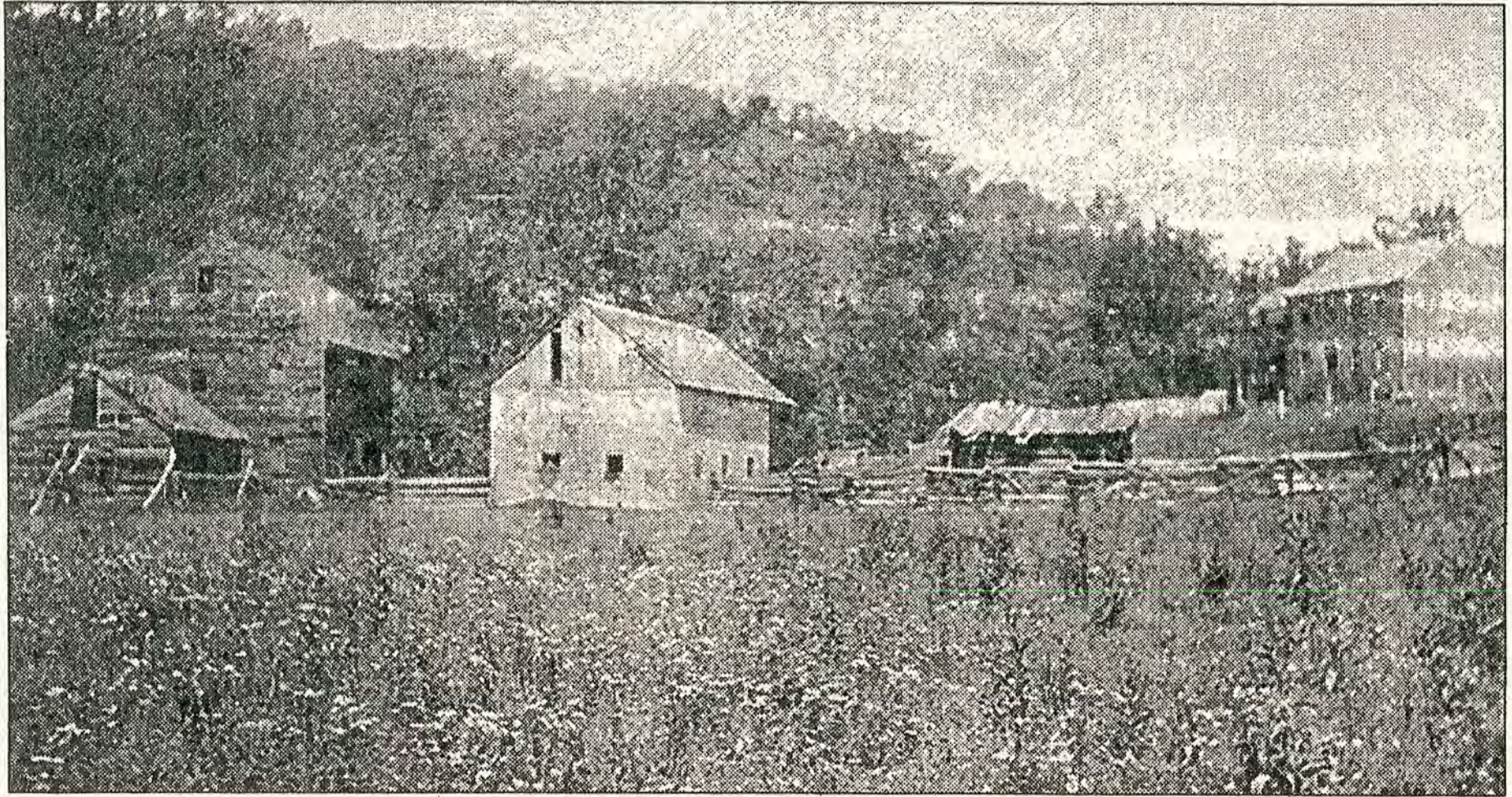
The Gariglio family held a reunion at Hanover Park on Sunday, July 15. Forty-nine persons enjoyed a picnic dinner.

During the afternoon, when weather permitted, the young people played basketball and tennis; others played cards in the shelter.

Prizes from drawings were awarded to Mrs. Wanda Hucik and Linda Presutti.

Those attending included Mr. and Mrs. Lee Thornburg; Bob and Lucille Thornburg; Bob, Patte, Michele and Leslie Thornburg of Sharon, Pa.; Jim Thornburg and Jimmy; Dorothy Coffman; Karen, Davey and Lisa Strobe and Chuck Knisley; Linda and Joe Presutti and Joey and Leia; Terri Strobe, Randy and Tabitha; Rocco and Margaret Boni; Tracy and Roxanne Rose, Christopher and Michael; Rick and Janice Boni, Eric and Ryan of McMurray; Pam Boni, Danielle and Laura; John and Wanda Hucik and Judy Hucik; Severio (Wimpy) Godish; Ben, Carol and Mark Gariglio; Cathy and Nick Say and Kristin of Tiffin, Ohio; and Ben and Bernie Gariglio, Meredith and Benjamin.





**PLUMMER'S MILL, LATER** known as Craighead Mill, was located along the banks of Cross Creek in Independence Township, in the Pine Flats area of Avella. Buildings, from left, are the mill, the barn, and, at top right, the house. (Photo courtesy of Gaylord Martin.)

**Plummer's Mill marks Gass-Hamilton Wedding Site**  
**The Record-Enterprise-October 4, 1995 Edition**

*Fort Vance Historical Society*



# Plummer's Mills marks Gass-Hamilton wedding site

By Kathryn Campbell Slasor  
for The Record-Enterprise

What the bride wore, who the attendants were and where the couple went for a honeymoon could be anyone's guess in 1995. This wedding took place in March 1831, more than 164 years ago.

The setting was the scenic spot known then as Plummer's Mills, near Avella. The ceremony united in marriage frontiersman Patrick Gass, age 60 and Maria Hamilton, age 20. After retiring from fighting bloody Indian battles, erecting log cabins, hunting stray horses and the adventures of accompanying Lewis and Clark on their rugged expedition across country to the Pacific, Gass thought of romance.

Gass was born at Failing Springs, near the present site of Chambersburg, Pa., on June 12, 1771. When he was 4-years-old, his family moved to Maryland.

In 1782, when he was 11, his family moved to what is now Uniontown. The family then moved to Catfish Camp, now Washington.

Cass, who attended school for a total 19 days in his life, worked his father's farm and made several trips over the mountains with pack horses.

In search of corn, he found his way to Wellsburg in 1790, a settlement consisting of one or two houses. He took the corn to Moore's Mill, later Waugh's Mal, on Buffalo Creek, to have it ground. He then returned to Catfish Camp, having travelled about 50 miles, a considerable

distance in those days.

During 1794 he became a carpenter's apprentice which led to the trade that qualified him for the expedition into the far west. The 40 men explorers and one female Indian guide, Sacajawea, left the junction of the Missouri and the Mississippi on May 14, 1804, not to return for three years and 5,000 miles of travel into uncharted wilderness.

In return for his services in the War of 1812 and other battles, one of which cost him the sight in one eye, Gass was awarded an annual pension from the federal government of \$96, and 160 acres of land which remained unworked and was returned for taxes.

Of Cass's romantic inclinations, historian Earle Forrest wrote:

"Judge Hamilton's daughter was just a girl, but Patrick Gass was a romantic figure to her, in spite of the great difference in their ages, and he won her heart."

The late Mildred Painter Morrow wrote of her great-grandfather, Patrick Gass: "Judge Hamilton lived along Washington Pike at the top of the hill just west of Painter's Run on what later was the Whorton and Parks farm. After walking from the Hamilton farm to Plummer's Mills, on Cross Creek, near where Avella now stands, (a distance of about ten miles) they were married on March 31, 1831, by Squire Plummer. ...Despite this difference in their ages, the union was a happy one. During their 17 years of married life, seven children were born to them. ...One child died in infancy

and one as a grown young man. The other five lived to be old men and women. My grandmother, Mrs. George Brierly, the last surviving child, died in 1926 at age 78."

The last resting places of Gass and his young wife were also colored by heartache. Maria Hamilton Gass died Feb. 15, 1849, of measles, leaving her husband at age 76 with six small children to raise. He remained in the little log house he had built on the small tract of land he had purchased on Pierce's Run. After a few years, he was forced to permit others to raise the children. He died at the age of nearly 99 years, on April 2, 1870, and was buried in the private Shrimplin graveyard with his wife, whom he had survived 23 years.

Earle Forrest says, "There they slept for nearly half a century in unmarked graves, forgotten by the country he had served so faithfully in the days of his youth."

About 1915, the officials of Brooke County Cemetery donated a lot, and Joseph Bowman, step-son of Sara Gass Bowman, and caretaker of the cemetery, removed the remains of the old hero and his wife from the private graveyard to their present resting place. Their graves remain unmarked, with the exception of a bush planted by Bowman at their heads.

Today, the area of Plummer's Mills is known as Craighead Mill. Gaylord Martin, at age 90, has been told that his parents "went to housekeeping" there, and that his two oldest sisters were born "at the Craighead place."

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Excerpts of information about Burgettstown Public Schools from audio taped interview with Bessie Gilbert (Gatho) 1903-1984. Interview conducted by her daughter Becky Gatho (Hurst) 05 April 1983

Teacher of both first grade in 1910 and then second grade in 1911 was Minnie Simpson. She is the teacher shown with the classes in the two postcard pictures of Room One, B Class (1910) and Room No.2 (1911).

Bessie Gilbert is shown in the dark dress 5<sup>th</sup> from the left of the first row in the 1910 photo. Immediately to her left is her lifelong friend, Verda Fleming (Stewart).

In the 1911 second grade picture Bessie Gilbert is at the bottom left side, first row, light dress. Verda Fleming is at her left in the dark jumper with light blouse

Teachers went to a county Teachers Institute during the Christmas break, probably before the holiday. Miss Simpson sent Christmas cards from Washington, Pa. to her students.

Names of teachers Bessie Gilbert remembered:

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Miss Leonard

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Mrs. Anna Pyle

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: (Bessie Gilbert skipped 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Liza Merchant

7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Betty Smylie

8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Anna Crouch

High School Bessie Gilbert only attended h.s. for two years.\* Teachers she remembered:

Mr. Riggs

Miss Jewel—Latin Bessie Gilbert took Latin for one year, then took German her second year.

Russell Artman—Algebra

\*After her 2 years of h.s. Bessie Gilbert enrolled in a course Steubenville Business College. She rode the train from Burgettstown to Steubenville each day. After graduation she worked for Adam Grine, Superintendent of American Zinc and Chemical Company, at Langeloth for a brief time, then for Mosel Johnson Wholesale Food Distributors in Steubenville.

Becky Gatho Hurst 4 Nov 2014

**Bessie Gilbert Gatho**  
**June 14, 1903-July 8, 1984**

"GENTLE SPRING."

Under the above caption the Toronto Commercial publishes a "spring" poem by our fellow townsman, William C. Bavington. "Billy" evidently thinks the weather man is not doing the proper thing by us.

The snow has vanished from the hills,  
The water murmurs in the rills,  
The bluebird pipes his sweetest note,  
The robin tries to split his throat,  
And "Weary Waggles" heaves a sigh,  
And treads once more the railroad tie.  
The fisherman recounts his lies;  
Medicine men all advertise,  
"For that tired feeling take our pills,  
You'll be relieved of all your ills."  
Down in the swamp the bullfrog croaks.  
The papers print Spring poem jokes.  
The wife, in abbreviated skirt,  
Attacks the winter's gathered dirt.  
Leafers desert their winter lair  
To sniff the warm and balmy air.  
The caw of crows falls on the ear  
To tell us Spring again is here.  
So with contentment full and deep  
We hie us to our beds and sleep,  
To dream of sun and balmy air,  
And wake to "cuss," and tear our hair,  
For on the morn a blizzard blows,  
And all that day it snows, and snows;  
The mercury drops out of sight,  
And lowering clouds make day like night.  
With streaming eyes, and ditto nose  
We swear at frosted ears and toes.  
And then we hear a rancorous sound  
That wells up from beneath the ground,  
Where, safely housed beside his mate,  
We hear the groundhog cachinnate,  
And chatter, with derisive glee,  
"Great Gosh! What fools these mortals be;  
They pin their faith to birds and sun,  
And think that winter's race is run.  
But I'm the only real thing  
And when I'm ready, we'll have spring.  
Kicking will be of no avail  
For I am mighty and must prevail."

W. C. BAVINGTON,  
Burgettstown, Pa.

Poem by  
William C. Bavington

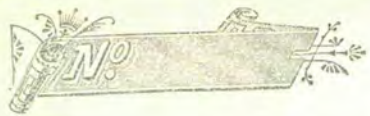
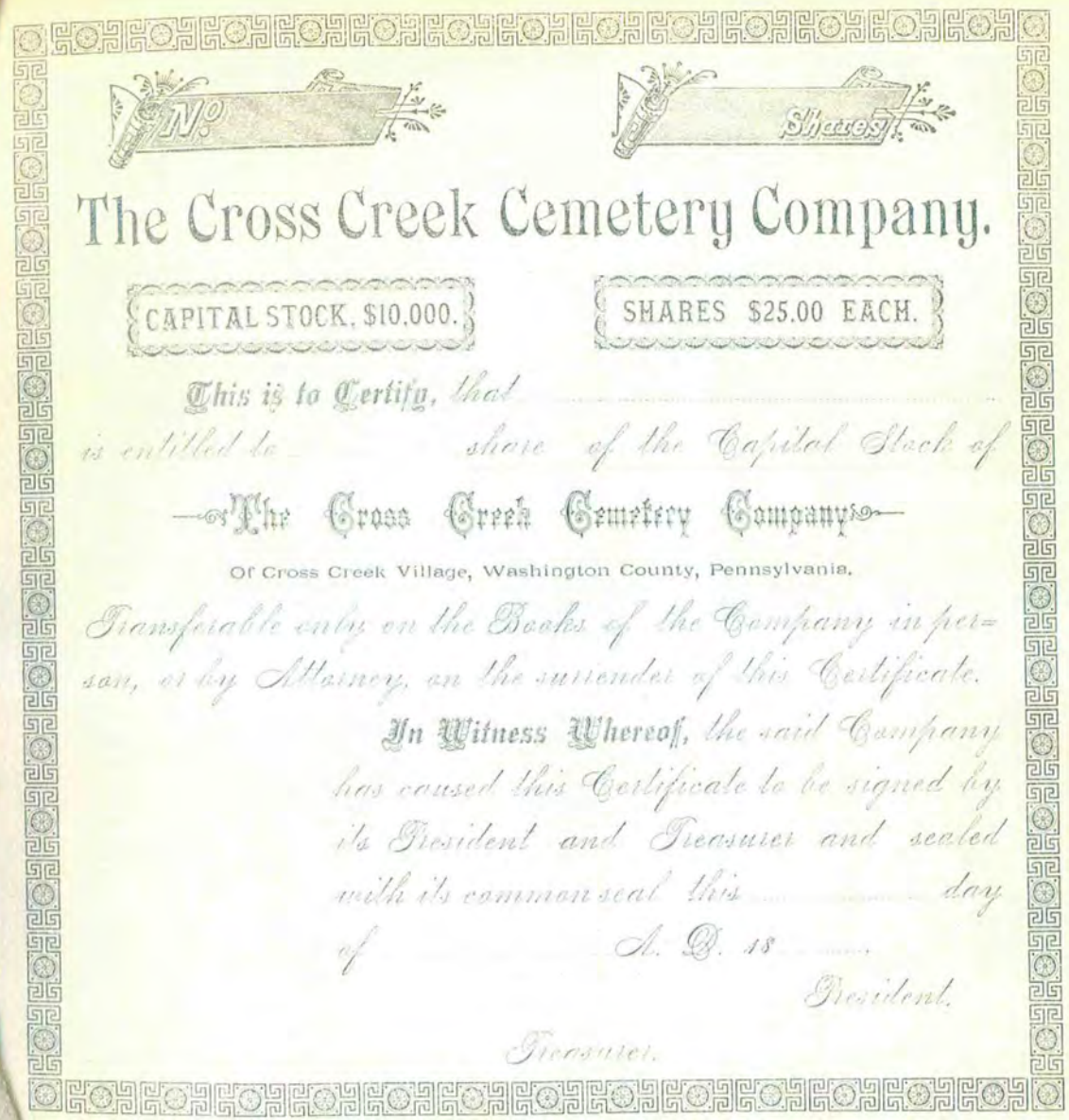
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Granted to  
David Gault

Shares, Two

Dated, March 16, 1891

Original Certificate



# The Cross Creek Cemetery Company.

CAPITAL STOCK, \$10,000.

SHARES \$25.00 EACH.

This is to Certify, that \_\_\_\_\_  
 is entitled to \_\_\_\_\_ share of the Capital Stock of  
 —The Cross Creek Cemetery Company—

Of Cross Creek Village, Washington County, Pennsylvania.

Transferable only on the Books of the Company in per-  
 son, or by Attorney, on the surrender of this Certificate.

In Witness Whereof, the said Company  
 has caused this Certificate to be signed by  
 its President and Treasurer and sealed  
 with its common seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
 of \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. 18 \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer.

President.

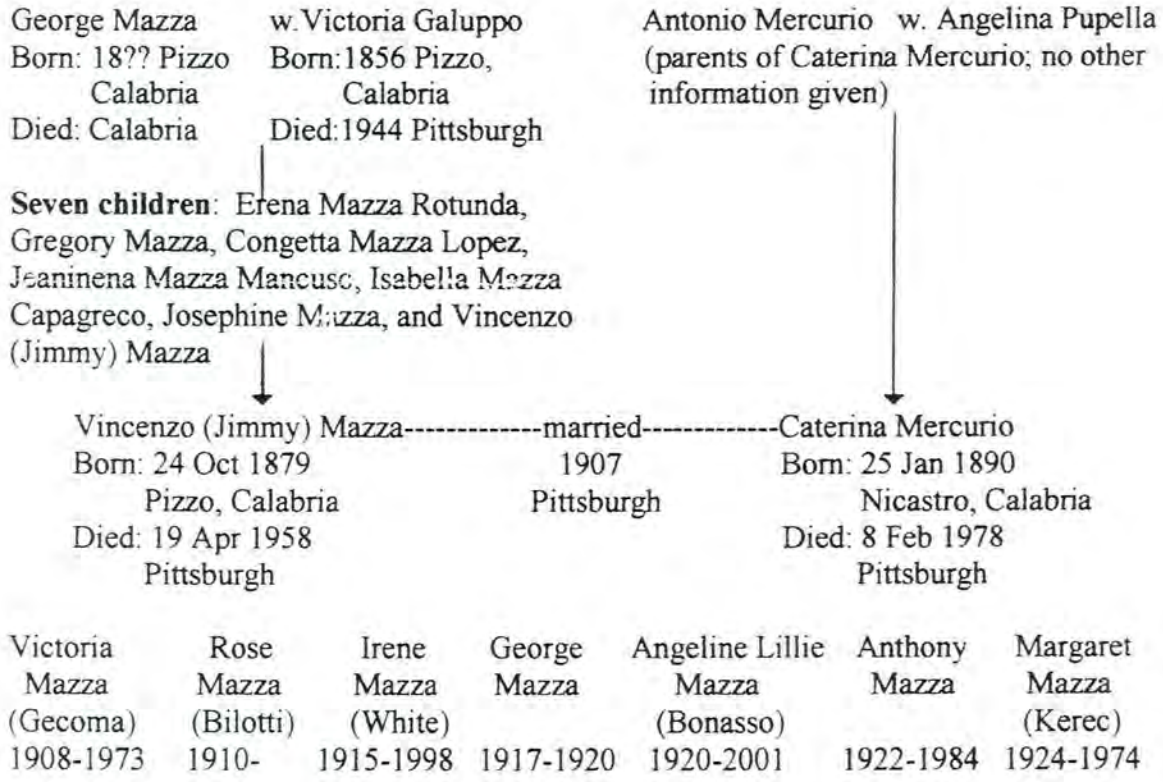
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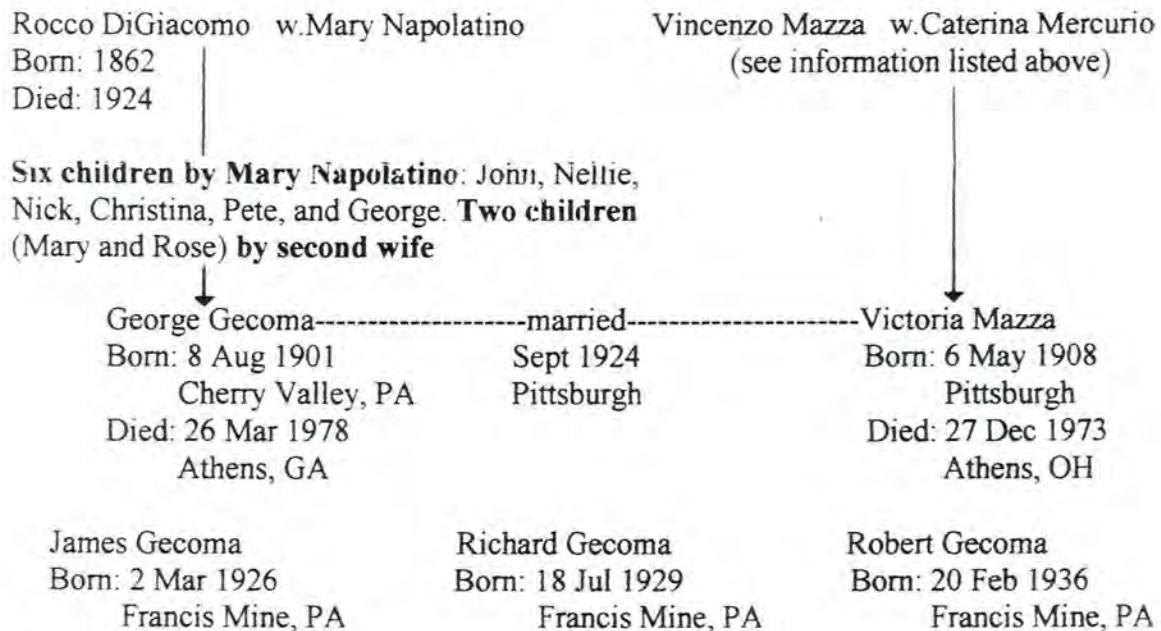




MAZZA



GECOMA/MAZZA



Note: w. = wife

## PRODIGY

Ten year old Richard Gerrero, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Gerrero of Marlan Heights, won his third consecutive prize for his superior violin playing at the Competitive Festival of the National Federation of Music Clubs held in Charleston, W. Va. this month. Richard was awarded a superior rating among 75 contestants, ranging in age from 8 to 18 years, in



RICHARD GERRERO

a piano and strings competition.

Three judges awarded Richard superior rating for his splendid intonation, good finger work, bowing, tone quality, technique and his excellent memory work.

Richard, who was born in Burgettstown, studied under his father, and is a member of the I.O.J.M. club of Weirton. He plays equally well Brahms, Verdi, Bach, Riccher, Kreisler, Heifetz, Beethoven, Medelssohn and other masters.

**Richard Gerrero**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-May 29, 1940 Edition**



## S. J. GHRIST

Samuel J. Ghrist council member, was born January 1, 1818, in Maryland. He migrated to Fayette County and then to Smith Township. He worked on various farms and married Elizabeth Stevenson. He accumulated 230 acres of land in Smith Township. In 1878 he moved to Burgettstown. He and his wife had the following children: Jane, Sarah M.; Martha A.; M. Elizabeth; Catherine, who married J. R. McNary; Anna M., who married G. M. Miller and S. Vance. Mr. Ghrist was a Republican and a Presbyterian. The Ghrist residence was on the site of the present manse of the United Presbyterian Church.



Interviewed: Ursula Gianfrancesco

Interviewer: Stacy Galan

On February 22, 1927, a little girl was born in East Germany behind the Iron Curtain, into the family of Oskar and Hulda Schlippschula. Little did she know that someday she would want very much to leave her homeland and come to a land of opportunity and freedom -- The United States. It's called the land of the free and the home of the brave -- America the Beautiful. Those of us who live in this land think nothing of all we have and appreciate it so little. However, each year thousands of people from other countries come to the United States, many times to escape poverty, war and dictatorial governments. Getting here may be difficult, but to an immigrant it's worth everything it takes to become a citizen and have the privileges and rights of an American. You and I should realize this. Thus begins a factual account of the life of Ursula Gianfrancesco.

Upon asking this soft-spoken lady for an interview, it was obvious that she was shyly embarrassed but pleased at my interest.

Ursula Gianfrancesco met an American GI whom she married in West Germany. He returned to serve his country and then sent for Ursula to join him. Her first child, Mary Jean, was born in West Germany and then came to America with her. They came over on a Greek liner and had no problems with immigration officials upon entering the United States. To Ursula, the United States was an exciting land having many luxuries she had never even seen in East Germany. In her small hometown of Henschlebein, which is in the heart of Germany, life had been rather primitive. She had known only outside facilities and water pumps. Telephones, which were a great luxury, were owned only by businesses. They never had nice clothes since most of the good quality things went to Russia.

She recalled that once when her sister purchased a pair of shoes, they melted right off of her feet as she was walking in the rain. Cars were few and bicycles could be seen everywhere as the major means of transportation.

Ursula had just finished grade school when the war began. This was a horrible time for a small girl. During this time they didn't have many dairy products or any type of food. Her parents would cook potatoes and mix them with vinegar, and this would be their meal. When bombs were hitting, she recalls hiding in underground shelters for protection. Her greatest fear was of the Russians. Once, as she was walking to get food, she saw that the Russians had returned. She cried all the way home upon seeing cows brutally butchered in the fields for no reason and young girls being viciously raped. Another reason for her great hatred of these people was because the only things they had to get around on were their bicycles, and the Russians stole them, forcing them to walk everywhere.

During the war, food was rationed, and once as Ursula was riding her bike to get food for her family, she was stopped by a Russian who took both the food and the bike.

**Ursula Gianfrancesco**  
**Interviewed as Problems of Democracy class project**  
**October 1975**

But, there were happier times in her life. A German wedding was quite different from one in the United States. To announce a wedding, a wreath was placed on the door of the girl to be married. It was also customary for all the little children in the town you lived in to break glasses and bottles on the doorstep of the groom. The groom then sweeps the glass away for good luck and gives candy to the children. The bride and groom then went to the Justice of the Peace who was in the neighboring town. Upon their return, the children of the town would stand across the street holding a string so that the bride and groom couldn't pass until they threw money. On the day of the wedding, flowers were strewn across the road from the house to the church. The marriage was performed under the flag because they believed this was right. When you were engaged, the ring was worn on the left hand and then at the marriage was switched to the right hand.

In the winter months in the evenings, people in the town got together and killed geese, took out the feathers and made pillows and bedspreads out of them. This was done at a different person's house each time, and they made a party out of it.

They had the same holidays as we had except for a special one. There was a big celebration six days after the Easter Holiday which lasted two days to commemorate the building of the church. On Sunday no one did any work -- even the factories shut down because it was a day of rest. On Saturdays there were usually dances and movies.

When I asked Ursula for some of her recipes she brought with her, she had them handy -- right in her head. Here are a few of them:

#### GERMAN CAKE

3 tablespoons Crisco  
6 eggs  
1½ cups sugar  
Pinch of salt  
1 cup of milk  
Rum, brandy, almond, vanilla and lemon flavoring  
(½ tsp. each)  
3 cups flour  
3 tsps. baking powder  
Mix together and bake.

Use powdered sugar or butter cream  
on top.

#### DUMPLINGS FOR CHICKEN BROTH

5 eggs  
½ cup water  
Flour to thicken it  
Mix together, take spoonfuls,  
and drop into broth.

**Ursula Gianfrancesco**  
**Interviewed as Problems of Democracy class project**  
**October 1975**



## CHEESECAKE

Same dough as for German Cake

### Filling

2 tablespoons cottage cheese  
Mix with 5 eggs  
1½ cups sugar  
1 tsp. vanilla  
2 cups raisins

Mix more flour and roll out.  
Put in shell and make strips  
on top.

Ursula Gianfrancesco was born behind the Iron Curtain in East Germany. In her family there was her father Oskar, her mother Hulda, her sister Irmgard and her brother Heimit, all to whom she was very close. She worked as a schoolteacher when she was 18 years old and gave the money to her family. She crochets beautifully and bakes superbly. When asked, however, what she is most proud of in her life, she replied, "coming to the United States, marrying and having a family."

**Ursula Gianfrancesco**  
**Interviewed as Problems of Democracy class project**  
**October 1975**

# DRIVER KILLED ON ROUTE 18



MARK MARETTA/OBSERVER-REPORTER

Wreckage is spread across the scene of a fatal two-vehicle, head-on collision Thursday on Route 18 in Smith Township.

## One Burgettstown man dead, one injured

By KATHIE O. WARCO  
Staff writer  
kwarco@observer-reporter.com

An elderly Burgettstown man was killed and another

Burgettstown area man was seriously injured in a two-vehicle crash that closed a section of Smith Township Road (Route 18) for three hours

Thursday afternoon.

Benjamin Strain, 79, was pronounced dead at the scene about an hour after the crash that was reported at 1:11 p.m.

Strain was driving north when his pickup truck crossed the center line into the south-bound lanes, hitting a pickup

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**Benjamin Strain killed, Mark Gibbons injured in Rt. 18 Accident (pg. 1)  
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## Driver

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truck driven by Mark Gibbons, 58, of Paris. The impact caused the southbound truck to spin around three times, said Smith police Chief Bernie LaRue. Strain's truck spun once before crashing off the road.

A witness traveling southbound behind the other truck was able to tell police what happened, LaRue said.

Gibbons was taken to Weirton (W.Va.) Medical Center for treatment. Police at the scene said he was talking to rescuers.

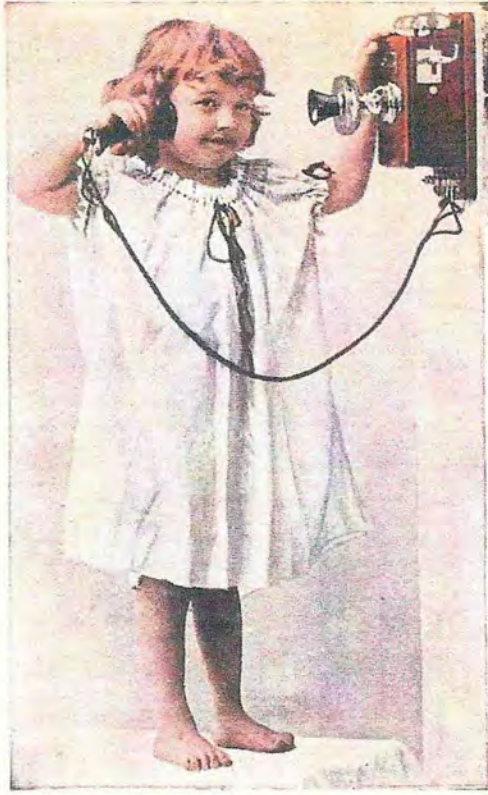
"There are not a lot of crashes along this stretch of the road, like some of the other areas," LaRue said.

Firefighters rerouted traffic off Route 18 at Skyline Drive and also at Atlas Cherry Valley and Covered Bridge roads. Police said the road reopened at 4:20 p.m.

The cause and manner of Strain's death is pending an autopsy, said Washington County Coroner Tim Warco.

Strain is the 11th person to die on Washington County roads this year. Also assisting at the scene were Mt. Pleasant Township police, Washington County Sheriff's department and firefighters from Slovan, Midway and Mt. Pleasant Township. Also at the scene were crews from Ambulance and Chair and Fort Cherry Ambulance. The state Department of Transportation helped to clear debris from the road.





*Hello, Bessie!*

Hurry up and get dressed. Let's meet early at the

## 56th Annual Burgettstown Fair

BURGETTSTOWN, PA.

Oct. 3-4-5, '11

All the neighbors are loading in the children to go.

J. E. PERRIN, Pres.  
J. M. PYLE, Treas.  
D. S. TAYLOR, Sec.

R-29 - TALBOT-ENO CO. DES MOINES

# Post Card

THIS SPACE MAY BE USED FOR  
CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ADDRESS ONLY



Sept. 2nd  
Bessie, will you  
not go with me  
to the Fair.

Miss Bessie Gilbert  
to Burgettstown  
Wash Co  
Pa.

Flora

**Burgettstown Fair Post Card-1911**

**Addressed to Bessie Gilbert**

*Fort Vance Historical Society*

**Deed transfer from  
William Moor to  
Ebenezer Gilbert  
And  
Philip Gilbert  
June 28, 1817**



**Purchase price \$703.23**

*"A certain lot or piece of land situate lying and being on the waters of Raccoon Creek in Smiths Township Washington County and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as contain in the courses and distances following by Beginning at a white oak thence by land of Henry Seabring twenty five degrees West one hundred and sixteen perches to a gum, thence by land of **Burgett heirs** north eighty nine degrees. East six perches to a dogwood, North eighty seven and one half degree East fifty three perches to a white oak. North eighty seven and one half degrees, East fifty three perches to a white oak, North sixteen....."*

*Property later known as the log house, 22 Market Street, Burgettstown, PA*



Containing one hundred and eighty acres strict measure & together with all and singular the buildings improvements woods ways waters water courses right liberties privileges hereditaments and appurtenance whatsoever therunto belonging or in any wise appertaining reversions remainders rents issues and profits thereof and also all the estate right little interest property claim and demand whatsoever of from the said John Johnson and Hannah his wife in law equity or otherwise howsoever of in and to the said tract or piece of land and every part and parcel thereof. To have and to hold the said tract or piece of land containing one hundred and eighty acres strict measure as aforesaid hereditaments and premises here by granted or mentioned or intended so to be with appurtenances unto the said David McConhey his heirs or assigns to the only proper use benefit and behoof of him the said David McConhey his heirs or assigns forever. And the said John Johnson for himself and his heirs doth covenant promise and agree to and with the said David McConhey his heirs and assigns by these presents that he the said John Johnson and his heirs the said premises hereby granted with the appurtenances unto the said David McConhey his heirs and assigns against him the said John Johnson and his heirs and against all and every other person or persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents. In Witness whereof the said parties hath hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

John Johnson  Hannah Johnson   
 Sealed and delivered in the presence of James Cris Tho: Hutchinson

Received on the day of the date of the above Indenture of and from the above named David McConhey the sum of nine hundred and forty five dollars lawfull money of the United States being the full consideration money above mentioned.

James Cris Tho: Hutchinson  John Johnson

Washington County: I personally appeared before me the Subscribed Justice of the Peace in and for the said County John Johnson and Hannah his wife the grantors in the within Indenture named, and acknowledged the same to be their act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned, and desire the same may be recorded as such. The said Hannah being first examined by me separate and apart from her said husband the contents thereof made known to her declared that she executed the same of her own free and voluntary will without the coercion or compulsion of her said husband Given under my hand and Seal this twenty six<sup>th</sup> day of December one thousand eight hundred and seventeen

Recorded and compared with Original, the 26<sup>th</sup> day of December, A.D. 1817  
 James Cris   
 Justice of the Peace

William Moor & wife } This Indenture made this twenty eighth day of Janu  
 11 2 } To } ary in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and seventeen by  
 Ebenezer Gilbert et al } and between William Moor of Balymont County and State of  
 Ohio and Marthrew his wife of the one part and Ebenezer Gilbert and Philip Gilbert  
 of Smiths Township Washington County and State of Pennsylvania of the other



other part Witnesseth that the said William Moor and Matthew his wife for and in  
 consideration of the sum of seven hundred and three dollars and twenty three cents to  
 them in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged HAVE granted las-  
 yand and sold and to these presents FORTH grand bargain and sell release and  
 confirm unto the said Elizabeth Gilbert and Phillip Gilbert their heirs and assigns  
 a certain lot or piece of land situate lying and being on the waters of Naccoon Creek in Smiths  
 Township Washington County and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as containd in the  
 Courses and distances following viz Beginning at a white oak thence by land of Henry  
 Seabring North twenty five degrees West one hundred and sixteen perches to a quoin  
 thence by land of Burgel heirs North eighty nine degrees East six perches to a dogwood  
 North eighty seven and one half degrees East fifty three perches to a white oak North sixteen  
 degrees East thirty six perches to a white oak thence by land of Sullons heirs North sixty  
 four and one half degrees East forty six and one half perches to a white oak thence by  
 land of John Moor South twenty five degrees East fifty four perches to a hickory South eight  
 y eight degrees West twenty one and one half perches to a hickory South twenty two degrees  
 West thirty three perches to a hickory thence by land of Margels heirs South five degrees  
 East fifty seven perches to a white oak South thirty four and one half degrees  
 West fifty one perches to a post thence by land of Hugh Edgar South eighty nine  
 degrees West four perches to the place of beginning Containing fifty acres and thirty  
 seven perches strict measure part of the above described piece of land was granted by  
 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to Henry Cooper by their Patent dated the 10<sup>th</sup>  
 day of February in the year 1803 and conveyed by the said Henry Cooper and wife  
 to William Murrys heirs by Indenture dated the fourth day of May in the year 1803  
 and conveyed by the heirs of the said William Murry to George Miller by Indenture  
 dated the fifth day of April in the year 1804 and conveyed by the said George Miller  
 and Mary his wife to William Moor the present granted by Indenture dated the  
 second day of September in the year 1808 and recorded in the Office for recording  
 of deeds for the County of Washington in book 11 page 336 and part of the above descri-  
 bed land is part of a tract of land called Alexandria granted by the Commonwealth  
 of Pennsylvania to Henry Rankin and Alexander M<sup>r</sup> Bride by Patent dated the 15<sup>th</sup> day of  
 February 1734 and Inrolled in the Wells Office for the State of Pennsylvania in patten  
 Book N<sup>o</sup> 1 page 1 and conveyed by the said Alexander M<sup>r</sup> Bride and Eve his wife by their  
 several Indentures bearing date the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 1792 and the 2<sup>d</sup> day of Septem-  
 ber 1792 and recorded in the Office for recording of deeds in and for the County of Washing-  
 ton in book A page 257 and 266 and 417 and 448 and conveyed by Henry Rankin  
 to John Moor by Indenture dated the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year 1810 and re-  
 corded in the Office for recording of deeds for the County of Washington in book E  
 pages 70 71 and 72 and conveyed by the said John Moor and Nancy his wife to William  
 Moor the present granted by Indenture dated the 3<sup>d</sup> day of April in the year 1811 and  
 recorded in the Office for recording of deeds for the County of Washington in book N



pages 35 and 36 and part of the above described piece of land was granted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to Henry Rankin and Alexander M<sup>r</sup> Bride by Patent bearing date the 15th day of February in the year 1786 and enrolled in the Rolls Office for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in patten book No 6 page 1 and conveyed by this said Alexander M<sup>r</sup> Bride to the said Henry Rankin by Indenture dated the fourth day of January 1792 and recorded in the Office for recording of deeds for the County of Washington in book 1 pages 259 and 260 and conveyed by the said Henry Rankin and Jean his Wife to William Moor by Indenture dated the 19th day of September 1809 and relinquishment dated the 14th day of February 1810 and recorded in the Office for recording of deeds for the County of Washington in book 11 pages 734 and 740 and book 6 pages 97 and 98 as by reference had to said deeds will more fully appear

**To have and To hold** the above described lot or piece of land containing fifty acres and thirty seven perches strict measure together also with all and singular the rights liberties priviledges improvements hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining and the reversion remainders rents issues and profits thereof and all the estate right title interest profit claim and demand whatsoever of him the said William Moor and Martheu his Wife of in and to the same **To have and To hold** the said lot or piece of land with the appurtenances unto the said Ebenezer Gilbert and Philip Gilbert and their heirs to the only proper use benefit and behoof of them the said Ebenezer Gilbert and Philip Gilbert their heirs and assigns forever and the said William Moor and Martheu his Wife for themselves their heirs Executors Administrators the said lot or piece of land containing fifty acres and thirty seven perches strict measure with the appurtenances unto the said Ebenezer Gilbert and Philip Gilbert their heirs and assigns and against him the said William Moor and Martheu his Wife and their heirs Executors Administrators and against all men and manners of persons laying any lawful claim thereunto shall and will warrant and forever defend by their presents

**In Witness** thereof the said William Moor and Martheu his Wife have to these presents set their hands and seals the day and year first above written \_\_\_\_\_ William Moor  
 Signed sealed and delivered in presents of \_\_\_\_\_ Martheu <sup>his</sup> Moor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Matthew Provinces John Provinces \_\_\_\_\_ On the day of date received the within consideration money in full \_\_\_\_\_ Test. Matt Provinces \_\_\_\_\_ William Moor

Washington County 1810 Personally appeared before me Matthew Provinces one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid the within named William Moor and Martheu his Wife and acknowledged the within Indenture as and for their act and deed and desired the same to be entered on record as such the the said Martheu being by me previously examined separate and apart from her husband and the contents thereof made known to her She thereunto voluntarily consenting of her own free Will and accord without any coercion or compulsion of her



husband Given under my hand and seal September the eighth eighteen hundred and seventeen 1817

Matthew Provines

Recorded and compared with Original the 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, A. D. 1817

James Kerr Recorder

David Blazer wife } This Indenture made the twenty sixth day of  
 & John W. Millan } Pumber in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred  
 and seventeen Between David Blazer of Hanover Township  
 Washington County and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Sarah his wife of the one part  
 and John W. Millan of Pittsburgh of the other part Witnessed That the said  
 David Blazer and Sarah his wife for and in consideration of the sum of one thousand  
 dollars lawful money of the United States to them in hand paid by the said John  
 W. Millan at or before the executing and delivery hereof the receipt whereof is hereby  
 acknowledged Have granted, bargained, sold alien, enfeoffed, released and confirmed, and  
 by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell alien, enfeoff, release and confirm unto the  
 said John W. Millan his heirs and assigns, a certain piece of land situate on the  
 waters of Kings Creek in the Township of said bounded and described as follows to wit  
 Beginning at a post thence by land of John Davis South eighty four degrees West sixty  
 one perches to a white oak thence by land of John Watson South seventy six degrees West  
 seventy eight perches to a post thence by land of Robert Ramsey South fifty degrees  
 East two hundred perches to a post thence by land of the said David Blazer  
 South forty five degrees East eighty five perches to a post and North thirty eight degrees  
 West one hundred and twenty two perches to the place of beginning containing one hun-  
 dred acres strict measure, being part of a tract of land granted to Alexander  
 Carnie by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by Patent dated the twenty second day  
 of May one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven conveyed by the said Carnie  
 to Presly Nevill by deed bearing date the twenty ninth day of March 1790 and con-  
 veyed by the said Presly Nevill unto David Blazer by Indenture and release bearing  
 date the first day of May 1810 and recorded in the Office for recording of deeds in and  
 for the County of Washington in book 10 pages 114 & 115 and by Indenture bearing  
 date the seventeenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and fifteen and recorded  
 in the said records in book 2 pages 102 and 103 reference to the said records will  
 more fully appear Together with all and singular the buildings, improvements, woods,  
 ways, waters, water-courses, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances  
 whatsoever thereto belonging, or in any wise appertaining; and the reversions and  
 remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof; and also all the estate, right, title, interest,  
 property, claim and demand whatsoever of them the said David Blazer and Sarah  
 his wife in law or equity, or otherwise howsoever, of, in and to the same. To have  
 and so hold the said described tract of land containing one hundred  
 acres strict measure hereditaments and premises hereby granted, or mentioned, or intend-  
 ed so to be, with the appurtenances, unto the said John W. Millan his heirs and



## 1928 Honor Roll

**HENRY GILBERT**, Panhandle division crossing watchman, Burgettstown, Pa., was retired from active duty, Feb. 1, at the age of three score and ten after 42 years of faithful service with the company.



H. GILBERT

Mr. Gilbert was born Jan. 17, 1858, at Burgettstown, Pa. There he spent his boyhood days—in fact his entire life—having resided in his present home for the past 60 years. At the age of 18 he launched upon his railroad career, starting in the Maintenance of Way dept., Panhandle division, as a laborer, Apr. 1, 1876, in a gang in charge of Foreman Henry Hess. Later he worked with Foremen Samuel Riddile, Thomas O'Brien, Mike Scanlon and Henry Leopold.

It was while working for the latter in 1889 in a mason gang that the Johnstown Flood occurred. He was then summoned for service in the flooded district, working as a cook in the commissary department. After the flood he returned to Leopold's gang.

On June 1, 1900, he was made foreman of a section on the Wheeling branch, located at Short Creek, W. Va. He served in that capacity until 1911, when he was transferred to Burgettstown, Pa., as a crossing watchman, which position he held until his retirement.

During his seventeen years of service at the crossing at Burgettstown he carefully guarded the lives of the hundreds of children who attended the high and grade schools in that town and is credited with never having had a single accident.

Mr. Gilbert was united in marriage with Miss Harriet R. McCullough in 1882. They were blessed with the following children: John W., of Carnegie, Pa., who, like his dad, is also a railroader, being employed as a Panhandle division engineer; two daughters, Etta L., wife of J. R. Fulton, yardmaster at Wellsville, O., and Bessie M., wife of F. H. Gatho, service manager, Dodge automobile company, Steubenville, O.

Mr. Gilbert will continue to live at Burgettstown, where he has a comfortable home and a little farm. Possessing exceptionally good health, he looks much younger than his years. Poultry raising and gardening are his chief hobbies and he intends to devote much of his leisure time to them. He and Mrs. Gilbert, however, expect to go on occasional sight-seeing trips.

Mr. Gilbert was always conscientious and efficient and by his retiring the company loses the services of a loyal employe. He leaves the service with the best wishes of employes and friends for a long and happy retirement.

**Henry Gilbert  
Retirement - 1928**





**Log House on Market Street, Burgettstown, PA (pg. 1)  
Restoration 1994**

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**Log House on Market Street, Burgettstown, PA (pg. 2)  
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Bessie Mae Gilbert Gatho and Harriet Gilbert



**Gilbert Home circa 1910**

L-R: Harriet Rebecca (McCullough) Gilbert, Phillip Henry Gilbert, Verda (Fleming) Stewart with doll, Bessie Mae (Gilbert) Gatho, Esther Mae (Fulton) Drummond in front.

**Log House on Market Street, Burgettstown, PA (pg. 5)**

**Earlier Views**

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## Gracie - Gilbert



Weirton Studio Photo

Miss Loretta Gracie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gracie of Midway, and Robert Gilbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Gilbert of Joffre, were united in marriage at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, November 22, 1952, in St. Ann's church, Bulger. Fr. Paul P. Leger performed the double ring ceremony.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a poudre blue ballerina-length gown of lace with bonnet shaped hat of matching lace and shoulder-length veil of tulle. She carried a white prayer book topped with a white orchid. The matron of honor, Mrs. John Maslyk of Burgettstown wore a champaign ballerina-length gown with dark brown accessories and a corsage of pompons. John Maslyk of Burgettstown served as bestman.

The bride's mother wore a chartreuse crepe dress with winter white accessories and a corsage of white pompons. The mother of the bridegroom wore a salmon pink silk dress with navy accessories and a white corsage.

At noon a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents for members of the bridal party and their families. In the evening a reception for 100 guests was held in the Owls club at Joffre.

The bride is a 1948 graduate of Midway high school and is employed at the Peoples First National Bank, Pittsburgh. The bridegroom, a 1947 graduate of Union high school, is stationed with the army at Brunswick, Md.

**Gracie-Gilbert Wedding**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-December 4, 1952 Edition**

**Agreement to settle estate of**

**Philip Gilbert**

**July 7, 1875**

**Burgettstown, PA**

Know all Men by these Presents.

That we, J. L. Proudfoot, J. L. Patterson and W. J. Duncan

all of Washington County, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the sum of Fifteen hundred dollars, to be paid to the said Commonwealth, to which payment, well and truly to be made and done, we do, and each of us hereby doth bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, and the heirs, executors and administrators of each of us, for and in the whole, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated the 7 day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five

The Condition of this Obligation is, That if the said J. L. Proudfoot, Exor.

administrat<sup>r</sup> of all and singular the goods, chattels, and credits of Phillip Gilbert deceased, do make, or cause to be made, a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased, which have come, or shall come, to the hands, possession or knowledge of him the said

Adm<sup>r</sup> or into the hands of any other person or persons for him and the same so made, do exhibit, or cause to be exhibited, into the Register's Office, in the County of Washington, within thirty days from the date hereof, and the same goods, chattels and credits, and all other goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased at the time of his death, which at any time after shall come to the hands or possession of the said Adm<sup>r</sup>

or into the hands and possession of any other person or persons for him do well and truly administer according to law; and further, do make, or cause to be made, a just and true account of his said administration within one year from the date hereof, or when thereunto legally required, and all the rest and residue of the said goods, chattels and credits which shall be found remaining upon the said administration account, the same being first examined and allowed by the Orphans' Court of the County of Washington, shall deliver and pay unto such person or persons as the said Orphans' Court, by their decree or sentence, pursuant to law, shall limit and appoint, and shall well and truly comply with the laws of this Commonwealth relating to collateral inheritance; and if it shall hereafter appear that any last will and testament was made by the said deceased, and the same shall be proved according to law, if the said J. L. Proudfoot, Exor.

being thereunto required, do surrender the said letters of administration into the Register's Office aforesaid, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to be and remain in full force.

Sealed and delivered in presence of J. L. Proudfoot, J. L. Patterson, W. J. Duncan. Each signature has a circular seal next to it.

And now July 7<sup>th</sup> 1875 Letters are issued to J. L. Proudfoot, who was duly qualified by A. O. Day, Register.



**Deed transfer from  
John Bonners, Administrator to**

**Polly Gilbert**

**October 1, 1858**

**Purchase price \$206.**

**Deed Book "U" Vol. 3 Pg. 408**

*Upon the death of John Bonner, his property was seized by the county.*

*Debt to Boston Grimm Burgett was satisfied by a public auction at which the highest bidder, Polly Gilbert.*

*General Plan of Burgettstown, Lot 24*

Received the day of the date of the foregoing Indenture, a deed of conveyance from the within named Auditor Wilson such as is therein mentioned, the same being by him to me delivered as part of the consideration therein mentioned. I also hereby acknowledge to have received from him one thousand six hundred dollars, the money consideration therein mentioned.

Robert Wilson.

State of Pennsylvania  
Washington County SS.

On the second day of November one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight, before me, one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said county, personally came the within named Robert Wilson and Margaret Wilson, his wife and severally acknowledged the within written Indenture to be their act and deed, and desired that the same might be recorded as such according to law. She the said Margaret Wilson being of full age and separate and apart from her husband by me examined, the full contents thereof being first made known to her, declaring that she did voluntarily and of her own free will and accord, sign and seal, and as her act and deed deliver the said Indenture without any coercion or compulsion on the part of her said husband.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

John Vanbinder  
Justice of the Peace

Recorded and compared with original Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> A.D. 1858  
Frederick Brady Jr.  
Recorder

John Bonner's admin.  
Polly Gilbert

This Indenture made the twenty first day of October in the year of our Lords one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight, between Boston G. Berger, administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits, which were of John Bonner, late of the county of Washington in the State of Pennsylvania, deceased, of the one part, and Polly Gilbert of the county aforesaid of the other part. Whereas the said John Bonner, in his lifetime, and at the time of his death, was seized in his demesne as of fee, of and in the real estate herein after described, and being so seized, died intestate. And whereas, letters of administration of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits, which were of the said John Bonner at the time of his death, were in due form of law committed unto the said Boston G. Berger, And whereas the said administrator at an Orphan's court held at Washington in and for the county aforesaid, presented a



petition setting forth amongst other things that the said John Bonner died seized of the said real estate and that his personal estate was insufficient for the payment of his just debts, whereupon it appearing manifest in the court aforesaid, that the personal estate of the said John Bonner was not sufficient to pay his just debts it was considered and ordered by the said court, on the twenty sixth day of August A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty six, that the said real estate be sold according to the prayer of the petitioners. And whereas, in pursuance of the said order, and by force and virtue of the laws of the State in such case made and provided, afterwards, to wit, on the twenty ninth day of January A.D. 1857 the said Boston G. Burchett did expose the said hereinafter described real estate to sale, at public vendue or outcry, after giving notice thereof according to law and sold the same unto the said Polly Gilbert for the sum of two hundred and six dollars, she being the highest bidder, and that the highest and best price bid for the same, which sale, on report thereof made to the Judges of the said court on the seventeenth day of February A.D. 1857 was confirmed, and it was considered and adjudged by the said court, that the same should be and remain firm and stable forever, and good and sufficient security, approved by the said court, for the faithful application of the proceeds of sale, has been duly entered, as by the records of the same court more fully and at large appears. Now this Endentless witnesseth that the said Boston G. Burchett, administrator as aforesaid, for and in consideration of the sum of Two hundred and six dollars to him in hands paid by the said Polly Gilbert, at and before the vending and delivery hereof, the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge hath granted, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released and confirmed and by these presents doth hereby grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, release and confirm unto the said Polly Gilbert her heirs and assigns all the following described messuage and lot of grounds situate in Burgettstown in the said county, intended upon the general plan of the said town number twenty four, bounded as follows. Beginning at a post, thence North fifteen degrees West eight perches to a post, thence North seventy two degrees East one and six tenth perches to a post, thence North twenty degrees West three perches to a post, thence West four and ten tenth perches to a post, thence South five and one half degrees West, thirteen and five tenth perches to a post, thence North seventy two and one half degrees East seven perches and six tenths to the place of beginning, containing fifty perches to the same more or less, Together with all and singular the buildings, improvements, ways, waters, water-courses, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever therunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and the revenues and ornaments, rents, issues and profits thereof, and also all the right, title, interest, property, claim and demand



whenever, of the said John Bonner in his lifetime, at and immediately before the time of his decease, in law, equity, or otherwise howsoever, of in and to or, out of the same. To have and to hold the said message and lot of grounds, hereditaments and premises hereby granted or mentioned and intended so to be, with the appurtenances unto the said Polly Gilbert her heirs and assigns forever. And the said Boston G. Burget doth covenant, promise grant and agree to and with the said Polly Gilbert her heirs and assigns, by these presents that he the said Boston G. Burget hath not done, committed or knowingly or willingly suffered to be done, any act matter or thing whatsoever whereby the premises aforesaid, or any part thereof, is or shall or may be charged or incumbered, in title, charge or estate, or otherwise howsoever.

In witness whereof the said parties have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year above written  
Signed sealed and delivered in presence of us  
G. Bolderback Jr.  
J. L. Boudjet  
Boston G. Burget

Receipts, the day of the date of the above Indenture of the above named Polly Gilbert two hundred and six dollars the full consideration money above mentioned  
Witness present  
G. Bolderback  
B. G. Burget

Washington County Pa.  
Before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the county of Washington and State of Pennsylvania personally came the above named Boston G. Burget administrator, of John Bonner deceased and acknowledged the above Indenture to be his act and deed, and declared that the same might be recorded as such according to law.  
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hands and seal the twenty first day of October A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight

John L. Proudjet  
Justice of the Peace  
November 3 A.D. 1858  
Freeman Brady Jr.  
Recorder

Recorded and compared with original

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414  
C. W. Townsend  
Joseph Chessman  
H. B. Chessman

This Indenture made the 5th day of June in the year of our Lords one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight between C. W. Townsend and Margaret A. H. his wife of Dutch Strataze Township Washington county Commonwealth of Penna. of the first part and Joseph

*Property later known as the log house, 22 Market Street, Burgettstown, PA*

**Deed transfer from  
Robert and Sophia Crawford to**

**Polly Gilbert  
January 7, 1861**

**Purchased \$150**

**Deed Book "U" Vol. 3 Pg. 583**

*General Plan of Burgettstown, Lot 25*



Records, the day of the date of the above indenture, of the above named James and Joseph. Burkhalter the sum of Sixteen Thousand and Thirty Seven Dollars, lawful money of the United States, being the consideration money above mentioned, in full

Witness:  
James. Mitchell

John. Berry.  
Mary. Ann. Berry.  
H. C. McFarland.  
Caroline. Susan. McFarland  
Catharine. L. Barr.  
Deborah. C. Barr.

Allegheny County S.S.

On the second day of April Anno. Domini, 1861 before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally came the above named John. Berry and Mary Ann his wife and Catharine L. Barr, Deborah. C. Barr, and H. C. McFarland & Caroline. Susan his wife and acknowledged the above indenture to be their act and deed and desired that the same might be recorded as such. They the said Mary Ann & Caroline Susan being of full age, and by me examined, separate and apart from their said husbands and the contents of the said indenture being first made fully known to them, declared that they did, of their own free will and accord, sign and seal and as their act and deed, deliver the same, without any coercion or compulsion of their said husbands. Witness my hand and seal the day and year aforesaid

James. Mitchell. Seal  
S.P.

Recorded and compared with original May 20<sup>th</sup> 1861

H. J. VanKerke Depty. Recorder

Robert. Crawford  
To  
Polly. Gilbert

This indenture, made the seventh day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty one, Between Robert. Crawford and Sophia. Crawford his wife of Burgettstown in the County of Washington and State of Pennsylvania Parties of the first part, and Polly. Gilbert of the same place party of the second part It Witnesseth, that the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of One Hundred and fifty Dollars lawful money of the United States of America, unto them well and truly paid by the said party of the second part, at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, aliened, infeoffed, released, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, alien, infeoff, release, convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part, her heirs and assigns, all that certain Lot of ground situated in the village of Burgettstown aforesaid and marked as Lot no. 25 in the plan of said village bounded and described as follows viz, on the East by Lot of John. Curing Esq; on the North by Lot of Patterson & Proudfoot on the West by Lot of Polly. Gilbert, and on the south by a street and containing one fourth of an acre strict measure, Being the same Lot of ground which was conveyed to the aforesaid Robert. Crawford by Williams Allender and Sidney his wife by their indenture dated the sixth day of June A. D. 1857 and recorded in the office for recording deeds in and for said County of Washington in Book I vol. 3<sup>d</sup> pages 130 & 131 to which reference may be had. Together with all and singular the buildings, improvements, ways, waters, water-courses, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments, and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in



any and every appertaining, and the remainders and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof; and all the estate, right, title, interest, property, claim and demand whatsoever of the said parties of the first part, in law, equity, or otherwise, howsoever, of, in and to the same and every part thereof, to have and to hold the said Lot of ground situated in the village of Burgettstown aforesaid with all the hereditaments and promises hereby granted, or mentioned, and intended so to be, with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part, her heirs and assigns, to and for the only proper use, benefit, and behoof of the said party of the second part, her heirs and assigns forever. And Robert Crawford and Sophia Crawford the said parties of the first part their heirs, executors and administrators do by these presents, covenant, grant and agree to, and with the said party of the second part, her heirs and assigns, that they the said parties of the first part their heirs, all and singular, the hereditaments, and promises herein above described and granted, or mentioned, and intended so to be, with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part, her heirs and assigns, against them the said parties of the first part, and their heirs, and against all and every other person or persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof, shall and will warrant and forever defend. In witness whereof, the said parties of the first part have to these presents set their hands and seals.

Dated the day and year first above written.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of  
 Thos. C. Crawford  
 J. B. Keys.

Robert Crawford  
 Sophia Crawford

Received, the day of the date of the above indenture, of the above named Polly Kilbuck the sum of One Hundred and fifty Dollars lawful money of the United States, being the consideration money above mentioned, in full.

Witness:  
 J. B. Keys.

Robert Crawford  
 Sophia Crawford

On the seventh day of January, Anno Domini, 1861 before me a justice of the peace in and for said County, came the above named Robert Crawford and Sophia Crawford and acknowledged the above indenture to be their act and deed, and desired that the same might be recorded as such. She, the said Sophia Crawford being of full age, and by me examined separate and apart from her said husband, and the contents of the said indenture being first made fully known to her, declared that she did, of her own free will and accord, sign and seal, and as her act and deed, deliver the same, without any coercion or compulsion of her said husband, Witness my hand and seal the day and year aforesaid.

J. B. Keys

Recorded and compared with original May 20<sup>th</sup> 1861.

W. W. Wentwick, Depy. Recorder

Samuel Ashmead  
 ) And Wife  
 Do  
 Lewis W. Morgan

This indenture made this Twenty First day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five, Between, Samuel Ashmead and Abigail Ashmead his wife of Washington County State of Pennsylvania of the one part, and Lewis W. Morgan of the Borough of California County and State aforesaid of the other part, Witnesseth, that the said Samuel Ashmead and Abigail

**GILBERT—CAGNON**

Miss Grace Helen Cagnon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Cagnon of Midway, and Mr. Raymond William Gilbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gilbert of Primrose, were united in marriage at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, August 9, in the home of the officiating minister, the Rev. Grant M. McKnight, D.D. pastor of the Robinson's Run United Presbyterian church McDonald.



## 1928 Honor Roll

**HENRY GILBERT**, Panhandle division crossing watchman, Burgettstown, Pa., was retired from active duty, Feb. 1, at the age of three score and ten after 42 years of faithful service with the company.



H. GILBERT

Mr. Gilbert was born Jan. 17, 1858, at Burgettstown, Pa. There he spent his boyhood days—in fact his entire life—having resided in his present home for the past 60 years. At the age of 18 he launched upon his railroad career, starting in the Maintenance of Way dept., Panhandle division, as a laborer, Apr. 1, 1876, in a gang in charge of Foreman Henry Hess. Later he worked with Foremen Samuel Riddile, Thomas O'Brien, Mike Scanlon and Henry Leopold.

It was while working for the latter in 1889 in a mason gang that the Johnstown Flood occurred. He was then summoned for service in the flooded district, working as a cook in the commissary department. After the flood he returned to Leopold's gang.

On June 1, 1900, he was made foreman of a section on the Wheeling branch, located at Short Creek, W. Va. He served in that capacity until 1911, when he was transferred to Burgettstown, Pa., as a crossing watchman, which position he held until his retirement.

During his seventeen years of service at the crossing at Burgettstown he carefully guarded the lives of the hundreds of children who attended the high and grade schools in that town and is credited with never having had a single accident.

Mr. Gilbert was united in marriage with Miss Harriet R. McCullough in 1882. They were blessed with the following children: John W., of Carnegie, Pa., who, like his dad, is also a railroader, being employed as a Panhandle division engineer; two daughters, Etta L., wife of J. R. Fulton, yardmaster at Wellsville, O., and Bessie M., wife of F. H. Gatho, service manager, Dodge automobile company, Steubenville, O.

Mr. Gilbert will continue to live at Burgettstown, where he has a comfortable home and a little farm. Possessing exceptionally good health, he looks much younger than his years. Poultry raising and gardening are his chief hobbies and he intends to devote much of his leisure time to them. He and Mrs. Gilbert, however, expect to go on occasional sight-seeing trips.

Mr. Gilbert was always conscientious and efficient and by his retiring the company loses the services of a loyal employe. He leaves the service with the best wishes of employes and friends for a long and happy retirement.

**Henry Gilbert  
Retirement - 1928**



### **GILLENS EXHIBIT WORKS IN UNIONTOWN**

An exhibit of the works of Vince Gillen and Patricia Bellen-Gillen, of Burgettstown, R. D. 1, opened the 1985-86 season at the Little House Gallery of the Pioneer Crafts Council at Uniontown. A member's reception to preview the show was held on Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Little House, with both Pat and Vince present to meet those attending. The exhibition continues through Oct. 31. Vince is showing several of his large stained glass pieces in the show and Pat is exhibiting her prints.

A teacher at Hanover Elementary school, Vince has taught stained glass techniques at the Pioneer Crafts Council's Touchstone Center for Crafts in Elliotsville for several years and has also taught at the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts and at the West Virginia Northern Community College. In 1983, he was a recipient of the Pennsylvania Council of the Arts Crafts Fellowship Award. During this past summer, while teaching stained glass classes at Touchstone, Vince constructed a 20-foot long sculpture on the lawn at the center, using hay bales and painted plywood elements.

Patricia Bellen-Gillen is presently teaching an art class at Carnegie-Mellon University. She recently won an award for her work in the Associated Artists of Pittsburgh's 75th Annual Show at Carnegie Institute Museum of Art.

The Little House is the oldest school building ever constructed in Uniontown. Enos West, a carpenter and contractor, built the log cabin in the 1830's as a school, and then became its first school teacher. The Pioneer Crafts Council operates from Touchstone in the mountains during the summer, but moves to the Little House for the winter months.



# Tragedy in Cedar Grove

By Kathryn Campbell Slasor  
For The Enterprise

It was a day in early March 1936, that the Avella communities of Cedar Grove and Patterson Mill were shocked, horrified and numbed with the tragic death of one of their young people, 18-year-old Grace Ellen Gillespie. Grace lived in a modest house along Cedar Grove Road with her mother and step-father, Elvia and Charles Fry, and a number of brothers and sisters.

The day probably started out as an ordinary one, with all the children in school, the father at work in the nearby mine and the mother attending to her household duties. Grace, being a young girl still at home, was no doubt her mother's much-needed helper.

A friend of the family, who lived but a short distance up the road in the Cedar Grove mining camp, and who had often visited and played cards with Grace, her mother and step-father, had appeared at the house on this fateful morning. A cousin, Margaret Burkhart, was also visiting. In the midst of probably preparing a meal for the family who would all arrive home at a later hour, Elvia Fry sent her daughter, Grace, to the cellar for a wooden bucket of saltfish. The cellar was reached by a path down the side of the house.

As Grace went out the back door and down the path, the friend followed. Neither Grace nor her mother nor her cousin had noticed that 44-year-old James McGinnis had stealthily picked up a straight razor from the kitchen cupboard on his way out the door. As Grace bent over the wooden bucket with a screwdriver to open it, the twisted mind of her would-be suitor went rampant. The straight razor in the hands of a madman did its deed.

Grace stumbled up the path and the steps into the back door, leaving a trail of blood. She fell at her mother's feet, dead of three gashes in her throat, nearly decapitating her.

Moments behind her came James McGinnis, who took one last look at the bleeding form slumped on the floor in front of the stove. He immediately turned and fled the house forever. As McGinnis took flight, so did Cousin Margaret, in absolute terror. Margaret's first thought was to hide and try to believe she had not witnessed this horrible scene. In her frantic dash for safety, she took refuge in the first available building — the outhouse. Here she cried and trembled and refused to open the door, even though the screams of Grace's mother from the house pierced her heart.

Finally Margaret realized that she was the only person who could help, and still in terror, she crept tearfully to the back door.

"Go down the road and call the doctor," Elvia Fry was sobbing, "I think she's dead!" Margaret did as she was told. Down on the road she encountered some girls who accompanied her to the first available telephone. The doctor arrived, took one look, went into another room and came out with a blanket. As he covered the young form, he cautioned them not to touch a thing in the room.

Margaret does not know to this day how the word of the murder spread so quickly. "The house filled up with people right away," she remembers. "They came from everywhere!"

James McGinnis, a Cedar Grove miner and a star soccer football player of Western Pennsylvania, was tried for the murder of Grace



**THE WHITE CELLAR** door spoke of tragedy 59 years ago, when Grace Ellen Gillespie was murdered here. The last inhabitants of the house along the Cedar Grove-Patterson Mill Road were the children of the late George and Bertha Ward.

Ellen Gillespie. District Attorney James C. Bane pointed to a love triangle as the motive for the killing. "It was another man," Bane said, "that led the jealous McGinnis to slash his sweetheart's throat with a razor."

Relatives, in recalling the horrible deed today, maintain that Grace was never McGinnis' sweetheart. It was all in his mind, they insist. Instead, they declare the opposite, that Grace refused his attentions, enraging the madman to desperation. He waited for the opportunity and slashed her throat.

McGinnis was apprehended two days later at the home of his daughter, Helen Schamus, Flowers Avenue, Pittsburgh. After fleeing the scene of the murder, he had headed toward Cliftonville, Wellsburg, on to Yorkville and Steubenville, Ohio, then to Pittsburgh, where police were staked out. He had walked into his daughter's home, declaring he was going to commit suicide. His son-in-law, Louis Schamus Jr., and Louis' brother, Donald, argued against this. McGinnis then kissed his two sleeping grandchildren, Ronald, seven months, and Marlene, age 2, and ruffled their tousled hair. Police then arrested him.

The trial dragged on into October, when a jury of seven men and five women found him "guilty of murder in the first degree!" He became a "lifer" in Western Penitentiary, where he served 17 years. In March 1953, Judge Carl E. Gibson signed an order that would commit McGinnis to Fairview, the State mental institution for the criminally insane. He was now 61 years of age. The order followed a report by a medical commission that McGinnis was criminally insane, and that his condition was aggravated by the riots of Western Penitentiary. He had attacked and threatened other prisoners.

An old newspaper article states that McGinnis died in prison about the time he was to be transferred from Western Penitentiary to Fairview. However, only bits of the article have been found, and it is not clear in which prison he died.

In 1946, George and Bertha Freshwater Ward bought the house where the murder was committed. It had been 10 years since the Gillespie-Fry family had suffered their great loss. The mother, the former Elvia Givens, had died shortly after losing her daughter to the hands of a murderer. The Wards, with their 12 children, re-

sided there until both George and Bertha passed away some 10 years ago. The entire family was well aware of the incident that would be forever associated with it. Some of the children today recall that the first night there brought cold chills when their mother went to the cellar, reached her hand to an upper shelf and brought it down with "something red" on it. There was never an explanation. Daughter Shirley "was always afraid" in the cellar or on the upper floor. But life went on for the Wards, and today one of the sons, Gerry, owns and is in the process of remodeling it.

The family of Grace Ellen Gillespie, even after nearly six decades, is still sorrowful over the tragedy. A young girl's life was snuffed out by a deranged maniac. Her cousin, Margaret Burkhart of Eldersville, who saw her die, has lived with the horror ever since. Her brother, Charles Gillespie, a resident of Mary Ann Manor, Eldersville Road, Follansbee, recalls only too well how, as a young boy, he was called out of school at Patterson Mill and told of his sister's murder. Another sister, Dorothy Mosser of Follansbee, was only seven years old at the time. She remembers the confusion created by people coming and going. Second generation members of the family, such as Richard Gillespie, Eldersville, and his sons, third generation, also grew up "knowing" about it. The cycle goes on, possibly becoming dimmer as time passes, but is always there.

A gravestone in the Bethel Church cemetery reads: Grace Ellen Gillespie 1917-1936.

Note: Additional details have come to the writer since this story was written. Instead of having used the outside path that led to the cellar, Grace had gone down the INSIDE stairway for the bucket of fish. McGinnis had followed. After slashing her throat, he bounded up the INSIDE steps, looking behind him to see the results of the deed he had done. As Grace stumbled up the steps, McGinnis fled out the kitchen door. Grace made it all the way up to the kitchen, where she fell to the floor, dead. According to the one who witnessed the terrible deed, Margaret Burkhart, the entire incident took only about three minutes.



## Family Reunion In Midway For Gilsos

The Gilson Reunion was held Sunday, July 15, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jules LeFebvre, Midway, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Gilson of Charle-roi, Belgium, who are visiting relatives and friends in Canada, Michigan, Burgettstown, Midway and Bulger.

This was the first time the Gilsos had seen their cousins in 60 years. They were accompanied from Michigan by Mr. and Mrs. George Simon.

Those attending were:

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred LeFebvre and Mr. and Mrs. John Keifer and daughter Paulette of Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Metz and children Elizabeth, Sandy and Philip, Mr. and Mrs. John Shuitka and son Daniel. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kitter and children Tom, Carol and Ronnie, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Myers and daughter Crissy, all of McKees

Rocks. Mr. and Mrs. John Gilson and daughter Caren, Mrs. Mary Gilson, Mr. and Mrs. James Gilson and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Romestan and daughters Sherry, Karen and Rowene, all of Burgettstown; Mrs. Germaine Romestan and son Alfred, and Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Foltz and daughters Lisa and Marilee, of Bulger; Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Romestan and children Melvin, Darla and Marsha; and Mr. and Mrs. Edmond LeFebvre and sons, of McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brown and sons, and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Rivetti and children Donnie and Vicki, of Aliquippa; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lively and children and Mrs. Arlene Lively and son John of Canonsburg; Michael Kargle of Joliet, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Edmond LeFebvre, Mr. and Mrs. Jules Donald LeFebvre, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kelly and children Tracy, David and John, Miss Geraldine LeFebvre.

Mrs. Fred Drugmand, Mr. and Mrs. Victor LeFebvre, Mr. and Mrs. Jack LeFebvre and children Jack, Kathy and Melissa, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Poznak and daughters Peggy, Gloria, Bonnie Mary, Sandy and Judy, Mr. and Mrs. Jules Romestan and daughters Tammy and Candy, Mr. and Mrs. James Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Romestan and sons Roger, Davey and Tommy, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Romestan and daughter Terri, all of Midway.

A buffet lunch was served, with the tables decorated with cut flowers. Movies were taken of the reunion. Badminton, horseshoes and ball were played. Judy Poznak and John Shuitka played accordion music.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Gilson and Mr. and Mrs. George Simon returned to Michigan after a week's visit here. The Gilsos will return to Belgium in September.



## QUARREL OF FRIENDS HAS SERIOUS RESULT

One Man in Hospital and Another  
In Jail After Argument  
on Slovan Street.

As the result of ill-feeling dating back to a quarrel occurring last September between men who formerly had been close friends, an encounter took place on the streets of Slovan last Saturday night about 11 o'clock which ended by George Glasbell, aged 24 years, of Slovan being seriously wounded by a knife thrust. Chester Lewallen, 32 years of age, also of Slovan, was arrested by Constables Mike Robb and Joseph Pyle a short time after the wounding of his former friend. He was given a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace Steve Dugas and later taken to the county jail at Washington.

A technical charge of felonious assault and battery was entered against Lewallen. It is reported by the authorities that the two men met on the street at Slovan on Saturday night as Lewallen was passing the Dollar Store, from which Glasbell was emerging. According to Lewallen, Glasbell attacked him and he drew a pocket knife with which to defend himself.

Glasbell received a serious slash across the abdomen and was taken to the Washington Hospital for treatment. His condition at the time of his admission to the hospital was said to be not serious.

The two men formerly worked at the chemical works at Langeloth and had occupied the same living quarters. The cause of their severing of friendly relations has not appeared in later developments.

**Quarrel of Friends has Serious Result on Slovan Street**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-February 26, 1931 Edition**

## Dennis Glass Receives Eagle Scout Badge



Shown above is Dennis Glass being congratulated by Joseph D. Gallagher, District Scout Executive, on receiving the Eagle Scout Badge, the highest rank a boy can attain in scouting. Looking on is John Bennett, Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 96, of Robinson Township. Along with earning the 21 merit badges necessary for the rank, Dennis received the God and Country Award in April.

Mr. Gallagher made the presentation in an impressive ceremony Saturday, October 1, in the Robinson United Presbyterian Church. Mr. Gallagher also presented the charter to Rev. Robert Miller, committee member.

Other committee members for the year are Thomas Moore, chairman, Howard Glass, George Kramer, Gorman Armstrong and Robert Bennett.

Dennis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Glass, of R.D. 1, Bulger.



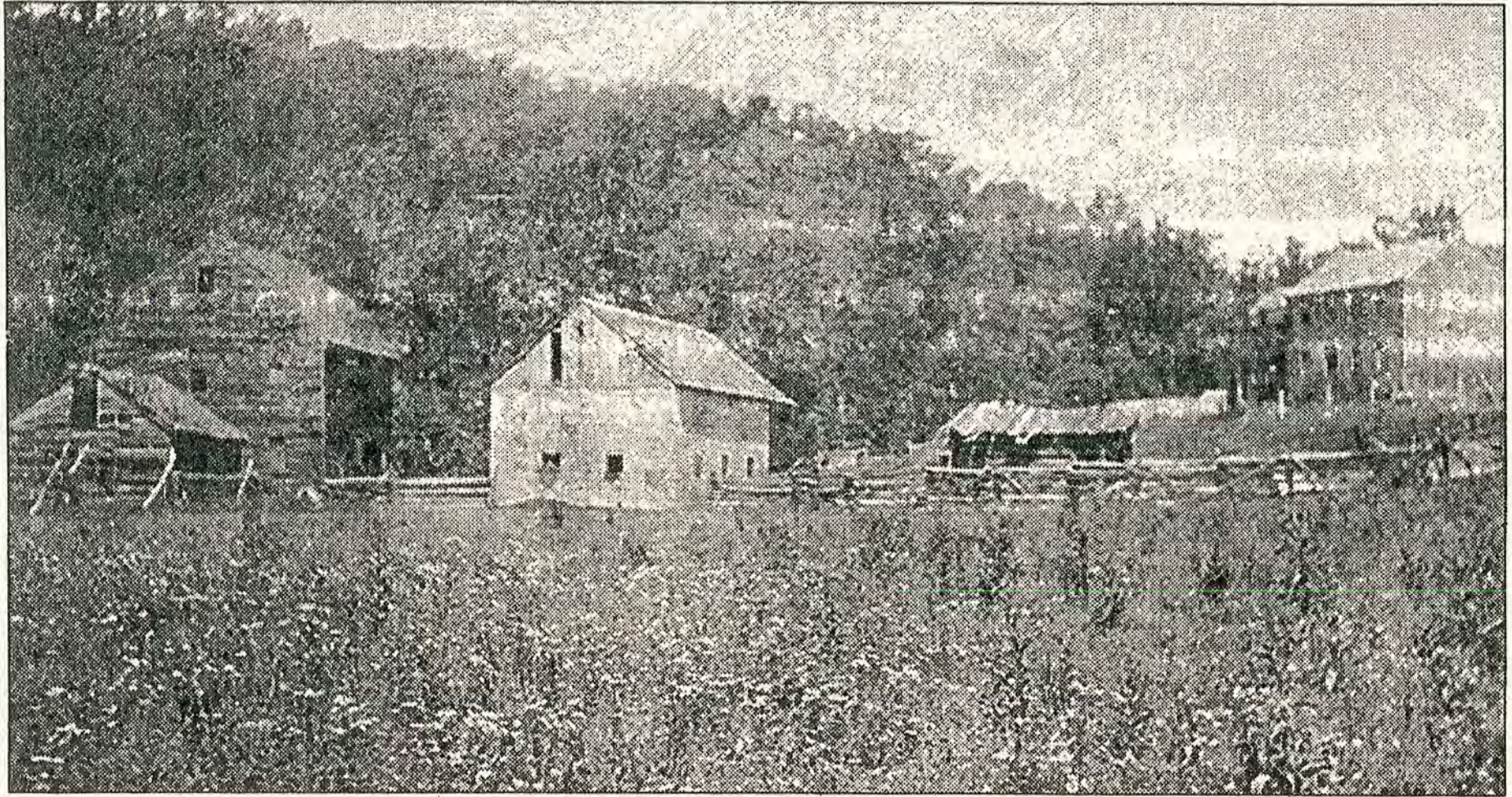


MR. AND MRS. JAMES GLASS

Mr. and Mrs. James Glass, of Burgettstown, quietly celebrated the fifty-third anniversary of their marriage at their home on Center avenue on Saturday, March 7th. Mr. and Mrs. Glass, nee Nancy Williamson, were united in marriage at the home of the bride in Brooke county, W. Va., March 7, 1861, by Rev. J. C. Campbell, who was then the pastor of the United Presbyterian church at Paris. They have lived in this community ever since their marriage and have been residents of Burgettstown for the past seventeen years. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Glass, eight of whom are living.

**Mr. and Mrs. James Glass**  
**Burgettstown Call-March 11, 1914 Edition**





**PLUMMER'S MILL, LATER** known as Craighead Mill, was located along the banks of Cross Creek in Independence Township, in the Pine Flats area of Avella. Buildings, from left, are the mill, the barn, and, at top right, the house. (Photo courtesy of Gaylord Martin.)

**Plummer's Mill marks Gass-Hamilton Wedding Site**  
**The Record-Enterprise-October 4, 1995 Edition**

*Fort Vance Historical Society*



# Plummer's Mills marks Gass-Hamilton wedding site

By Kathryn Campbell Slasor  
for The Record-Enterprise

What the bride wore, who the attendants were and where the couple went for a honeymoon could be anyone's guess in 1995. This wedding took place in March 1831, more than 164 years ago.

The setting was the scenic spot known then as Plummer's Mills, near Avella. The ceremony united in marriage frontiersman Patrick Gass, age 60 and Maria Hamilton, age 20. After retiring from fighting bloody Indian battles, erecting log cabins, hunting stray horses and the adventures of accompanying Lewis and Clark on their rugged expedition across country to the Pacific, Gass thought of romance.

Gass was born at Failing Springs, near the present site of Chambersburg, Pa., on June 12, 1771. When he was 4-years-old, his family moved to Maryland.

In 1782, when he was 11, his family moved to what is now Uniontown. The family then moved to Catfish Camp, now Washington.

Cass, who attended school for a total 19 days in his life, worked his father's farm and made several trips over the mountains with pack horses.

In search of corn, he found his way to Wellsburg in 1790, a settlement consisting of one or two houses. He took the corn to Moore's Mill, later Waugh's Mal, on Buffalo Creek, to have it ground. He then returned to Catfish Camp, having travelled about 50 miles, a considerable

distance in those days.

During 1794 he became a carpenter's apprentice which led to the trade that qualified him for the expedition into the far west. The 40 men explorers and one female Indian guide, Sacajawea, left the junction of the Missouri and the Mississippi on May 14, 1804, not to return for three years and 5,000 miles of travel into uncharted wilderness.

In return for his services in the War of 1812 and other battles, one of which cost him the sight in one eye, Gass was awarded an annual pension from the federal government of \$96, and 160 acres of land which remained unworked and was returned for taxes.

Of Cass's romantic inclinations, historian Earle Forrest wrote:

"Judge Hamilton's daughter was just a girl, but Patrick Gass was a romantic figure to her, in spite of the great difference in their ages, and he won her heart."

The late Mildred Painter Morrow wrote of her great-grandfather, Patrick Gass: "Judge Hamilton lived along Washington Pike at the top of the hill just west of Painter's Run on what later was the Whorton and Parks farm. After walking from the Hamilton farm to Plummer's Mills, on Cross Creek, near where Avella now stands, (a distance of about ten miles) they were married on March 31, 1831, by Squire Plummer. ...Despite this difference in their ages, the union was a happy one. During their 17 years of married life, seven children were born to them. ...One child died in infancy

and one as a grown young man. The other five lived to be old men and women. My grandmother, Mrs. George Brierly, the last surviving child, died in 1926 at age 78."

The last resting places of Gass and his young wife were also colored by heartache. Maria Hamilton Gass died Feb. 15, 1849, of measles, leaving her husband at age 76 with six small children to raise. He remained in the little log house he had built on the small tract of land he had purchased on Pierce's Run. After a few years, he was forced to permit others to raise the children. He died at the age of nearly 99 years, on April 2, 1870, and was buried in the private Shrimplin graveyard with his wife, whom he had survived 23 years.

Earle Forrest says, "There they slept for nearly half a century in unmarked graves, forgotten by the country he had served so faithfully in the days of his youth."

About 1915, the officials of Brooke County Cemetery donated a lot, and Joseph Bowman, step-son of Sara Gass Bowman, and caretaker of the cemetery, removed the remains of the old hero and his wife from the private graveyard to their present resting place. Their graves remain unmarked, with the exception of a bush planted by Bowman at their heads.

Today, the area of Plummer's Mills is known as Craighead Mill. Gaylord Martin, at age 90, has been told that his parents "went to housekeeping" there, and that his two oldest sisters were born "at the Craighead place."

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## BIRTHDAY

### Glaum - 90 years

Harold Glaum of Avella will celebrate his 90th birthday with an open house celebration for family and friends from 1 to 4 p.m. April 5 at Central Assembly of God Family Life Center, 145 McGovern Road, Houston. It is requested the gifts be omitted.

He was born March 23, 1924, in Avella.

On August 26, 1961, he married Louise Zimmerman Glaum.

He has two children, Cindy (Bill) of Houston and Eric (Margarita) of Avella.

His grandchildren are Kaitlyn Speer, Kelsey Speer, Matthew Speer, Natalya Glaum, Carina Glaum, Maverick Glaum and Milana Glaum.

Mr. Glaum served in the U.S. Air Force and was honorably discharged. He received the Victory Medal for



service in World War II. He enjoys ancestry research, travel and antiques. He was employed by Coen Oil Co., Federal Paper Board, Pittsburgh Coal, Montgomery Ward and Hazel Atlas. Mr. Glaum has a lifetime of involvement in Christian organizations such as YFC, Christian Workers and Gideon's International.

**John Glaum celebrates 90<sup>th</sup> birthday  
Observer-Reporter-March 21, 2014 Edition**



#### GLESSNER—PETRUCCI NUPTIALS

Katherine Colleen Glessner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Glessner of Dinsmore avenue, and Lido Petrucci, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Petrucci of McClure avenue, were united in marriage at Bellaire, O., Monday morning, July 28 at 11 o'clock. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Glessner, Jr., of West Bridgewater, Pa. The bride wore a street length costume of sheer navy blue crepe and white accessories.

Mr. and Mrs. Petrucci are honeymooning in Southern states and will be at home at 63 Dinsmore avenue after August 4.

Both bride and groom are graduates of Union high school and Mr. Petrucci attended St. Vincent's Academy at Latrobe. He is associated in business with his father in Petrucci's Complete Food Market.

## GOBLECK REUNION

A reunion was held at Thompson Park, East Liverpool, Ohio, Sunday, July 4th, by the family of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Gobleck, Sr., of Joffre. Those attending were:

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Restanio, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gobleck, Mr. and Mrs. John Scopel and Mr. and Mrs. Domenick Gobleck of Joffre; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Carrato, East Liverpool, O; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dalfonso, Pittsburgh; Mr. and Mrs. Jules Frizzie, Midway; Mr. and Mrs. Regis Shalley, West Mifflin; Mr. and Mrs. Julian Gobleck, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Harry Colesberry, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Dovec and son and Bobby Carmichael, Burgettstown.

Attending were 21 of the 23 grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Gobleck and two great-grandchildren.

**Gobleck Reunion**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-July 8, 1954 Edition**

#### ENTERTAINS CLUB

Mrs. Sergi Gublofsky entertained her card club with two tables of cards at her home in Slovan. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. Andy Curtis and Mrs. Mike Robb.

Those present were Mrs. Philip Joseph, Mrs. Mike Robb, Mrs. Andy Curtis, Mrs. Victoria Zelenko, Mrs. James Zelenko, Mrs. Mary Sams, Mrs. Mary Trinone, Mrs. Joe Yadrick and Mrs. Sergi Gublofsky. A delectable luncheon was served by the hostess.



## Wysocki-Roccon Troth Made Known



Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Wysocki of John street, Langeloth, announce the engagement of their daughter, Bernice, to Eugene Roccon, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Roccon of Avella. The troth was made known Saturday, Nov. 29.

Miss Wysocki graduated from Union high school with the class of 1948 and is employed by Koppers Company, Pittsburgh. Mr. Roccon graduated from Avella high school with the class of 1946 and spent a four year enlistment with the Air Corps prior to his discharge Nov. 1. He served 15 months in Korea. No wedding date has been set.

Interviewed: Marion Gophert

Interviewer: Susan Conley

Life in Germany is hard, but for Marion Gophert, who came to the United States in September of 1963, it didn't seem to bother her to adjust to the hard working life style. She worked in a laundromat in Germany called Tempel, owned by her father, until she was about 20 years of age. Marion was then married to her husband, Dictor, and had two children. She then came to the United States and had another child.

Marion likes people here better than her country because the people here accept her and other people the way they are. They don't condemn you for not being in style or using the wrong language. She does prefer German food to American though. She is used to eating home meals and fancy foods. So she does not like the hamburger places we have here today.

Marion is well educated for only having gone to the 8th grade in Germany. She enjoys opera and classical music. She is presently studying Italian at the Weirton Community College. She lives beside the cleaners in a nice apartment with her oldest daughter who is 16. Marion loves to eat expensive foods and drink beer and wines.

Marion, who is 34, does not remember much about her home life or the way she thought of her future while she was in Germany. She does remember that you were expected and told to work a lot, and that the men like to drink and get married only if they have to or are getting past bachelorhood. Marion has not decided if she would like to become a citizen of the United States as of now. But she says she is thinking maybe within the next 10 years she will decide to stay in the United States and get her citizenship or go back to Germany to help her father, who is going blind, in the dry cleaners.

**Marion Gophert**  
**Interviewed as Problems of Democracy class project**  
**October 1975**



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### Gormley Reunion.

The annual reunion of the Thomas Fulton and Elizabeth Lester Gormley descendants was held on July 4th at the home of E. O. Fullerton near Florence. The day was ideal and members of the clan from Beaver Falls, Ellwood City, Beaver, East Liverpool, Industry, Weirton, New Sheffield, Burgettstown and Florence began to arrive in the early morning with well filled baskets. The feast was spread on tables in the spacious barn at noon and again in the evening surrounded by about 70 guests. Ball and other games were played through the day and all voted it a most enjoyable reunion. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, George F. Patterson of Beaver; vice president, W. A. Warnock of Ellwood City; secretary, Mrs. Fern Burgett of Industry; treasurer, Dean Fullerton of Burgettstown.

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Interviewed: Chrirista Gaertner Gourley

Interviewer: Jacki Diamond

Chrirista Gaertner Gourley of R.D. #3 Burgettstown, originally from Dresden, East Germany, began her fleeing at age 18. The Gaertner family began fleeing in 1949. The reason for running was because Buendorf Gaertner (Chrirista's father) was too open in his opinions about the Communist government.

Mr. Gaertner knew that there would be trouble for him and his family, so they fled to Sachsen, a small town in West Germany. A few months later Sachsen was bombed, so now the Gaertner family moved to Stuttgart, a city south of Sachsen. Chrirista's family still resides in Stuttgart.

Chrirista still wanted more freedom so she moved to Boston to see an old girlfriend and just to see what the United States was like. Chrirista came to United States without expectations, but she realized that it would be hard for her to get a job. John Hancock Insurance Co. employed her as a full-time bookkeeper in Boston. Chrirista states, "You must be lucky to be admitted into such a country with freedom and so much more that other countries do not have.

"Chrirista met her husband in Boston. They were married in 1962. At that time they moved to this area. Mrs. Gourley said the marriage ceremony was very different from those in Germany. One tradition is: the night before the ceremony, friends of the bride make noise and spill trash on her porch, and she is supposed to clean it up in the effort for her to get used to cleaning up things, since this is one of the housewife's duties.

Now that Chrirista has lived in America 13 years, she has changed many customs such as celebrating Christmas on Christmas Eve. The Germans would have Christmas dinner, exchange gifts and talk with Santa. Chrirista states that Germany does not have a holiday named St. Valentine's Day. She has also forgotten White Sunday and Monday which is the seventh Sunday after Easter or Pentecost. May Day is a big holiday in Germany. The working class gets the day off (just working class). These people dance around a big decorated birch tree. Germany has no holiday named Halloween, but before Easter they have a holiday called Fashing. They all get dressed in costumes and parade around the town, and in the evening they have a great ball in a castle.

One thing Mrs. Gourley likes very much is the highways. She states, "They are much faster and smoother than roads in Germany." Mrs. Gourley said, "I will never go back to Germany, because I am so used to the freedom and opportunities in America."

**Chrisitina Gaertner Gourley**  
**Interviewed as Problems of Democracy class project**  
**October 1975**

### **Marlo Grabski Studies In London**

Marlo Grabski, daughter of Robert and Loraine Grabski of Burgettstown, R.D. 2, left Wednesday, Jan. 6, for London, England, to study music and theater for a period of three weeks under a reciprocal program of Washington and Jefferson College and Denison University during the January intersession term.

Marlo, a student at Denison majoring in music and biology, accompanied William Hudgins, her former piano teacher who is music chairman at W. and J., and 17 other students from W. and J. to London for the course.

According to a news release, the students will attend 13 performances of music, musical theater and theatrical productions currently being performed in London. These will include two symphony performances selected from the the concerts by London's world-class symphony orchestras, — the London Philharmonic, the Royal Philharmonic of the London Symphony — an opera and a ballet at the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden, three musicals and six theatrical productions selected from the performances by both the National Theater Company at the Olivier Theater and The Royal Shakespeare Company at the Barbican and at Stratford. The performances are chosen to provide the student with a great range and diversity in musical and theatrical types and also to provide an opportunity to experience the major performance centers and theaters in London.

The works attended will be the subject of lecture and discussion in regular class meetings during the intersession. Class lectures will also include a coverage of the rich musical and theatrical heritage and traditions of England since the sixteenth century. The student's critical abilities will be developed through reading, discussion and written critiques.

During December, Marlo Grabski took part in two musical productions at Denison University, where she has been listed on the Dean's List for the first semester. On Dec. 6, she sang soprano with the 80-voice choir for which she auditioned early in September. The concert choir and orchestra performed Bach's "Magnificat in D Major." The group was conducted by Dr. William Osborne. The "Magnificat," sung in Latin, is Bach's reaction to Luke's Gospel and was written for the Christmas season of 1723.

On Dec. 10, Marlo was a participant in a general student recital held at Burke Recital Hall. She played Alberto Ginastera's "Danzas Argentinas" at the piano.

Marlo is presently the piano student of Dr. Keith Ward of Denison's music department.

#### GRAHAM McCULLOUGH WEDDING.

The marriage of W. J. L. McCullough, of Washington, Pa., and Miss Bertha Graham was solemnized in the First Presbyterian Church, in Burgettstown, Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. The bride, who was gowned in mousseline de soie white taffeta silk, and carried a shower bouquet of white roses and lillies of the valley, was given away by her brother, L. F. Graham; another brother, the Rev. D. S. Graham, of Sarver, performed the ceremony, assisted by the Rev. Dr. W. M. Hays, pastor of the church, and Rev. John Proudfit, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of New Bethlehem, and an uncle of the groom.

The maid of honor was Miss Belle McClure, of Burgettstown, who was gowned in white and carried a shower bouquet of white and green, consisting of roses and foliage.

The bride's attendants were Miss Grace McCullough, of Crafton, a sister of the groom; Miss Myrta Emery, of Hickory, and Miss Carrie Miller, of Bellefontaine, Ohio. All were dressed in pink and carried pink roses, while little Florence Criss, of Mt. Washington, acted as flower girl. Dr. J. M. Stanton, of Pittsburg, attended the groom, and the ushers were: Dr. Simpson, of Pittsburg; Dr. P. B. Larimer, of Scenery Hill; F. O. Devlin, of Pittsburg; C. S. and T. C. Graham, of Burgettstown, brothers of the bride, and C. L. McCullough, of Crafton, a brother of the groom. The wedding march was played by Miss Mary Judson Riddile, of Burgettstown.

After the ceremony at the church a reception was held at the home of the bride's mother on Center avenue. The church and the bride's home were beautifully decorated in pink and white.

The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Sara Jean Graham and the late Dr. Geo. S. Graham. The groom, who is a son of Dr. and Mrs. S. L. McCullough, of Crafton, is a practising physician of Washington, where the young couple will be at home after a wedding trip in the east—about the second week in October.

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**DESCENDENTS OF  
FLORENCE PIONEERS  
MARRIED 60 YEARS**

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Present at the sixtieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses Grant Work of Hollidays Cove Saturday were Charles McCarrell and daughter Geraldine of Florence and Mr. and Mrs. David McCarrell of Frankfort Springs.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth McCarrell Work, bride of sixty years, was born in Florence, May 24, 1864, the daughter of Andrew Poe McCarrell and Margaret Gilmore. Her husband, the son of James Wark and Margaret Scott, was born at Burgettstown July 20, 1863. The couple was married by Rev. Cooper of the United Presbyterian Church of Florence. For some time they operated a meat market in Florence. In 1912 they established residence in Hollidays Cove, their present home.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Snyder of Weir avenue, foster son and daughter in law of the honored couple, were present Saturday to receive relatives and friends. Darrell Snyder made his home with the Works from the time he was a few weeks old. An only child Ethel Harriet Work Schaeffer, died November 24, 1942 at the age of 40. Mrs. Guy Jacobs, Jr., is a grand-daughter and Darrell, Donald and David Snyder are foster grandchildren.

Brothers and sisters of Mrs. Work are James and David McCarrell of Frankfort Springs, Pa., Charles McCarrell of Florence, Harry McCarrell of Steubenville, Mrs. D. K. McCulough of Weirton Heights, Mrs. Sarah Randell of Cleveland and Miss Sue McCarrell of Titusville.

Mr. Work was the twin brother of Harve Work. Other brothers were Scott, James, Samuel and George. Sisters were Frances, Emma, Julia and Margaret. Charles and Raymond Work of Steubenville and Fred Work of Pittsburgh are nephews of the couple.

The bride of sixty years still does her own housework. Her husband, who was an active associate in the Cattrell Lumber Company until it was sold two years ago, is now retired. Both are members of the Weir-Cove Methodist Church and are ardent fans of Weir High's "Red Riders".

Ancestors of Mrs. Work were Andrew and Adam Poe who killed Chief Big Foot and his Indians when they caught them in the act of scalping some missionaries at Tomlinsons Run where the state park is today.

Mrs. Work related the history as follows: "My grandfather's great uncle's, Andrew and Adam Poe, were scouting around for some land in this territory when they came to the top of a hill at the point where the mouth of Tomlinson Run empties into the Ohio River. They saw the Indians in the act of killing. Andrew Poe started to chase the chief and ran him into the river on his horse. Adam was fighting those on the shore when he saw that Andrew's arm was bleeding badly from a tomahawk cut on the wrist. He went to the rescue and killed the chief. Andrew and Adam Poe now rest at Laughlin's Corners at the crossroads of Routes 68 and 30 near Frankfort Springs. Three years ago Mr. and Mrs. Work erected a new monument to their memories.

**Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses Grant Work  
Descendants of Florence Pioneers Married Sixty Years  
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 21, 1946 Edition**

## *Admitted To Bar*

Walter Gregory, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gregory of 6 Hindman avenue was presented to the Court of Washington County on Saturday morning, January 20 and on motion of his sponsor, Atty, J.R. McCreight was admitted to practice law in the Courts of Washington County. Attorney Gregory expects to open



**WALTER GREGORY, ESQUIRE**

an office in Burgettstown and at the County Seat within the next few weeks. He recently finished his clerkship in the law offices of Bloom and Bloom.

He is a graduate of Union high school, class of 1932, received his A. B. degree at Washington and Jefferson college in 1936, where he was a member of the Pi Delta Epsilon and Kappa Sigma Fraternities and graduated from the law school of the University of Pittsburgh in 1939. At Pitt he was a member of the International Legal Fraternity.

Burgettstown's newest attorney also enjoys the distinction of being the youngest member of the Washington County Bar. He is 24 years of age.

**Walter Gregory Jr. Admitted to Bar  
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 25, 1940 Edition**

## **Caesar Grossi Retires From Post At Climax**

Caesar Grossi, of Main Street, Burgettstown, retired from Climax Molybdenum March 1 after almost 42 years' service with the company. Caesar, who has been a laboratory and equality assurance supervisor, says that Climax "was a beautiful company to work for." However, he is already enjoying his retirement.

He is once more involved in directing the annual Easter Community Choir Program to be given April 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Since 1972, Caesar has directed both the Easter and Thanksgiving musical services with the exception of one year it was done by Mrs. Barbara McAuley.

Caesar Grossi was born in Herminie, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Grossi. His family moved to Slovan when his father became employed by the American Zinc and Chemical Company. When Caesar was two years old the family went to Italy and there he remained until he was 19, attending the Seminary of Ferentino for five years and the College of Anagni near Rome. After four years of college Caesar was awarded a degree of Bachelor of Arts and Philosophy.

Returning to America he took a job at Climax in 1940. For three and a half years he served in the U. S. Army on the West Coast of the United States. His rating was that of First Sergeant.

He married Margaret Testa, of Slovan, and became the father of three children: Patti, who married Bill Mushrush, now TV director for Western Center; David, a chiropractor in Falls Church, Virginia, and married to the former Katherine West; and Claudia, wife of Rick Couch, of Burgettstown.

Mr. Grossi holds membership in the American Chemical Society, the American Society for Testing and Materials, and the American Society of Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh.

He is a member of the Burgettstown Community Library Board and Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Grossi hope to do some traveling and are planning a trip in the near future to Panama City, Florida.

Caesar intends to give more of his time to the betterment of the local library. He believes Burgettstown is a good place to live. It has many advantages and Caesar is eager to see that it continues to grow as a cultural community.

**Caesar Grossi Retires from Post at Climax  
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 31, 1982 Edition**



## **June Grossman Honored As C-H District Teacher Of Year**

Mrs. June Grossman was recently honored by the Chartiers-Houston School District when she was named Teacher of the Year and the recipient of the 1990 Education Honor Award. She received a bronze engraved apple and \$500.

Mrs. Grossman was chosen by students, parents, fellow teachers and the community as best personifying the teacher having the greatest influence for good on her students, serving as a positive role model, and teaching her students to believe in themselves. She has had success in teaching both remedial and advanced academic classes in mathematics and has been most highly recommended by the parents of students in her program for the gifted and talented for her personal interest in her students and for the inspiration she provided.

Mrs. Grossman is a graduate of Union High School, Burgettstown, where she was valedictorian of her class, and a graduate of Clarion State College, where she majored in science and mathematics. During her senior year in college, she scored the highest of any Clarion graduate on the National Teacher's Examination.

In 1965, she received her Master of Arts degree in mathematics from Montclair College, N.J., where she was one of only 13 of the 75 candidates for the degree to successfully complete the five-summer program for the master's in mathematics. The rigorous requirements for the degree included 42 graduate credits in pure mathematics, a comprehensive examination covering all five areas of math, a research project and thesis on a mathematical topic and its successful defense before a board of mathematics professors.

Mrs. Grossman served for a number of years as chairperson of the mathematics department at Chartiers-Houston. She is the author of the school's program in gifted education, which was rated by the state auditor at the time of its inception as the finest of its kind in the state. The program involves high level thinking skills, problem solving, human relations activities, the Great Books program, creative writing, preparation for college board exams, business and government forecasting techniques, self-awareness, life planning and materials from the World Future Society.

Mrs. Grossman is well-known among her colleagues for her creative writing, particularly creative



**JUNE GROSSMAN**

verse, and has served on numerous occasions as an emcee. She has served as youth chairman of the Washington County Grange and has been youth choir director of community churches in the past.

The daughter of the late Harry and Fannie Clark Campbell, she resides with her husband, Max Grossman, on Devils Den Road, Paris.

Interviewed: Mildred Grubor

Interviewer: Sheila Golonka

Serbian Christmas is celebrated on January 7 because of observation of the Julian calendar. Preparation of holiday food and customs is begun after the fasting of three weeks has come to an end.

On Christmas Eve all preparation for Christmas Day is started. No food is eaten, but one may drink black coffee if he desires. The men begin barbecuing a pig which will later be glazed and decorated while holiday cakes and pastries are being prepared by the women. Towards evening all lights remain on and the furnace is kept burning, or a fire is lit in the fireplace to welcome Christ into their home. Straw, a representation of the manger where Christ was born, is brought in by the head of the house and scattered on the floor where the family is to eat. Into this straw is thrown money to bring the family prosperity. The straw is not swept until three days have passed.

Before dawn on Christmas, a male of any age must enter the house; women are not permitted to enter until a male has entered. When the male enters the house, he is greeted with Serbian words meaning, "Good evening on this Christmas Eve." He then replies, "Christ is born." He is then given a gift; this is usually a cake in the form of the cross. Wishing them good luck for the coming year, he throws money in the straw for their prosperity. They, in turn, perform a gesture of good will.

In the early morning hours little chores such as sewing ripped garments are done by members of the family, helping them become more alert in the coming year.

At noon a coin cake, a cake baked with a coin in it, is placed on the table. The male at the head of the table starts rolling the cake on the table with each member touching it. The two males sitting on both sides of the table break the cake in half and each member in turn breaks off a small piece of the cake. The person receiving the coin in his piece is the one who will receive good luck for the coming year. This starts the meal.

The barbecued pig which is now glazed and has an apple or orange placed in its mouth is brought to the table. A portion of corn mush which is eaten with the eyes closed is given to each member seated at the table. As it is eaten, words for good luck are said.

After the evening meal, a game called "Pee, Pee, Qua, Qua" is played where the straw has been laid out. In this game all the members represent the mother hen and her peeps because of the line they form and the sounds they make. The person at the head of the line says, "Pee, pee, qua, qua." With this all members dive into the straw to find the money that had been thrown in there during the day. The one with the most money at the end of the game has prosperity coming his way in the next year. This usually closes the evening. As they part, words of good wishes for the family are said.

These traditions are still carried on in some homes today, but they are slowly fading as the younger generation is becoming more modernized.

**Mildred Grubor**  
**Interviewed as Problems of Democracy class project**  
**October 1975**

## **Mr. and Mrs. Daniel E. Hallam**

Daniel E. and Marilee Hallam of 216 Stevenson Street, Midway, celebrated their silver wedding anniversary during a party for family and friends at the Canonsburg Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall.

The couple were married Aug. 31, 1968, at Center United Presbyterian Church, Midway, by the Rev. Charles Van Dyne.

Mr. Hallam is the son of the late John E. and Matilda Lacey Hallam.

Mrs. Hallam is the daughter of Evelyn Campbell Prebeg of McDonald R.D.3 and the late Michael Prebeg.

Their children are Daniel E. Hallam Jr. of State College, Mrs.

Michael J. (Dana Lynn) Shuble of Imperial and Sarah Beth Hallam at home.

Mr. Hallam is a computer specialist with the Department of Veterans Affairs at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Pittsburgh. He served four years in the U.S. Marine Corps and is a 23-year member of the McDonald Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mrs. Hallam is an office automation clerk with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Pittsburgh.

Both are members of Center United Presbyterian Church and SNPJ Lodge 89 of Midway.

**Mr. and Mrs. Daniel E. Hallam Celebrate 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**The Enterprise-September 15, 1993 Edition**



## Golden Anniversary For Hugh Hamill's



Margaret and Hugh Hamill, former residents of Burgettstown, now living at Inverness, Florida, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Monday, June 6.

Mr. Hamill was a chemist for the Climax Molybdenum Company from December, 1935, until his retirement in December, 1954.

The couple have three daughters, Sara, of Temple Terrace, Florida; Mary, wife of Joe Aldrich, in Leesburg, Florida; and Betty, wife of John Crilley, of Mercer.

The Hamill's plan to visit their daughter in Mercer some time after June 1 in

order to attend the graduation of their granddaughter, Barbara, from Mercer high school.

## Graduates



Miss Mary Hamill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hamill of 340 South Main street received her Bachelor of Science in Education at the annual Ohio University Commencement exercises on Saturday, May 19. Mary plans to teach kindergarten and primary subjects. She is a graduate of Union, class of '41 and at Ohio U, was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha, National Women's Sorority, and participated in activities of the Y. W. C. A. and Woman's Athletic Association. She is at her home for the summer.

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**Mary Hamill**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-May 24, 1945 Edition**



**Mr. and Mrs. John Hamilton, Cherry Valley  
Celebrate 55th Wedding Anniversary Today**



Today, Thursday, October 3, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton of Cherry Valley, are celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary. They were united in marriage in 1891 by Rev. Douglass, a Presbyterian minister of Pittsburgh. The Hamiltons are holding open house and all of their friends are invited to call.

To this union were born seven children, two of whom are deceased, Charles William Hamilton and John Henry Hamilton. The living children are: Mrs. James McHenry of Cherry Valley, Edward Hamilton of Burgettstown, Mrs. Florence Wheeler of Steubenville, O., Mrs. Elsie Peters of Toledo, O., and John Hamilton at home. They also have ten grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

**Mr. and Mrs. John Hamilton  
Burgettstown Enterprise-October 3, 1946**



### **75th Hanlin Reunion Held At Weirton**

The 75th Hanlin Reunion was held July 22, 1990, at the Margaret Manson Weir Memorial Park, Weirton, W.Va. One hundred and three family members were in attendance, and many people wore the special commemorative green T-shirts with the family tree honoring Nancy and Alexander Hanlin, who were the couple from which the family traces its beginnings.

The family came to Pennsylvania in 1792, from County Tyrone, Ireland, to escape religious persecution. The senior member of the Hanlin family is Bessie Johnston Engel, who currently resides in Burbank, Calif., with her son. Mrs. Engel is a well-known former Weirton resident, and on March 5, 1991, she will celebrate her 100th birthday.

Prior to the luncheon, president Clara Boyd Leatherberry welcomed everyone and said grace. At 1 p.m., a buffet lunch was served. Following lunch, an afghan made and donated by Maxine Shrieve was won by Evelyn Boyd Thompson. Dale Lyons won the live floral arrangement donated by Alysue Angus. The group was entertained by mime Mickey Quader. Everyone enjoyed the silent auction that followed. There was a

group picture, and orders were taken. Everyone was given a shamrock refrigerator magnet with the numbers 75th. The favors were made by Clara Leatherberry, her sister and nieces. Also, special green printed napkins were donated by Clara Leatherberry. A brief business meeting was conducted by president Clara Leatherberry. She said she was delighted with the large attendance, and urged everyone to come next year. Also, she introduced the reunion committee and thanked the members for planning the special reunion activities. The committee included Susan Hanlin Adkins, chairman; Alysue Angus, Bill and Mary Hanlin, Frank and Florence Hanlin, Glenn and Betty Leas and Clara Leatherberry. Donations from James Kemple and family and from Marie Hanlin Durr to help with the reunion expenses were recognized.

Mrs. Leatherberry reported that Susan H. Adkins, with the help of Mary Hanlin and Betty Leas, now has compiled a complete reunion mailing list on a computer disk. Family members were asked to inform Mrs. Adkins of any address changes.

An election of officers was held. Those for 1991-92 are president, Clara Leatherberry, vice president, Frank Hanlin; and secretary-treasurer, Susan H. Adkins. It was decided that the reunion will be held at the same location next year, and Frank Hanlin will be responsible for reserving the shelter. The third Sunday in July will again be the date.

Following the business meeting, family members visited in an attempt to keep Hanlin family history current: births, deaths and marriages were recorded. Family members are urged to share this information with the secretary. A family history has been compiled by Mary Hanlin and Betty Leas.

# Hanlin family holds its 83rd annual reunion

Margaret Manson Memorial Park on Marland Heights in Weirton was the location of the 83rd annual Hanlin reunion held July 19.

Attending were 71 Hanlin descendants from four states. This year is the 206th anniversary of the arrival of Nancy Stewart Hanlin, widow of Alexander Hanlin, and her seven children to Pennsylvania from County Tyrone, Ireland in 1792. In 1794, the family migrat-

ed to Washington County. Many Hanlin descendants still live in the Paris-Weirton area.

The Hanlin family emigrated to America for religious freedom. At the reunion, orange was used in the decorations and name tags to reflect the family's Protestant heritage and connection to Northern Ireland. Special T-shirts were worn, with the outline of Ireland with an orange shamrock- marking the location of County Tyrone, 1792, and the

names of the five Hanlins from whom the family is descended.

Prior to the picnic luncheon, Bill Hanlin, past reunion president, offered grace. Family members brought baskets of picnic foods which were shared. Following lunch, the business meeting was held. Officers elected for 1999-2000 are president Betty Leas of Bloomingdale, Ohio; vice-president Louis Spano of Weirton and secretary-treasurer Susan Hanlin adkins of

Bluffton, S.C. The table committee for the new term consists of Helen and Kenny Call, Doris Mason, Clara and Paul Leatherberry, Joan and Sam Spano, Aly-sue Angus, and Kathy Hanlin Higginbotham. Past officers were recognized. Copies of the family history, written by Mary Hanlin and Betty Leas, are still available.

Dorothy Wells of Steubenville won the prize for bringing her grandson Edward Farmsworth,

a Hanlin descendant who had not attended the reunion previously or within the past five years. Mrs. Wells had four generations of her family in attendance. Also, introduced were new attendees, Bill and Delores Thompson of Fairfield, Ohio.

Prize winners were Dorothy Boyd, 87, for being the oldest person in attendance; Alanna Marshall for being the youngest; Lynn and Wes Robinson for the newest married, and Delores

and William Thompson for traveling the farthest.

Following the end of the business meeting, the silent auction, introduced by Betty and Glenn Leas in 1990, was held. Family members enjoyed an assortment of craft items, toys, jewelry and household items.

Next year's reunion will be July 18 at the same location, with the fourth Sunday in July as an alternative date.

**Hanlin Family holds its 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Reunion**  
**The Enterprise-August 12, 1998 Edition**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

# HANLIN FAMILY MEETS IN ANNUAL GATHERING

Large Group of old O'Hanlin Family  
Descendants Gathers for  
Annual Reunion

The annual Hanlin family reunion was held Thursday, August 18th, at the Tucker's M. E. church near Florence. The Hanlins were among the early settlers of western Pennsylvania, coming from Ireland and taking up land in Washington county.

O'Hanlin is the correct name which the forefathers used. The "O" has been dropped and the descendants are known as Hanlin.

One hundred and fifty persons gathered on the church lawn and the morning was spent in gossip. At noon a bountiful basket dinner was served, consisting of chicken, sandwiches, cake, coffee and salads. After dinner was over the party adjourned to the church, where they sang songs and heard several speeches.

Those present were: Mrs. Sallie Hanlin, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Hanlin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Murchland and daughter Dora, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pettibon, Miss Mary Lee, Mrs. Eva Plummer, Mrs. W. S. Lowry, Cyuthia H. Sutherland, Frank Hanlin, Mr. and Mrs. John Hunter and son, John Hanlin Hunter, Walter Lee, Bertha, Margaret and Ethel Curry, Walter Marsh, Elizabeth Plummer, Vermon Johnston, Sara Brunson, Billy Johnston, Florence Hanlin Johnston, Pearl Griffin, H. D. Johnston, Mattie Camp, Mr. and Mrs. George P. Hanlin and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hanlin and family, Mary Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lyons and daughters, John Murchland, Mr. and Mrs. Don Hendershot, Frank Engel, Charles Johnston, John Shipley, Mrs. Leonard Neely, Laura Hanlin, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Phillips, John Fulton, Sara Lizzie Fulton, Wallace and Naucy McBane, Elva Ethel Stewart, Dorothy, Myrtle and Marian Boyd, Wilson Park, W. G. Donaldson, Grant S. Shotwell, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Hanlin, Mrs. J. D. Hanlin, Elizabeth and Mildred Hanlin, Warren Close, Alex Boyd, Mrs. Ella R. Hanlin, Grace M. Hanlin, Don Slater, the Rev. and Mrs. Frederick Spielman, L. S. McCreight, Mary Grace Melvin, Mr. and Mrs. Graham Fulton, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Hanlin, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Marsb, Mrs. William Gracey, Dr. LaFayette, Alice Melvin, Bessie Johnston Engel, Sammy Lee Engel, Edna Brunson, Florence Erneline Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Sutherland and family, Florence and Grant Shotwell, Mr. and Mrs. Grant McCray, Mrs. M. G. Donaldson, Mrs. Elizabeth Blezer, John and Charles Hanlin, Dr. J. H. Hays, Anna Irwin, Jean Lewis, R. L. Irwin, Jack Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Ralston and family, James McCracken, Anna R. Robinson, Gracy and George Cunningham, Ward Secrist, William Secrist, Walter, Betty and Marjorie Secrist, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hanlin and daughter Sara Bell, Winfield Cunningham, Retta Cunningham, Edna S., Verna, Billy, Jack and Douglas Megahan, Mrs. Margaret Hanlin, Robert Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. McBane Pressly and Lewis McBane.

**Hanlin Family Meets in Annual Gathering**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-September 1, 1932**



# Hanlin/O'Hanlon clan celebrated 99th reunion

PARIS — Thirty-six descendants of the Hanlin/O'Hanlon clan gathered July 19 in celebration of their 99th-annual family reunion at the Paris Presbyterian Church social hall and pavilion for a pot-luck buffet style lunch.

Sue Lyons said the blessing.

Shirley Jenkins, pres-

ident, led the annual business meeting, reporting the same venue already had been reserved for the following year for the 100th reunion set for July 20, 2015.

It was announced that Kathy Higgenbotham and her family are making a family picture quilt and request anyone with family photos to donate

should do so as soon as possible via e-mail or mail.

Sheila Seavolt suggested reunion announcements and invitations be done through e-mails or phone calls where possible to save on expenses. It also was suggested that officers and anyone interested begin making a list of "lost" families who have

been unable to attend the reunion in the past few years. The committee of officers and those interested will be in charge of planning special events for the centennial reunion.

The reunion included the awarding of various door prizes for specific recognitions, including the following:

Oldest Hanlin family

member present: Dorothy Wells, 92; youngest Hanlin family member present: Justin Killen, 11; Hanlin family member's first reunion to attend: Tolly Bowers of Springfield, Ohio; and Hanlin family member to have the most members present: Joe and Kathy Higgenbotham with seven members.

Other events included the traditional guessing of how many M&Ms are in the jar without going over. There were 148, and May Boyd was the winner, guessing 147. Makalya Virden guessed 146 pistachio nuts were in the jar that contained 147.

The reunion also included a silent auction and door prizes.

**Hanlin/O'Hanlon Clan Celebrate 99<sup>th</sup> Reunion**  
**PA Focus-August 28, 2014 Edition**

## Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hanlin

Frank and Florence Hanlin of Paris celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Saturday, June 20.

The Hanlins were married in Follansbee, W.Va., with the Rev. Howard Rank officiating.

He is a lifelong resident of Paris and the youngest son of the late Cyrus and Carrie Shields Hanlin.

She is the daughter of the late John Jacob and Margaret Clarke Bainbridge.

The couple have one daughter, Mrs. Carl (Susan) Adkins of Basking Ridge, N.J., and one grandson, Jonathan Adkins.

Mr. Hanlin, after attending elementary school in Paris, graduated from Weir High School in 1939. He was an independent trucking contractor and retired in 1980. Mr. Hanlin is a 52-year member of the Paris United Presbyterian Church

and has served as an elder, trustee, deacon, librarian and president of the Faithful Servants Sunday School Class. Also, he is a member of the Richard Vaux Lodge and the Consistory of the Valley of Pittsburgh. Currently, Mr. Hanlin is a director of the Chestnut Ridge Cemetery Board, and his hobbies include golf and bowling.

Mrs. Hanlin is a homemaker, enjoys collecting paperweights and is an ardent Pittsburgh Pirate and Steeler fan. She is a member of the Paris United Presbyterian Church and a charter member and past president of the Faithful Servants Sunday School Class. She also has served as a church deacon and is a member of the Eastern Star and Social Club 147. She is a past member of the White Shrine.

The couple are both members of the American Association of Retired Persons.

**Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hanlin**  
**The Enterprise-July 6, 1992 Edition**





### **Tucker Church Reunion-After 1900**

1. Elizabeth (Fink) Hanlin (1823-1909) 2. George Stewart Hanlin (1845-1923) 3. Ella Robinson (Pogue) Hanlin (1866-1950) 4. Elizabeth Pauline Hanlin Burchfield (1890-1979) 5. Mary Lucille Hanlin Leas (1898-1976) 6. John Stewart Hanlin (1892-1964) 7. Frank Vincent Hanlin (1895-1964).

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



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**GEORGE HANNAN  
INJURED IN FALL**

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George Hannan, 45, of Bell avenue, a former local Constable was reported to be in a critical condition at Mercy hospital, Pittsburgh, suffering from a fractured skull he sustained when he tripped and fell down the stairs leading into the Di-Orio poolroom on Monday night. Mr. Hannan is employed now as a blacksmith at Atlasburg.



## A conversation with ...

By Natalie Miller

Autumn Hardie is a dissectologist, more commonly known as a jigsaw puzzle enthusiast or puzzler.

More than four years ago, the Burgettstown resident became ill with a multitude of symptoms, eventually leaving her unable to walk. It would take two years to learn she had advanced Lyme disease, caused by bacteria from an infected tick bite. In that time, Hardie needed something to occupy her mind. She turned to jigsaw puzzles and found the hobby therapeutic.

Now recovering, Hardie, 35, works as a library aide at Burgettstown Community Library, and sings and plays percussion in a band. Although she has regained most of her strength, Hardie is still passionate about puzzles. She runs a Facebook group dedicated to the hobby, "Monthly Jigsaw Puzzling Themes," and is a member of a global network of puzzle enthusiasts, forging friendships with dissectologists from other countries.

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Here's a conversation with Autumn Hardie.

**Q** Why puzzles?

**A.** My mom was always one to put a jigsaw puzzle in front of me. I started out with a few pieces, and then, as I got older, I liked to build with more pieces. There was a time when I got away from jigsaw puzzling. Puzzles were reintroduced to me in the past four years when I got a very severe illness that left me immobilized for a while. I used puzzles as therapy. It helped me focus on something else. In the process of that, I've connected with many people online and have had a chance to make some great friends from around the world with jigsaw puzzling.

**Q** Can you tell me about your health?

**A.** I had been doing very well until I was about 30 years old. All of a sudden, I had many symptoms that were unexplainable, ranging from numbness and tingling in my legs, to severe heat intolerance, swelling in my glands, mental fogging and an inability to concentrate, just to name a few. I had been through 12 doctors until I was directed to a doctor in Philadelphia, who found three positive tests for Lyme disease. At that point, I went through aggressive treatment and only gradually got better. This is something that is chronic, and I will have for the rest of my life.

# Autumn Hardie



Celeste Van Kirk / O-R

Autumn Hardie holds one of her favorite jigsaw puzzles.

I am able to manage it with frequent blood work and injections. Things have been going pretty well this past year, but that is what really brought me back to jigsaw puzzles, focusing my energies on something else besides my illness.

**Q** How did jigsaw puzzles help you?

**A.** Well, I did some research and I found that doing jigsaw puzzles enhances your vision and really hones your concentration. It improves your memory and enhances your critical thinking skills. I know, for me personally, when I start a jigsaw puzzle, it's like reading. It whisks me off to another world. I take all the pieces out of the box and separate the edging pieces from the rest of the puzzle and, once I start that process, it's almost like nothing can pull me away from it. I get really absorbed in puzzles and, before I know it, several hours can go by before I look at the clock and discover I have half a puzzle built.

**Q** Is there a better way to put a puzzle together than the traditional method of completing the edges, then filling in the middle?

**A.** Actually, there are a bunch of different ways. There's no correct way to do a puzzle. Some people prefer sorting pieces into

containers. Those are helpful for keeping different color pieces together. Others prefer just flipping the pieces over and separating the edges out first and going from there. Others, you build from the inside out, although that's not as common.

**Q** How have you connected with other jigsaw-puzzle enthusiasts?

**A.** I've connected with several people online. I belong to six jigsaw-puzzling groups on Facebook. There are many people from around the world there. I've also had an opportunity to connect with a Canadian designer named Annie, who designs puzzles and is a fellow puzzler. I've given her some feedback on designs. She's come out with a whole line of wonderful puzzles. Gunther Simetsberger of Austria has initiated "World Puzzle Days 2016," running from the beginning of January to the end of February, where people can register and post a picture of the puzzles of their choice. It's a way to see puzzles from all around the world. In my puzzling group, I introduce a theme at the end of the month. The next month, all the participants start building puzzles related to that theme. For example, this month I'm doing "fall festival." People are

**A conversation with Autumn Hardie (pg. 1)**  
**Living in Washington County-October/November 2015**



posting pictures of puzzles with pumpkins, football, apples and Halloween. It's a way for us to not only choose a puzzle, but to put things together in a gallery of photos.

**Q.** What about puzzles intrigues you?

**A.** Well, the history of jigsaw puzzles. They were invented in 1767 by an Englishman, John Spilsbury, a London engraver and map maker. The first puzzle was a world map used to teach geography. They sliced all these pieces out and had students put them on a map. A mass production of puzzles started in the 20th century. In the 1930s, puzzles became available with other products ... as a bonus. Now, we have developed to a point where, in addition to puzzles being sold in stores, we have virtual puzzles available on the computer. There are apps available where you select an image and they'll cut it up and make it so you can touch a screen or use a mouse to put it together. So, the concept of puzzling has really come a long way.

**Q.** How many puzzles do you complete in a week?

**A.** I kind of just go in spurts. With fall coming, I haven't done as many as I normally would. But, on average, I go through one 1,000-piece puzzle in a week. Sometimes,

I'll have a marathon and do a 1,000-piece puzzle in a day. It will always be an interest. I would like to introduce this as a potential hobby for someone in a similar situation, like I was, who might be looking for something to occupy their time or as a distraction.

**Q.** What kind of puzzles do you like to do?

**A.** I've done a photomosaic that has 1,000 pieces, and every piece is a little picture. When you start putting it together, the end result is a large picture. It's very challenging and time-consuming. One I'm working on at home is a puzzle in the shape of a leaf. It doesn't have the typical straight edges – that makes it more of a challenge. I really like collages because there's usually a lot of color. I like puzzles with a lot of color and vibrant diversions and differences. Another thing we've had in our groups is called a mystery puzzle. Somebody will buy a puzzle from a manufacturer and the box is gone. There's no indication what the picture is, how many pieces there are or who made it. There is a lot of appeal to that.

**Q.** What makes a quality puzzle?

**A.** Ravensburger from Germany, Heye, Pomegranate, Clementoni, Schmidt – those are better-quality brands. Those are thicker

quality and have clear images and generally have a gloss. What you're looking for in a quality puzzle is a thick piece, one that interlocks well, a piece that isn't peeling and has a glossy image. Those are the puzzles you're going to be able to build again and again.

**Q.** Any tips for someone getting started with puzzling?

**A.** I recommend going to a local thrift store to buy puzzles. That is a way to keep your hobby inexpensive. You might also like to connect with other people who build and trade puzzles. Libraries also have book sales and sometimes include puzzles. Sometimes you'll find older puzzles that have been hiding out in someone's attic. Those can be a real treasure. There are also online groups where a wide variety of puzzlers offer puzzles for trade or sale. Sometimes you can get them for just the cost of postage. I would recommend starting out with small puzzles, from 100 to 300 pieces. I'd also recommend getting puzzles that are varied and have a wide variety of colors. If you have friends who like to puzzle, get together and puzzle. It's a distraction for people who don't feel comfortable talking face to face because there's not a lot of eye contact when building a puzzle. It's a nice time.



#### CONSTABLE IS NAMED

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The resignation of Austin B. Smith as constable of Hanover Township, has been filed with the Court, and upon petition, the Court has appointed Charles Harlan to fill the vacancy. Mr. Smith resigned because he has obtained a position in Pittsburgh.

**Charles Harlan Named Hanover Twp. Constable  
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 13, 1939 Edition**

## 25th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Harper of Florence were pleasantly surprised on Saturday evening when a number of their friends and neighbors gathered at their home, the occasion being their 25th Wedding Anniversary. The affair had been planned by Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Harper. After congratulations and good wishes had been extended, games of 500 and Chinese Checkers were played. Mr. and Mrs. Harper received many beautiful and useful presents. A very delicious lunch was served and at a late hour all wished Mr. and Mrs. Harper many more happy Anniversaries and departed to their homes.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Harper, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Harper and Sharon Joy, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Cooley, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ackman, Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Horton and son, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Divitt and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Saxton, Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Gilliland, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Fullerton, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Malone and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Utz and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Harper, Mr. and Mrs. Al Powelson, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Devitt, Mrs. R. DeBlouw and Miss Mary Garvin.

**Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Harper Celebrate 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-January 27, 1944 Edition**

## Harper Promoted To Deputy Engineer

The promotion of Harold N. Harper, 60, to deputy district highway engineer, District 12-0, Uniontown, was announced today by State Highways Secretary Henry D. Harral.

In the newly created position, Harper will work directly under District Highway Engineer James H. Mifflin in all phases of the highway department's operations in Fayette, Greene, Washington and Westmoreland Counties.

A native of Washington County, Harper has worked a total of 33 years in the State Highways Department. He holds a civil engineering degree from the University of Pittsburgh and is a registered professional engineer.

"We are pleased to have a man of Mr. Harper's qualifications and job experience," Secretary Harral said. "He will be an even greater asset to the district staff at Uniontown in his new capacity."

Harper first joined the highways department in 1927 as a draftsman at Bedford and Hollidaysburg.

Following service as an engineer with the War Department from 1936 to 1939, he joined the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission staff as a plans engineer, returning to the highways department in 1941. He was promoted to the position of assistant district engineer at Uniontown in June, 1963.



#### HONORS BIRTHDAYS

A party held on the lawn at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Harris of Joffre last week, honored their two daughters, Rowena Lee, 10, and Lorena Ann, 7, who celebrated birthdays. Their aunt, Juanita DeCook, baked the birthday cakes.

The afternoon was spent playing games for which prizes were awarded. A wiener roast was held later and cake and ice cream served to the guests. The honorees received lovely gifts and cards.

Attending were: Kathy Standish, Dennis Sella, Francis and Patty Kabo, Jamie Lynn, Carla Jean Harris, Frankie DeCook, John Standish, Mrs. Arvella Sella, Mrs. Juanita DeCook and Mr. and Mrs. Harris.

**Honors Birthdays  
Rowena Lee and Lorena Ann Harris  
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 2, 1953 Edition**

**IN MEMORIAM**

In loving memory of my beloved son, Thomas Roy Harris, who died one year ago today, December 13. We loved him, ah, no tongue can tell,  
How much we loved him and how well,  
God Loved him too, and thought it best  
To take him home with Him to rest.  
Sadly missed by his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Harris.



**1950 Burgettstown Annual Halloween Parade**  
Morris Harvey, greased pole climbing "King" demonstrating  
his climbing style which merited him first honors.

*Fort Vance Historical Society*



## Burgettstown wins family affair match

It was bound to happen, but most didn't think it would be Wednesday night.

Burgettstown and Chartiers-Houston met in the quarterfinals of the WPIAL Class AA Team Tournament and that meant it would be father coaching against son in the BHS gym.

Terry Havelka, the head coach of Burgettstown, was in the corner opposite his son, Jeff, the head coach at Chartiers-Houston.

Dad won this one, 42-26, and that put the Blue Devils into the semifinals, where they will face top-seeded Burrell Friday at Norwin High School. The match is at 6 p.m.

Getting pins for Burgett-

stown against the Bucs in the quarterfinals were Stephen Kotouch (138), Jake McKee (160) and Ryan Penderville (195).

Chartiers-Houston got its lone pin from Tre Lober (Hvy).

Burgettstown advanced to the quarterfinals with a 51-15 victory over Avonworth. The Blue Devils received pins from Austin McDermitt (113), Kotouch (138), McKee (160) and Tristan Nicholson (170).

Chartiers-Houston advanced with a 37-34 upset win over Derry. Derek Hull (182), Garrett Grimm (195) and Lober got pins for the Buccaneers to help them advance.

Organized  
1794

# Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church of North America

Incorporated  
1940

## Official Birth and



## Baptismal Certificate

This is to certify that Sophie Hayden, is  
(NAME OF CHILD)  
 son (daughter) of Samuel Hayden and Mary  
(FATHER'S NAME)  
Hayden (mamula) was born N.S. Pittsburgh, Pa. Dec 17 18 03  
(MOTHER'S NAME) (CITY) (DATE)  
 Baptised and Confirmed at N.S. Pgh, Pa. Dec 19, 1903 at St. Alexander's  
(CITY) (STATE) (DATE) (NAME OF CHURCH)  
 God Parents Anna Baranich & Same Brynich  
(NAME OF GOD FATHER) (NAME OF GOD MOTHER)



According to the Rite of the Holy Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic  
 Church by Rev. Fr. John Medetskiy  
(NAME OF THE PRIEST)  
 Rector of St. Alexander's of N.S. Pgh, Pa.  
(NAME OF CHURCH) (CITY) (STATE)

This is a true Extract from the Book of Births of St. Alexander's  
(NAME OF CHURCH)  
 at N.S. Pgh, Pa.  
(CITY) (STATE)

Issued under my hand and Church Seal Rev. Fr. Gregory Soroka  
(NAME OF CHURCH) (CITY) (STATE)  
 RECTOR

Church Record Book 1903. page 13. #12.

**Sophie Hayden**  
August 21, 1888-April 13, 1965

# Headington Family

Leaves of History-Cross Creek, Brooke County-Part II  
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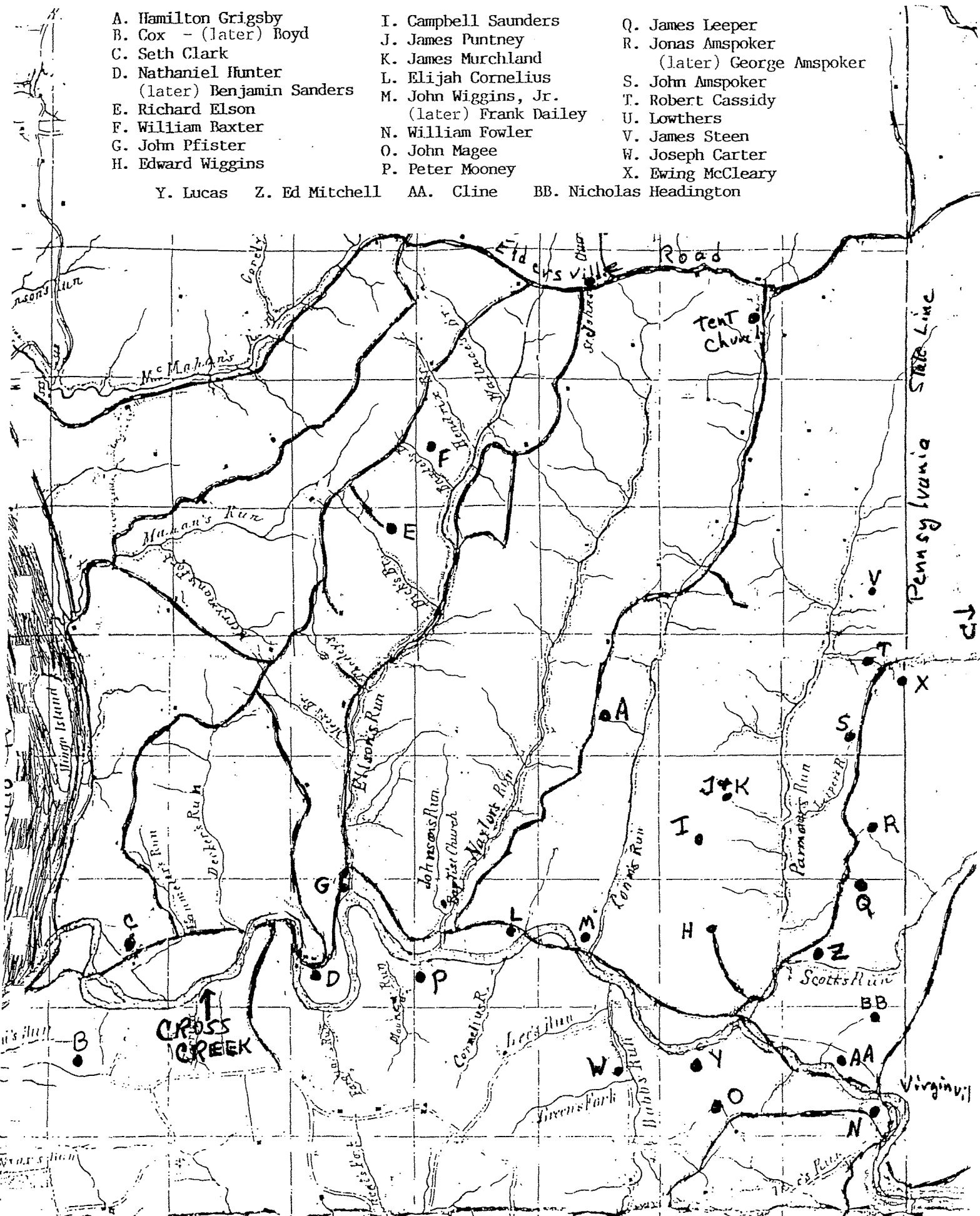
A C K N O W L E D G M E N T S

Without you, the former and the present residents of the Cross Creek Valley, this book could never have become a reality. To each of you, a hearty THANK YOU.

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| Karyn Adamson                      | Lois Siasor Early                  | Ida Moore                        | Fred and Florence Moore Thomas      |
| Anne Aftanas                       | Albert and Esther Moore Fisher     | Judy Moore                       | Julia Tisik                         |
| Chester and Helen Tisik Aftanas    | Earl Fowler, Jr.                   | Pearl Mae Moore                  | Lou and Helen Tokas Tranquill       |
| Joe Aftanas                        | Eugene Georgetti                   | Delbert Morris                   | Theresa Tripodi                     |
| Arlene Boies Alexander             | Bernice Gist                       | Dorothy Morton                   | Alice Ulrich                        |
| Betty DeGarmo Baileys              | Ruth Neth Gillespie                | Arlene Yost Mowder               | Charles Ulrich                      |
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| Tony Beltrame                      | Lewis Grigsby                      | Elva Osaba                       | Frances Baranowski Wells            |
| Bill and Judy Bernardini           | Gabriel and Mary Ann Grilli        | Goldie Pastor                    | Sara Deer Welsh                     |
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| Nick and Catherine Strho Bertovich | Lily Mae Harris                    | Floyd and Nancy Hunter Petral    | Don Wiggins                         |
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| Carol Shepherd Boyce               | Mary Frances Pfister Hervey        | William N. Poellot               | George Williamson                   |
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| Tom Boyd                           | Jean Lucas Javersak                | Charles Rangos                   | Mike Young                          |
| Ralph Brady                        | Doris Lake Jones                   | Amanda Reed                      | Virginia Pfister Young              |
| Aubrey Brothers                    | Jim Jones                          | Annabelle Horvath Reese          | Ernest Zambarda                     |
| Mary Rigo Bryan                    | John Jones                         | Anne Puskarich Resnik            | Millie Fisher Zambarda              |
| Margaret Burkhardt                 | Louis and Gladys Kaposy            | John Resnik                      | Sarah M. Zang                       |
| Tom Butcher                        | Lawrence Kimball                   | Harry and Agnes Rigo             | Mary Martino Zwierchowski           |
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| Becky Care                         | Jean McFarland Korpos              | Robert Rotunda                   | PICTURES IS STILL APPRECIATED       |
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| George R. Cline                    | James and Freda Mack               | Kenneth Schwertfeger             | Helen Rigo Marus                    |
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| Howard Cline                       | Joyce McAlpine                     | Russell Slasor                   | Harold Scott                        |
| Gaye Cheripko                      | Alberta McKee                      | Miriam Legge Smith               | Ed Taylor                           |
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| Freda Saunders Dunn                |                                    |                                  |                                     |

THE EARLY FAMILIES

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| A. Hamilton Grigsby      | I. Campbell Saunders | Q. James Leeper         |
| B. Cox - (later) Boyd    | J. James Puntney     | R. Jonas Amspoker       |
| C. Seth Clark            | K. James Murchland   | (later) George Amspoker |
| D. Nathaniel Hunter      | L. Elijah Cornelius  | S. John Amspoker        |
| (later) Benjamin Sanders | M. John Wiggins, Jr. | T. Robert Cassidy       |
| E. Richard Elson         | (later) Frank Dailey | U. Lowthers             |
| F. William Baxter        | N. William Fowler    | V. James Steen          |
| G. John Pfister          | O. John Magee        | W. Joseph Carter        |
| H. Edward Wiggins        | P. Peter Mooney      | X. Ewing McCleary       |
| Y. Lucas                 | Z. Ed Mitchell       | AA. Cline               |
|                          |                      | BB. Nicholas Headington |

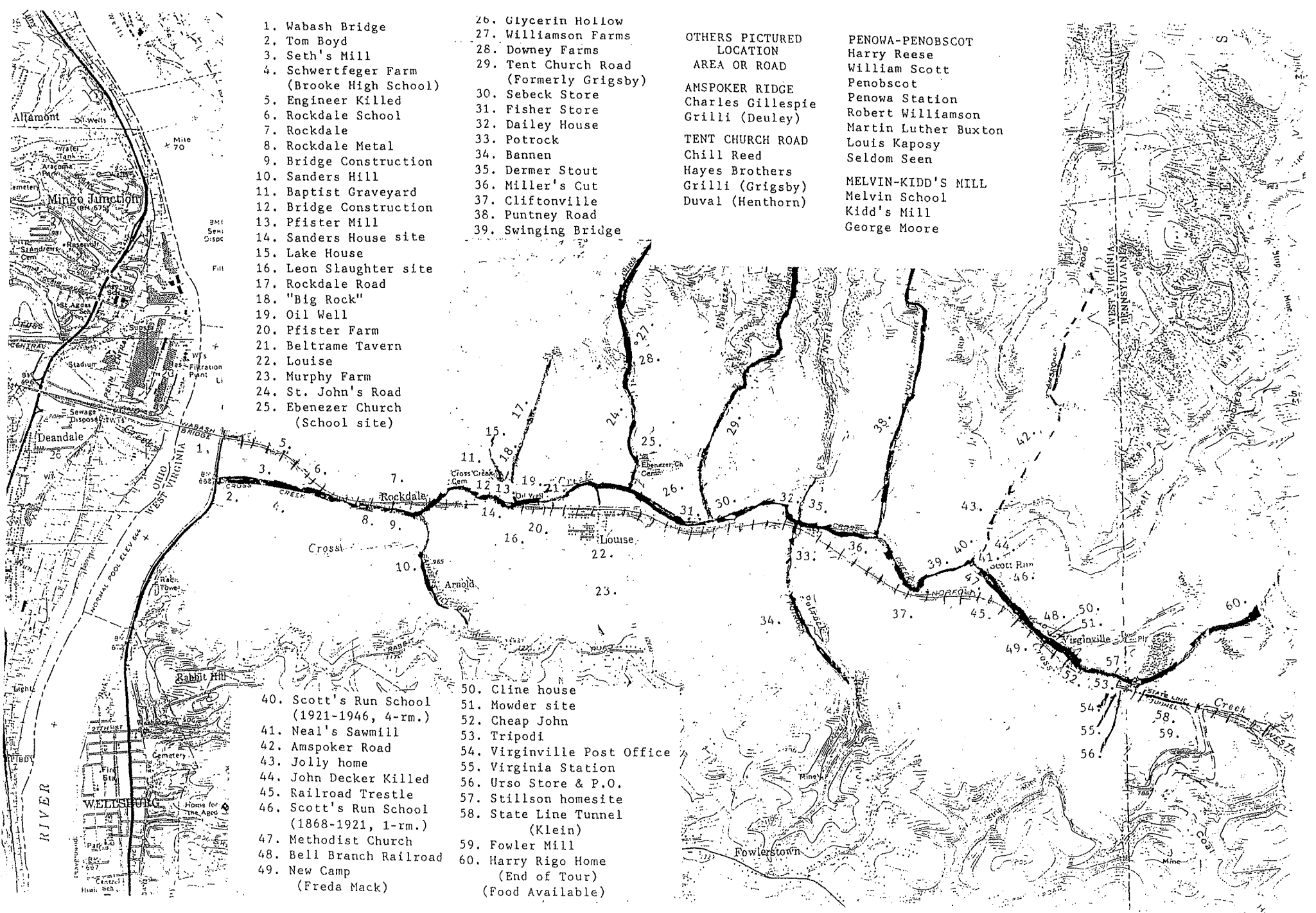


1. Wabash Bridge
2. Tom Boyd
3. Seth's Mill
4. Schwertfeger Farm  
(Brooke High School)
5. Engineer Killed
6. Rockdale School
7. Rockdale
8. Rockdale Metal
9. Bridge Construction
10. Sanders Hill
11. Baptist Graveyard
12. Bridge Construction
13. Pfister Mill
14. Sanders House site
15. Lake House
16. Leon Slaughter site
17. Rockdale Road
18. "Big Rock"
19. Oil Well
20. Pfister Farm
21. Beltrame Tavern
22. Louise
23. Murphy Farm
24. St. John's Road
25. Ebenezer Church  
(School site)

26. Glycerin Hollow
27. Williamson Farms
28. Downey Farms
29. Tent Church Road  
(Formerly Grigsby)
30. Sebeck Store
31. Fisher Store
32. Dailey House
33. Potrock
34. Bannen
35. Dermer Stout
36. Miller's Cut
37. Cliftonville
38. Puntney Road
39. Swinging Bridge

- OTHERS PICTURED  
LOCATION  
AREA OR ROAD
- AMSPOKER RIDGE  
Charles Gillespie  
Grilli (Deuley)
- TENT CHURCH ROAD  
Chill Reed  
Hayes Brothers  
Grilli (Grigsby)  
Duval (Henthorn)

- PENOWA-PENOBSCOT  
Harry Reese  
William Scott  
Penobscot  
Penowa Station  
Robert Williamson  
Martin Luther Buxton  
Louis Kaposy  
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- MELVIN-KIDD'S MILL  
Melvin School  
Kidd's Mill  
George Moore



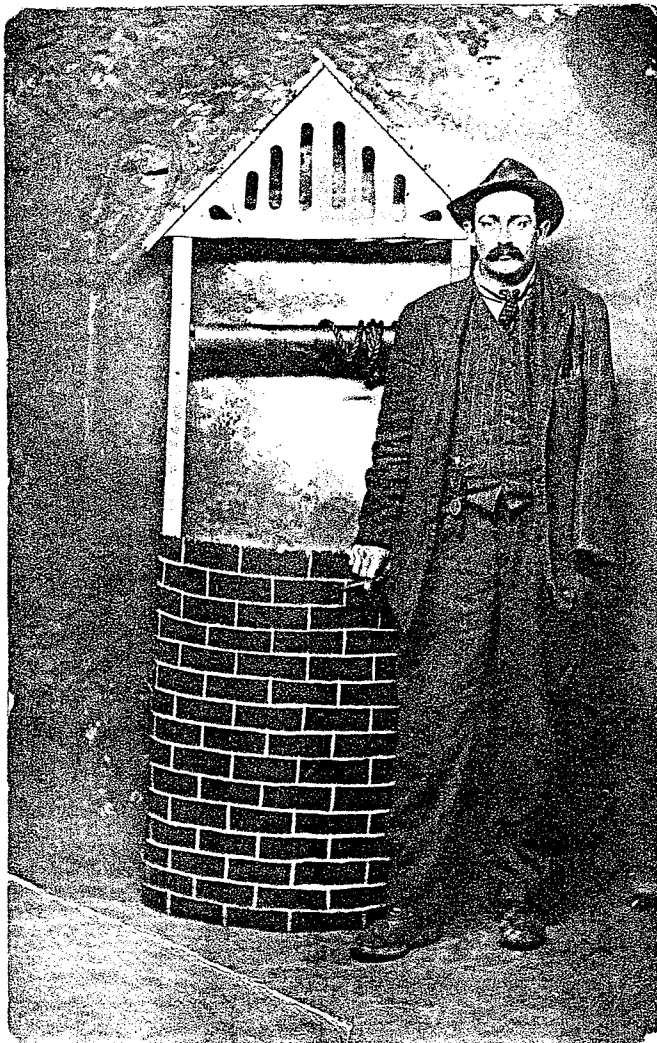
40. Scott's Run School  
(1921-1946, 4-rm.)
41. Neal's Sawmill
42. Ampsoker Road
43. Jolly home
44. John Decker Killed
45. Railroad Trestle
46. Scott's Run School  
(1868-1921, 1-rm.)
47. Methodist Church
48. Bell Branch Railroad
49. New Camp  
(Freda Mack)
50. Cline house
51. Mowder site
52. Cheap John
53. Tripodi
54. Virginville Post Office
55. Virginia Station
56. Urso Store & P.O.
57. Stillson homesite
58. State Line Tunnel  
(Klein)
59. Fowler Mill
60. Harry Rigo Home  
(End of Tour)  
(Food Available)



## THE HEADINGTONS

Nicholas Headington, of English descent, was born circa 1770 in Baltimore County, Maryland. In 1792, he married Delia Baxter, daughter of Greenbury and Charity Lane Baxter. The Baxters were among the earliest families of Maryland, Delia's paternal grandparents being John and Mary Brown Baxter. Mary Brown's mother was a daughter of very early Maryland residents, namely, Edward and Mary King Stevenson. Nicholas and Delia were the parents of five sons and one daughter who grew to adulthood.

Nicholas brought his wife and three eldest sons to Brooke County sometime after 1807. He was in Brooke County by 1810 when the daughter, Mary, was born. Upon reaching young manhood, Greenbury, the eldest son, married Mary Meek of a well established Brooke County family. No children were born to them. The third son, Laban married Harriett Liggett of Independence, Pennsylvania, just across the state line from the Headington land. Laban took his family and moved to Ohio, leaving no descendants in Brooke County with the Headington surname. It is believed that Samuel never married. All offspring of Nicholas and Delia who populated the Brooke County area descend from their second son, John Headington.



Pictured on the left is Louis Headington, son of John Headington, Jr. and his second wife, Margretta Magee Headington. His younger brother, Silas, died in his teens. His sister, Mary, married Leroy DeGarmo. She was the last of the Headingtons to own the old farm above Virginville on Cross Creek. Louis lost his left arm in the riot at Cliftonville. He never married, nor did he live past middle age. Those who still remember him, recall that he was full of fun with a hearty laugh, and happy to live out his life with his mother on the home place. Louis's father, John Headington, Jr., was first married to Martha Louise Carter, who died at the birth of their daughter, Louisa. The child was reared by her Carter grandparents, but spent much time with her father who did not remarry for a number of years after her mother's death.

Nicholas and Delia's son, William, was mentally retarded. In his will, Nicholas made ample provision for William, entrusting him to the care of his brother, John. John carried out this trust until his own death in 1863 when his wife, Jane Murchland Headington, took up the burden alone. She cared for him until his passing in 1885 as he neared his 80th year. Like most of the Headington family, William was buried in the Old Baptist Graveyard on Cross Creek, near the old log church where his father, Nicholas, served a number of years as Brooke County's second Baptist minister. While most of the Headington tombstones are faded and nearly illegible, William's remains as clear as the day it was set. At the base of it, carved into the stone, is this biblical verse - perhaps more revealing about William than any other scrap of information available after the passing of more than a century:

**" Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."**

In 1810, Mary Headington, youngest child and only daughter of Nicholas and Delia, was born in Brooke County, Virginia. She married Silas Farnsworth of Hollidays Cove and raised a very large family, eventually moving to the west with her husband and children. Her eldest child, Adelia, married Homan Hallock and became the mother of what is known in the History of Hollidays Cove as " The Famous Hallock Family of Hollidays Cove". Although the parents were very poor, the twelve children of Adelia were all college graduates. Four were Presbyterian ministers with doctorates from Princeton University, three were medical doctors, one was an engineer, and the others were college professors. They were a great credit to their great-grandparents, Nicholas and Delia Headington, who came to Brooke County in the first decade of the nineteenth century with little more than their strong Baptist faith to support them.

Pictured on the right is the eldest child of Adelia Farnsworth Hallock. His given name was Gerard Benjamin Fleet Hallock, in honor of his paternal great grandfather. On the following page is a copy of the program at Brick Presbyterian Church, New York City, where Doctor Hallock served for fifty years as assistant pastor. As will be noted on the biographical sketch, he was a graduate of Princeton University and Princeton Theological Seminary, and was the author of many books. As a child in Hollidays Cove during the Civil War when his father was serving in the northern army, Gerard helped his mother with the janitorial duties at the little brick Three Springs Church at the Cove. At the age of seven, he was " the man of the house", his father being confined to a southern prison where he nearly died. Later, as a young man, Gerard walked from the Cove to Princeton, selling soap which his mother had made for the purpose to buy food along the way. He died in 1954 at the age of 98.



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A TESTIMONIAL DINNER IN HONOR OF

*Rev. G. B. F. Hallock, D. D.*

CELEBRATING HIS HALF-CENTURY OF  
SERVICE AS ASSISTANT PASTOR OF  
BRICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AND OF

*Mrs. Hallock*

Rochester, N. Y., January 17, 1940

## Biographical

Gerard Benjamin Fleet Hallock was born in Holliday's Cove, West Virginia, January 28, 1856. He was graduated from Princeton College in 1882 and from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1885. His first pastorate was with the Wheatland Church, Scottsville, N. Y., in the Presbytery of Rochester. He received the degree of M. A. from Princeton in 1901. He married Miss Anna Catherine Cobb on May 8, 1888.

Dr. Hallock came to Brick Church as Assistant Pastor in January, 1890. He immediately plunged into the work of superintending the Sunday School, editing the new monthly publication, Brick Church Life, preaching, conducting devotional and other services, visiting the sick and sorrowing and calling upon old members and new. He became Assistant Pastor Emeritus on April 1, 1930.

He has been a frequent contributor of articles to religious papers and magazines, and has written many widely read books. He has served as Stated Clerk of the Rochester Presbytery for 38 years and as Moderator of the Presbytery for several terms. He has also been Moderator of the New York Synod. Three times he has been a Commissioner to the General Assembly, and for many years he has been a trustee of Elmira College.

Throughout the years Dr. Hallock turned aside all offers that would have taken him away from the work he so loved to do here in Brick Church, while he continued to grow in the affections of succeeding generations of people in our parish, and out of it. His valuable and faithful service has been a powerful contribution to the growth of our Brick Church and to the spiritual life of Rochester. Truly, he has been and is a well beloved man.

## Program

*Chairman* . . . . . MR. WESLEY M. ANGLE  
*Invocation* . . . . . DR. STANLEY F. GUTELIUS

### DINNER

*Songs* . . . . . NEW ERA CHORUS

### IN APPRECIATION

*The Teller of Stories* . . . . . ANN L. MCCHESENEY  
*The Understanding Pastor* . . . MR. CURTIS FITZSIMONS  
*His Wife and Our Leader* . . . MRS. A. D. F. MCINTOSH  
*The Tried and True Associate* . . . FORMER PASTORS  
*The Stated Clerk* . . . . . REV. JOHN SCHOTT  
*The Assistant Pastor* . . . . . REV. HAROLD E. NICELY  
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### RECEPTION



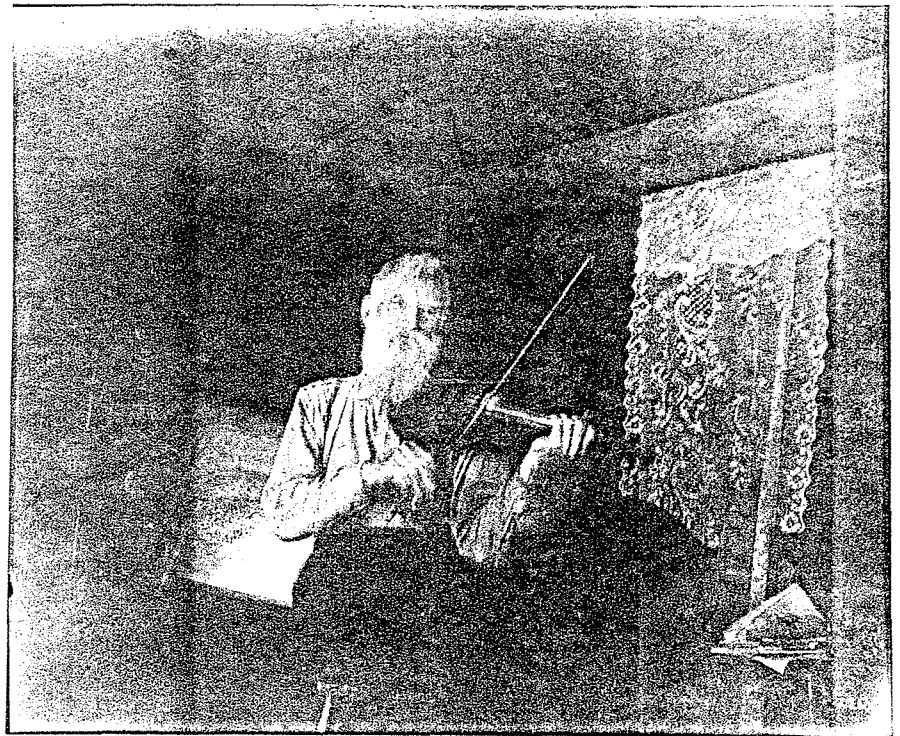


Pictured on the left is Isabelle Headington Wiggins, daughter of John and Jane Murchland Headington, and grand-daughter of Nicholas and Delia Headington. She was born in 1829. On the 19th of September, 1849, she married John Wiggins, Jr., son of John, Sr. and Margaret Baxter Wiggins. To them were born five daughters and two sons. The eldest child, Margaret, died at the age of 12 with diphtheria. Four years later, in 1866, Isabelle's husband, John Wiggins, Jr., died at the age of 44. A sister of Isabelle, Margaret Ellen Headington Cassidy, died in 1876 at the birth of her third child. Isabelle took this newborn child, Mina Cassidy, into her home and raised her to adulthood. She and her family lived on Cross Creek in what was later known as "the Dailey house".

In the oval frame, lower left, is Isabelle's third daughter, Rachel, who married James W. Saunders. Rachel died at the birth of her fifth son at the age of 28.

Isabelle's other daughters were: Mary, who married Moses Patton; Isabelle, who married Charles Waddle; and Sarah, who married a man named Miller. Her sons were John A. Wiggins and George Wiggins.

**Below on the right:** One of Isabelle's brothers: **John Headington** or **Nicholas Headington**. It is not known which.



Louisa Martha Headington was considered to be one of the Cross Creek area's most beautiful young women. She was engaged to marry Robert Stevenson, of Jefferson Township, Pennsylvania. Shortly before the planned marriage, Louisa died at the age of eighteen. The writer talked with Shirley Carter, whose father was a full cousin of Louisa and one of her pallbearers, prior to Shirley's passing. He said that his family never got over the tragedy and talked about it until the end of their lives. The story which this writer's mother passed down, was that Louisa was blessed with a beautiful complexion and one of her friends told her that it would be even more greatly enhanced if she used a form of poppy seed oil on her skin. This she did. The solution poisoned her and proved fatal. Below is a copy of the lengthy obituary for Louisa which appeared after her funeral in the local paper. At a later time, her fiance wrote a poem in her memory which was also published. Although the obituary is long and very flowery, which was common in that day and age, it is copied here in the belief that there are those readers who would enjoy it. The writer is deeply indebted to the late Frank Bowman of Hollidays Cove for clipping it and preserving it during his lifetime.

#### In Memoriam.

Louisa M. Headington died November 1st, 1889, in Jefferson township, Washington county, Pa.

The years roll swiftly by on the wings of time, but the scene of my dear friend's death remains indelibly stamped on my memory, never to be forgotten. Upon a couch of pain and fever lies a true friend, pale and suffering. Death's signet is stamped upon her marble brow. To her earthly scenes were passing away, and another, a brighter world, was opening to view. Yes, Louisa was dying. A sweet angel-like expression rested for a moment upon her face, and then all was over. The immortal spirit had forsaken its earthly tenement. Youthful soldier of Christ, and art thou gone? Is thy earthly mission so soon fulfilled? Yes, a Father's merciful protection has been over thee. He has taught thee to lead others to the right way, and now, His gracious love hath called thee home, even to the sacred rest in Paradise.

How fill our hearts with sadness,  
At the mention of her name,  
To think that her bright presence,  
We'll ne'er enjoy again.

For her face was bright and cloudless,  
Her heart was kind and free,  
And her friendship, deep and changeless,  
Was the same to you and me.

Oh! there is something better  
Than a life of strife and storm,  
And Louisa was called on high in youth,  
A stranger to renown.

But a nobler tribute of respect  
Than art, or wealth, or fame,  
Has over raised to buried dust,  
Preserves Louisa M. Headington's name.

Borne on this ceaseless stream of time  
Her classmates one by one,  
Must also have it said of them  
"Her course in life is run."

Then think not of the present  
As though it would always last;  
Nor disregard the future,  
As though there were no past.

But rise, perform life's duties;  
Life's only prize obtain,  
That our last reunion  
May all unite again.

R. M. S.

#### Death of Miss Louisa M. Headington.

Last week's paper gave notice that our dear friend Louisa was better. She did seem better, and thought so herself; but on Friday, Nov. 1, she grew worse, and died about 11:30 P. M. It was only about one hour from the time they noticed the change, until she breathed her last. She was conscious and seemed to know them all. The last words she uttered were, "Oh! Aunt Mary, where am I?" Repenting them for the second time, her aunt replied, "Why, Louisa, you are here at home in your own bed," naming those who were around her. She smiled, but could not speak.

Her intended husband, Mr. R. M. Stevenson, remained by her bedside until the last. He called her name several times, but she could not utter one syllable; looking up into his face with a smile, fell back on the pillow, and seemed to have died with that last peaceful smile on her countenance.

Her face so noted for its beauty in life, was still beautiful in death, except for the extreme yellowness of her complexion, which seemed to cling to her still, as the jaundice had never left her during her illness. Her period of suffering was short, only four weeks. The first two or three days her suffering was greater than at any other time. During the last week she was very much weakened by the constant bleeding of her nose, until the angel of death hovered o'er her couch, and relieved her from her suffering.

When we looked down into the beautiful casket, we beheld our dear departed friend, robed in white cassimere, as if in slumber, with her right arm reclining above her head, her fingers of wax, clasping the vine of white chrysanthemums and ivy, which surrounded her form, and a small wreath of the same, clasped in the other hand. She looked like a waxen image, among a bed of flowers.

Two of her lady friends brought a pillow of white flowers and myrtle, and a gentleman presented a box of flowers, as the last token of remembrance.

The interment took place on Sunday, Nov. 3, at 10 o'clock. The friends took their leave of the corpse at the house, and passed to the M. P. Church for services. Rev. Rush, of Eldersville, Pa., officiated. Part of his reading was the 12th chapter of Ecclesiastes and a part of the 14th chapter of St. John. The church was filled with sympathizing friends and neighbors. The choir sang the beautiful song, "I'm Going Home to Die No More." The friends then took their last look at her who, only one month before, had been among us and full of life. The choir sang another song, "Shall We Meet Beyond the River?" Oh! that we may find her awaiting us on the other side, where the sun is ever shining, and sorrow never comes. This brings to mind the beautiful sunset on Saturday evening, and the rainbow in the East. The sky looked so radiant, it seemed as though our Saviour had welcomed her home. From the church they bore her past her old home, to their burial place at Ebenezer, on Cross Creek, where she used to attend church. The pallbearers were six of her gentlemen friends, Messrs. Will Cosgrove, John Stewart, Jas. Carter, Leonard Carter, Jeanie Robertson, and Dell Donovan.

Louisa was the daughter of Mr. John Headington, and was aged 18 years, 10 months and 22 days. On account of the early death of her mother, she resided with her grandmother, Mrs. Lewis Carter, who lived near the Tent Church, until in the month of July she moved to Eldersville, Washington County, Pa. On the day they moved Miss Louisa felt so sad, and made the remark, "We will not likely all be together here again." Little thinking she would be the first to be separated.

Dearest sister, thou hast left us,  
We thy loss do deeply feel;  
But 'tis God who hath bereft us,  
He can all our sorrows heal.

R. V. D.



Pictured on the left is a great-grand daughter of Nicholas and Delia, Jennie Headington. She was the daughter of Nicholas and Rebecca Buchanan Headington and grand-daughter of John and Jane Murchland Headington. "Aunt Jen" as she was known to the writer, was a mystery. She lived most of her adult life in Wellsburg on the river front. As children, the writer and her siblings were always taken to see how Aunt Jen had fared after every large flood. Invariably, she would be in great spirits, triumphantly pointing to the high water mark on her kitchen walls, very near to the second floor level. The story which was repeated to the writer by her mother was that Jen was engaged to be married, but a few short weeks prior to the wedding day, her fiance was killed in an accident. She never again showed any romantic interest in another man, perhaps carrying her heartache with her to the grave.

After Delia's death in 1830, Nicholas married Elizabeth McConnell. To them was born a daughter, Margaret Headington who married Samuel Bishop Hindman. Among Margaret's six children was Nicholas Headington Hindman, well known blacksmith of the Tent Church area, popular for his entertaining story-telling and marvelous sense of humor - traits known to be prevalent in his Headington ancestry.

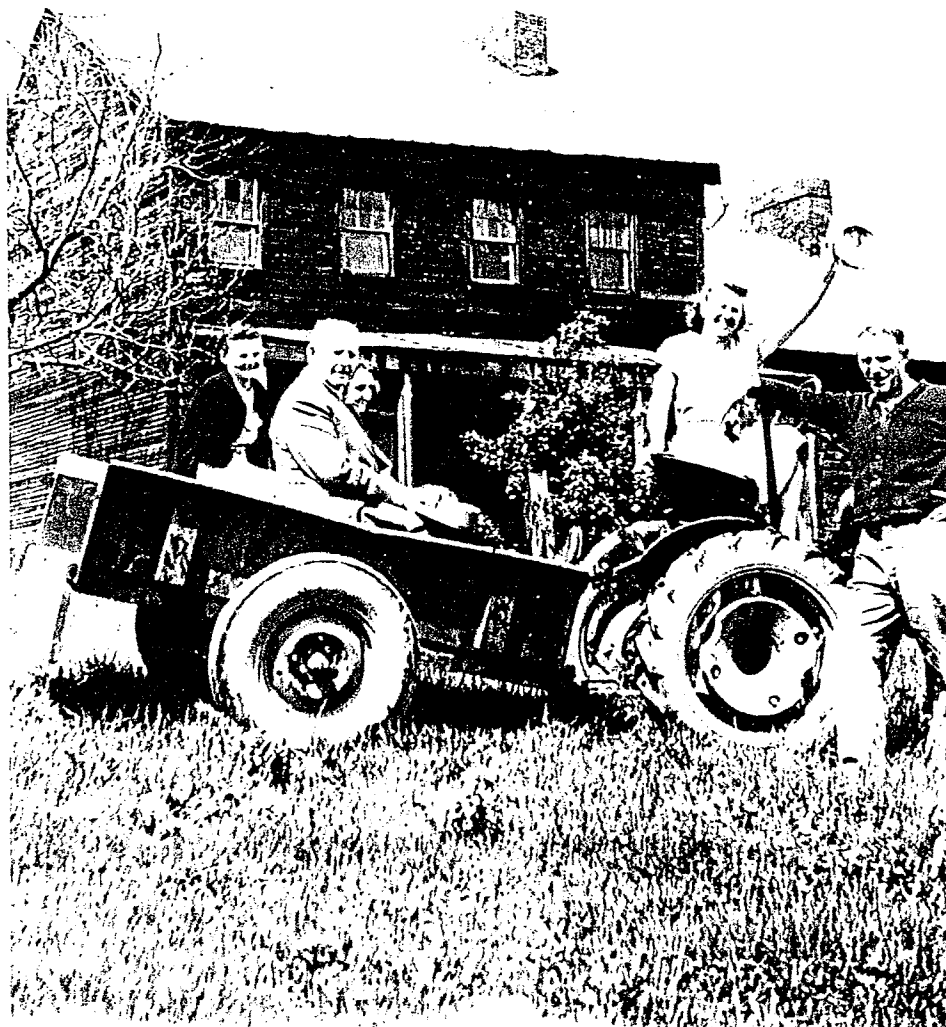
Nicholas Headington died in 1837. He is probably buried beside Delia in the Old Baptist Graveyard on Cross Creek, but no stone for him has ever been recorded.

Shortly after arriving in Brooke County, Nicholas had purchased 150 acres on Cross Creek from Archibald Elson. He later sold this property to Fowler, and bought, in 1822, 185 acres bordering the Pennsylvania state line from Matthew Rolands. It was this farm that became "The Headington Farm", and it was here that they lived out their lives. This property became the home of their second son, John, and his wife, Jane Murchland Headington, and then it became the possession of John, Jr. and his second wife, Margretta Magee Headington. As has been stated previously, the daughter of John, Jr. and Margretta, namely, Mary Headington DeGarmo, lived there until its purchase by Howard Cameron. It is considered to be one of the Cross Creek area's most beautiful farmlands, lying mostly on the high plateau above Virginville and extending down the steep cliffs to Cross Creek near Scotts Run. Nicholas and Delia's great-great-great-great granddaughter, Carol Campbell Thompson and her husband, Edward, today (1998) are living on a small part of this original Headington land, having purchased the old Cline house situated high on the bank above the Scotts Run-Virginville Road. The farmland is today owned and occupied by the three sons of Daniel and Grace Cameron Nicholes.

The old Cline house, owned now by Edward and Carol Campbell Thompson is pictured on another page.



As a great-great-great granddaughter of Nicholas and Delia, this writer is sad to discover the dearth of pictures and memorabilia of the old family that remains for one to observe. The stories of their lives have been passed down from mother to daughter over the years, but not even the tales of their joys and sorrows can take the place of an old photograph of ones ancestors. There is no picture that has surfaced in all of the dozens of contacts with persons on Cross Creek of the old log Baptist Church where they sat and worshipped on Sabbath days and listened to the sermons of Rev. Nicholas. But thanks to the perseverance and consideration of Grace Cameron Nicholes, the picture below of the old Headington log house is now in the possession of the writer. Needless to say, it is one of life's dearest possessions.



The Headington log house shortly before its demolition. Waving her hat in the air is Grace Cameron Nicholes. Seated in the foreground of the wagon is her late father, Howard Cameron, who bought the home from the Headingtons and DeGarnos.

#### JOHN HEMPHILL

G. C. Hemphill of Florence avenue received word Friday of the death of his brother, John of Tulsa, Okla. Death occurred in the Tulsa Hospital, where he had been a patient the past few weeks. Mr. Hemphill was 57 years of age, and was born and spent most of his life in this vicinity, until the last 18 years when he moved to Tulsa, Okla., where he was employed in the oil fields. Besides his brother, G. C. Hemphill, here, he is survived by one daughter and three sons.

## **JOHN HEMPHILL**

John Hemphill, who was Street Commissioner in 1881, was evidently no relation to the present Hemphill family here. It is believed he was the husband of Margaret McCorkle, whose brother, J. S. McCorkle, lived at Hanlin Station. The Hemphill couple were natives of Washington County, were married in 1843 and came to Burgettstown in 1880. They had no children. They lived here for 23 years.



#### Weaver-Hemphill.

An event of unusual interest in Burgettstown, took place Thursday evening, July 26th, at eight o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Weaver of South Main street, when their daughter, Mary Roberta was united in marriage to Robert W. Hemphill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Hemphill of Florence avenue. The ceremony took place in the living room, where an altar of ferns had been arranged. The young couple entered to the strains of "Oh Promise Me", played and sung by Miss Katharine Scott of South Main street. The Rev. R. C. Sutton, pastor of the First United Presbyterian church, officiated with the ring ceremony, after which Miss Scott sang "I Love You Truly." The bride was attired in a gown of white crepe and wore a shoulder corsage of tea roses and delphinium. Miss Virginia Izenour of Pittsburgh, the maid of honor, wore a gown of pink lace with a corsage of tea roses. Joseph Hemphill was his brother's best man. Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held with 25 guests attending, after which the couple left for a motor trip to Washington, D. C.

**Mary Roberta Weaver-Robert W. Hemphill**  
**Wed-July 26, 1934**

THOMAS R. BREMNER  
IMPERIAL, PENNSYLVANIA  
TELEPHONE IMPERIAL 4291

September 2, 1955

Miss Katherine A. Pyle,  
21 Church Street,  
Burgettstown, Pennsylvania

My dear young friend:

Once more I thank you for your very kind letter of August 25, and the enclosed Enterprise clipping of July 4, 1946. Those incidents described in the paper as well as your notes have given me great pleasure; I shall return the clipping by a later mail.

John Woodburn who lived out his days in Burgettstown was a prominent contractor who made the cuts and fills on one of the sections near Burgettstown. Several Irishmen who worked on the construction (and gang fights, Oh, how they loved to fight!), later worked on the "section gang" and I well remember all those tales. Tim. Boyl, Jimmy Kelley, Pat O'Brine and O'Flaherty.

HENWOODS

As long as I live I expect to find that I have lost one, and sometimes two generations. I knew George and Pressley Henwood from the early '70's but never knew until you told me that you are related. George Henwood was a widower, honest and hard working, lived in a log house where the Sunoco filling station was located - later Amoco station.

He had a son Pressley, Jr. and two little girls, one who became your grandmother.

Pressley Henwood, a bachelor, honest, hardworking. He made a difficult living by collecting country produce with a heavy two-horse wagon. Selling once a week in the Pittsburgh market. He was second on a list of ten men who formed a Masonic Lodge No. 454 in Burgettstown, January 21, 1870. In failing health he was admitted to the Masonic Home on North Broad Street, Philadelphia where he died. I visited him there in 1892 - I was not then a Mason.

Pressley was a fine violinist. He boarded at the Exchange Hotel during the administration of J. Orr Lee. The Lee's only son Johnnie was a little spoiled. The guests and boarders used a large dining room, the family ate in a private room. Johnnie sometimes hung onto the door of the large room and whined to the guests: 'I wanna eat, I wanna eat'. Pressley finished his dinner and got out his fiddle. He made it whine and meow exactly like Johnnie did at the door. The guests were convulsed and held their sides; they always said that 'Fizen Henwood can make the fiddle talk'.

John McCluskey my friend and one of my fathers best friends, his

younger brother, James, was my father's clerk when he built the new store in 1880. I believe C. G. Murphy Company occupies the store room now. We knew C. L. B. McCluskey, not so well as we did the other two.

Miss Ruth L. Brimmer, only daughter of Lee G. Brimmer, Ingram, has sent me her file which I shall forward to you. It has several notes which will correct what I told you. Mrs. Mary Johnstone, of blessed memory, was a grand daughter of John Morton, a signer of the Declaration of Independence and her maiden name was Morton, not Morgan as I had told you. Ruth also tells us of another signer in her connection. She has several errors on the other side of the house but they are not concerned with our national history, I shall tell her of these.

We are all greatly pleased with your visit and we look forward to a visit of you and your Mother with great pleasure. Come as soon as our plans will permit and you shall have everything in my power to dig up.

Yes, I have traveled and lived in many countries. A little of each; but almost to the complete loss of my own people. And now I am making all my efforts to know and appreciate as much and as many as possible before my number is called.

Your old friend,

*Thos. P. Brimmer.*



## Canevin Graduate



Mark Michael Hermes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hermes, of Bulger, was among the 1966 graduates of Canevin high school at Commencement exercises held Sunday, June 5, at the Civic Arena, in Pittsburgh.

Dr. Mary Meade, former head of Vassar College, was the principal speaker at the graduation exercises.

## Child Dies In Fire At Slovan; Help Quickly Given

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Hicks, with the aid of neighbors and civic organizations, are making a good recovery after the loss of their four-month-old daughter in a fire about noon Wednesday, March 30, which destroyed all the furnishings and belongings in their Slovan home.

Fire broke out in their four-room apartment in one of the company block houses owned by Thomas J. Finley, while Mrs. Hicks was outside. Her husband was at work. Three youngsters were playing in the first floor of the apartment while the baby, Ellouise, was asleep in her crib upstairs.

The Slovan fire chief and fire marshal, Pete Scaleri of Washington have determined the fire was caused when one of the children lighted paper on the kitchen range and threw it into a wastebasket near plastic curtains which ignited causing the blaze.

Mrs. Hicks, who was away from the apartment no more than two minutes, returned, seeing the smoke, but was unable to open the door. After she managed to force the door open, flames shot out and the mother did the most important thing by closing the door to prevent more oxygen from abetting the fire, went to a window which she broke open to enter the home.

In her heroic attempt, Mrs. Hicks was able to save the three children but the infant Ellouise died from asphyxiation from the fumes and smoke of the quick-spreading flames.

A neighbor called the Slovan Fire Department and ambulance which within three minutes placed a ladder to reach the upper floor and was playing water on the blaze. When fireman Jim Guiddy reached the infant's crib, he found she had already succumbed.

The ambulance took two-year old Jerome to Washington hospital where he was treated for third degree burns and released Saturday, April 2. Gerald and Jennifer, twins, three, were treated for minor burns and Mrs. Hicks suffered cuts on her arm. Gerald is confined to his home now with measles and mumps.

Funeral services for the infant were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 31, from the Lee and Wilson Funeral home, in charge of Rev. Elliott of Midway. Interment was in Fairview cemetery.

Slovan Volunteer firemen fought the fire for more than an hour to prevent the blaze from spreading to the adjoining apartments.

All furniture and possessions of the Hicks family, amounting to more than \$2,000, were destroyed in the tragedy. Only recently had they completed payments for the furniture.

With help from the Red Cross who contributed a \$150 emergency clothing order, the Cameo club who took up a collection in the town, friends, neighbors and relatives in the community, Mr. and Mrs. Hicks have made a good recovery. They extend their sincere appreciation to the above groups and persons who donated aid, especially the Slovan firemen.

The family is now residing with Mr. Hicks' parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hicks of Slovan. The Red Cross has stated it will give assistance when the family is ready to go to housekeeping again, a part of its family rehabilitation service.

**Ellouise Hicks Dies in Slovan Fire  
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 7, 1955 Edition**

### **ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATED**

Kathy and Joseph Higginbotham and their daughter and son-in-law, Sheila and Tim Schultz, all of Paris, celebrated their mutual wedding anniversaries together this year. Kathy and Joe were married 24 years on Sept. 23, and Sheila and Tim observed their first wedding anniversary that same day. In honor of the occasion, Kathy and Joe's other daughter, Lynn, took the two couples, accompanied by Sheila and Tim's baby, Joseph Alan, to dinner at Dingbat's Restaurant, which is located at Parkway West, Route 60. They found the new restaurant to be different and interesting with its antique decor. It also has an enclosed glass porch and open-air tables where guests may eat.

**Kathy and Joseph Higginbotham  
Sheila and Joseph Schultz  
Celebrate Anniversaries  
Burgettstown Enterprise-October 16, 1985 Edition**



# COMRADES IN SPORTS PAY TRIBUTE TO HILL



The people of Burgettstown paused and stood in silent reverence late yesterday as the final rites over the body of Edwin Hill, noted football player of New York University who was shot to death in a college prank, were enacted. Scenes at the funeral are pictured above.

At the top, the funeral procession leaving the Hill residence is shown. Behind the casket may be seen the saddened parents and two young step-brothers.

At the lower left is a group of sorrowing university chums. They are left to right, Beryl Follett, Herman La Mark, Victor La Mark, and Leonard Grant. Grant is the captain-elect of the N. Y. U. varsity. James Hughes, president of Bellefonte Academy, where Hill got his early football training, and "Chick" Meehan, N. Y. U. coach, are pictured, left to right, at the lower right.



By WILLIAM G. LITTLE, Jr.  
**M**EN WHO had been comrades of Edwin Hill in many a hard-fought football game gathered beside his grave yesterday at Burgettstown, Pa., to pay their last respects to the New York University football star, who was accidentally killed in New York in a friendly scuffle with a policeman.

Great figures in the world of sports sat in the pews of the old-fashioned brick Presbyterian Church and heard the Rev. Richard Sutton pay tribute to the character of the dead athlete.

Chick Meehan, New York University's famous coach; Albert B. Nixon, graduate manager of athletics at New York; Leonard Grant, new captain of the team

on which Hill won fame; Beryl Follett, Hill's roommate and a halfback on the team; Herman LaMark, of Coraopolis, captain of the freshmen team at New York, and a former teammate of Hill at Bellefonte Academy, were among those at the funeral.

**J**AMES HUGHES, president of Bellefonte; "Bill" Amos, famous Washington & Jefferson star; "Bill" Theurer, graduate manager of Washington & Jefferson; and "Jimmy" Rooney, noted University of Pittsburgh halfback, were among those in attendance at the funeral. Rooney played with Hill at Bellefonte.

The final setting for the life drama of Edwin Hill was in marked contrast to the scenes in which he won fame. In place of the bleak and muddy back-ground of some October football field, there was the pleasant countryside, turning green beneath the spring sunshine.

Instead of the harsh roar of the crowd, cheering the name of HILL, there was a hushed silence, broken now and then by the sound of some one crying.

**H**ILL'S EXPLOITS on the gridiron and his engaging personality had made him the hero of the country town of Burgettstown. His funeral was a community affair. Schools closed to do him honor, hundreds of persons filled the church, and scores of automobiles joined the funeral procession to Fairview Cemetery.

The dead football star was a member of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity and members of the University of Pittsburgh chapter of that fraternity added their ritual to the church service. Kenneth Fisher is president of the chapter.

Miss Mary Thome, who had taught Hill in Burgettstown High School, and Mrs. Willa Biddle, sang at the funeral.

Hill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hill, and his two step-brothers, Lynn Hill, aged 13, and Ralph Hill, aged 11, followed the casket from the family home in Main st., Burgettstown.

**S**IX YOUNG men who had played football with the star on the Burgettstown High school team were pallbearers. They were Dan Ferguson, Al Martin, Carl Bole, Arthur Richey, Frank Ivery, and Robert Hamilton. Hill's

friends from New York University were honorary pallbearers.

Standing on the porch of the Hill residence, waiting for the services to begin, Hill's friends spoke in low voices of his prowess on the football field, of his high academic standing, and of his character as a splendid gentleman. Hill was a junior and was aged 25, when an accidental bullet cut short his life.

Rev. Sutton told relatives and friends in his sermon that Hill had gone on to join the forces of "the Great Captain who never lost a game."

## Edwin E. Hill

February 1, 1904-May 7, 1929

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette-Comrades in Sports Pay Tribute to Hill



## Play Fatal



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Despite Green's protest, Hill seized the club. Green said he sought to recover the club and that Hill, laughing at his protest, reached around with his free hand and jerked the policeman's revolver from its holster.

Green caught the hand with which Hill grasped the gun, but the sturdy football star held tight to the weapon and the two grappled.

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# EDDIE HILL, GRID HERO AT N. Y. U., KILLED BY SHOT

**Burgettstown Athlete Meets  
Tragic Death in New York  
While Scuffling with Officer  
for a Weapon.**

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**WAS A POPULAR STUDENT**

(By Associated Press)

New York, May 8.—Edwin Hill, star halfback of New York University's great football team of last fall, was shot and killed last night in a playful struggle for a policeman's revolver.

The shooting occurred outside a police booth near the college campus, a favorite congregating place for the students. The policeman, Joseph Green, was absolved of criminal blame by District Attorney John E.

McGeenan of Bronx county, but was suspended from duty.

Green said Hill and John Bunyan, a former N. Y. U. guard, had stopped at the booth to talk to him when Hill spied two girls strolling down the street and asked the policeman for his nightstick "to chase them away."

The policeman refused and a friendly struggle started. During the struggle, Green said, Hill grabbed his service revolver from its holster and when he attempted to regain it the weapon discharged. The bullet pierced Hill's left breast, killing him instantly.

Bunyan corroborated the policeman's story. Hill was hurried to Fordham hospital, but was pronounced dead upon arrival.

News of the fatal accident caused great shock among the university students, who looked upon Hill as a campus hero. He was generally expected to succeed Ken Strong as star of the school's eleven. Chick Meehan, head coach, declared Hill was a great player, a great sportsman and a gentleman.

Hill was 24 years old and junior at the University School of Commerce. He came to New York University on an athletic scholarship and also worked for the school, caring for the tennis courts.

Burgettstown, May 8.—Edwin Hill, a Junior in New York University and one of the brightest stars in the football firmament, who was fatally shot in New York City last night during what is termed a "friendly scuffle" with a policeman for possession of the officer's weapon, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hill, of Burgettstown, and one of the best known young men in this district.

Mr. Hill attended Burgettstown High school for two years where he made an enviable record as a star in all branches of athletics. He was here during 1920 and 1921 and then for two years attended the high school at Massillon, Ohio, where again he was a star, particularly in football.

**Edwin E. Hill**

**February 1, 1904-May 7, 1929**

**In Memory of Hill.**

**T**HE TRAGIC death of Ed Hill, Burgettstown lad, and New York University football star, who was killed when a policeman's revolver was accidentally discharged during a friendly scuffle in New York city, made a tremendous impression upon the Western Pennsylvania friends of the popular young athlete.

ONE OF them, John Stansbury Cramer, of Burgettstown, expressed his sorrow and grief in the following lines:

IT IS NOT you, this dark unmoving thing  
That is so like you—who used to  
run and leap  
And shout and sing—  
So lifeless and asleep;  
I never saw you quite so still,  
It can't be you—"Dutch" Hill.

I WILL NOT look upon it lest  
your grace  
Lose in this quiet something of its  
power,  
I will remember you another place,  
I will think of you in a happier  
hour;  
I will recall you fleet-winged as  
a bird,  
And shall recall the freedom of  
your soul,  
I shall remember you, "Dutch,"  
rounding third  
Or plunging gamely o'er the  
chalk-lined goal.

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**Edwin E. Hill**  
**February 1, 1904-May 7, 1929**

# HILL'S DEATH CASTS GLOOM OVER N. Y. U.

Students Mourn Athlete Shot  
Accidentally in Prank in a  
Police Booth.

FLAGS ARE AT HALF STAFF

Policeman Green Faces Inquiry for  
Breaking Rules, but Is Absolved  
of Blame.

The students of New York University who had cheered Edwin (Cowboy) Hill on the football field honored him in death yesterday. His body was returned to Burgettstown, Pa., last night for burial.

Meanwhile Patrolman Joseph Green, whose pistol discharged the bullet that killed the student in a police booth at University Avenue and 181st Street Tuesday night was absolved of any suspicion of criminal intent by four agencies which investigated the case. Deputy Police Commissioner Felix A. Muldoon, who suspended Green from duty after the fatal shooting, announced, however, that the patrolman, who was attached to the Highbridge station, would have to stand trial before him for "allowing civilians to enter his booth" and for "failing to safeguard his revolver properly."

Out of respect to Hill's memory, the baseball game scheduled for today at Ohio Field between N. Y. U. and Boston College has been canceled. It was announced by Albert E. Nixon, graduate manager of athletics. The flags on university buildings, already at half-staff for the late John A. Mandel, professor of chemistry, will remain so for several days longer in memory of Hill.

Hill's body, which left Pennsylvania Station at 9:30 last night was accompanied by John F. (Chick) Meehan, coach of the football team; Leonard Grant, captain-elect of next season's varsity; Herman La Mark, a fellow-student and former teammate of Hill's at Bellefonte Academy, Bellefonte, Pa., and Mr. Nixon.

A statement issued by university authorities said:

"It was a well-known fact that the student was a good friend of Patrolman Green, whose pistol was responsible for the fatal shot in what apparently was a moment of joking and playing."

In that view the university officials were in accord with District Attorney John E. McGeehan, of the Bronx; Dr. K. Sellars Kennard, Chief Medical Examiner of the Bronx, and Deputy Commissioner Muldoon.

An autopsy performed by Dr. Canard revealed that the shot which killed Hill was fired from at least twelve inches above the football player's right shoulder. The bullet entered Hill's right side, and passed downward through the heart and left lung to lodge in the muscular tissue of the back. The shot must have been fired accidentally, Dr. Canard declared.

Mr. McGeehan reached the same conclusion after questioning Patrolman Green and John Bunyan, a friend of Hill's who witnessed the shooting. At the conclusion of their examination, the District Attorney said his inquiry was closed.

**Edwin Hill**

New York Times-May 9, 1929 Edition



## **Lynn Hill Coached**

### **Team Has 9 - 0 Mark**

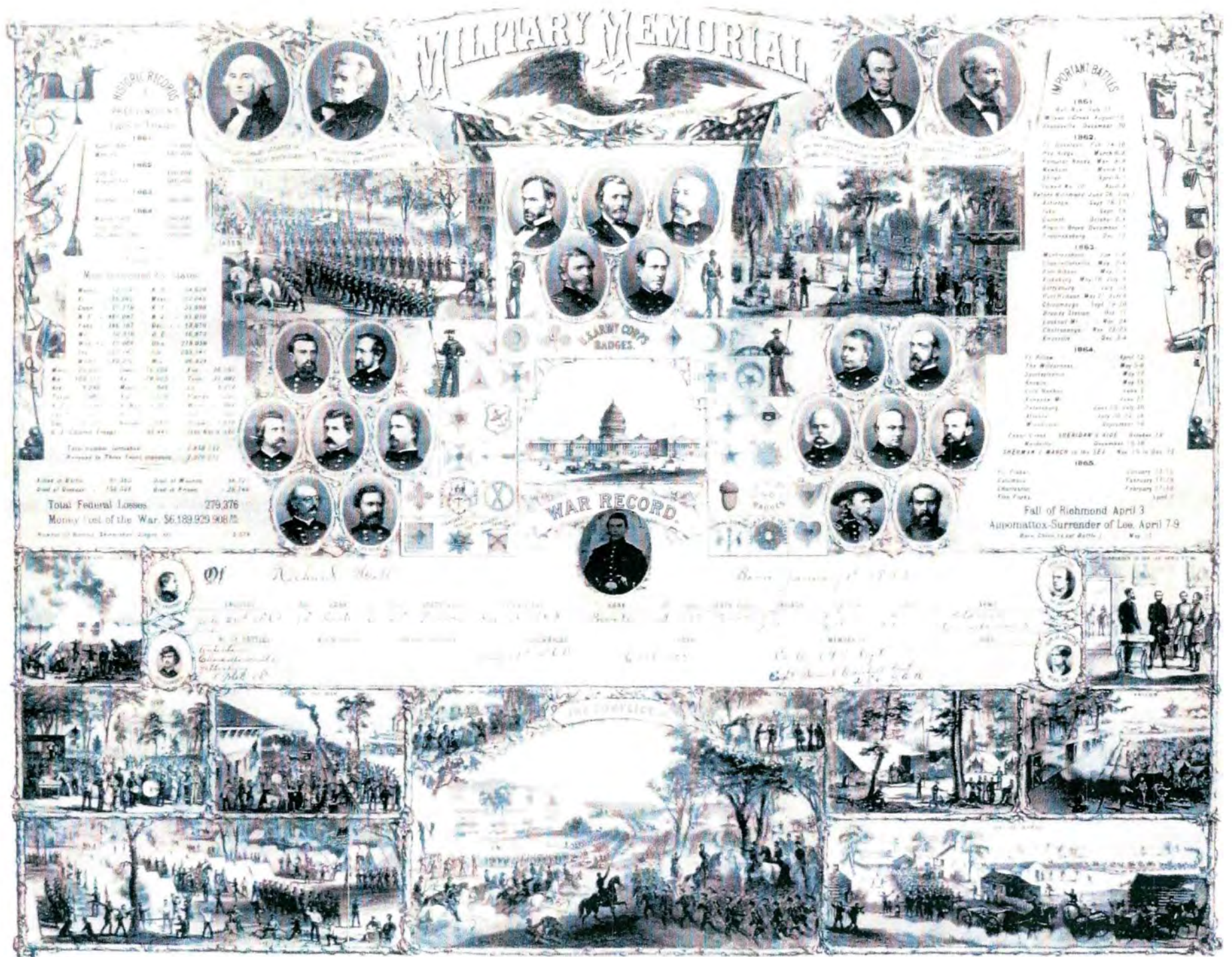
The Beaver Falls High School gymnastics team, coached by Lynn F. Hill, Jr., a Burgettstown native, has finished its season undefeated in seven meets.

The team defeated New Castle, Blackhawk, Beaver, Hopewell, Butler, Union, Shenango, Rochester and Ellwood City while posting the perfect record and emerging as Section 5 champions.

Hill holds degrees from Slippery Rock College and Pennsylvania State University.

**Lynn Hill Coached Team has 9-0 Mark  
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 5, 1975 Edition**





**Richard Hill**  
 Civil War Veteran of 18 Battles including Antietam, Chancellorsville, and Gettysburg Battles



## COUNCIL MEETS

A resolution commending James F. Hillman for his gift of the Community Park was passed by the members of the Burgettstown Borough Council at a meeting on Monday, August 6.

Business concerning the borough maintaining a road built this summer by R. W. Simpson and J. F. Craig was referred to a committee for further discussion. The road would accommodate future residents who will build on or near the lots recently purchased by Craig and Simpson at the rear of the Edwin McFarland property. Running parallel to Center Avenue the 20 foot road extends from Tope to Elm street and will eliminate the necessity of using Elm street in winter as a means of getting to the houses at the top of the hill.

Council will also investigate the ownership of an alley at the rear of Pompe's restaurant, the matter having been brought to their notice by Fred Vietmier of South Burgettstown.

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## Council Meets

***Resolution Commending James F. Hillman***  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-August 9, 1945 Edition**



## Coal Company President Honored by Burgettstown



Reporter Photo

**HONORED AT BURGETTSTOWN** — Residents of the Burgettstown area paid tribute to James F. Hillman, president of Harmon Creek Coal Company, during a picnic at Burgettstown Community Park Sunday. A monument was unveiled in honor of Hillman, which reads: "In recognition of his devoted interest to the welfare and improvement of the community, Burgettstown area cit-

izens honor James F. Hillman, August 19, 1962." Pictured at the memorial, left to right, are: Arthur Florio, president of Smith Township supervisors; Austin Studa, mayor of Burgettstown; Eugene Vosburg, general chairman; Mr. Hillman; Walter Robertson, mine superintendent; and Ed Sciamanna, president of the Community Park Association.

**Coal Company President Honored by Burgettstown**  
**Washington Reporter-August 20, 1962 Edition**



LOCAL MAN IS WINNER  
IN DEBATE AT COLLEGE

A. N. Hindman on Winning Side of  
W. & J. Oratorical Contest

Debating the question, "Resolved, All States Should Adopt a Policy of Compulsory Unemployment Insurance," Washington and Jefferson College's affirmative team on Tuesday night won an audience decision over the University of Cincinnati team in the college chapel.

Saul Lipman and Audley N. Hindman represented W. & J. and Oscar L. Fleckner and Paul Friedman composed the visiting team. Hindman spoke first, with Fleckner following

Friedman cross-examined Hindman the Oregon system being used. Lipman cross-examined Fleckner, with Friedman following with a summary. Lipman then summarized W. & J.'s arguments.

Lipman was strong in his cross-examination, holding the close attention of the audience. The fact that 21 countries now have compulsory unemployment insurance in effect, England and Germany being foremost was presented by the W. & J. debaters. That it is socially and economically sound and practical were points named by the winners in their favor.

Dean E. M. Weyer, of Washington and Jefferson, presided. A return debate with Cincinnati will be held in Cincinnati March 13th.

Mr. Hindman is the son of Dr. and Mrs. A. O. Hindman of Main street, Burgettstown. He is a Junior at W. & J. College.

**A.N. Hindman is Winner in Debate at W. & J. College  
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 26, 1931 Edition**



Home of Dr. A.O. Hindman and family



January 11, 1940 members of the American Legion voted unanimously to purchase the Hindman property for a permanent home for the organization. \$20,000 was needed to pay for the home, to remodel, and to furnish the property.

Burgettstown Enterprise-January 11, 1945 Edition

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*





#### **DR. A. O. HINDMAN**

Dr. Audley O. Hindman began his medical practice in Cross Creek in 1899 but moved to Burgettstown in 1915 where he was to continue as a physician for a total of 64 years.

Dr. Hindman was married to the former Ada Newcomer and was the father of three children: Helen, Audley and Lloyd. He and his family moved in 1915 to the residence now the Legion Home on Main Street. Afterward a fourth child, Hettie Ruth, was born.

Dr. Hindman served people night and day during the terrible flu epidemic of 1918. He became accustomed to traveling country roads on horseback and answering calls at almost any hour.

He served as school director at the time of the building of Union High School. He was a member of the Fair Board, an ardent supporter of the Chautauqua series that flourished in Burgettstown as well in many other communities in the Twenties. He was local Burgess retiring in 1945. He was president of the Howe Oil and Prospect Oil and Gas Companies and the Burgettstown Realty Company which developed the Hindman Avenue area of Burgettstown. As a "Jefferson Democrat" he served in the Pennsylvania State Legislature for three terms, 1935, 1937 and 1939. He was on the staff of Washington Hospital, a charter member of Phi Beta Phi Medical Fraternity, the American Medical Association and a past president of the Washington County Medical Association.

He was guest of honor at a celebration in 1957 at Burgettstown Community Park and also at a luncheon Thursday, July 21, 1950, at the Somerset Country Club, when he completed 50 years of service as a physician.

Dr. Hindman died August 23, 1965. He was survived by a daughter, Mrs. Helen Clark, of Washington, and a son, Rev. Lloyd Hindman, of Denton, Texas.

## HINDMAN TAKES LEAD IN ELECTION CONTEST

Local Representative in Assembly  
Leads Field of Democrats  
for Nomination

Dr. A. O. Hindman of Burgettstown, who is completing his first term as a member of the State Legislature, led the large field of candidates for re-nomination at the recent primaries. Unofficial figures made public showed six of the 11 candidates with the following votes, two precincts still being lacking: Hindman, 2,343; Marino, 2,330; Douglas, 2,166; Brown, 1,774; Polen, 1,624; Easterbrook, 1,441. J. E. Brown of Hickory, who has served two terms in the Assembly, was looked upon as an almost certain winner, but failed to make the grade by long odds.

The principal contest among the leaders of the Democratic party was for the county chairmanship. County Commissioner Earl B. Amos defeated R. R. Chapman of Mt. Pleasant township by between 200 and 300 votes. In Burgettstown Commissioner Amos had a majority of 18 votes, indicating that considerable effort had been made in behalf of Mr. Chapman. Some talk of a recount in the case was heard, but it appears everybody is satisfied with the result.

Col. Charles I. Faddis, incumbent Congressman, lost Greene county to Morgan Henderson, but carried Washington county by sufficient majority to assure his re-nomination. He carried Burgettstown by 58 votes, but as neither the Congressman nor his opponent had been seen in the borough during the campaign it is difficult to estimate what will be done in the fight for Congress in the November election.

Burgettstown now has two candidates for the State Legislature to come before the voters in November—Dr. Hindman, Democrat, and Wayne M. Culley, Republican. It will be possible for members of both parties to vote for a "home town" candidate without infringing upon party lines.



## HOME TOWN WINS IN BIG LANDSLIDE

Dr. Hindman First Local Citizen to  
be Elected to State Office  
in Many Years

At the time the Enterprise goes to press this morning it is of course too early for any official figures from the election held by the Democrats yesterday. It is manifest, however, that in some remote parts of the nation the news of an impending election had leaked out and a few Republicans went to the polls.

Last reports indicated that even a greater landslide than that of the Roosevelt rush of two years ago had occurred. Nothing of value was saved from the havoc in the slaughter of a once proud and mighty political power. Even Pennsylvania, rock-ribbed in its adherence to the G. O. P., in the face of anything from ballot box stuffing to murder, appears to have elected a Democratic Governor and a Democratic United States Senator, which ends a reign of over 60 years by a leadership that many years ago strayed woefully afield from Republican principles and the rugged honesty of the founders of the party.

It is gratifying to this newspaper, first of all, to have to report the success at the polls of an esteemed townsman, Dr. A. O. Hindman, elected to the Legislature by a satisfactory majority which no amount of expert figuring, for which Washington county has been particularly notorious, will be able to efface. Another matter for gratification was the defeat of Senator Dave Reed. This newspaper has held for five years the fixed opinion that Hon. Dave was due for a smack in the pantaloons. Out at the millionaire club at Ligonier Dave yelled "thief" last night. That term has been quite familiar to him during his entire political life, but this was the first time he used it publicly. Stealing a few votes never troubled the gang he trained with.

**Dr. A. O. Hindman-Hometown Wins Big  
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 7, 1940 Edition**



## ***Support the Home Town***

**An Editorial**

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The policy of this newspaper for fifty-six years has been to support all worthy home town enterprises and all worthy local citizens.

In line with this policy this newspaper has from time to time taken occasion to urge the election of home town candidates for county and state offices.

The support of the paper has been whole-heartedly given to all such candidates regardless of party affiliation, because the town deserves representation in the various councils of the county and state. Very rarely has Burgettstown been given any recognition in the matter of offices.

This town and community shares heavy burdens of taxation with other parts of the county and state, and should have some voice in the conduct of the affairs of county and state.

Dr. A. O. Hindman of Burgettstown is a candidate for the State Legislature. He has been a practicing physician in the community for many years. He is a good citizen and a good neighbor. He should have strong support both on his own account and as a local citizen.

Dr. Hindman is greatly interested in the affairs of the dairymen and laborers of the local section. He is well acquainted with the needs of the farmer and he is well equipped by education and broad experience to carry to Harrisburg an impressive demand for redress from some wrongs from which the local community is suffering.

Burgettstown citizens are urged to look to the interest of their town and community, regardless of political considerations, and a vote for Dr. Hindman in the last analysis is a vote for Burgettstown.

Vote for the home town!

**Support the Home Town-Editorial**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-October 31, 1934 Edition**

## **Dr. Hindman Begins 63 Years Of Practice**

Dr. Audley O. Hindman, veteran doctor in the area, observed the 62nd year of his medical practice September 1. Although he will be 86 on November 9, Dr. Hindman still goes to his office and sees patients in their homes. He is one of Pennsylvania's oldest practicing physicians.

A graduate of Hickory Academy and Ohio Northern University, he also studied medicine at the University of Pittsburgh, from which he was graduated in 1899. In November, 1906, he married Ada M. Newcomer while a resident of Cross Creek. After moving to Burgettstown, he was elected Burgess, and organized and headed the Burgettstown Realty Co. He also served three years in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Hindman were the parents of four children, two of whom are deceased. Mrs. Helen Clark lives with her parents at 17 Lincoln ave., while their son, the Rev. Lloyd S. Hindman is a missionary to Korea. He recently returned to this country with his family.

The Hindman's also have 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A sister of the doctor, Mrs. Nettie Denlinger, lives in Cross Creek.

**Dr. Audley Oliver Hindman  
Begins 63 years of Practice  
Burgettstown Enterprise-1961**



# Lloyd Hindman's Story Of A Chaplain In The Pacific War Zone

Marine Barracks, Quantico, Va., Feb. 22: "Every Day is a day of Thanksgiving out there," said Lieutenant Commander Lloyd S. Hindman (ChC), USN. of Burgettstown, relating some of his recent experiences in the South Pacific, where for 11 months he served as Chaplain aboard a ship which composed part of a task force operating around the Solomons area.

"Men of Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish faith attended divine services regularly and in great numbers. In the long hours of waiting, which I believe is sometimes harder on the men than the actual battle, it was their greatest desire to contact spiritual resources."

The USS Denver (light cruiser) to which Lieutenant Commander Hindman was attached left the United States as a part of the task force, after a satisfactory "shake down cruise" in 1943. Only three weeks later, on March 6, the crew saw action at Kula Gulf, when enemy surface craft attacked the force.

During the bombardment Chaplain Hindman conducted services in which he invoked God's blessing on the mission. He chose his text from Ephesians 6: "Finally, my brethren be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the devil."

After a brief prayer, he concluded: "You have attended unto the things of the spirit. Now attend to your guns. Keep your aim straight, your powder dry, and your guns hot." The men were at General Quarters during the service.

Although the DENVER participated in a number of engagements in the Solomons area, it suffered no damage until the Battle of Empress Augusta Bay when the task force, out-gunned, but never outfought, handed the Imperial Japanese Navy one of the soundest thrashings they had yet received. The three hour running sea battle, at that time the wars longest, was carried to a brilliant conclusion off Bougainville by Rear Admiral "Tip" Merrill, who matched six-inch guns against eight-inchers and won.

The epic-making battle at Bougainville, where combined forces of the Navy and Marines took the eight-mile beach-head in less than three days, started on the night of October 31, 1943, with two major shore bombardments.

The following morning at day-break, air attacks were directed at the task force and a fierce sea and air battle was waged.

Enemy shells did little damage. One 8 inch shell, which tore through the outer skin of the Denver below the water line, left a large hole and crippled the ship. The shell missed only by inches one of the crew, a carpenter's mate. A solemn eyed Chinese boy who witnessed the narrow escape remarked, "By gollee, angels certainly on yardarm."

His remark voiced the faith of the crew.

The following week the carpenter's mate presented to Chaplain Hindman a wooden cross hewn from the hardwood of the tropics which he had made for the altar.

After the Battle of Empress Augusta Bay, the light cruiser was towed to a port for repair. "During the eleven months we were in a combat zone in the South Pacific, our men did not see a liberty port. When they returned to the States, they conducted themselves like men of character. I think their mothers would like to know that," he added.

Chaplain Hindman recently toured the Sixth Naval District to speak before local ministers on the need for chaplains in the Navy. He emphasized the fact

that the naval forces now are in need of 600 "Sky Pilots."

Chaplain Hindman pointed out that the primary duty of a Chaplain in the Navy is religious ministry. "You may conduct services under adverse conditions; amid the noise of a U. S. Navy Yard, or at sea in safe or enemy waters but this does not detract from their solemnity or the appeal of religion to the men. A chaplain aboard ship has a variety of duties other than his primary one of conducting formal religious services. He ministers to the wounded, conducts final rites for those who are killed, and acts as the commanding officer's right hand man on boosting the morale of his men."

Chaplain Hindman supervised the ship's library, corresponding with relatives of personnel aboard, and assisted with the education and Athletic activities. Like other Navy Chaplains he frequently conducted services aboard other vessels of the task force.

Chaplain Hindman recalled one instance in the dead of night when the ship was quiet and tense with expectation and his telephone rang. It was the Commanding Officer's orderly, requesting the Chaplain to say a prayer over the public address system for all hands. This he did immediately. There was not a man aboard who did not listen with reverent attention.

Commenting on the general impression that men out in the battle area are more religious than those safely behind in the States, Lieutenant Commander Hindman said, "It's not the fear of death that makes Navy men religious. On a ship many of them have their first chance to learn the real meaning of religion and worship. When you live with your minister, work with him, eat with him and include him in your natural and a matter of course."

Although reluctant to tell of his own contacts and experiences, Chaplain Hindman could not praise too highly the spirit and fortitude of the men with whom he worked.

He is a native of Burgettstown, where his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Audley O. Hindman, reside at 50 Main street. He attended Washington and Jefferson College and later, the Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J. For two and one-half years before he enlisted in the United States Navy, he was pastor at the Manokin Presbyterian Church in Princess Anne, Maryland.

Just prior to his tour of duty overseas, Lieutenant Commander Hindman was stationed at the Naval Operating Base at Norfolk, Va., and the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, Fla.

After 15 months at sea he reported to the Chaplain's School, William and Mary College, at historic Williamsburg, Virginia, as a member of the faculty.

In June 1944, Lieutenant Hindman was ordered to Marine Barracks, Quantico, Va, where he now serves.

His wife, the former Bertha Wigman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Wigman of Washington, and two children, Carolyn, 4, and Lloyd Jr., 2, are making their home at this post.

The young Chaplain has great confidence and faith in the American men who are winning this war. "They are a great outfit, these sons of Americans," he stated emphatically. "They fight for God and Country; and they plan to return to their country, which they expect to be Godly also."

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#### HINDMAN-FINEGAN NUPTIALS

Relatives here have received word of the marriage of Dr. Audley N. Hindman and Miss Margaret Elizabeth Finegan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James N. Finegan of 2005 Belmont Road, N.W., Washington, D.C., at Fredericksburg, Virginia on May 28.

The bride is a graduate of the Academy of the Holy Cross and Dumbarton College, Washington. She has been employed in Defense work in Washington. Dr. Hindman; until recent months, was associated with his father, Dr. T.A.N. Hindman in the practice of medicine. He is well known in the Community and is a graduate of Union high school, Washington and Jefferson college and the Medical School of the University of Pittsburgh. He is serving as a First Lieutenant in the Medical Corps of the United States Army at Camp Pendleton, Va. After September 1st, Dr. and Mrs. Hindman will reside at Virginia Beach.

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

The 44th Wedding Anniversary of a Well Known Bridgewater Couple Celebrated.

On the 10th day of February, 1848, John Hineman and Mary Hartford, as happy a young couple as ever grew up in the thrifty Scotch-Irish settlement on the south side of the Ohio river, this county, were united in marriage.

Of the details of the happy event, but few at this late date can be given. It is known, however, that the affair was the occasion of quite a large gathering of the friends of the popular young couple, and that the wedding party did not travel in Pullman palace cars, electric cars or easy rolling carriages, but on horseback, and it is safe to add that few of the brides of to-day are competent to cut the graceful figure, when seated on a spirited horse, that the bride of 44 years ago presented.

Mr. and Mrs. Hineman were each 22 years old when they were married, both were brave and full of energy, and started out to battle with life full of hope.

They settled in Venango county, Pa., where they purchased a farm and went to work. Their labors were quite successful, and fortune favored them abundantly. In 1865 they sold their farm at a handsome figure to oil speculators and moved to Brighton township, this county, where they purchased two adjoining farms from the Phillis Bros. This gave them a fine tract of land, composed of 317 acres.

Mr. Hineman took an active hand in the work upon this farm until 1886, when he retired and moved to Bridgewater, his oldest sons, Oliver and Madison, taking charge of the farm.

To-day the children of this couple, eight in number, together with their grand-children, celebrated the 44th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Hineman in a most pleasant manner. There were present 38 persons, as follows:

Homer Stevenson and wife, Oliver Hineman and wife, Brighton township; W. J. Newingham and wife, Latrobe, Pa.; Mattison Hineman and wife, Brighton township; J. Weston Hum and wife, C. H. McCreedy, Bridgewater. With the couples were their children. There were also present, Misses Sue and Belle Hineman, unmarried daughters, and Chas. Hineman an unmarried son, and the grand children, John and Ellwood Collins, of Delaware and Jack Engle and wife, of Industry township.

The party gathered at the residence of C. H. McCreedy in Bridgewater and at noon proceeded in a body to Mr. Hineman's. The latter and his wife had been kept in total ignorance of the intended celebration and were taken entirely by surprise.

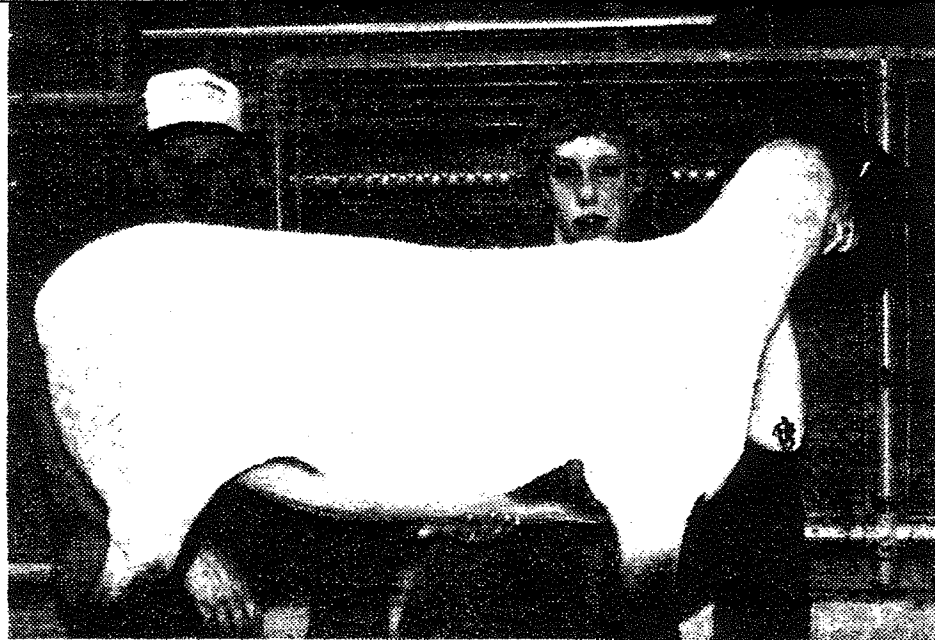
The dinner was a very elaborate affair and was served by Charles Walters, the well known baker. A roasted pig weighing 26 pounds and two stuffed turkeys with all manner additional table luxuries, composed the spread.

The presents could not have been more appropriate, being two elegant easy chairs.

Mr. Hineman has voted the Democratic ticket steadily ever since arriving at his majority, and his sons have followed in his footsteps. More strange than this, however, is the fact that his son-in-laws are all Democrats.

The gathering to-day was a most happy family reunion, and will long be remembered as a pleasant event in the lives of all participants.

**John Hineman and Mary Hartford Hineman Celebrate 44<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Wedding Date-February 10, 1848**



**JOE HIXENBAUGH AND RACHAEL HIXENBAUGH, 16, exhibit their Grand Champion Suffolk Lamb at the State Farm Show in Harrisburg.**

## ***Hixenbaugh Family Keeps Busy Promoting Sheep Industry In Area***

Wool and sheep, spinning wheels and yarn, trophies and banners, plaques and pictures are a major part of the home of Joe and Kathy (Culley) Hixenbaugh of Beaver County.

They are a very busy family and January was especially so when they attended the 69th annual State Farm Show at Harrisburg.

Rachael, the Hixenbaughs' 16-year-old daughter, exhibited the Grand Champion Ram and Grand Champion Ewe of the Suffolk open show. The Justamere Suffolk flock was bred and raised by the family on the rented Young property near their home. Rachael also won Grand Champion Ewe of the Junior Breeding Show later in the week and placed second in her market lamb class.

In February the family attended a tri-county wool meeting at New Castle, where wool fleeces were judged. Wayne M. Hixenbaugh placed wool in every class to win a trophy and

money. Rachael was crowned Wool Queen of Beaver, Butler and Lawrence Counties by Peggy McCrumb, Pennsylvania Lamb and Wool Queen. Her summer will be spent travelling, the area promoting the sheep industry.

In 1982, Rachael's sister, Kathy Jo, was a Commodity Queen for the state of Pennsylvania and is now a junior at Edinboro University.

Joe and Kathy Hixenbaugh have been busy delivering new lambs and Kathy, daughter of Mrs. Wayne M. Culley of Florence Avenue, Burgettstown, has been busy dyeing and spinning wool for spring projects.



## Honored At Party



Mr. and Mrs. Natch Hoberek, of Francis Mine, were honored at the Bavington Grange Hall on February 20, at an anniversary party sponsored by their children. The occasion was the Hobereks' 43rd anniversary.

Approximately 98 guests were in attendance.

Clyde and Eleanor Wells, of Eldersville, were present with their band and dedicated an "anniversary waltz," written and set to music, and sung by themselves especially for the occasion. They sang many other songs including their latest records, "I'm Telling You" and "Bar Girl." Mrs. Wells is a niece of the Hobereks.

Andy and Viola Anderson, son-in-law and daughter of the Hobereks, of Alliance, Ohio, also played guitars and sang several songs.

Mrs. Anderson baked a cake for the occasion, which represented an open Bible. The honorees were presented with an electric clothes dryer by their children. They received many other gifts from friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoberek were married February 10, 1923, at Follansbee, West Virginia.

The couple have 13 children and one deceased, Natch Hoberek, Jr. All are married except two, Jean and David, at home. The Hobereks' sons are Stanley, Frank, John, Bill, Robert and Harry. Harry was unable to attend as he is in the service. The daughters' names are Mrs. Mary Roman, Mrs. Edna Maloney, Mrs. Viola Anderson, Mrs. Margaret Reed and Mrs. Stella Lyons. The honorees have 47 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

## Ray Hodge Home Near Cherry Valley Destroyed By Fire

Despite the efforts of two fire companies, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hodge purchased near Cherry Valley less than a year ago was totally destroyed by fire at 3:00 a.m., Monday, May 26. The fire is believed to have started in the basement, where an oil heater was used to warm up water. The fire rapidly spread through the entire structure and Burgettstown and Slovan Firemen who answered the alarm were unable to save the house or its contents. Household effects were destroyed except a breakfast set and a television set.

**Ray Hodge Home Destroyed by Fire**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-May 29, 1952 Edition**

## William Hogg To Be Honored For 30 - Years Service

William E. Hogg, line foreman for West Penn Power Company's Chartiers division at Burgettstown, achieves the 30-year employment milestone Saturday (June 29) and will be honored by the firm's Veterans Association.

Hogg, 505 West Lincoln Avenue, McDonald, began his West Penn career as a line crew groundman at Washington. Advancing to lineman in 1940, he progressed to the top classification of that job in 1944 and was promoted to subforeman in 1948. He was selected for special training in 1956 and assumed his present position one year later.

A member of Calvary United Presbyterian Church, McDonald, he is also a director of the Burgettstown Lions club and has been affiliated with the Chartiers Masonic lodge and Scottish Rite of Pittsburgh.

**William Hogg to be Honored for 30 Years Service  
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 26, 1968 Edition**



### **SUITS ENTERED FOR \$80,000 IN CROSSING DEATHS**

Four suits to recover damages aggregating \$80,000 for the death of Robert and Roscoe N. Holland, killed when their automobile was struck by a train at Main Street crossing, here have been filed against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. All four suits were filed by Viola M. Holland.

As the widow of Roscoe N. Holland, 59, she asks for \$20,000 and as administratrix of his estate she seeks \$15,000. As the surviving parent of Robert Holland, 23, she brought suit to recover \$20,000 and as administratrix of his estate she seeks \$25,000.

The accident occurred December 27, 1943 at the Penna. Station crossing. The statement of claim sets forth that as the automobile driven by Robert Holland, with Roscoe Holland, his father, as a passenger, was crossing the tracks at this point it was struck by a train. Both occupants were killed.

It is alleged that obstructions on the station platform near the track obstructed the view of the approaching train. It is also charged that the defendant company failed to give any warning of the approaching train.

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## Golden Anniversary For D. L. Hooks



Mr. and Mrs. D.L. Hook, Center avenue, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary, Sunday, July 12, with open house at the Community Center, near Knox, Clarion County. Approximately 120 friends and relatives attended.

Mrs. Hook is the former Ada Altman, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Altman, Beaver County. Mr. Hook was born near Sygo, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Hook were married July 16, 1914, in the Altman home, Beaver County, and lived in the Burgettstown area the past thirty years. Mr. Hook is retired after 30 years service with the W.T. Rawleigh Company. Both are members of the

Westminster Presbyterian Church.

They are the parents of three sons, Ray, of Pittsburgh; Albert, Burgettstown; and Virgil, Indianapolis, Indiana; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A family dinner was held at Heck's Restaurant, Columbiana, Ohio, followed by a party at the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hook and daughter, of Florence avenue.

Among those attending were the honoree's three sons, the first time in five years they were together.

Many lovely cards and gifts were received by the couple.

**Golden Anniversary for D. L. Hook**  
**The Burgettstown Enterprise-August 5, 1964 Edition**



# THUGS ATTACK FAMILY TO MAKE MONEY GRAB

Members of Horovitz Family Beaten  
and Robbed in Their Home in  
South Burgettstown

One of the boldest robberies ever perpetrated in Burgettstown was recorded on Thursday evening of last week when two masked bandits entered the home of Adolph Horovitz, 321 Main street, South Burgettstown, and after beating Mr. Horovitz and members of the household, robbed Mr. Horovitz of between \$300 and \$400 in money.

According to the police report, the two bandits entered the kitchen of the Horovitz home through a rear door, shortly after 8 o'clock in the evening. Florence Horovitz, a daughter, was in the kitchen at the time, while the parents were in the upper part of the house and a son, Harold, was in a room adjoining the kitchen. Frightened by the intruders, the young woman screamed, and Mr. Horovitz and Harold hastily ran to the kitchen.

They were met with revolvers thrust in their faces and a demand that Mr. Horovitz produce the money he had carried home from his store at Slovan. When the demand was not promptly complied with Mr. Horovitz was struck over the head with a gun, and Harold was kicked in the stomach by one of the thugs. Mr. Horovitz was forced to hand over the money he carried and the robbers beat a hasty retreat.

Mrs. Horovitz and daughter made their escape from the house and ran into the home of A. S. Fleming, near by, from where they summoned the police and a local physician.

Chief J. E. Dowden responded, and in a short time had called Constable John Kucera of Burgettstown, Constables Mike Robb and Andy Robb of Slovan, and two members of the State Police from the Washington barracks. The officers immediately began a careful search, and about midnight Constable Kucera arrested one of the bandits as he was about to force a motorist from his car near Bella's lunch room, with the presumed purpose of stealing the automobile.

This man was locked up and later identified as one of the robbers. The other made his escape through the Center avenue railroad yards. The man arrested gave a number of different names and claimed residence in various parts of the country. He was unknown in the local territory. Officers state he was an alcohol addict and had been drinking the fluid from canned heat. None of the money or any weapons were found upon his person.

**Thugs Attack Horovitz Family to Make Money Grab**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-November 17, 1932 Edition**



## Masters Degree For Helene Horovitz



Helene Horovitz, daughter of Mrs. Harold M. Horovitz, Slovan, received a Master's of Library Science from the University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences June 6.

Miss Horovitz received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Seton Hill College, Greensburg, in 1963, having chosen mathematics as a major and English as a related field.

At present, Miss Horovitz is a member of the faculty of Burgettstown Area Junior Senior High School, Department of Mathematics.

## Horstman Reunion

The descendants of Rachael and William Horstman held a family reunion at the Follansbee Community House with 55 members and guests attending.

The covered dish dinner was served by members of the Bedortha families.

Mildred Horstman, president, conducted the business meeting. Mrs. William Bedortha gave devotions and prayer.

A letter was read from Lenora George, of Phoenix, Arizona. Aileen Cameron gave the secretary and treasurer's report.

A memorial service was held for the late Edwin Horstman.

Prizes were awarded to Joann Campbell and Joan

Bell Anonick for traveling the longest distances.

Those attending the reunion, were: Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Cameron and family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bedortha, Mr. and Mrs. James Bedortha, and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Horstman and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter George and family, all of Weirton, West Virginia. Mrs. Ed Horstman and Betty and Mildred Horstman, of Moundsville; and Mr. and Mrs. Art Meyer, of Pittsburgh.

Also, Mrs. Alex Anonick and children, of Taylor, Michigan; Mr. and Mrs. Ira Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Ray

Carson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Carson and children, all of Bridgeville; Mr. and Mrs. William H. Horstman and Dick Horstman, of Paris; Mr. and Mrs. William Bedortha and children, of Willowick, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. William Campbell and children, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Ethel Russell, of Houston; and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Horstman, of Canton, Ohio.

Guests were Roberta Beatty, of Weirton, West Virginia; Beth Ann Owen, of Cleveland, Ohio; and Jerry Land and Denese Ewig, of Bridgeville.

The Walter George families will be in charge of next year's reunion.



## F. E. Howe Is Now Vice-President Of Central Airlines



F. E. (Pete) Howe, formerly of Burgettstown, has been appointed vice president and treasurer of Central Airlines, Inc., a scheduled airline with headquarters in Ft. Worth, Texas. He resigned March 1 from Hawthorne School of Aeronautics, Moultrie, Ga., where he had served as business manager since April, 1951, in order to assume his new position.

Howe attended Monmouth College, Monmouth, Ill., majoring in economics and education. One of his first positions was as corporation tax accountant for the Pennsylvania State Revenue Department. He also worked as a traveling auditor for the Singer Sewing Machine Co., with headquarters in Pittsburgh, and as an accountant with the Hanna Coal Co., in Ohio.

He became associated with National Airlines in 1943, assigned first to Jacksonville, then Miami, Fla. In 1946 he was named assistant secretary-treasurer of the firm and at the time was believed to be the youngest corporate officer in the scheduled airline industry.

He left National early in 1951 to join Hawthorne, which had just been awarded a contract to operate a primary flying school for the Air Force. He was instrumental in building the organization to its present personnel strength of more than 700 employees.

An avid sports enthusiast, Howe earned varsity letters in four major sports during his college career. He later became active in semi-professional baseball, playing with clubs in Pittsburgh and Harrisburg, Pa., and Jacksonville, and Miami, Fla. In 1951 he played ball with the Moultrie To-Baks, a professional club in Moultrie, Ga.

Howe is married and has three children, Kaye, 14, Gayle, 12, and Mike, 5. His wife is the former Ruth Nelson, of Princeton, Ill.

**F.E. (Pete) Howe is Now Vice-President of Central Airlines  
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 5, 1953 Edition**



## Another Promotion For Ferd Howe, Jr.



Fort Worth, Texas—(Special to the Enterprise)—Members of the Central Airlines Executive Committee recently named Vice President F. E. Howe as Executive Vice President, and Operations Manager, John L. Blackwell as Vice President of Operations. Howe is a former resident of Burgettstown.

In a separate move, Central officials named D. S. Vaughn as Director of Maintenance, it was announced by Keith Kahle, Central's President.

Howe, who came to Central Airlines as Vice President and Treasurer in March 1953, from the Hawthorne School of Aeronautics at Spence Air Force Base, Moultrie, Georgia, was named to Central's Board of Directors last October. Along with his new position, his duties as company Treasurer continue.

Blackwell, who started with Central Airlines as a dispatcher in 1949, later became Assistant-Operations Manager and last September was named Operations Manager.

Vaughn was formerly Superintendent of Maintenance for West Coast Airlines in California.

President Kahle, in announcing Howe's appointment said, "It gives me a great deal of pleasure to announce the appointment of Howe as Executive Vice President, inasmuch as he is one of Central's key men."

In commenting on Blackwell's appointment to the Vice President position, he said, "It is fitting that Blackwell be named to this office. He has been one of the mainstays behind Central Airlines since our inception in 1949, and has steadily advanced."

"We are confident that our new Superintendent of Maintenance, Dave Vaughn, will be a valuable addition to the Central "Ball Club". He has proven himself elsewhere in the industry and I know he will here also," Kahle continued.

F.E. Howe, Named Executive Vice President and Operations Manager  
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 8, 1954 Edition

In June we heard that F. E. (Pete) Howe, a former Burgettstown resident living in Salade, Texas, was to be honored at a buffet dinner and "roast" for his 40 years in the aviation industry. A letter was received from Pete this week which told how overwhelmed he was by the event, which was a complete surprise to him. He went to the Galleria Ballroom at the Sheraton Grand Hotel, in Dallas, thinking he was going to a retirement party for an Air Canada friend. Instead, the ballroom was filled with over 200 of his friends and employees, past and present. Those attending came from all over the country and industry. And, wrote Pete, "If I were to believe all that was said, my head would be so big it would be disgusting!" One of the things which surprised and touched him most was a tape played for him that contained a message from his old friend, "Bodie" Nicksick, of Burgettstown.

Pete was presented with a portrait, an 18 K gold putter, numerous plaques, letters and other gifts.

"The whole gala they threw for me," Pete said, "was a very wonderful and humbling experience."

Our congratulations, Pete!

**F.E. (Pete) Howell**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-August 17, 1983 Edition**

# FARM DWELLING DESTROYED BY MIDNIGHT FIRE

## Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard, 2 Children Escape From St. Johns Road Home

WELLSBURG, W. Va., Jan. 3.—Fire which broke out at 11 p. m. Thursday, destroyed the five-room frame dwelling occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Hubbard and their two children on St. Johns road on the old Pettibon farm. Nearly all the furniture and clothes of the family were destroyed.

Wellsburg, Follansbee and Hooverson Heights fire departments answered the alarm, but the flames had already enveloped the dwelling by the time of their arrival. The house is located about six miles from Wellsburg.

The fire started in the clothes closet on the second floor from sparks escaping from a defective chimney. The family had already gone to sleep but were aroused by the smoke pouring through the rooms. They fled from the house and summoned neighbors who assisted them in saving some of the furniture from the first floor.

### Aided By Neighbors

The Hubbards have obtained temporary lodging with neighbors of that district.

Firemen said that insurance was carried on the building, but none on the contents. The old structure was owned by E. E. Bower of Hooverson Heights. Firemen estimated damage to the house at over \$5,000 and to the contents at about \$1,000. The house was constructed years ago. Once the flames gained headway, they spread rapidly through the entire structure.

**Hubbard Family escape from St. John's Road Home  
Formerly the Pettibon farm  
Unknown Newspaper-January 1, 1947 Edition**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



You're Only As Young As You Feel

# "Homemaker" At 13, Local Woman Now Almost 92 Still "Loves To Go"

A local 91-year-old woman who baked the family bread at the age of 11, made her own clothes, was "homemaker" for her father and brother at the age of 13, and who later reared a family of seven children, still "loves to go."

She is Mrs. Jennie Tucker Hughes, who will be 92 on August 16.

During the summer lawn fete and picnic time the aged woman who resides at 306 West Maiden street, is on the move. She loves people and endowed with all her faculties except full use of her legs, she tries never to miss an invitation to meet with folks from Amwell Township and this area.

One of the striking characteristics of Mrs. Hughes is her alertness of mind and her nimble fingers. She spends many hours crocheting and making quilts and rugs. To read directions on how to crochet a particular design for a dolly or dresser scarf is too slow for her. She would rather study a sample and go on from there, many times improvising to obtain an original design.

The life of the woman who is almost a century old has not always been easy, nor filled with much leisure time. She was born in a farm near Banetown, Amwell Township, Aug. 16, 1862, a daughter of Isaac and Sarah Moore Tucker. Her mother died when she was 13.

A Washington family wanted to take her to rear but her father, a farmer who hired out to nearby farmers, asked her "Jennie, can you make do for us?" Her answer was in the affirmative and the 13-year-old girl began housekeeping for her brother, Joseph and the father.

One of her vivid recollections of the struggle to maintain a home for the family is the making of soft soap. It meant collecting wood ashes, placing them in a hopper lined with straw, and pouring water through the ashes repeatedly. This provided the lye needed. The lard for the soap followed a butchering session in which neighbors from all around helped. She also recalls the days of making hominy from yellow field corn, lye and water. Huge kettles were filled and placed on



Observer Photos

MRS. JENNIE HUGHES

fires which were kept going all day.

The lye water was poured off the corn repeatedly in the all-day process until the corn was finally free of hulls, soft and bleached.

Mrs. Hughes, who is the oldest member of the Amity Methodist Church, joined the church as a child and later met her husband-to-be there. In those early days she rode to church on horseback and in winter time went by horse-drawn sleigh. Her husband, the late Jimmy Hughes, operated a large general store in Amity.

When the young girl met Jim Hughes he was a widower with two children. She was 21 and he was 33. His son, George, resides in Arcadia, Calif. The daughter, Bertha, wife of Rev. Albert Steele is deceased.

She held her own as a young girl to rear and also gave birth to five children. They are Helen Thompson and Lena Dwyer, who are deceased; Lottie Mrs. of M. S. Cree, with whom H. Hughes resides here; Will and Hughes, of Ft. Myers, Fla., and Glenn Hughes, of Bealville.

In 1893 the family moved to Brownsville where Mr. Hughes was a wholesale grocery salesman. They lived in Fayette County until 1923 when they moved back to Amity. Mr. Hughes died in 1929.

Six years ago Mrs. Hughes fell

and fractured her leg and dislocated her shoulder. Unable to take an anesthetic of any kind she insisted that the late Dr. Dodd, of Amity, set it without any pain killer. The country doctor claimed later that it hurt him to do it as much as it did her.

Grandmother of 10 children and great-grandmother to 13, Mrs. Hughes believes the young people of today are the same as those of 50 years ago. "I believe the young ones should have their share of good times and fun . . . but, my, they should wear more clothes," she remarked.

No formal observance of her birthday is planned due to the serious illness of her son, William in Ft. Myers, Fla., who is in a hospital, but, to the lively, alert Mrs. Hughes, the anniversary will mean another year has passed and with her zest for living, she is looking forward to another year.

**Jennie Tucker Hughes**

#### **Yardmaster Transferred.**

On account of the depression caused by interruption to mining operations in the immediate territory, the position of yardmaster in the local Pennsylvania railroad yards has been temporarily abolished. B. L. Hughey, yardmaster, has been assigned to a similar position at Weirton Junction until industrial conditions at Burgettstown improve. Mr. Hughey will be able to reside here with his family during his employment at Weirton.



## Hughey Rounds Out Half A Century With P. R. R.

Friends are congratulating Blanchard L. Hughey this week upon his completion of more than half a century's service to the Pittsburgh-Lake Erie and Pennsylvania Railroads. Mr. Hughey made his last working trip as a conductor on the Burgettstown local of the Pennsy last Friday evening—his destination being home and retirement.

Officials of the railroad congregated at Union Station, Pittsburgh to give Mr. Hughey his final send-off. Each recognized him as a colleague whom they could honor and respect. J. W. Shumaker, superintendent of the railroad police, recalled the occasion when Mr. Hughey had turned in a bag containing \$5,940 which he had found on the train. "It's the same sort of integrity that went into making his fine family," Mr. Shumaker said.

Burgettstown friends of the Hugheys vouch for Mr. Shumaker's words. The ex-railroader and his wife have reared a family of five sons each of whom has been given a college education. Today all of the boys are married and are engaged in worthwhile professions. Charles, Edwin, William, and James are graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, Blanchard of Carnegie Tech. Blanchard is a civil engineer and Bill a Metallurgist with Carnegie Illinois, Edwin is a petroleum engineer with Standard Oil at Bayone, New Jersey. Charles and Jim are practising medicine in McDonald.

Mr. Hughey's wife, five sons, daughter-in-laws and eight grandchildren accompanied him on his trip home last Friday. A family dinner was held at the home on Dinsmore avenue.

Mr. Hughey first worked with the Pittsburgh-Lake Erie Railroad for 3 years but for 48 years he has served the Pennsylvania. He was yardmaster at Burgettstown for thirty years and has worked all the line's main roads.

He is a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Masonic Consistory in Pittsburgh. For 45 years he has belonged to the Order of Railroad Conductors. The Hughey's have been faithful members and attenders of the First Presbyterian Church.

**Hughey Rounds out Half a Century with P.R.R.  
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 3, 1948 Edition**



## HUGHEYS CELEBRATE GOLDEN YEARS



Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard Lea Hughey observed their golden wedding anniversary Wednesday, August 28, with open house in their home on Dinsmore avenue, Burgettstown, where they have resided for the past forty-one years.

Mr. Hughey, born in Carnegie, was employed for three years by the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad and 48 years by the Pennsylvania Railroad. He retired in May of 1951 after 51 years of service. He is a life member of Dallas Lodge F. & A. M., Valley of Pittsburgh Consistory, and Syria Temple.

In 1907, he was united in marriage with Julia E. Palmer, who was born in the Eastend, Pittsburgh. Prior to her marriage, Mrs. Hughey was principal in the Curtin School at McKees Rocks.

They resided in Carnegie before moving to Burgettstown, where Mr. Hughey has taken an active interest in community affairs. He served on the Burgettstown Borough and Union High School Boards for a period of six years.

Mrs. Hughey is a past worthy matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, Burgettstown Chapter No. 215, and a past president of the Friday Club, The Ladies' Aid, the Missionary Society and the Ladies' Bible Class. For over a quarter of a century she has been a Republican committeewoman in Washington County and the first precinct at Burgettstown.

Both are members of the First Presbyterian church, Burgettstown, where Mrs. Hughey served as treasurer for twenty-five years.

They have five sons: Blanchard M. of Whitehall and William P. of Munhall, both superintendents for the U. S. Steel Corp., Homestead Works; J. Edwin of Union, N. J., superintendent for Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, Bayonne Refinery; and Dr. Charles M. and Dr. James R., both practicing physicians in McDonald. There are ten grandchildren.

Preceding the open house a family dinner was held at the summer cottage of Dr. Charles and Mrs. Hughey in McDonald.

**Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard Lea Hughey Celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 29, 1957**



# Calling the shots

*After getting long-awaited license, Marianne Hunnell revives Westland Auction*

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WESTLAND – Marianne Wass was 4 or 5 when she attended her first live auction. It wasn't her choice.

"I had to go because we had a really mean rooster," she recalled. The Wassses, a farm family, decided to sell the cranky bird at the weekly Hickory Auction. Marianne carried it there inside a cage.

When bidding began on the rooster, the young girl turned chicken. "I started crying. Then I realized the more I cried, the higher the bids went. So I cried some more."

She laughed at the recollection from decades ago, which she may have embellished somewhat. Marianne Wass Hunnell was speaking from the perspective of a grandmother with entrepreneurial sense last week, as she recounted a girl who was in genuine grief.

That evening, she acknowledged, was memorable for another reason – a most pleasant one. That was the beginning of a nearly lifelong passion with auctions.

"Once it gets in to your blood, it gets you," acknowledged Hunnell, who has transformed her avid avocation into a vocation. After assisting at various local auctions for years, she became a licensed auctioneer in October, and is

now the impetus – and voice – behind the revival of a local tradition.

The Westland Auction is back. It returned Friday from a four-year hiatus, with Hunnell calling the shots, supervising the proceedings. She plans to have one every Friday at 5:30 p.m. in its old digs, a former company store on Route 519 in the Westland section of Mt. Pleasant Township, about a football field from the Chartiers Township line.

The first was an estate sale last week, featuring the property of Jessie Louma of Carmichaels, which began at 5 p.m., a half-hour earlier than usually planned because of the large volume of items. Hunnell already has scheduled events for a number of consecutive Fridays.

She was working feverishly Wednesday, preparing the auction house for its rebirth. Hunnell had a number of large items neatly stacked and organized for bidding, with more to be arranged over the next two days. Someone had already phoned in a bid on a round, retro Pennzoil sign.

Actually, family members and supporters had worked feverishly over the past month, prepping the place. About 200 auditorium-style seats, courtesy of Fort Cherry High School following remodeling, were cleaned and repaired. Behind and to the side of the seating is



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Marianne Hunnell is reopening Westland Auction and will host an auction every Friday night.

Crystal's Café, where Crystal Glover will be preparing food.

Hunnell, of Greensboro, is relying on the help of family members and help and advice from veteran auctioneers she has known. A daughter, Marianne Boris of Hickory, is the clerk for Westland Auction. A granddaughter is a "runner" there. Stephanie Chechuck, a cashier at Hickory Auction, is performing that duty at 404 Western Ave. Robert Bourne, a retired teacher, assists with storage. Gary Freeland, Randy Shook and Steve Yilit are among the auctioneers she has befriended.

Freeland, who became an auctioneer at 17, launched Westland Auction in 1978 and ran it for 34 years. He recently retired from that work.

Eventually, Hunnell said, the auctions will be shown live on local TV, Aurora in Hickory.

The second auction, this Friday, will feature beekeeping and wine- and beer-making equipment from a Hickory family that is downsizing and

relocating. An estate from Masontown will be the featured attraction the following Friday.

Promoting the new Westland Auction hasn't been an issue, Hunnell said. She relies on word of mouth and on a Facebook page, MarianneAuctioneer. She also can be found at auctionzip.com.

Word of mouth may be formidable, for Hunnell is familiar to those on the auction circuit. She said she worked at the Hickory Auction for more than 20 years, and since gaining her certification, has overseen a number of auctions in Southwestern Pennsylvania. She does online auctions as well.

Hunnell also is a lifelong local resident. She grew up on a Burgettstown horse farm, lived in Hickory for a while and now resides in Greensboro. "That's my serenity," she said of her current hometown.

That sentiment applies to her new career as well. Hunnell said she wanted to get an



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Items from a Carmichaels estate were part of Marianne Hunnell's first auction at the Westland Auction house. Hunnell posts photos of the items on her Facebook page the week before the auction so buyers can see a preview.

auctioneer's license "30 years ago," but for various reasons, didn't. Then she took classes last fall and passed the exam. She proudly shows off her diploma, acknowledging her auctioneering certificate from the Venango College of Clarion University of Pennsylvania.

"People have asked if I'm nervous," Hunnell said. "I say no, that it just feels right."

"This is my dream. I've always seen myself up there. I've always thought I'd be an auctioneer."

Now she is, and the Westland Auction is back.

**Marianne Wass Hunnell, Revives Westland Auction**  
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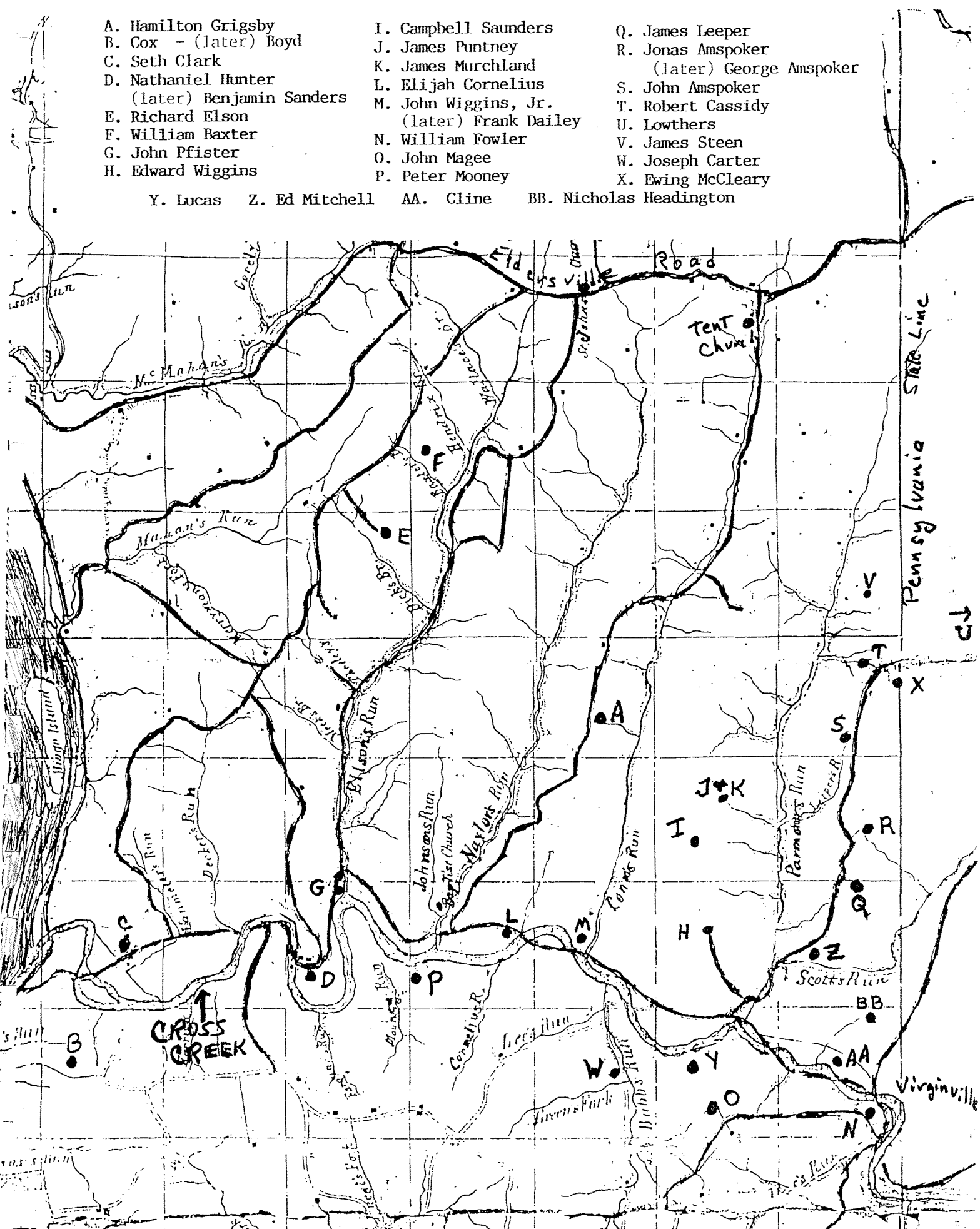
# **Hunter Family**

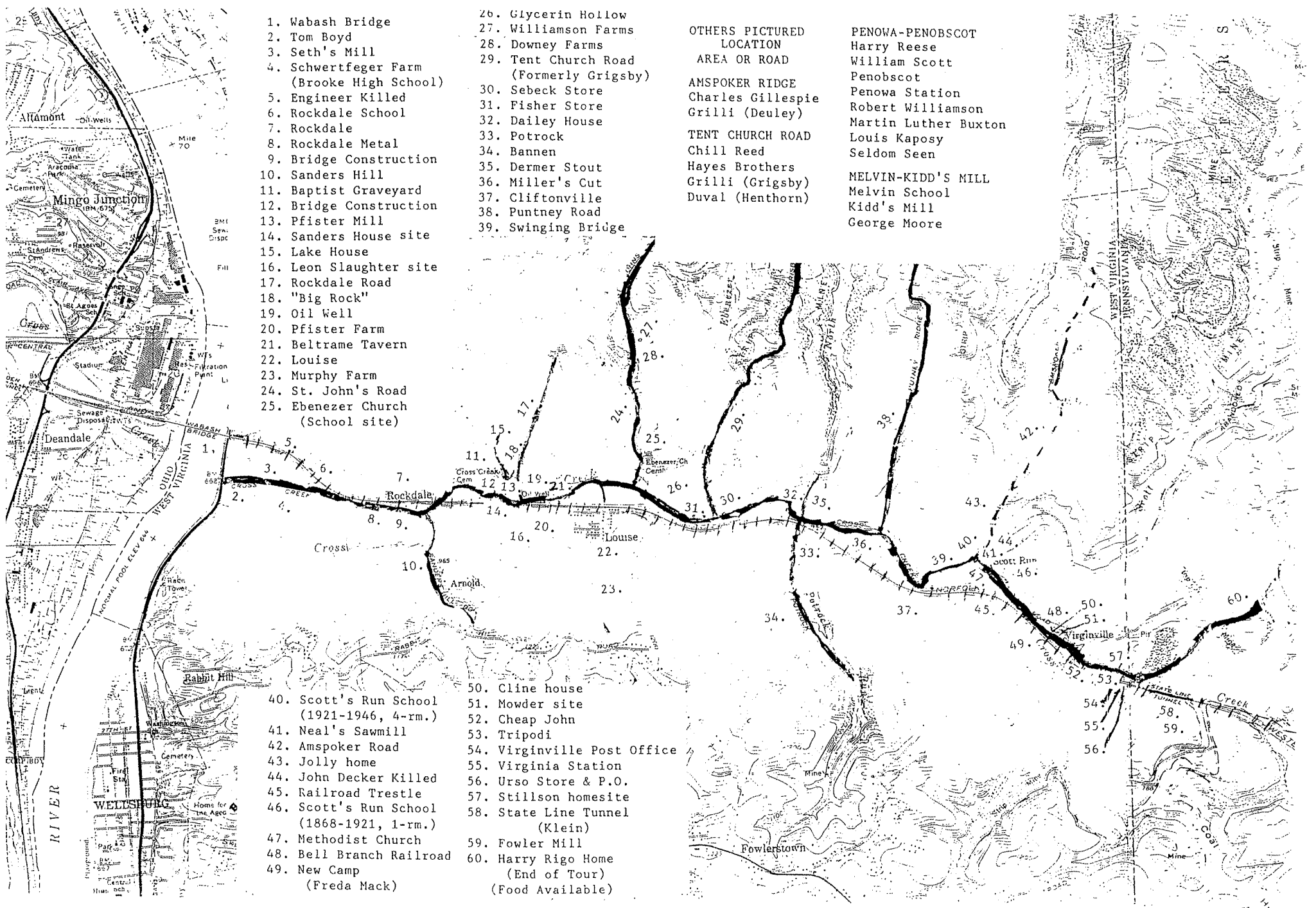
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# THE EARLY FAMILIES

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| A. Hamilton Grigsby                             | I. Campbell Saunders                         | Q. James Leeper         |
| B. Cox - (later) Boyd                           | J. James Puntney                             | R. Jonas Amspoker       |
| C. Seth Clark                                   | K. James Murchland                           | (later) George Amspoker |
| D. Nathaniel Hunter<br>(later) Benjamin Sanders | L. Elijah Cornelius                          | S. John Amspoker        |
| E. Richard Elson                                | M. John Wiggins, Jr.<br>(later) Frank Dailey | T. Robert Cassidy       |
| F. William Baxter                               | N. William Fowler                            | U. Lowthers             |
| G. John Pfister                                 | O. John Magee                                | V. James Steen          |
| H. Edward Wiggins                               | P. Peter Mooney                              | W. Joseph Carter        |
| Y. Lucas  | Z. Ed Mitchell                               | X. Ewing McCleary       |
| AA. Cline                                       | BB. Nicholas Headington                      |                         |





1. Wabash Bridge
2. Tom Boyd
3. Seth's Mill
4. Schwertfeger Farm (Brooke High School)
5. Engineer Killed
6. Rockdale School
7. Rockdale
8. Rockdale Metal
9. Bridge Construction
10. Sanders Hill
11. Baptist Graveyard
12. Bridge Construction
13. Pfister Mill
14. Sanders House site
15. Lake House
16. Leon Slaughter site
17. Rockdale Road
18. "Big Rock"
19. Oil Well
20. Pfister Farm
21. Beltrame Tavern
22. Louise
23. Murphy Farm
24. St. John's Road
25. Ebenezer Church (School site)

26. Glycerin Hollow
27. Williamson Farms
28. Downey Farms
29. Tent Church Road (Formerly Grigsby)
30. Sebeck Store
31. Fisher Store
32. Dailey House
33. Potrock
34. Bannen
35. Dermer Stout
36. Miller's Cut
37. Cliftonville
38. Puntney Road
39. Swinging Bridge

- OTHERS PICTURED  
LOCATION  
AREA OR ROAD
- AMSPOKER RIDGE  
Charles Gillespie  
Grilli (Deuley)
- TENT CHURCH ROAD  
Chill Reed  
Hayes Brothers  
Grilli (Grigsby)  
Duval (Henthorn)

- PENOWA-PENOBSCOT  
Harry Reese  
William Scott  
Penobscot  
Penowa Station  
Robert Williamson  
Martin Luther Buxton  
Louis Kaposy  
Seldom Seen
- MELVIN-KIDD'S MILL  
Melvin School  
Kidd's Mill  
George Moore

40. Scott's Run School (1921-1946, 4-rm.)
41. Neal's Sawmill
42. Ampoker Road
43. Jolly home
44. John Decker Killed
45. Railroad Trestle
46. Scott's Run School (1868-1921, 1-rm.)
47. Methodist Church
48. Bell Branch Railroad
49. New Camp (Freda Mack)

50. Cline house
51. Mowder site
52. Cheap John
53. Tripodi
54. Virginville Post Office
55. Virginia Station
56. Urso Store & P.O.
57. Stillson homesite (Klein)
59. Fowler Mill
60. Harry Rigo Home (End of Tour) (Food Available)

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## HUNTER

In the first half of the nineteenth century, the name Nathaniel Hunter, was one of the first to come to mind at the mention of the Cross Creek area. Hunter's Mill, later known as Sanders Mill, and still later as Pfister Mill, was one of the busiest places in the valley. According to Brooke County deed records, Nathaniel first bought the mill property from John Hunter, Sr. in 1839. It is not known if the two men were related. Nathaniel paid \$20,000 for over 500 acres in the line of Garrett Meek, and joining Elson, Mooney, Churchman, and others, with the exception of one acre reserved for the Baptist Meeting House. No mention in the deed is made of the mill, however, in all probability, John Hunter Sr. operated, and perhaps built, the mill long before Nathaniel came on the scene.

Nathaniel was born in Pennsylvania and married Catherine Smith in Brooke County in 1824. As he is not listed in the Brooke County census records prior to 1840, he may have lived with his parents or his in-laws from the time of his marriage until the purchase of the mill property in 1839. Nathaniel and Catherine were the parents of the following children: William who married Nancy Smith; Margaret who is at home in 1850 but then disappears from the census records; Thomas who married after 1860; Catherine who married William Magee; Campbell who is pictured here and who married Karen Happuch Steen, daughter of William and Frances Richardson Steen; Smith who may have died young as the last time he appears in records is 1850 at the age of 8; and Sarah.

Catherine died sometime before 1850 when census records show that Nathaniel is married to a Harriett. Catherine's last child, Sarah, was born in 1844. She died sometime between that year and 1850.

The Harriett to whom Nathaniel was married in 1850 was the daughter of Joseph and Catherine Fisher Carter of the Pot Rock area. To Nathaniel and Harriett were born two children, also named Nathaniel and Harriett. But Harriett must have died soon after the birth of her daughter in 1854, as she is not mentioned in the transaction involving the mill property in 1858. It was in September of that year that Benjamin Davis Sanders traded Nathaniel 1200 acres in Jasper County, Iowa, for the mill property. Perhaps Harriett's death was a deciding factor in his decision to sell out. Nathaniel was 57 years of age at the time. By 1870, at age 68, he and his youngest daughter, Harriett, were living with his daughter Catherine and her husband, William Magee. No further mention is found in Brooke County records examined of Nathaniel Hunter of Hunter's Mill.







FROM AN OLD PHOTO ALBUM LABELED: **Simpson and Hunter boys**

Another household of Hunters probably not closely related to Nathaniel of the Mill, is found in the 1850 census where five who are probably siblings between the ages of 19 and 28 are living together. Rebecca, the eldest, married William White. In her marriage records it states that she was the daughter of a Rachel and Nathaniel Hunter and was born in Maryland. Her brother, Nathaniel, married Sarah Smith, her brother John married Mary Ann Smith, and her sister, Susan, married William Smith. The other sibling, Frances, became the bride of Zadok Fowler and it was from them that Earl Fowler of Brooke County today is descended.

Other Hunter families were also found in Brooke County in the early days, one of the earliest being Jeremiah who married Ellen Hindman. Their children were: George, Mary, Rachel, Joshua, Ellen, and Hannah. This writer is not informed of the relationships, if any, that existed among the various Hunter households of those times.

When one is researching a family about which little has been written in the way of genealogy by the early members of that family, it is sometimes a trying task to sort the facts from the "probable facts". In this research on the Hunters of Cross Creek Valley, one conclusion seemed logical to this female mind. The reader will note that on the previous page concerning Nathaniel of the Mill, the statement was made that his wife, Harriet was "probably" dead by the time he sold the mill to Benjamin Davis Sanders. This conclusion was reached by reason of a story told to the writer by Howard Standish of Tempe, Arizona, who was a great-great grandson of Benjamin. It seems that the story was handed down by word of mouth since 1858. When Benjamin and Martha moved into the big house near the mill, they discovered that its last owner, Nathaniel, had failed to take with him a grandfather clock. This clock was "adopted" by the Sanders family and is today still in the possession of one of Benjamin's descendants. To this writer, that was proof enough that Nathaniel's wife was dead at the time of the sale. No woman would ever have moved out and left the clock!!!

### **Celebrate Golden Wedding**

Buffalo Village, Dec. 16.—Surrounded by their four sons, two grandchildren and many friends, Mr. and Mrs. William W. Hunter of this place today celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. A turkey dinner was served at noon to about 50 guests. During the afternoon many other persons called at the Hunter home to extend congratulation. During the evening the Bible Class of the Presbyterian church of which Mr. Hunter has been teacher for many years was entertained. The class presented Mr. Hunter with a handsome Bible.

Two persons were present who witnessed the ceremony a half century ago. They were J. Luther Davis, of this place and Mrs. R. S. Stewart of Washington. The Rev. John Eagleson, for many years pastor of the Buffalo Presbyterian church here performed the ceremony that united the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter.

Mr. Hunter was born in Hopewell township March 4, 1837, son of William and Maria J. Chambers Hunter. On December 15, 1864, he was married to Elizabeth T. Smiley, daughter of Caldwell and Nancy Tweed Smiley.

**Mr. and Mrs. William W. Hunter  
Celebrate Golden Anniversary  
The Burgettstown Call-December 24, 1914 Edition**

Interviewed: Rosal Hupfield

Interviewer: Jo Bender

"My husband died and I was all alone. I wanted to be with my daughter but she lived in the United States. The only answer was to immigrate to this country. The only language I knew was German; therefore, I had to learn English. Starting at a first grade level was very disappointing, but gradually progression took its place.

"I arrived in New York and was greeted by my daughter and her family. Later we went to the Immigration Department; I filled out a few forms and was asked a number of questions by a judge. Among the questions he asked me were who was the governor and senator of Pennsylvania since I was going to live there. Finally he asked me to write out, 'I am going to the store to buy meat,' but I couldn't. A waiting period of six weeks passed before I could acquire citizenship. I finally acquired it after the waiting period. Two months later, I was sworn in as a citizen. I received a small United States flag, a citizenship's certificate was handed to me by the judge, and finally a dinner was held in our honor. By "our honor" I mean that 68 other persons were sworn in with me. During this event, some of them gave small speeches saying why they wanted to be citizens of the United States.

"Since my stay in the U.S., no sign of prejudice was shown against me. The people are really kind.

"I enjoyed the different customs and traditions in Germany, but since I live here, I only keep one tradition. My daughter also keeps this tradition. On December 24, our Christmas presents are opened instead of on the 25th. Candles are put on the tree in remembrance of the Christchild.

"One advantage that Germany has that the U.S. doesn't is you do not have to pay doctors because the government does. In Germany at age 14 your schooling is over. You can get a job or else go three years to college to get your degree.

"I really enjoy the U.S. and the only way I would go back to Germany to live permanently is if my daughter and her family came with me. I have been a citizen for 11 years and I am proud of that."

**Rosal Hupfield**  
**Interviewed as Problems of Democracy class project**  
**October 1975**



## INGLEFIELD-WELCH WEDDING

The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Inglefield of 37 Church street was the scene of one of the season's prettiest weddings on Thursday, July 4, at 2:30 o'clock, when their daughter, Miss Helen Louise Inglefield became the bride of Williard W. Welch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reed Welch of the Hickory Road, and one of Burgettstown's promising young business men.

The Inglefield home was beautifully decorated with season's flowers, roses predominating. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. W. Welch of the Reynoldsburg, O. United Presbyterian church, an uncle of the groom, before an altar made of ferns, palms and gladioli, delphiniums and pink roses, at the mantle piece in the Inglefield living room.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, and her wedding party came down the stairway and through the large living room to the altar, to the strains of appropriate nuptial music. Ronald C. Teare of Greenville, presided at the piano, and the brother and sister of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Inglefield of Meadville played selections on the violin and the cello. The solos, "I Love You Truly" and "Because" were sung by Miss Jane Darras.

Helen was a comely bride, in a Redingote costume of white silk crepe with matching turban. She carried a bridal bouquet of red Johanna Hill roses and white Baby's Breath. Her sister, Mrs. Raymond Fair of Ingram was Matron of honor. She wore a similar ensemble to the bride's in poudre blue and carried Red Johanna Hill roses and blue delphinium.

The Junior bridesmaids were Miss

Mona Inglefield, sister of the bride, who wore a green organdie frock and her cousin, Janice Elizabeth Martin of New York City, who wore pink organdy. The girls carried bouquets of the season's flowers.

The best man was Reed Welch, Jr., brother of the groom and the ushers were Clair Axtell and Raymond Fair.

Mrs. Inglefield, mother of the bride wore an afternoon costume of poudre blue crepe with matching jacket and a corsage of pink roses. Mrs. Welch, mother of the groom, appeared in a costume of sheer black crepe and wore a corsage of white roses.

A reception for 45 guests was held in the bride's home after the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Welch are spending a ten day honeymoon touring southern states and on their return will reside in Burgettstown.

Thursday's bride is a popular member of the younger set and is a graduate of Union High School, class of 1938. Mr. Welch is a graduate of State College and is engaged in business here.

Among out of town guests present was the 84 year old grandmother of the groom, Mrs. Josephine Buchanon and her daughter, Mary of Mingo Junction, O., also Mrs. W.M. Martin and daughter, Janice of New York City, Dr. W. R. Donaldson and daughter, Virginia Mae of Northside, Pittsburgh, Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Donaldson of Pittsburgh, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Meiser of Crafton, Mrs. Sara Stoner and Mary Belle Welch of New Concord, O., Mr. and Mrs. John Buchanon of Mingo Junction, O., Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Welch of Reynoldsburg, O., and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Crawford of East Liverpool.

## LARGE COAL TRACT IN AVELLA SECTION SOLD

L. M. Irwin Purchases Upwards  
of 1,000 Acres for Coal Com-  
panies Paying on an Average  
of \$200 an Acre.

Independence, Jan. 15.—A block of upwards of 1,000 acres of coal was sold here this week to L. M. Irwin, cashier of the Avella Lincoln National bank, who is representing some of the coal companies of the Avella section. The price paid for the coal was \$200 per acre with one exception. The farms included in the deal at \$200 per acre are: W. W. Thompson, 163 acres; Henry Carl, 122 acres; D. B. Narrigan, 151 acres; Mrs. Jennie Wilson, 130 acres, and William McConnell, 121 acres. All of this coal adjoins lands owned and operated by the Meadowlands Coal company, formerly known as the P. & W. mines.

D. A. Scott, of West Middletown, who owns 198 acres in the Mt. Hope section, and, a considerable distance south of the block just sold, has sold his farm coal and surface to L. M. Irwin for \$125 per acre. Just a few weeks ago the coal under the John A. and James W. Boles farms containing 115 acres, and adjoining the McConnell farm, sold for \$150 per acre. The McMurray coal sold for \$200.

The coal in this section is being gathered in by the coal operators, and offers are being made for the balance that is not under option here.

The P. & W. mines are preparing to sink a shaft on the James Murdock farm for the purpose of taking water from their holdings.

**L.M. Irwin Purchases Upwards of 1,000 Acres for Coal Company  
Unknown Newspaper-January 15, 1920 Edition**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

### **Twenty-fifth Wedding Anniversary**

Surrounded by their family, friends and neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Isiminger, of Hanover township, celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on Thursday evening, January 14. Supper was served. Music and games were the diversions of the evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Harry McMillan and daughter Evaline, Mrs. Rosie Market and daughter Romaine, Burns and Walton Isiminger, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Antil and children Minnie, John and Laura May, John Hall, C. F. Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Fulton and children, Claire and Elizabeth, Mrs. Fleming McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fulton, Clara Long, Evaline and Nellie McDonald, Edna Strain, James Rankin, Lillie Fulton, Samuel Strain, Harry Crawford, Howard Fulton, Albert McDonald, Ollie Anchors.

**Mr. and Mrs. I.N. Isiminger 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**The Burgettstown Call-January 21, 1915 Edition**



**GAS BLAST DAMAGES  
JACKSON FARM HOME**

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Fullerton on the Ellsworth Jackson farm, near Florence, was badly damaged about noon Sunday by an explosion of natural gas, which accumulated under the building from a leaking main. The members of the Fullerton family were not in the part of the house that suffered most from the explosion. Mr. Fullerton was at the barn attending to the live stock, and Mrs. Fullerton and the children were in the kitchen.

The gas blast demolished two down stairs rooms. Gas is supposed to have ignited from the flames of a heater in the living room. The force of the explosion moved the entire building, an 8-room brick, from its base.

Flames breaking out were quickly extinguished. Loss was about \$3,000.

**Gas Blast Damages Jackson Farm Home**  
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 17, 1931 Edition

## James E. Jackson Marks 69th Birthday At Party

The 69th birthday of James E. Jackson, March 23, was observed at a party given by his wife Bertra and family in their home on Route 22, near Florence, Sunday night.

All members of the family including six daughters were present with the exception of a son, William Jackson of Sioux City, Iowa, who sent birthday greetings via Western Union. Forty-four relatives were present.

The group enjoyed a delicious dinner served at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and spent the evening in reminiscing and friendly conversation. Mr. Jackson was the recipient of many lovely gifts.

Members of the family attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Davis, Hookstown; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sarver and daughter, Georgetown; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Barney and Mrs. Lester Barney, Washington; Mrs. James A. Wilkie, Ontario, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Watt and daughter and Mrs. Pauline Watt, Curtisville; Mr. and Mrs. William Shuttleworth and family, Sharon; Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Jackson and family, Masury, O.; Mr. and Mrs. John Manz and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Erickson, Castle Shannon; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Banch, Sharpsville; Mrs. John Busarello, Wilbert Fullick, Oakdale; Mrs. Mathilda Augustine, Mrs. Mary Williams, John Aol, Overbrook; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Tich and family, Aliquippa; Elizabeth Diamond, Midway; Barbara Dempe, John Demascal, McDonald; and Mary Hughes, Pittsburgh.

**James E. Jackson-Celebrates 69<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 26, 1953 Edition**

#### JANCART-DESANTIS

Miss Dolores Jancart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Desire Jancart of Cherry Valley, and George DeSantis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew DeSantis of Cherry Valley were united in marriage at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Tuesday morning, June 22 at nine o'clock. Rev. W. J. McCashin officiated at the single ring ceremony.

The bride wore a gown of white organza fashioned with long sleeves, rounded neckline and ruffled skirt. The fingertip veil fell from a crown of orange blossoms. She carried an orchid upon a Bible with lilies of the valley adorning the white streamers. Her only jewelry was a necklace of pearls.

The bride chose as her attendant Miss Lillian Roberts who wore aqua marquisette with a headpiece of red roses. She also carried a bouquet of red roses.

Tony Bernola was best man. The bride's mother wore orchid and white with a red rose corsage. Mrs. DeSantis wore black with a red rose corsage.

A dinner was held following the ceremony at Shady Lane, Bulger. Fifty guests attended. The wedding cake was three tiered, topped with a bride and groom.

The couple spent a brief honeymoon at Virginia Beach, and are now at home at an apartment on McClure street.

The bride is a graduate of Union high and is employed at Cunningham's Machine Shop. Mr. DeSantis attended Union, served three years in the army and is working for the Weirton Construction Company.

**Dolores Jancart and George DeSantis Wed  
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 1, 1948 Edition**



# THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Events of the Long Ago From  
Enterprise Files and  
Other Sources

In the review of local history this week, the incorporation of Burgettstown as a borough is partly covered. Also a brief biographical sketch of the pioneer medical practitioner is given:

At a meeting of the citizens of Burgettstown, held pursuant to notice, at the town hall in March, 1877, for the purpose of taking measures for the erection of the borough of Burgettstown, to be composed of Old Burgettstown and Cardville, D. S. Walker was chosen chairman and F. McFarland secretary. After discussion, Finley Patterson, J. L. Patterson and M. W. McMurray were appointed a committee to take the initiatory steps to procure the incorporation of the proposed borough.

This committee never reported, no meeting was called, and the subject was held in abeyance till July, 1880, when another meeting was called, and J. L. Patterson, J. L. Proudfit, S. J. Ghrist, William Melvin, J. P. Donnan, H. B. McMurray and M. R. Allen were appointed to secure a survey and present the proper petition to the court.

This committee performed their duties, and on the 8th of December, 1880, gave notice that application would be made to the Court of Quarter Sessions of Washington county at the January term, 1881, "to incorporate the village of Burgettstown, including that portion thereof which lies at and around Burgettstown Station." The grand jury passed favorably upon the petition on the 12th January, 1881, and the court confirmed the action on the 23d of March following, and further provided that a special election be held at the town hall, April 5, 1881, for the election of borough officers, at which time the following were elected:

Burgess, C. M. Elder; councilmen, Dr. W. V. Riddle, B. F. McClure, S. J. Ghrist, W. H. Witherspoon, J. P. Donnan and W. S. Fulton; school directors, R. T. C. Stephenson, W. P. Vance, William Melvin, James Carnahan and William Blair; auditor, T. L. McClelland; assessor and constable, W. M. McMurray.

Upon the organization of council, J. P. Donnan was chosen president, and the following appointments were made: M. R. Allen, clerk; J. L. Patterson, treasurer; John Hemphill, street commissioner; W. M. McMurray, collector.

The first practitioner of medicine in this section of the county of whom anything is known was Dr. Ebenezer Jennings, a son of the Rev. Jacob Jennings, a native of New Jersey, where his father lived and practiced as a physician until he was licensed by the Reformed Dutch church and received by the Presbytery of Redstone April 17, 1792, at which time the Rev. Jacob Jennings removed to Dunlap's Creek, Fayette county; his two sons, Obediah Jennings (later known both as a lawyer and divine) and Ebenezer, the one above mentioned coming with him.

He studied and practiced medicine in the east, and soon after coming to this county settled in Smith township, and resided at the house of Judge James Edgar for some years. Upon his marriage he purchased a small farm about two miles east of Burgettstown, from where he continued to practice until his death.

He was elected a member of the General Assembly in 1806-7, and during the first year of his residence at the capitol he became interested in the treatise of Dr. Jenner on vaccination, and at the close of the term visited Philadelphia, obtained some virus, and on his return vaccinated his own children and others. On his return to the legislature in session, by arduous labors he procured the passage of a bill providing for the vaccination of the poor. His health became impaired by his exertions, and although renominated for another term he declined, and on the 21st of November, 1808, he died, aged thirty-three years, beloved and respected by all.

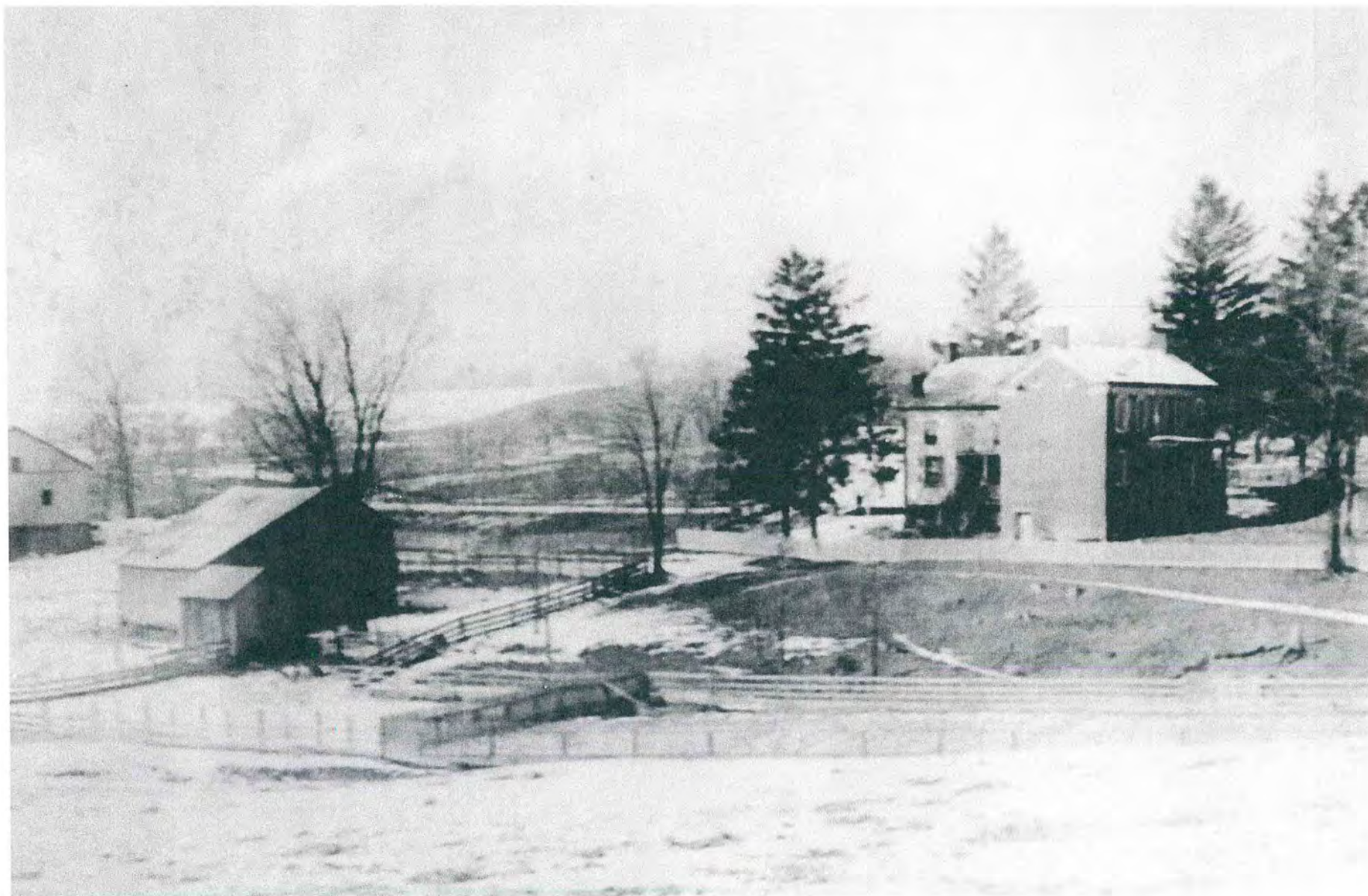
## This Week in History

Events of the Long Ago From Enterprise Files and Other Sources

Incorporation of Burgettstown-Brief Sketch of the Pioneer Medical Practitioner

Burgettstown Enterprise-June 18, 1931 Edition





**Farm on Lee Road, Burgettstown, PA**  
**Rented by Ludwig Jerbic**





The Pettibon property as it appeared about the turn of the century. Mr. and Mrs. David Pettibon are pictured standing on the sidewalk. They moved into the house from Steubenville in 1875. Their daughter and granddaughter occupied the house until 1936. (Photo courtesy of Katherine Bebout.)

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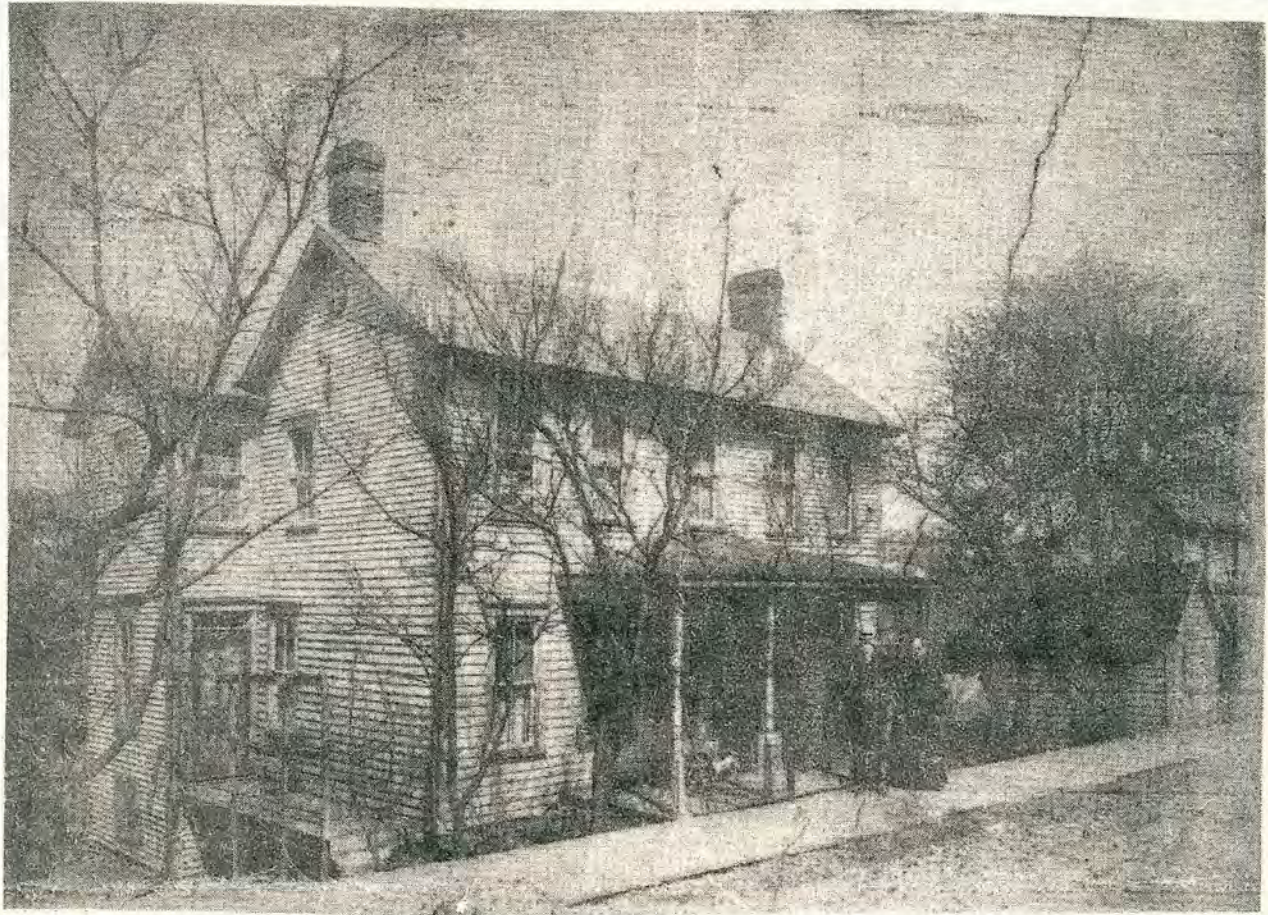
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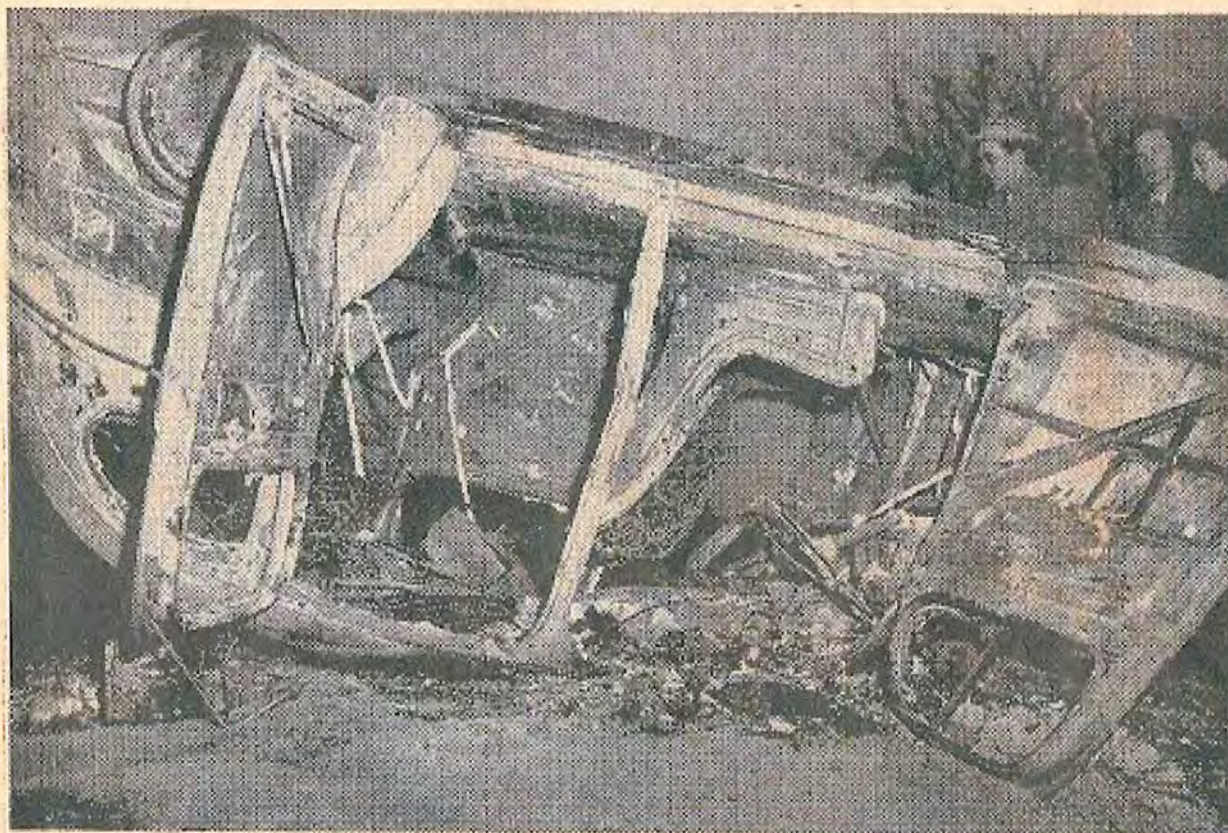
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# Death Rode In This Car



Shown above is what remains of the death car in which two persons were burned to death, one mile north of Florence on Route 18, Sunday morning, February 1. The dead are Mrs. Bessie Johnston, 26 of Aliquippa, mother of three small children and the driver, her brother-in-law, Lewellyn Johnston, 44, unmarried of Aliquippa, R. D. 2.

The bodies, burned beyond recognition, were identified in the car through license plates by members of the families of the victims. Mrs. Johnston's husband said she and her brother-in-law decided to take an early morning automobile ride and when they failed to return, were discovered about 4 a.m., in the smoldering wreckage. It is believed that they were enroute back to Aliquippa, when the car went out of control, hit a guard rail and turned over.

**Bessie Johnston and Lewellyn Johnston Died in Car Accident**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-February 5, 1953 Edition**

FLORENCE JOHNSTON PICNIC  
TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY

The committee on arrangements for the annual reunion of the relatives and friends of Mrs. Florence Hanlin Johnston has completed plans for this year's picnic. As in former years, it will be held in the Doc Bole grove on the Eldersville road on the afternoon and evening of July 29th. An old fashioned basket picnic will be the feature of the evening, with supper at 6:30 o'clock. Plates will be furnished by the committee, but persons attending are asked to take their own food and tableware.

As the new dance hall at the grove has been completed, this year's outing promises to be bigger and better, as lights are provided and the fear of rain eliminated. The reunion will be the fifth, and a delightful evening may be expected by all who attend.

A cordial invitation to be present is extended all friends of Mrs. Johnston. Each year this reunion has registered increased interest and enjoyment.

**Florence Johnston Picnic to be Held Wednesday**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-July 23, 1936 Edition**



RECEPTION FOR NEWLYWEDS  
IS FEATURED BY "PARADE"

Taken in tow by a large number of friends on Saturday night, Howard F. Jones and his bride, the former Miss Ruth Doerr, were seated on a large tool box on board a truck and given a ride through town and to Midway to the accompaniment of tin can music and other demonstrations.

Upon the return of the "parade," the party gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Myers, where a reception was held. A large number of fine gifts were presented to the couple and the guests were appropriately entertained by Mrs. Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones left Monday for State College, where they will reside during the period Mr. Jones will be a student at the college. Upon completion of the course, they will go to Oakdale to take up their permanent residence. Mr. Jones is an instructor in the Boys' Industrial Home at Oakdale.

# Fort Cherry grad building bridges, roads in war zones

By NAVY OFFICE OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH, PUBLIC AFFAIRS

GULFPORT, Miss. – A Midway native is building bridges and roads around the world as a member of the U.S. Navy's Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1, based in Gulfport.

Petty Officer 1st Class Justin Jordan is an equipment operator with NMCB 1, a unit that specializes in building structures in areas of conflict.

Sailors attached to NMCB 1 and other similar units are nicknamed "Seabees," and they are a unique group in the Navy whose motto is "We build, we fight."

Seabees are trained as builders and fighters. They not only build bridges, roads, runways and other structures in war zones, but they also defend those structures after they've built them.

Jordan, a 2005 graduate of Fort Cherry Junior/Senior High School, operates heavy construction equipment, such as cranes and backhoes.

Jordan and the rest of the sailors assigned to NMCB 1 are part of the Navy's construction force that has been around for more than 70 years.

Seabees have built entire bases and bridges, plus bulldozed and paved thousands of miles of roadway and airstrips for the U.S. military all over the world, playing a vital role in every major conflict the United States has been involved with since World War II.

"I like that I can help people with construction needs and get the job done well," Jordan said.



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With nearly 600 personnel assigned to the battalion, jobs are highly varied, and every job plays an important role in keeping the battalion ready to deploy around the world whenever needed.

Jordan's commanding officer said he's proud of the hard work and dedication from the battalion over the past 12 months as the sailors prepare for their next deployment.

"This battalion works extremely hard," Cmdr. Kemit Spears said. "They are ready to execute missions in any environment, in areas all over the world."

By working with NMCB 1 and serving in the U.S. Navy, Jordan said is he learning about himself as a leader and a person.

"Being a Seabee has expanded my professional knowledge in construction and strengthened my skills overall," he said.

**Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class Justin Jordan  
Observer-Reporter-July 5, 2015 Edition**

## **Andrew Kandray Celebrates Birthday**

Andrew Kandray, of Joffre, celebrated his 80th birthday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Stephen Kophazi. Thirty-three family members were present. Among them were the Arthur Black family, West Richfield; the Ralph Garonos family, of Youngstown; the John Kandray family, Canfield; the William Kandray family, of Columbiana; and the Joseph Kandray family, of Joffre.

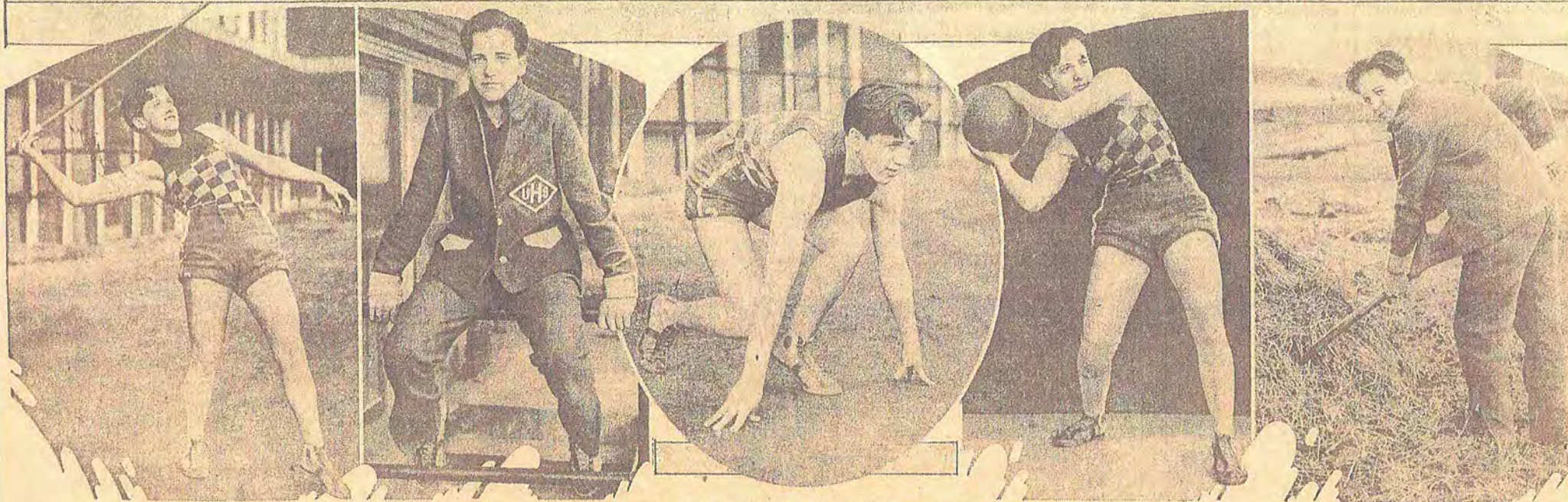
Four generations of male descendants of the Kandray family were present: Andrew Kandray, his three sons, John, William and Joseph, eleven grandsons and one great-grandson.

A buffet style turkey dinner was served. The afternoon was spent in singing Hungarian songs and in dancing.

**Andrew Kandray-Celebrates 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-November 10, 1965 Edition**



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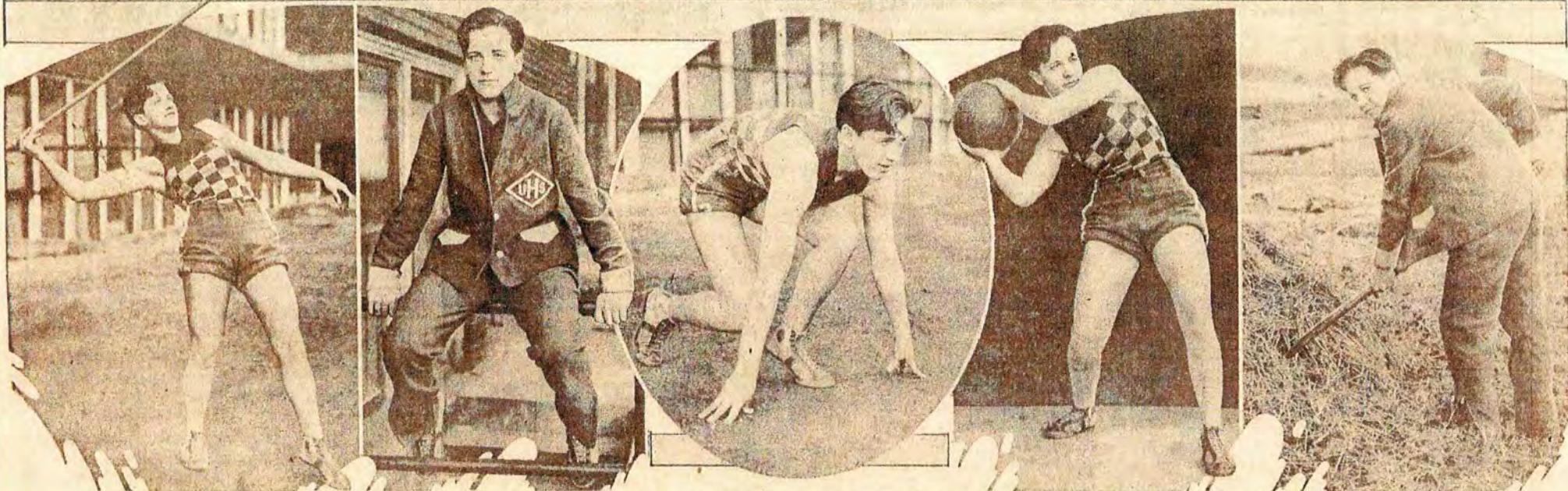
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Gertrude Kanzius, daughter of Mrs. Joseph Kanzius, Sr., of Burgettstown, R. D. 2, is shown above receiving a plaque from the National Executive Board of Junior Achievements. Miss Kanzius is employed at Westinghouse in the Switchgear Engineering department and as a project for the group printed Christmas cards with personal photos, made photos of students and ash trays with pictures shellacked outside, for the Junior Achievement Group of the plant.

**Gertrude Kanzius  
Receives National Executive Board of Junior Achievements  
Burgettstown Enterprise-October 5, 1950 Edition**



## Observe 59th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kanzius, Sr., of Burgettstown, R.D.2, will observe their 59th wedding anniversary quietly in their home Thursday, June 25. There will be no formal celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. Kanzius were married in the Roman Catholic church in Presto, on June 25, 1905. They were living in Avella at the time. They have lived in the Burgettstown area since 1928, and built the home in which they now live in 1937. Both are in fairly good health, and enjoy gardening and the growing of fruits and berries. In the summer, their yard is bright with many flowers, which Mr. Kanzius carefully tends. The fruit is grown mostly for their own use, as a hobby, and is generously shared with friends and neighbors.

A warm welcome is always extended in their home, and they are known for their many kindnesses shown to all who have made their acquaintance. Mr. Kanzius is retired, having been employed by the American Zinc and Chemical Company until 1948, as a coal miner.

They are the parents of seven living children, Mrs. Louis (Eva) Aquilino, Sr., Sylvester Kanzius, both of



Washington; Joseph Kanzius, Jr., of Lorain, Ohio; Mrs. Frances Graff and Mrs. William (Agnes) Donati, Burgettstown, R.D.2; Mrs. Arthur (Gertrude) Phelps, Pittsburgh; and Al Kanzius, Coraopolis. Two children are deceased. They also have sixteen grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

Before moving into this vicinity in 1928, they resided in Canonsburg, where they were neighbors of Perry Como. They recall many incidences in the childhood of the now-famous singer and his family.

**Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kanzius Sr. Observe 59<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-June 24, 1964 Edition**





**Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kanzius Observing 59<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 25, 1964 Edition**



## LOCAL GIRL ATHLETES TO COMPETE AT FAIR

8-31-'33

Young Lady Champions of Union High  
School Preparing to Pull Down  
Further Athletic Fame

The athletic carnival to be held in connection with the South Park County Fair, Pittsburgh, September 2nd, will feature track and field events for both men and women. The men's events include the 100, 200, 400, 800, 1,500 and 10,000 meters runs and a 1,500 meters relay.

Field events to be staged are the pole vault, running high jump, running broad jump and shot put. For boys 16 years of age and under, there will be a 50 meters run, 400 meters relay, high jump and broad jump.

Events for girls and women are as follows: Fifty, 100 and 200 meters runs, 400 meter relay, baseball throw, high jump, broad jump and javelin throw.

There promises to be keen competition in the contests staged for the fair sex as entries have already been received from the crack girls' team of Burgettstown. Their relay team will consist of Loretta Clark, Mary Karnicnik, Mary Dugas and Pearle Allen.

These same girls together with Miss Frances Kanzius will compete in the broad jump. Miss Kanzius is the present A. M. A. record holder of this event. The Misses Allen, Dugas, Clark and Karnicnik have entered in the dashes. In the javelin and baseball throws the Burgettstown team will be represented by Frances Kanzius, Mary Karnicnik and Mary Luckjohn.

**Local Girl Athletes to Complete at Fair**  
**Young Lady Champions of Union High School**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-August 31, 1933 Edition**



**Family Reunion Held  
At Karas Home July 28**

A family reunion was held Sunday, July 28 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Karas, R.D.3, Burgettstown.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stopenski and son of Bulger; Stella Stopenski, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bugay and Barbara Bugay of McDonald; Jerry Froid of Ambridge; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kinser and daughters of Midway; Mr. and Mrs. John Baloga and sons, and Mr. and Mrs. William McCreight and son of Burgettstown.

A family dinner was served. The evening was spent in playing cards and conversation.

## **Karch Selected For National Honors Program**

Frank Lee Karch of Box 73D, Burgettstown, R.D. 2, has been selected for inclusion in the 1988 edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America."

Now in its 26th year, the OYMA program is designed to honor and encourage exceptional young men between the ages of 21 and 36 who have distinguished themselves in many fields of endeavor, such as service to the community, professional leadership, academic achievement, business advancement, cultural accomplishments, and civil and political participation.

Achievements in these areas are the result of dedication, responsibility and a drive for excellence — qualities which deserve to be recognized and remembered.

Karch, along with fellow Outstanding Young Men throughout North America, was selected after 150,000 nominations were received from political leaders, university and college officials, clergymen, business leaders, and various civic groups and community organizations.

Each young man will be represented by his biographical entry in this prestigious annual awards publication.

**Frank Lee Karch Selected for National Honors Program  
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 21, 1988 Edition**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

**Amanda Rae Kaste** of Burgettstown was named to the dean's list at Gettysburg College, where she is majoring in religious studies and anthropology. She is a member of Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity, Lambda Alpha National Anthropology Honor Society, Global Leaders of Gettysburg College, Gettysburg College Honor Commission, the Gettysburg College Sunderman Conservatory of Music's Symphony Band and Bullets Marching Band and Concert Choir. Kaste has been a David Wills Scholar for six consecutive semesters. She was selected as a 2015 Mellon Summer Scholar and will receive a grant to conduct research including fieldwork during the summer, with her chosen topic of The Influential Role of Religion in the American Civil Rights Movement. Kaste will also participate in the Break Away Workshop held at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. In her senior year this fall, she will be the program coordinator for immersion projects with the Center for Public Service at Gettysburg College. A 2012 graduate of Avella Junior-Senior High School, she is a religious and spiritual life office associate for the Office of the Chaplain and Director of Catholic Campus Ministry at Gettysburg College. Her parents are James and Lorraine Kaste of Burgettstown.

**Amanda Rae Kaste**  
**Observer-Reporter-August 16, 2015 Edition**



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## Prefix Granted To Local Farmer

R.F. Kaste, of Burgettstown, will have the exclusive use of the prefix, "Kaste," in naming all Registered Holstein dairy animals bred in that herd.

Use of this prefix name has been granted by the Holstein-Friesian Association of America; it also becomes a part of official breed records at the national headquarters in Brattleboro, Vermont.

Nearly 1,500 prefixes are reserved for Registered Holstein breeders each year. More than 42,000 are now on file for use.

## Hookstown Couple Wed 50 Years

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Keifer of R. D. 1, Hookstown, Pa., near Frankfort Springs celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary, at their home on New Year's Day. Mr. Keifer a retired farmer was 78 on that day. Mrs. Keifer is past 72. Both were born within one half mile of their present home.

Mr. Keifer's parents moved to this farm when he was 4 years old, and he has resided here since. The sturdy house in which the Keifer's live, was built in 1841. The lumber is Allegheny pine, and was rafted down the Allegheny and Ohio rivers to Shippingport, Pa., then hauled to the present site by horses and oxen. The lumber is kiln dried, hand planed and hand groved.

Mr. Keifer is a direct descendant of Henry Keifer of Lancaster County. Henry, the great-grandfather of the present Mr. Keifer, settled in Allegheny County more than 150 years ago, and made 19 trips across the mountains with pack saddle horses, carrying salt, etc.

Four of Mr. and Mrs. Keifer's five children joined them in their celebration at a turkey dinner. One son, Dan F. Keifer of Pullman, Washington was unable to attend. Those present were Smith Keifer and family of Steubenville, O.; W. S. Keifer and family of Florence, Mrs. Louis J. Johnen and family of McDonald, and Miss Zona Keifer, at home.

Though the farm on which they live is now a part of Raccoon National Park, the Keifer's will continue on here, William Keifer having retained a life lease on the buildings and five acres of ground.

**Mr. and Mrs. William F. Keifer Celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 4, 1940 Edition**

## **Bull Purchased**

Frederick Kenyon, Jr., Wood River Junction, Rhode Island, has purchased \*Scottshill Astronaut P300970, a bull calf, sired by \*Scottshill Proud Major P243529, and out of \*Rose Mary P97965 ARM, from James A. Scott, of Burgettstown.

The new animal is a registered Milking Shorthorn and the record of transfer of ownership has been made by the American Milking Shorthorn Society at Springfield, Missouri.

**Frederick Kenyon Jr. Purchased Bull  
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 10, 1963 Edition**





## Bulger man rebuilds past for the future

By Judy Chestnutt  
The Record-Enterprise

Bill Kerekes thinks it would be exciting to enter the next millennium living in a house that is more than 200 years old.

But there's something more special to the particular house Kerekes wants to be living in by the year 2000.

He still has to finish building it.

In 1995, Kerekes bought the former Phillis farm log house that used to be in Cherry Valley. He immediately tore it down - log by log - with a crane and dump truck, numbering each piece with a metal tag.

He stored the logs in sheds on his property in Bulger where he has been rebuilding the house with the help of a friend, Brian Ebel of McDonald.

Growing up in Bulger, Kerekes always knew of the Phillis farm.

In 1980, he heard James Creehan of Bethel Park bought the old house with the intentions of restoring it. For the first time in seven generations, the house was out of the Phillis family.

A remodeler by trade, Kerekes was

disappointed with that news. In the back of his mind, he always wondered how he would fix the house if given the chance.

"You always have a pipe dream, you know," he said.

A few years later, he read in the former Enterprise newspaper the Creehan family decided the house was in worse shape than they thought and couldn't restore it.

After Kerekes asked what the family intended to do with the house, he agreed to a trade. He would do remodeling work on one of the Creehan's homes in exchange for the old Phillis log house.

"I like old-time stuff," Kerekes said. "I work with wood, and I thought I could do something with it."

Kerekes always wanted to build his own house. That's why, after he got married, he bought land in Bulger and put a mobile home on it.

"I bought this property and mobile home with the idea of one day building something here," he said. "But, never in my wildest dreams did I think it would be that log house."

Kerekes said he wouldn't be able to afford the project if he wasn't a remodeler. A few friends and his son,



**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:** BEFORE IT WAS torn down, this is how the c Phillis farm house looked. DURING THE SECOND stage of rebuilding, the founda- tion has been set and the walls formed. WITH THE SECOND story added, si rounded by plywood, this is how the house looks today.

Jason, help him out.

Before he tore down the house, Kerekes made several sets of blue prints so that he could rebuild it as close to the original as possible.

One side of the house had caved in through the years. The house had an addition that was added about 100

years after it was originally built.

Because he wanted to use as mu original wood as possible, Kerek swung the addition around to the si of the house that had caved in.

"Someday, I hope to get it into 1 historical books," he said.

**Bill Kerekes Rrebuilds Phillis Log House for his Own  
The Enterprise-November 12, 1997 Edition**

## **A Daring Robbery**

Miss Grace Kerr, one of our best-known and most popular young ladies, was the victim of a daring robbery early Monday evening. Miss Kerr, who is a daughter of A. H. Kerr, cashier of the Burgettstown National bank, had been to the city with her Mother. Arriving on the 6:21 train, the mother proceeded to her home while Miss Kerr stopped at one of the stores to do some shopping. It was about seven o'clock, as she was passing up the short street from the residence of George W. Pyle to her home, that a man approached from the opposite direction and without warning grabbed the handbag which hung from her arm and made his escape through a nearby alley. Miss Kerr made outcry, and friends were soon on the scene, but no trace of the thief could be found.

The handbag was a Christmas present, valued very highly, and it contained two or three dollars in money, a pair of gloves and a few other small articles.

The robbery occurred within a block of the Peacock tabernacle, and as people were gathering for the evening prayermeeting. The thief was a young man, short and heavy set, and wore a cap pulled down over his eyes. Miss Kerr said that he had passed her near the residence of R. J. Culley. He had evidently known her route and gone up the street leading from Mrs. Kate Anderson's so as to pass her at this place, so convenient for his purpose.

**Grace Kerr**

***A Daring Robbery***

**Article from a scrapbook-no date available**

# Margaret Ann Metz Klein

A narration presented at

Jefferson Township Sesquicentennial held on June 21, 2003. The Bethel Pageant was held at the Bethel Church on Bethel Ridge Road about three miles south of the Village of Eldersville.

Scripts were written using factual data taken from local histories, family genealogies, graveyard inscriptions, censuses, obituaries and interviews with the elder of the community who were familiar with families represented. The personalities included in the pageant were chosen very carefully, there being a large number of honest, respected, hard working individuals who were buried here from which to choose. Criteria used in the selection were: a) burial was in the Bethel Graveyard, b) were representative of a family that lived in the area in the early days of settlement, c) in their lifetime were credit to Jefferson Township, d) enough data and human interest stories were available to make this writing possible.

Persons chosen to portray the "Personalities from the Past" were also carefully selected. Where possible, direct descendants of the personality, or some knowledgeable individual with close ties to the family or the homestead of the family were invited to participate.

June Campbell Grossman-Welch  
Pageant Director & Author of Narrations

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



## Margaret Ann Metz Klein

My name was Margaret Ann Metz Klein. I was born in 1800 in the days when this land in Jefferson Township was very sparsely populated. When I was about 19 years old, I married John Freidrick Klein, an immigrant from Marburg, Germany, who had landed at the port of Philadelphia on the fourth of November in 1816.

John was 22 years of age when he came to this country and had been trained in Germany to be a butcher.

A few years after our marriage and after we had become the parents of about five children, John took us to what is today the very southernmost tip of Jefferson Township in Washington County. There, on the bottomland, near the stream of Cross Creek, he built a log house where the rest of our ten children were born and raised. This house was on the site of an old log cabin which, as early as 1811, had been used as a subscription school for children of the area whose parents could afford to help pay a teacher.



*The site of this old schoolhouse, which is no longer standing, is believed by old timers of the area to be the location of the John Frederick Klein Log House.*

Only three of our children were girls. Our eldest daughter, Louisa Susanna, married George Veasy and had a child who was born in 1860. But the following year, George died at the age of 41, leaving Louisa a widow with an infant son. She brought her baby back home and lived with us until she could cope with this great loss.

As our seven little boys came along, we set a precedent in naming them. We named each one John, after his father. Of course we gave them each a different middle name by which they were called. Thus we ended up with: John Christopher, John Adam, John Heinrich, John Rinehart, John Frederick, John Wilhelm, and John Alexander. I jokingly told the neighbors it was merely a matter of convenience.

When they were growing up and working on the farm with their father, at dinner time, I simply went to the door and called, "John! Dinner is ready". And everyone dropped his hoe and came to eat.

Our older sons were trained to be stone masons. Our second son, Adam, was a very good mason. He married Eliza Perrine, a grand daughter of Peter Perrine who was a Revolutionary soldier and is buried here at Bethel. They had three children, but Adam died in 1851 at the age of 24. Eliza took her little ones and moved back with her parents to the big house which is still standing today in Cedar Grove. Her son, Isaac Perrine Klein, later became one of Wellsburg, West Virginia's outstanding citizens. He was a self educated man and worked as an agent for the railroad. My son, Rinehart, who married Nancy Richardson from Eldersville, was a railroad man.

Wilhelm, our sixth son, married Harriett Stewart. Their greatest sorrow in life was that they had no children. But it was William, as we called him, and Harriett who cared for us in our old age. He built the house on the hilltop near Penobscot which was always known as the Klein house of Jefferson Township, and moved us in with them to better care for us.



*William Klein House near Penobscot*

William served in the Union Army during the Civil War, as did Rinehart. Some of our other sons also served. We were worried to death about all of them, but they came back home safe and sound.

In the heart of springtime in 1870, John died at the age of 76. We buried him here at Bethel which was always home to us. I lived fourteen more years, but they were lonely ones. Life is never the same after ones mate is gone. But I was grateful for the fifty years we had together and for the children we were given.

Although the Klein name is gone from Jefferson Township, our descendants are many. They are a credit to their ancestor forefather, John Freidrick Klein – a lone immigrant boy from Germany, who decided back in 1816 to seek a better life in a strange and far off land.

### KUNKEL-EVANS WEDDING

Miss Ann Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Evans of Raccoon and George Kunkel, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Kunkel of McDonald were united in marriage by the Rev. Father W. J. McCashin in Our Lady of Lourdes Rectory, Saturday morning, April 20. They were attended by Miss Jean Maslyk and Carl Eller. Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served in the bride's home. Mr. and Mrs. Kunkel will reside in McDonald, where the groom is employed by the Brody Furniture Company.

**Kunkle-Evans Wedding**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-April 25, 1940 Edition**





**It is believed that the Kobulinicky farm house is on the immediate left. Bavington, PA  
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 17, 1969 Edition**

*Fort Vance Historical Society*





**Andrew Kotcher and sons  
John Sr., Andrew, and Michael Sr.  
Circa 1932**





**Anna Kotcher-Holy Communion**





**Elizabeth Kotcher**  
**Burgettstown School-Circa 1930**



**Michael Kotcher Sr.**  
**Burgettstown School-Grade 8-1936**

# A special group of banquet honorees

## Roy Gillespie Memorial Special Award

**Royce Kotouch:** Kotouch was born and raised in Eldersville and is a lifelong resident of Burgettstown. He graduated from Burgettstown High School in 1988 and was involved with the football and wrestling teams. He also was a junior firefighter for the Eldersville Volunteer Fire Department and is still an active member as a trained EMT. A near fatal accident on Labor Day Weekend in 2004 in which he was severely burned did not deter his passion to volunteer and help his community.

Kotouch started with the Burgettstown Cadet Wrestling Program in 1997 as an assistant coach is now general manager of that group. He started with the Burgettstown Lions football organization in 1999 and has been an assistant coach, head coach, lead fundraiser, GM, vice president, and president for the past 6 years.

Kotouch became head of maintenance at Hill Memorial Football Stadium last fall. He added the duties of 7th-8th football coach in 2014 and junior high wrestling coach this season. He somehow finds the time and energy to give back to the school and community while maintaining a full time job with Alex Paris Construction Co.

Kotouch and his wife Renea have three boys -Ryan, Stephen and Christopher.

By JOE TUSCANO  
Staff writer  
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The Tri-County Athletic Directors' Association Coach of the Year Banquet makes sure to recognize contributions made in athletics that complement those who play and coach.

Each year, the banquet recognizes individuals who contribute to sports and service in their community, the Special Olympics Athlete of the Year, the Athletic Director of the Year, Excellence in Officiating, and Olympic Sports coaches.

These individuals are selected on merit, contribution and dedication.

They will be honored during the annual banquet at 5 p.m. Sunday at the Double-Tree by Hilton in Meadow Lands.

Tickets for the banquet are \$35 each and are on sale at Washington High School, 201 Allison Avenue, Washington, Pa., 15301. Reservations can be made by calling athletic director Joe Nicolella at 724-223-5085, ext. 2091.

All proceeds from the banquet benefit Special Olympics.

The following is a short bio on the honorees:

### **Meghan Canterna Memorial Award**

**Special Olympics Athlete of the Year, Jean Urbas:** Urbas has participated in Special Olympic for more than 30 years. She competed in bowling, basketball, softball,

## Tri-CADA Coach of the Year

### **Meghan Canterna Memorial Award**

Special Olympics Athlete of the Year  
● Jean Urbas

### **Roy Gillespie Memorial Award**

● Royce Kotouch

### **Tri-County Athletic Directors' Award**

Dick Kohl Memorial  
● Joe Nicolella, Washington High School

### **Olympic Sports**

● Larry Fingers, Canon-McMillan boys soccer  
● Rob Eldridge, South Fayette boys soccer  
● Dave Kuhn, Peters Township golf

### **Bill Christy Memorial Award**

Excellence in Officiating  
● Paul Lancaster  
● Ken McWilliams

bobce and track and field. Her sportsmanship is amazing as she once offered her god medal at a meet to another competitor who was upset at earning a ribbon.

Urbas lives in a small group home. She has four sisters, one brother, five nieces, seven nephews and one great

*Please see Special, Page C4*





**Kowalski's Restore Gazebo at Florence Avenue Home**

One of the dreams of Emile (Harp) Kowalski has been to restore the gazebo on his Florence Avenue property.

Three years ago, he lifted the little building off its crumbling foundation and there it was suspended until last March when, with the first breath of spring, he could get to work in the earnest.

“Harp”, who retired in December from his job as a village mail carrier, finally had the time to devote to the work. A cement, octagonal foundation was laid, and then a dismantling process on the gazebo began so that each of the eight posts and two tiers of spindles could be scrapped. At times the restoration seemed more than “Harp” had bargained for, but Johnny Carnali, local barber, came around on Mondays, his day off, and together he and “Harp” used six tanks of gas and a torch to remove much of the paint.

Some of the spindles and sections of the railing had to be replaced. “Harp” was fortunate to find similar wood at the former McMahan house when it was remodeled. The conical roof of the gazebo was well supported with heavy beams arranged like the spokes of a wheel, but a section of the metal had to be added. Then the whole structure was ready to paint.

Two coats of white paint with an oil base were applied to the sides and ceiling. Then “Harp” found some red roof paint “lying around” to cover the top.

By Friday, August 3, the little building gleamed bright and beautiful in the August sunlight—in time for “Harp’s” son, Kermit, and his bride, the former Athena Pappas, to pose for pictures in it after their wedding.

Local people have speculated about who first built the gazebo, but a few old-timers know for sure that it was constructed by John Fulton, another dreamer, who built the spacious home in which “Harp” now lives. Mr. Fulton was a feed store owner, whose place of business was on Whitaker Street along the railroad. Along with his pretentious house he built a barn, a latticed pump house and a little gazebo. Mr. Kowalski hopes sometime to refinish the pump house, but just now he and his wife Virginia (Jum), both of whom are pictured above, like to sit on their comfortable patio and over the beds of bright Impatience that “Jum” has planted, feast their eyes on the completed gazebo—one of a kind in Burgettstown.

## **Kowalski’s Restore Gazebo at Florence Avenue Home Burgettstown Enterprise-August 1979 Edition**

*Fort Vance Historical Society*



## Kowcheck — 50 years

David and Rose Kowcheck of Avella will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a family celebration at Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort.

Mr. and Mrs. Kowcheck were married July 20, 1968, at St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church in Weirton, W.Va., by the late Rev. Sylvester Staud.

Their three children are Alyssa (Christopher) Cilia of Avella, David (Kathryn) Kowcheck of Carnegie and Lesley (Timothy) Pacitto of Charlotte, N.C.

Their grandchildren are Alexandra, Christopher and Nathaniel Cilia; Katarina and Paxton Kowcheck; and

Timothy and Julia Pacitto.

Mr. Kowcheck is a retired ironworker and past part-owner of Mohawk Construction, Viking Erectors and J&K Construction.

Mrs. Kowcheck is a retired registered nurse, having worked at the Washington Hospital, Weirton General Hospital and Washington Communities MH/MR.

Mr. and Mrs. Kowcheck are members of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Avella, and belong to the American Legion Post 643.

Mr. Kowcheck is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Post 3440, Burgettstown.



# **AUCTION**

## **HOLSTEIN CATTLE**

Having discontinued the dairy business, will sell the following at the Serge Kozares Farm, located 2 miles South of Burgettstown, Pa. on Route 18, then 1/2 mile West on Cross Creek - Avella Road [Washington Co.] on:

**Saturday, June 5, 1976 - 11 A.M.**

**18 --- HEAD --- 18**

18 head of Holstien cows and hiefers between 2 and 5 yrs. old; 6 head due to calve by sale day; 6 head fresh in April and May; balance in good flow of milk.

## **EQUIPMENT**

320 gal. Wilson bulk tank; 2 Surge milkers; 6 rolls of new barb-wire; small amount of misc.

Terms: Cash or Check

Mr. & Mrs. Serge Kozares  
R.D. 2, Burgettstown, Pa.  
OWNERS

Sale Conducted by:  
Anderson Auctioneers, Inc.  
R.D. 1, Georgetown, Pa.

Harry Anderson, Auctioneer

1-[412] 573-9767

NOTE: Please be on time, as not many small items. Cattle to sell at 11:30 A.M.

Mr. and Mrs. Serge Kozares-Auction  
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 2, 1976 Edition

## William Kraeer Drowned In River At Point Marion

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 21, for William Waring Kraeer, 24, who drowned about 12:05 a.m. Friday when he fell into the Monongahela river near Point Marion. Grappling crews recovered the body about 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

Greene County Deputy Coroner Michael Lucas of Carmichaels said Kraeer apparently fell from a "cat walk" between two river craft as he and two other men were making their way back to the U. S. Tennessee, government repair boat after visiting friends on another vessel. The two companions said Kraeer did not come to the surface after he fell and that he apparently was swept by the current under other craft tied up at that point. The companions were Robert Shuster, Jr., of Rimer and Charles M. Brown, members of the U. S. Tennessee crew.

It was also reported that guard rails on the "cat walk" had only been taken off recently for repair. It is believed that Kraeer slipped and fell from the walk. A watch, which he was wearing, did not stop until two hours after he fell into the water.

The body was recovered several hundred feet down stream from where the accident occurred, and was removed to the Lee and Wilson Funeral home. All other craft were removed from the scene immediately after the accident to permit full search for the body.

Kraeer was a graduate of Union high school and saw three years of service during World War II with the 751st Field Artillery, including 18 months in the European theater. He enlisted April 28, 1943 and was discharged January 24, 1946. His parents William A. and Emma Kraeer and three sisters: Louise Marjorie and Mary survive.

Rev. Jacob C. Ruble was in charge of the funeral service held in the First Presbyterian Church. at 2:30. Interment was in Chestnut Ridge Cemetery.

**William Kraeer Drowned in River at Point Marion  
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 23, 1948 Edition**



# Local girl to perform a Tony Gala benefit

Pittsburgh's theatre community will celebrate the American Theatre Wing's Tony Awards with a benefit Tony Gala on Sunday, June 6, at the exclusive J. Verno Studios on Pittsburgh's South Side.

The evening benefits Pittsburgh Musical Theatre (PMT) and its PMT Parent Network and will help fund the 2004-2005 season of the Richard E. Rauh Conservatory Theatre Co.

The event begins at 7 p.m. and will include entertainment by students of the Rauh Conservatory, a benefit auction and viewing of the annual Tony Awards from New York City hosted by Hugh Jackman.

Food and wine are included in the \$75 per person admission. Items up for live, silent and Chinese auction include an autographed Steeler football, a week stay in a Florida condo, quality furniture and landscape and gardening services.

Entertainment via a "live virtual jukebox" also will be featured throughout the evening.

For information or tickets, call Dawn Kramer at 724-899-3030.

PMT is the third largest Pittsburgh area professional theatre company. Approximately 85,000 audience members from the 10-county Pittsburgh region attend the shows each season, and nearly half are under the age of 28. PMT hires local talent for its main stage productions and provided employment for 250 Pittsburgh performers and technicians last year.

PMT was the first local company to offer 10 a.m. weekday student matinees of its main stage shows to local schools, many of whom are from inner-city or financially-challenged areas. Following each matinee, a Director's Forum allows for interaction between the audience and the director and cast members. In addition, study guides, writ-



Contributed

**TAKES THE STAGE** — Kate Kramer, an eighth-grader at Burgettstown Middle/High School will be performing "Momma, I'm a Big Girl Now" from Hairspray. A student at the Richard E. Rauh Conservatory, Kate is the daughter of Dawn and Chris Kramer of Bavington.

ten by educating professionals, are distributed to teachers in advance of the performance.

PMT was founded in 1990 with the vision of creating a regional musical theatre company committed to quality productions of the best of Pittsburgh's professional talent at a price affordable to all residents, especially children and families.

As a non-profit performing arts organization, the mission expanded to include a strong commitment to education, training, and outreach programs through its Richard E. Rauh Conservatory. General music education and appreciation programs are offered for students ages 4-18. The Young Performers Institute, a highly-structured accredited program, is designed for high school students with serious aspirations for careers in the performing arts.

**Kate Kramer to Perform a Tony Gala Benefit  
PA Focus-May 29, 2000 Edition**



# NEW ATHLETIC RECORD MADE BY SCHOOL GIRL

Frances Kanzius, Union High School  
Student, Sets up New Record  
at Association Meet

Miss Frances Kanzius, Union high school student and athlete extraordinary, won new laurels for herself and her associates of the Burgettstown Athletic Club at Pittsburgh on Saturday, contesting in the annual meet of the Allegheny Mountain Association. While others of the local team gave excellent accounts of themselves, the prowess of Miss Kanzius was shown conspicuously. Miss Kanzius is 17 years old and has been a champion in athletic sports for several years.

The young lady, who is perhaps better known by her nick-name, "Fritzie," was the winner of four first places in the Saturday meet, and established one new record, taking altogether 44 points for her team. No other team competing were able to match this record. "Fritzie" won the broad jump, the discus throw, the baseball and javelin throws. In the next to the last discus throw she hurled the disc a distance of 104 feet, five inches, a new record; her broad jump was 12 feet, eight inches; she threw the baseball 228 feet 10 inches, and the javelin 89 feet, two inches.

The Burgettstown team scored points in every event except the running broad jump. The 400 metre relay race was won by Burgettstown with Loretta Clark, Mary Dugas, Mary Karnechnik and Pearl Allen making up the team. The event was won in 1:04.8 time.

Other individual point winners of the Burgettstown group were Loretta Clark, second in the 50 metre dash, and second in the broad jump; Mary Luckjohn, winner in the eight-pound shot put, and second in the discus throw; Pearl Allen, second in the 100 metre dash and third in the 200 metre dash; Mary Karnechnik, third in the 50 metre dash.

Other teams finishing behind Burgettstown in the meet were the Union A. C. of Turtle Creek, Slippery Rock State Teachers College and Monongahela Turners.

## New Athletic Record Made by School Girl

Frances Kranzius, Union High Student, Sets up New Record at Association Meet  
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 6, 1933 Edition

## **New Jersey town honors area native**

Gary Kristoff, former U.S. jet pilot and captain, son of Fifi Kristoff and the late Joseph Kristoff of Joffre, and his wife, Marie Kristoff, the former Marie Wonsevicz, daughter of Ed and Eva Wonsevicz of Eldersville Road, were honored at a testimonial dinner on Friday, June 30.

The mayor and town council of Lebanon, N.J., presented an engraved award to Gary in recognition of his exemplary work as Director of the Office of Emergency Management for the borough, and the origination of the town emergency council, the establishment of the Office of Emergency Management, and the county and State of New Jersey's approval of the borough's emergency plan.

This was all done by Gary on a volunteer basis while he and his wife ran their own business, Flemington Fabric Decorating Center.

At the same time he was a lieutenant in the local volunteer fire company, president of the Flemington Business Association and vice president of the local school board.

The dinner was attended by Fifi Kristoff of Joffre and Ed and Eva Wonsevicz of Eldersville Road, along with a number of Lebanon area residents.

The borough of Lebanon, N.J., has the tradition of sponsoring one of the largest small town parades on the Fourth of July in the country. The community of one square mile and 600 residents drew approximately 14,000 spectators for the parade.

**Gary Kristoff Honored**  
**The Enterprise-Record-July 1997 Edition**



## Kurnal - 100 years

Blanche Kurnal of Washington, formerly of Hickory and Houston, will celebrate her 100th birthday with a luncheon with family and friends at the home of her daughter and a card shower. Cards can be sent to Evergreen Personal Care, 336 N. Main St., Washington, PA 15301.

Mrs. Kurnal was born July 13, 1916, in McKees Rocks.

On June 21, 1943, she married Louis Kurnal, who died January 22, 2002.

She has one daughter, Karen (the late David) Defibaugh.

Her grandchildren are Dallas Defibaugh and Nathan Defibaugh. She also has four great-grandchildren.



Mrs. Kurnal is a member of St. Patrick Church, Chartiers-Houston Senior Citizens Center and Chartiers Township Friends of the Library.

**Blanche Kurnal Celebrates 100 Years**  
**Observer-Reporter-July 1, 2016 Edition**



### **Local AMC Dealer Wins Weekend Trip To Super Bowl XVI**

Bob Kuzior, owner of McDonald AMC/Jeep/Renault, Inc., McDonald, and his wife, Judy, traveled by Northwest Orient Airlines to Super Bowl XVI the weekend of January 22, 1982. Bob won the all-expense paid trip by winning a Jeep sales contest.

On Saturday, the Kuziors attended the festivities at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn, Michigan, where celebrities and members of the press were staying. On Sunday, they attended the Super Bowl game between the San Francisco 49ers and the Cincinnati Bengals in the Silverdome at Pontiac, Michigan. This was the fourth AMC contest won by Bob during 1981.

Mr. and Mrs. Kuzior reside at Bulger, R. D. 1, with their two children, Kimberly and Kevin.

**Bob Kuzior, Local AMC Dealer Wins Weekend Trip to Super Bowl XVI  
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 10, 1982 Edition**

## Hestor Kuzior Wins Western Pennsylvania Bowling Crown



### Nine Game Average Of 190 Wins Title

Western Pennsylvania Bowling Champion--Hestor Kuzior, of Highland avenue, Burgettstown, proudly displays the huge trophy she won after winning the Western Pennsylvania Open Tenpin Tournament conducted at the Brannan Bowl, McKees Rocks.

The tourney attracted the outstanding women bowlers from the Greater Pittsburgh area and it took most of the month of March to

complete the qualifying rounds.

Hester, who works at Petrucci's Market, rolled her three qualifying games on March 13 and compiled an aggregate of 766 pins, including a high 224 game.

Fourteen contestants were entered in the final round on Sunday, March 20. Hester advanced to a field of eight by rolling a 549 series, with games of 182, 224 and 143. In her next three games, she hit a 202, a 191 and a 201 for a total of 594 and advanced to the final three games against three other bowlers, including defending champion Alice

Paul, of Sharon.

The Peterson Point System was used for determining the champion in a round-robin series. Each bowler received one point for each win, and one point for every 50 pins.

Hester wound up the champion with 14.20 points. Mrs. Paull was runnerup with 13.83 points.

For her nine games on the final day, she knocked down 1713 pins for a sensational average of 190!

She won the huge trophy plus cash of \$75 for winning the title. In addition, she is automatically seeded for next year's finals.

Hester says her biggest rooter at the tournament was her husband, Matt, who is one of the leading bowlers in the Raccoon Valley area.

She has been bowling for 11 years, and currently carries the local league high of 170, as a member of Tony & Marge's team.

Hester also bowls for the Farm Restaurant team in the Weirton League.

Two other area bowlers, Louise Ross and Estelle Gratchen, also entered the West Penn tournament, but were eliminated in the qualifying rounds.

## **Frank Kuzycks Observe 50th**

Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Kuzyck of Atlasburg celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a Mass and renewal of their vows at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Burgettstown.

A dinner reception was hosted by their daughters and their families in the Mt. Pleasant Twp. Fire Hall. The couple received a Papal blessing and greetings from President Reagan.

The couple were married Oct. 18, 1938, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church by the Rev. William J. McCashin.

The Kuzycks have two daughters, Mary Anne Biagetti of Pittsburgh and Joanne Hrycko of McMurray. There are four grandchildren: Mark and Lisa Biagetti, and Andrew and Michael Hrycko.

Mr. Kuzyck is retired from the Climax Molybdenum Company in Langeloth. Mrs. Kuzyck is retired from the U.S. Post Office.

**Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kuzycks Observe 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 16, 1988 Edition**



## Area Couples Have Golden Anniversaries



Mr. and Mrs. George R. Land

Mr. and Mrs. George R. Land of First street, Oakdale, who on Wednesday observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary, will celebrate the occasion Sunday at an open house for relatives, neighbors, and friends starting at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Land, who were united in marriage September 14, 1910, in Pittsburgh, are the parents of four daughters; Mrs. Fernal Peterson, Jr., of Canonsburg, Mrs. Burley Roberts of Weirton, W.Va., Mrs. Lloyd Plance of Imperial, and Mrs. Ernest Toward of Bulger, and two sons; M/Sgt. Thomas A. Land, stationed with the U. S. Army in Germany, and George B. Land of Bellevue. There are 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Clifford Hannah, Sr., last Saturday celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house in their home on the Steubenville Pike, near Oakdale.

Mr. and Mrs. Hannah were married September 12, 1910, in Brookville. He is a retired employee of the Peoples Natural Gas Co., where he had worked for 45 years.

They are the parents of four daughters, Mrs. Agnes Midgley of Rosslyn Farms, Mrs. Myrna Vesta Christopher of Imperial, Mrs. Ruth Christopher of Robinson Township, and Mrs. Beatrice Montgomery of Oakdale R.D.; and four sons, Wilbur Hannah of Charleroi, Wilson Hannah of Huntingdon, W.Va., Joseph Clifford Hannah, Jr., of Oakdale R.D., and Loring Hannah of Buffalo, N. Y. There are 21 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**Mr. and Mrs. George R. Land-Celebrate Golden Anniversary  
Record Outlook-September 15, 1960 Edition**

**BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR  
RUTH LANDER; MARCH 5**

A birthday party was held Friday evening, March 5, for Ruth Lander of Joffre, when she celebrated her 10th birthday. The evening was spent in playing games and musical selections. Prizes were awarded to Patricia Plate, Patty McFarland and Ruth Lander.

A large birthday cake formed the center piece for the table. Ruth received many gifts.

Those present were Joan Pompe, Joan Gobleck, Mildred Kampian, Andrea Danek, Mary Walp, Anna Orgavon, Patty McFarland, Janice Yanek, Patricia Plate, Grace Lander, Richard Lander, James Lander and Gerald Lander. Mrs. Sophie McFarland was a guest. Lunch was served by Irene and Mrs. James Lander.



# Bulger veteran headed to Hall of Valor

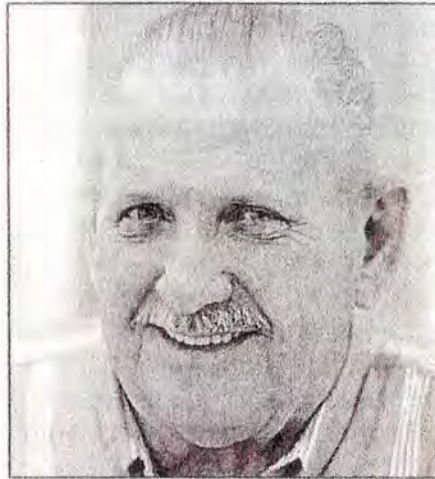
BY SYLVIA CAVALLO

*For the Observer-Reporter*

Charles R. Lang has some unbelievable stories about his days in combat during the Korean War, but the day he earned the Silver Star remains especially vivid in his memory.

As a corporal in the U.S. Army's 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Division, Lang was on a combat mission near the 38th parallel when he risked his life to save a wounded comrade who had been exposed to enemy fire. Lang says the soldier, whom he didn't know, was wounded in the leg. Lang entered the fiery area where his comrade lay incapacitated, splinted the soldier's leg and evacuated him safely behind American lines.

"That kind of moment is one that you never forget," Lang said. "It is



**Charles R. Lang**

one of those experiences that gets your adrenaline pumping. ... You don't have time to be afraid; you just try to help in the best way you can."

On Memorial Day, Lang will be inducted into the Hall of Valor at Soldiers and Sailors Hall in Oak-

land for the Silver Star he earned on that cold, bitter day in 1951. In the military, the Silver Star is the third highest medal for valor.

Lang will be accompanied to the ceremony by family and friends, and he will receive a plaque that will be displayed in the museum.

The 77-year-old Bulger resident was born on Pittsburgh's West End and lived most of his life in the Carnegie area. When he was 21, he was drafted into the Army, underwent basic training in Kentucky, and was deployed to Korea for one year. Three of his eight brothers also served in Korea, and three others fought in World War II.

Lang said he knew nothing about combat and was thrown into deplorable weather and combat conditions along with countless other soldiers who fought in what is often referred to in history as the "for-

gotten war."

The Korean War came on the heels of World War II, and much like Vietnam, was part of the Cold War to stop the advancement of communism in Southeast Asia.

"I am so proud to receive the honor because it took place during a time in my life that I can never forget," Lang said. "Those memories stay fixed there. You play them back in your mind."

Like the "Ice Cream March."

"On one particular day, we were sent over the hill and only 11 of us came back down. The rest of the regiment was either wounded or killed. We called it the Ice Cream March because the 11 of us who survived got ice cream when we got back," said Lang, who was also awarded a purple heart for his service in Korea. He was wounded in the thigh during combat.

**Charles R. Lange-Bulger Veteran headed to Hall of Valor**  
**Observer-Reporter-May 21, 2006 Edition**



# Charles Richard Lange

Korean War  
Photos

I was drafted into the army at the age of twenty-one. It was tough and a lot harder than I ever expected it to be. I became a corporal with a seal # of 52106763. My company home was second division US Military and the men call it "second to none". It was a career that was an honor to serve my Country. During my military career I received the Purple Heart, the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, the National Defense Silver Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal and the Combat Infantry Badge. The Korean War was a turning point in my life being away from family and depending on people other than friends and family and in turn having them depend on me. This experience at the 38th parallel "helped shape me into the man I would become and am today".



Charles receiving the Silver Star from Major General Robert Young; Four-Star General Fall of 1952







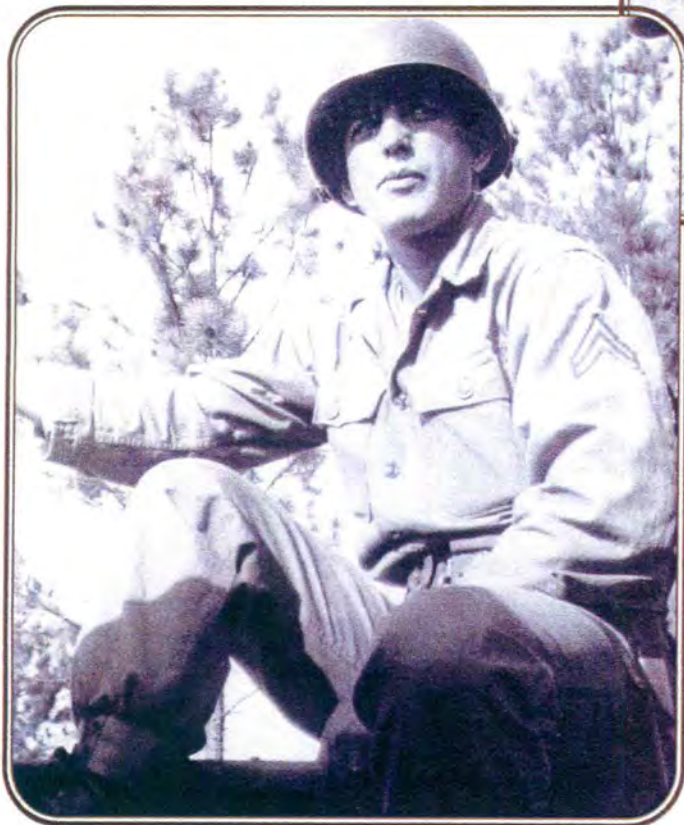
Myself in Korea



Roberto Vega and Bazooka  
March 31, 1952 North Korea On Line



Tucker, Worley, Vega and myself  
March 31, 1952 North Korea On Line





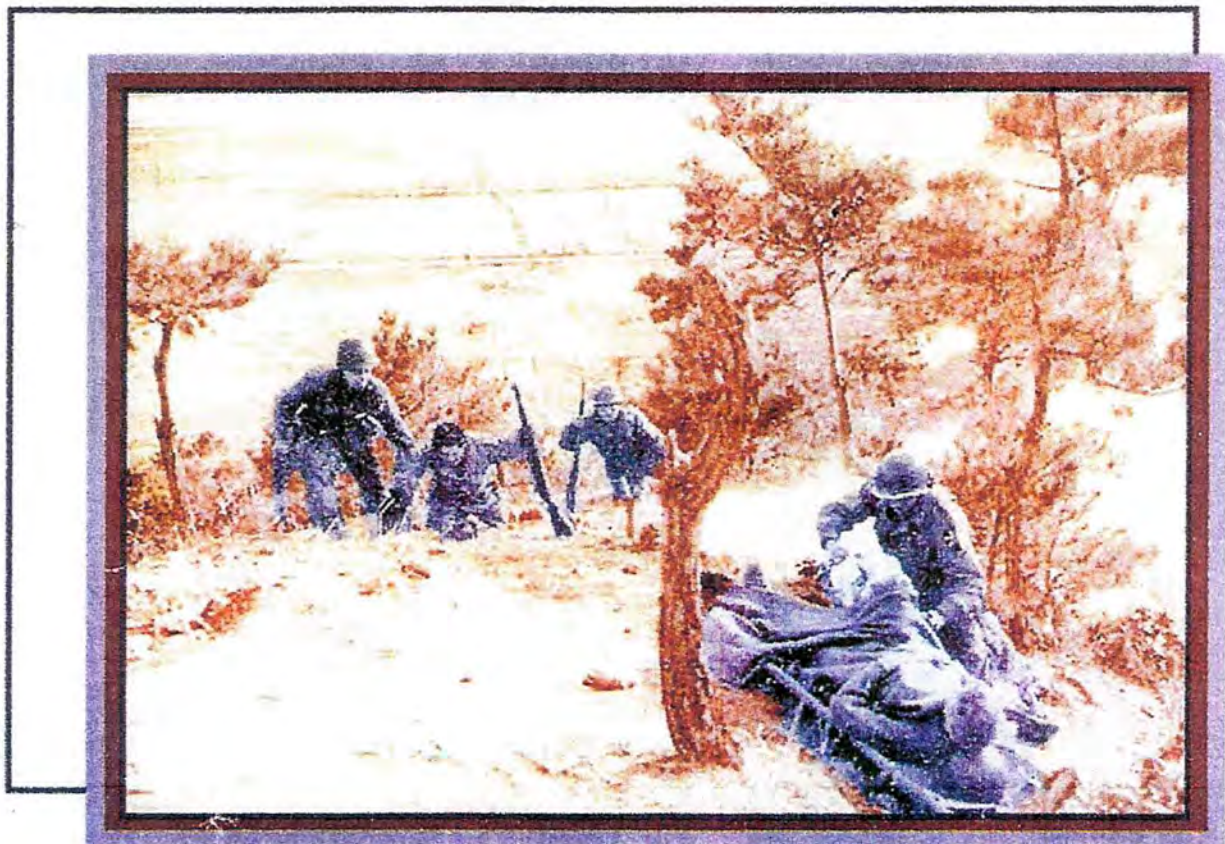


Private Charles R. Lange  
Army

G Company, 2nd Battalion, 23rd Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division  
Korean War  
Allegheny County



Awarded the Silver Star Medal in 1951 for action above and beyond the call of duty. Private Lange observed a wounded comrade lying exposed to enemy fire; he left his cover and crossed the field of enemy fire to the wounded soldier. After rendering first aid and improvising a splint for the wounded soldier's broken leg he then moved him to a safe area and had the man evacuated to safety behind the American lines. Private Lange's disregard for his own safety and life saving first aid to a fellow soldier and saving his life brings great credit to himself and the United States Army.







**AWARD . . .** Pvt. Charles R. Lange (left), of Carnegie, is shown as he received the Silver Star from Maj. Gen. Robert Young (right) for heroism in combat for saving wounded comrade in Korea. Man in center is unidentified.

## Carnegie GI Cited For Valor

A 23-year-old Carnegie soldier, Pvt. Charles R. Lange, today had the Silver Star, the nation's third highest award for heroism in combat, for saving a wounded comrade in Korea.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lange, who live on McMichael Rd., just outside Carnegie, have had five of their seven sons in military service.

One, Lawrence Jr., who saw service in the Pacific with the Army in World War II, and his father, are stereotypers for the Sun-Telegraph.

Charles won the Silver Star while fighting with the Twenty-third Infantry Regiment of the Second Division.

Observing a wounded comrade lying exposed to enemy fire, he left cover and crossed the fire-swept area to the wounded man. After improvising a splint for the man's broken leg, Lange moved him to safety and directed a litter team in evacuating him safely behind the American lines.

### IN KOREA 8 MONTHS

Charles entered the Army last March after attending Robinson Township High School. He has been in Korea for eight months and was once wounded.

One of his brothers, Joseph, is now in Japan after seeing service as a paratrooper in Korea with the 101st Airborne.

Another brother, Louis, has just arrived home after completing an enlistment in the Army. Louis re-enlisted after World War II service in Germany and France.

Andrew, the fifth brother to see military service, was with the Marines in the Pacific during World War II.

**Pvt. Charles R. Lange, Carnegie GI Cited for Valor  
Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph-March 13, 1952 Edition**

## **James Lashhorn Publishes Poems**

James Lashhorn, 16, of Hanlin Station recently submitted three poems to "Talent: Songwriters and Poets of 1947" and has received notice of their publication in the poetry volume. James attended Weir high school and for some time has been entering numerous contests in the hope of having some of his poems and songs published. The three selected were "Ways of Contentment", "November" and "Who'd Ever Think".

**James Lashhorn Publishes Poems  
Burgettstown Enterprise-Jun 10, 1948 Edition**





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## **Landscape by committee**

Through efforts of a self-appointed three-person beautification committee and 30 other community members, a \$6,000 fountain, surrounded by a landscaped area, in the town triangle at the south end of Burgettstown was unveiled Memorial Day. June Mancinelli and Charles Lawson planned and organized fund-raisers, including bake sales, to make the fountain possible. The triangle area was created several years ago when the four-lane Burgettstown bypass was constructed on Route 18, which is the main street through town.

**Charles Lawson Memorial Park**  
**Observer-Reportre-June 19, 1999 Edition**





**The home of James and Tillie Lawson  
1942 Erie Mine, Burgettstown, PA**

**Front row, L-R; Roberta Ransome and Charles Lawson  
Back Row, L-R: Gladys, Tillie, Thommie, and Jenny Toverne**

**Mrs. Delma Lawson  
Marries Alfred DeSanto**

Announcement is made of the marriage of Mrs. Delma Rowland Lawson of South Burgettstown and Alfred De Santo of Slovan, which took place Saturday evening, October 21. The ceremony was performed by Justice of the Peace Hugh Hitchcock in his home on Route 22.

Mrs. DeSanto is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rowland of Weirton, W. Va., and is employed at Peppy's Restaurant. Mr. DeSanto is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Piccolo of Slovan. He is the owner and operates Freddie's Service Station on Route 13.

**Delma Lawson Marries Alfred DeSanto  
Burgettstown Enterprise-October 26, 1961 Edition**



# Alexander Lawther

A narration presented at  
Jefferson Township Sesquicentennial held on June 21, 2003. The Bethel Pageant was held at the  
Bethel Church on Bethel Ridge Road about three miles south of the Village of Eldersville.

Scripts were written using factual data taken from local histories, family genealogies, graveyard inscriptions, censuses, obituaries and interviews with the elder of the community who were familiar with families represented. The personalities included in the pageant were chosen very carefully, there being a large number of honest, respected, hard working individuals who were buried here from which to choose. Criteria used in the selection were: a) burial was in the Bethel Graveyard, b) were representative of a family that lived in the area in the early days of settlement, c) in their lifetime were credit to Jefferson Township, d) enough data and human interest stories were available to make this writing possible.

Persons chosen to portray the "Personalities from the Past" were also carefully selected. Where possible, direct descendants of the personality, or some knowledgeable individual with close ties to the family or the homestead of the family were invited to participate.

June Campbell Grossman-Welch  
Pageant Director & Author of Narrations

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

## Alexander Lawther

My name was Alexander Lawther. I was born the 13<sup>th</sup> of July in 1808, in Brooke County, VA, on the farm of my grandmother's brother, Robert Murchland. My parents, James and Jeannette Shaw Lawther, had been married in County Antrim, Ireland, in 1790, and set sail for America on their wedding day. My mother was 17 years old at the time and never saw her parents or family again.

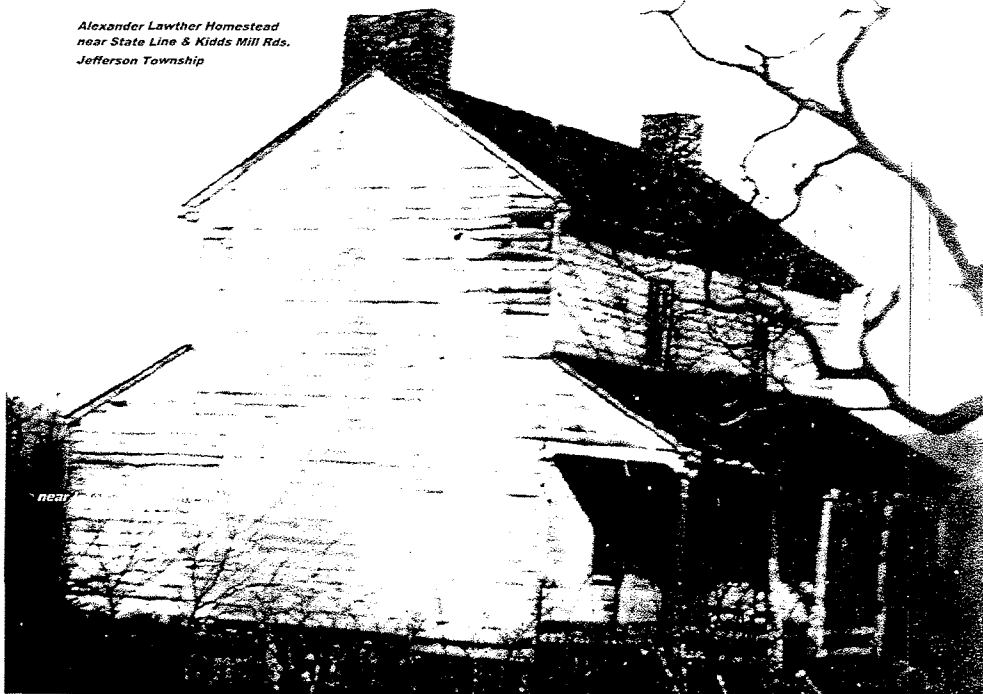
My grandfather, Alexander Lawther, was one of the many Murchlands who came to America on the same ship with my parents. He bought a farm in what is now Jefferson Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, and built a log cabin where he, my grandmother, and some of their children lived out their lives. My parents, being newlyweds, lived for a few years in Brooke County, VA, on the farm of my Great Uncle Robert Murchland. My oldest sister was born in Wells Fort in June of 1791 during an Indian raid. Life was not easy.

After the deaths of my Lawther grandparents, my father decided to move to the log cabin in Jefferson Township with his unmarried siblings who must have been very alone in this new world after their parents died. But it certainly wasn't lonely after we moved in that little log cabin with our whole family. By 1810, there were 13 of us living in that tiny house. But we lived through it and learned to care for each other.

Just two days before Christmas in 1821, tragedy struck. My father died at the age of 51, leaving my mother with five children still at home - among them, my baby brother aged six and my eleven year old sister Catherine, who had been born mentally retarded. The next twenty years were not easy ones.

By 1844, I had fallen in love with a neighbor girl, Nancy Smith, and married her. I immediately set about to build a new house.

*Alexander Lawther Homestead  
near State Line & Kidds Mill Rds.  
Jefferson Township*





**By 1850, Nancy and I and our first three children were living in the new dwelling while my mother, youngest brother, and two unmarried sisters continued to live in the old log cabin. By 1860, my youngest brother struck out on his own, and my mother had died. My sister, Jane, still cared for Catherine as they continued to live in that first little home, but before 1870, Nancy and I moved them in with us and the log cabin was abandoned forever.**

**In 1863, when a dread disease passed through the country, we lost our little Alexander. And in 1870, our beautiful daughter, Mary Jane, died at the age of 22. Life was never the same again. By 1877, both of my sisters were gone and the following year, I joined them in the great beyond. Our son, John, and daughter, Nancy, soon married, leaving only Robert at home with my wife for company. In 1893, in her eightieth year, my beloved Nancy died, and the old Lawther homestead became a ghost house.**

**Neither of our sons had ever shown any inclination at farming or preserving the old home property. So the house sat vacant after Nancy's death until a man named Joseph Burris and his wife moved in as sharecroppers. Here, several of their children were born, and although they did not purchase the place, it became the Burris home for a number of years. Their daughter, Mary, was born in that old house of mine at about the turn of the century, and when she grew up and married James McFarland, in 1923 they bought the old Lawther homestead and made it theirs. In that house I had built and loved so much, their three daughters were born and raised. It became a place of love and life again with new faces and new names. But after more than 213 years since my grandfather made it his own, it is still often referred to by the old timers of Jefferson Township as the old Lawther Homestead. After the coal strippers did their thing, neither the house nor the land is there. Only in a faded photograph, and in the memories of the Burris descendants does the old house, with the rambling roses out by the old fence, still stand.**

*Alexander Lawthers Homestead  
State Line Road  
Jefferson Township*





**Lee Family Home on Whitaker Avenue, Burgettstown, PA**

*Fort Vance Historical Society*



## Lester Lee, Umberto DeLuca Retire



LESTER LEE

An error in the story concerning retirements at the Climax Molybdenum Company, published last week in the Enterprise, has been noted.

Mr. Lester Lee and Mr. Umberta DeLuca were pic-



UMBERTO DE LUCA

tured with incorrect identifications.

Lester, who has been at Langeloth since October 14, 1950, now finds time to enjoy his hobby of steam engines and his many other activities.

DeLuca, the most recently retired employee of the plant, started to work at Langeloth on June 7, 1940. He has no definite plans for the future.

**Lester Lee and Umberto DeLuca Retire from Climax  
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**THE IMMACULATELY KEPT** kept farm and home of T. Burns Lee and his sister, Jane Lee Anderson, at the foot of Cross Creek hill.

## The wreck of the 'Faithful Steward'

From out of the past....



**JANE LEE ANDERSON** points to the remnants of the trough into which the spring emptied, at the site of the first log house of the Lee family of Cross Creek Township.



**WILLIAM LEE AND** his father, Hugh Lee II, built this brick home in 1836. It stands near the foot of the east side of Cross Creek hill, and under the shadow of Quaker Knob, the highest point in the immediate area. This point may be seen to the left of the house. Hugh Lee II died the year after the house was completed. The house is no longer owned by the Lees.

By Kathryn Campbell Siasor  
For The Enterprise

The noble vessel of three hundred fifty tons burden and three hundred sixty plus passengers floated in all its grandeur on the surface of the deep. The weather was beautiful on that Sept. 1, 1785, and the journey had been delightful since setting sail from Londonderry on July 9. The wind had been favorable, and the happy passengers had long been anticipating a new life in a new world.

No more would the wicked landlords give them trouble, and demand more than their share of the proceeds of their toil. Now each man would be able to rest and worship under his own vine and fig tree. He would not be molested by having his humble cot torn from over the heads of his defenseless wife and little ones, if, on account of crop failures, he were unable to meet his rent bills. It was with such thoughts that collectively, they would leave all their troubles in Ireland and embark for America.

This move, however, was not done entirely without some fearful forebodings. The endless expanse of the sea could pose many problems. And at the end of the journey, troubles of other descriptions could beset them, in what would be an entirely strange land. The wilds of America awaited. When, by the end of August, land had not been sighted, Captain McCausland and some of the sailors became apprehensive.

However, life aboard ship continued as it had for nearly two months. On Sept. 1, a Mr. Gregg decided to celebrate his first wedding anniversary by throwing a party. He invited the captain, some of the mates and some of the passengers. Music, dancing and merry-making of all descriptions sounded forth throughout the ship, and the

thoughts of remaining sober were thrown to the winds. This was a time for celebrating!

By ten o'clock at night, all the revelry had ceased. Many sailors and passengers were asleep. The only officer on duty, the second mate, suddenly exclaimed loudly, "We are in four fathoms of water!" Someone woke the captain, who was in a state of drunken delirium. He cried out, "The man who takes my command, I will hang at Philadelphia!" The officer at the helm immediately turned the ship. It struck a bar and remained immovable. This sudden move of the ship sent a tremendous shock throughout, killing two children. This was only the beginning of the confusion that reigned beyond description.

The wind increased velocity to that of a hurricane. Waves were as mountains, causing sheer terror among both sailors and passengers. Shrieks, screams and cries were nearly lost in the roar of the winds and the waves. Thoughts of plunging overboard prevailed among many to escape the terrible sounds.

Morning finally came, so that the destruction could be surveyed. The ship was on its side, still taking on water and stranded on the bar, unable to move. Foaming billows still raged, and terror still reigned. Although land could be seen, conditions on board remained so that the thoughts of swimming the distance (some sources say one mile, others three hundred yards) were not too positive. Four sailors finally did venture out into the perilous deep, not only to save themselves, but to arouse the citizens on shore of their despair. They found a long boat that had been cut loose in the night as a means of escape, but which had been dashed away by the fierceness of the hurricane. The sailors again secured the boat by ropes, which were attached to the ship. Passengers then attempted to

bring the long boat closer and use it to escape to the shore. As the boat approached the ship, hundreds of passengers watched in hopes that they could be the first ones into the boat, and thus be the first ones saved. In painful solitude they watched and waited. When it was within a few rods of the ship, a sudden cry pierced the heavens, a cry that seemed to hush the roar of the vast ocean. The ropes had become untied, or broken. The boat was dashed away and with it, hopes of reaching shore.

Some were determined, however, not to go down without an attempt to save themselves. Many drowned in that attempt, as they strove to swim ashore.

This horrible shipwreck occurred near Cape Henlopen, in Delaware Bay, and, as stated before, Sept. 1 and 2 in the year 1785. Its impact has been felt down through the years, especially in the Cross Creek Country of Washington County, Pennsylvania. On board this proud sailing vessel, the "Faithful Steward," were the ancestors of the Lee families of this area. Sources differ as to the number of Lee individuals drowned, but the most widely accepted is

that between forty-two and forty-four members of the family lost their lives, and only four or five saved. Possibly only one of these saved was a Lee, the others being in-laws of the family.

Much of the above drama was gleaned in later years from one whose grandfather had been aboard the ship when a young man. The grandfather, James McEntire, who had survived the wreck, had been interviewed by a Rev. McMichael, and the result was published in 1831, later through another generation or so, in 1880. Mrs. Walter Forbes, a descendant of one of the Lee families, has researched and compiled a pamphlet on the subject. Mrs. Forbes resides in California.

Other local Lee descendants who have furnished material for this and succeeding stories include Mrs. Jane Lee Anderson and Mrs. Florence Lee, both of Cross Creek Village. The collection of articles by the late A.D. White has been invaluable. Next week, more about the shipwreck, in which three hundred passengers were lost, and of the local Lee families of today.

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# FIRST FAMILIES

OF THE CROSS CREEK COUNTRY  
THE LEE FAMILY  
by A.D. White

The Lees came to the Cross Creek Country a bit later, but they have remained here longer than many of the First Families of whom we have been writing. The names Vance and Marquis, Reed and Patterson are pretty well gone from this area, but the Lees still remain in considerable force. This name has been one of influence and importance in the life of this region for the past 175 years.

The first of the Clan to settle here was Hugh Lee, born in County Donegal, Ireland, in 1740 and there married to Mary Elliott. They came to America in 1790 or 1791 and must have come almost directly to the Cross Creek Country without any long stop anywhere else. It was on January 6, 1792, that a track of land of 159 acres 48 perches was deeded to Hugh Lee by Hugh Henry Brackenridge. This land was part of the large tract of 2500 acres patented to Robert Rutherford by the Commonwealth of Virginia on December 23, 1779. The tract deeded to Mr. Lee, lying just northeast of Cross Creek Village, became part of the Lee Farm, which has been occupied by this family for many years and part of which is still in the Lee name. A similar tract was deeded at the same time to Hugh Elliott, brother of Hugh Lee's wife. Eventually, Hugh Lee became the owner of this tract also, so that the total of the Lee holdings embraced some 365 acres.

It would appear that the Lees came from a family of farmers in Northern Ireland, for many members of the family, over the years, have followed that vocation, seeming to have had an innate fondness for the soil and for the free, independent life of the farmer. Also, it might be added the Lee men have had the faculty for selecting good farm land, for, in the Cross Creek Country, the farms occupied by the Lees have been among the best.

Hugh and Mary Elliott Lee were the parents of 7 or 8 children, all of whom appear to have been born before the family migrated from Ireland to America. The seven whose names are now known, were, in order: Jane, William, John, Hugh, Robert, Eleanor and Anne, and there is the possibility that another, one James Lee, belonged to this family. It might be here stated that most of these given names have been used in succeeding generations of the Lee Family. Especially popular has been the name, Hugh, which has appeared at least once or twice in each generation. This name is said to be a "softening" of the French "Huggo."

Having settled in the Cross Creek Country at about the time of the death of the Rev. Joseph Smith, first pastor of Cross Creek Church, Hugh and Mary Lee affiliated with that congregation early in the pastorate of the Rev. Thomas Marquis, and they remained as faithful members of this church during the rest of their lives. When the old log church burned in 1803 and Hugh Lee heard that it was afire, he left his farm work and started to run toward the village to do what he could to save the building. Being an aged man and finding himself unable to go on to the scene of the fire, he is said to have knelt down where he was and to have prayed "that as long as the sun and moon do shine, may there always be a church at Cross Creek!" Since the church remains to the present day, it is obvious that his prayer has been answered. Hugh Lee died on August 28, 1813, in his 73rd year, and his wife on November 30, 1820, in her 75th year. Their graves in Cross Creek graveyard are marked, but his gravestone has almost disintegrated away and the inscription on Mary Lee's stone is now almost illegible. Cross Creek, like Scotland of old, needs a man with a hammer and chisel to go round and restore the inscriptions on many of its old gravestones.



This old brick house, built by Major William Lee in 1838, was the "mansion house" on the Lee Farm and the home of the family for many years. It is no longer owned by the Lee's.

As the children of Hugh and Mary Lee attained adulthood, all except the son, Hugh, Jr., left the old family home and sought homes for themselves elsewhere. In the remainder of this article, we shall deal only with the family of William Lee and of his brother, Hugh Lee, Jr.

It appears that William Lee, born in Ireland in 1767, had there been betrothed to Jane Elliott (relationship to Mary Elliott not known) for when she came to America in 1792, William crossed the mountains on horseback to meet her and to bring her to the Cross Creek Country. They were married here soon after her arrival. They remained on the home farm at Cross Creek for two or three years, and their oldest son, James Lee, was born on the old farm on January 24, 1794.

About the year 1795, this family moved to Brooke County, Virginia, and settled on the farm which was to be their home for the rest of their lives. There they entered into the life of that community and became among the most valued of the citizens of that area. When the Three Springs Presbyterian Church was formally organized about 1800, William and Jane Lee became charter members, and Mr. Lee was elected to the first "bench" of elders in that congregation. Even afterward this well-known couple was actively identified with any movement for the benefit of the community in which they had chosen to make their home.

Two of the sons of William and Jane Lee returned to the Cross Creek Country: James Lee, who married Margaret McMillen of a well-known family then in the Patterson Mills community in Cross Creek Township. James Lee, in 1837, became an elder in Cross Creek Church. (His wife's two sisters also were married to elders in this church: Susanna McMillen was the wife of William Cowen, elder from 1831 to 1857, and Mary P. McMillen was the wife of Ebenezer Smith, elder from 1831 to 1835.) General James Lee, as he was known from his rank in the local militia, had served in the War of 1812. His life was identified with the Cross Creek community until about 1850, when he moved to Mt. Pleasant Township, where he owned land and lived on farms adjoining the grounds of the Mt. Prospect Church. In that Church, Gen. Lee also served as elder for a time. He was spoken of as a "capable man of extended influence." His first wife, Margaret, is buried at Cross Creek, while the General and his second wife, Jane Cowen Lee, are buried at Mt. Prospect. Gen. James Lee's son, William M. Lee, lived for a time in Cross Creek Township, and later removed to and occupied his grandfather's old farm at Hollidays Cove, West Virginia. William M. Lee was long a prominent member of the Burgettstown Fair Board and his son, Albert G. Lee, was for some years a merchant and prominent citizen of Burgettstown.

Lee Family (pg. 1)

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Robert Lee, youngest son of William and Jane Lee, resided on a farm adjoining the Lee's School-house on the Burgettstown-Eldersville road in Jefferson Township. His wife was Elizabeth Hindman, of the prominent Brooke County family of that name. Their children were Miss Nannie Lee, who lived on the home farm until her death on February 24, 1892; Mary Lee, second wife of David M. Pry, late of Burgettstown; and Lizzie J. Lee, who was the wife of Levi Scott, of Smith Township. James A. Scott and his family, of Scottshill Farm, in Smith Township; Miss Elizabeth Scott, retired librarian of Burgettstown High School; and William B. Scott, of Mt. Pleasant Township, are grandchildren of Levi and Lizzie Lee Scott.

A sister of Gen. James and Robert Lee and Mary Lee, who married Samuel Archer, of Brooke County. They were the parents of W. Lee Archer, who lived on the Archer Farm in Jefferson Township, now owned and occupied by Attorney John L. Brunner and family.

And now for some attention to the family of Hugh Lee, Jr., who remained on the home farm in Cross Creek Township. When Hugh Lee was 31 years of age, he was united in marriage with Miss Hannah Orr, of the Paris region of Washington County, who was then barely 71 years old. It should here be said that the men of the Lee Family either have been good judges of women, or they have been unusually fortunate in their selection of life mates, for the female companions of the men of this family have, I think, without exception been women of unusual force of character and of outstanding usefulness in their families and in the Cross Creek and other communities where they have lived.

Hannah Orr Lee's own family was one of prominence in the Paris Community, and she immediately made a secure place for herself, not only in the Lee Family but in the Cross Creek Church and community as well. When the young minister, the Rev. John Stockton, in 1827, had received two calls to churches, one from the church at Congruity, and the other from the church at Cross Creek, and had decided to accept the call to Congruity in preference to Cross Creek, he happened to learn that Hannah Lee, on hearing this report, burst into tears. Immediately, Mr. Stockton changed his mind and came to Cross Creek, saying that he would there always have at least one faithful woman to pray for him. Hugh Lee died while attending a meeting of Presbytery at Claysville in 1837, but his wife, Hannah, lived on for 45 years longer, during the entire pastorate of Dr. John Stockton, and that aged pastor's last official duty before his own death was to conduct Mrs. Lee's funeral service in February, 1882.

Hannah Lee's service to Cross Creek Church was matched by that of her husband, Hugh, who served that congregation in the eldership from 1818 until his death in 1837. He has been followed in that sacred office by his son, Major William Lee; by his grandson, W. Craig Lee; by his great-grandson, Walter C. Lee and presently serving as an elder in the old church; and by his great-great-grandson, William Hugh Lee. These men have been farmers on the old Lee Farm, with the exception of the last named, who is a prominent school-man in the Moon Township School system in Allegheny County. However, his brother, T. Burns Lee, carries on as opera-

tor of the Lee Farm, the sixth generation to farm these historic acres. Other descendants of Hugh and Hannah Lee who have served the old church as elder have been: Lester Lee, Montford Lee, John B. Lee, Leroy Lee and Mrs. Florence Lee. Also, Mrs. Eleanor C. Lee, wife of J. Leroy Lee, is presently serving on this sacred office. And lest we forget, Robert Lee, of Jefferson Township, previously mentioned, also was an elder at Cross Creek, a total score for the Lee Family of twelve elders. What family can match that?

The family of Hugh and Hannah Orr Lee consisted of the following:

1. Mary Lee, wife of the Rev. George Marshall, long pastor of Bethel Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh Presbytery.

2. Major William Lee, who continued as owner and operator of the old home farm. His wife was Jane Craig, daughter of the Hon. Walter Craig, an ancestor of later generations of the Lee's, whose honored name has re-appeared in these generations. Their children were: Hugh Lee, who married Marian Stockton and lived on a part of the old Lee Farm; Elizabeth M. Lee, who married Hon. John N. McDonald, of McDonald; Westanna Lee, who married Richard VanEman Johnson; W. Craig Lee, who remained on the home farm; Hannah Lee, married late in life to Samuel Sturgeon; and John S. Lee, farmer of Cross Creek Township, whose son, J. Leroy Lee, lives at present on his farm.

3. John C. Lee, married to Mary Ann Walker and second to Jane Ann Scott, both of Jefferson Township; among their children were William S. Lee, founder of the Lee Funeral Home, of Burgettstown, and ancestor of the present owners of that mortuary, and Hugh Lee, prominent farmer for many years in Jefferson Township.

4. Margaret Lee, no further information.

5. Hugh Lee, most of whose life was spent in Texas.

6. Hannah Ann Lee, who married John S. Duncan. Their grand-daughter is Mrs. Mabel Duncan Lee, of Cross Creek Village.

7. Jane Ann Lee became the wife of Isaac H. Kerr, of Cross Creek Village, where her life was spent.

Although many of the Lee Family still live close to the old family location in Cross Creek, yet many have also left the Cross Creek Country, and members of the clan can be found in many parts of the United States.



## A BIG BARN

### Being Erected By Leech Brothers Near Hickory.

Hickory, Jan. 12—One of the largest and best barns in the county is being erected at the present time, by Leech Brothers, on their farm three miles south of Hickory. J. C. McCreary, a local contractor has completed the stone work, and Nichols brothers, of Burgettstown expect to complete the frame work about the last of April.

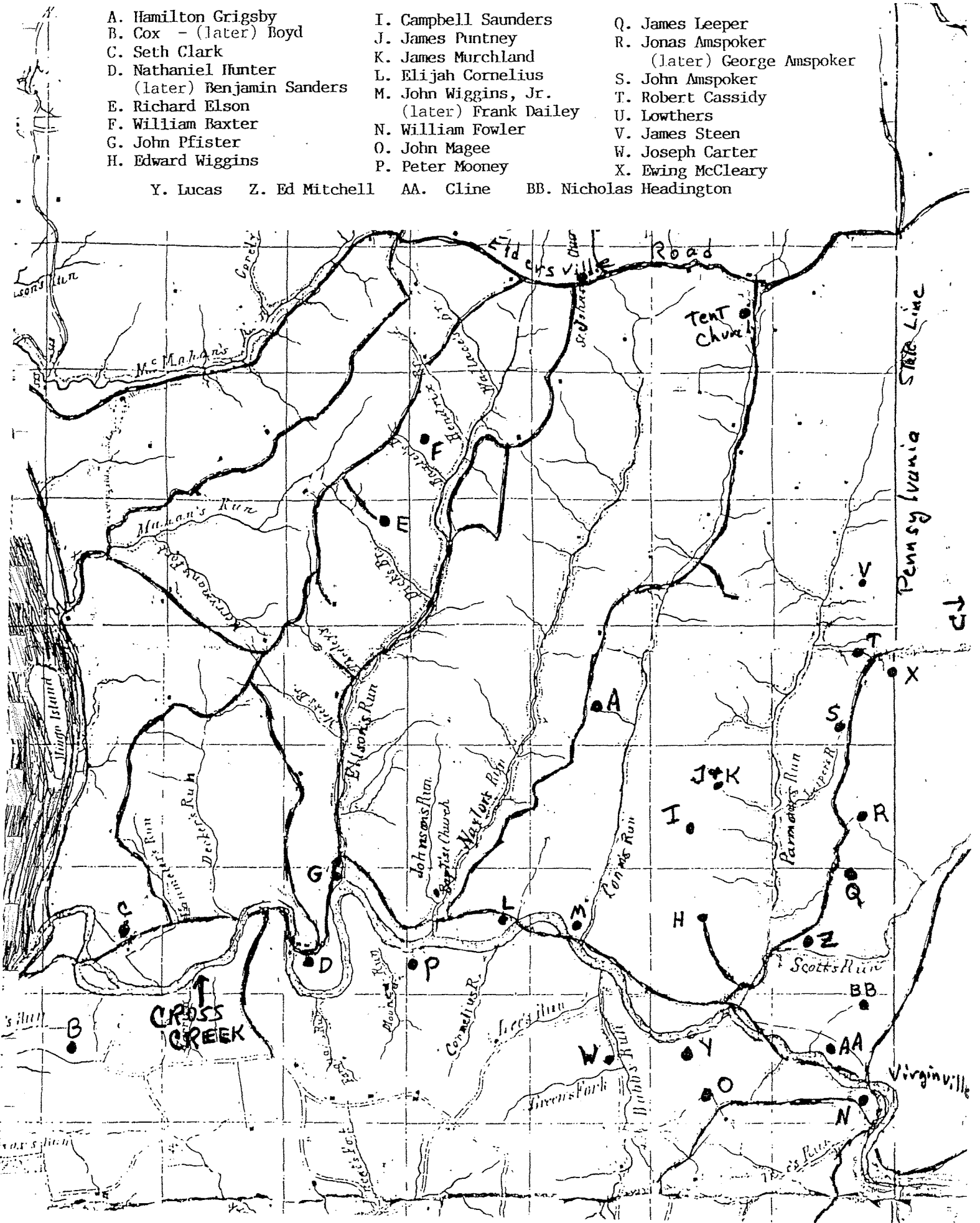
Some idea of the size of the building can be formed from the fact that while the amount of stone in the usual sized barn is from 65 to 75 perches this one contains 615 perches. The barn is 60 by 90 feet. The lower main and retaining wall is 188 feet long and 15 feet high, and the upper, 118 feet long and eight feet high. The bridge wall is 80 feet long and seven feet high. The masonry is all of cut stone laid in sand and cement and 1,400 bushels of river sand and 130 barrels of cement were used in the construction. The stone was all hauled from McCreary's stone quarry near Hickory.

# **Leeper Family**

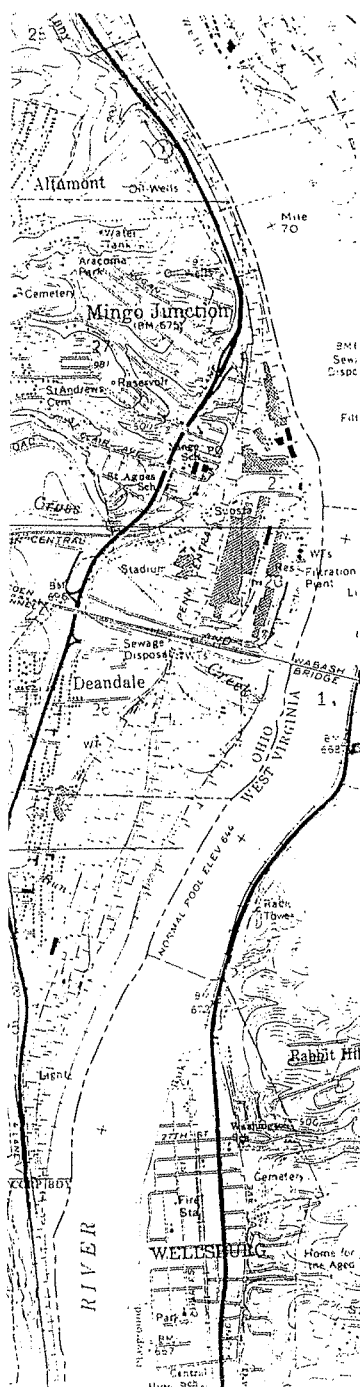
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# THE EARLY FAMILIES

- |   |  |                         |
|---|--|-------------------------|
| A. Hamilton Grigsby                             | I. Campbell Saunders                         | Q. James Leeper         |
| B. Cox - (later) Boyd                           | J. James Puntney                             | R. Jonas Amspoker       |
| C. Seth Clark                                   | K. James Murchland                           | (later) George Amspoker |
| D. Nathaniel Hunter<br>(later) Benjamin Sanders | L. Elijah Cornelius                          | S. John Amspoker        |
| E. Richard Elson                                | M. John Wiggins, Jr.<br>(later) Frank Dailey | T. Robert Cassidy       |
| F. William Baxter                               | N. William Fowler                            | U. Lowthers             |
| G. John Pfister                                 | O. John Magee                                | V. James Steen          |
| H. Edward Wiggins                               | P. Peter Mooney                              | W. Joseph Carter        |
| Y. Lucas  | Z. Ed Mitchell                               | X. Ewing McCleary       |
| AA. Cline                                       | BB. Nicholas Headington                      |                         |







1. Wabash Bridge
2. Tom Boyd
3. Seth's Mill
4. Schwertfeger Farm (Brooke High School)
5. Engineer Killed
6. Rockdale School
7. Rockdale
8. Rockdale Metal
9. Bridge Construction
10. Sanders Hill
11. Baptist Graveyard
12. Bridge Construction
13. Pfister Mill
14. Sanders House site
15. Lake House
16. Leon Slaughter site
17. Rockdale Road
18. "Big Rock"
19. Oil Well
20. Pfister Farm
21. Beltrame Tavern
22. Louise
23. Murphy Farm
24. St. John's Road
25. Ebenezer Church (School site)

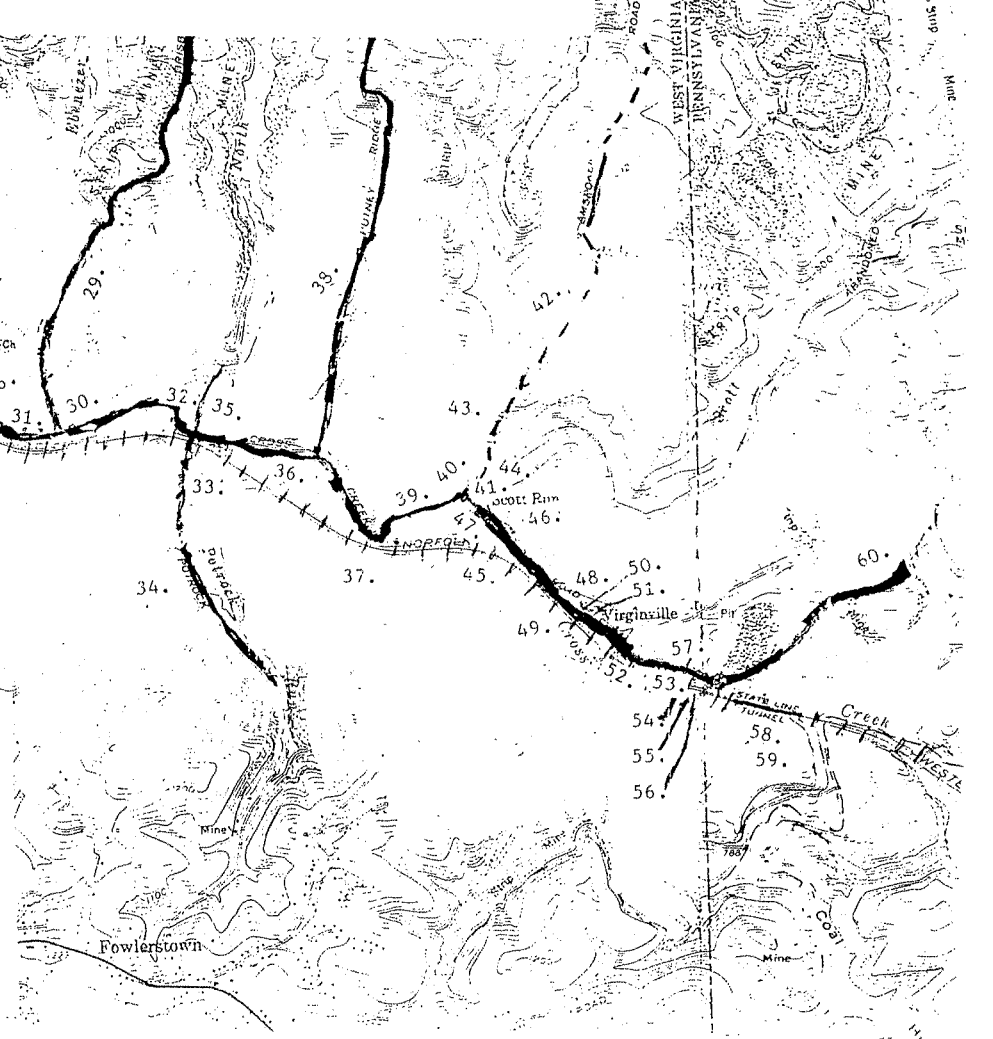
26. Glycerin Hollow
27. Williamson Farms
28. Downey Farms
29. Tent Church Road (Formerly Grigsby)
30. Sebeck Store
31. Fisher Store
32. Dailey House
33. Potrock
34. Bannen
35. Dermer Stout
36. Miller's Cut
37. Cliftonville
38. Puntney Road
39. Swinging Bridge

- OTHERS PICTURED  
LOCATION  
AREA OR ROAD
- AMSPOKER RIDGE  
Charles Gillespie  
Grilli (Deuley)
- TENT CHURCH ROAD  
Chill Reed  
Hayes Brothers  
Grilli (Grigsby)  
Duval (Henthorn)

- PENOWA-PENOBSCOT  
Harry Reese  
William Scott  
Penobscot  
Penowa Station  
Robert Williamson  
Martin Luther Buxton  
Louis Kaposy  
Seldom Seen
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Melvin School  
Kidd's Mill  
George Moore

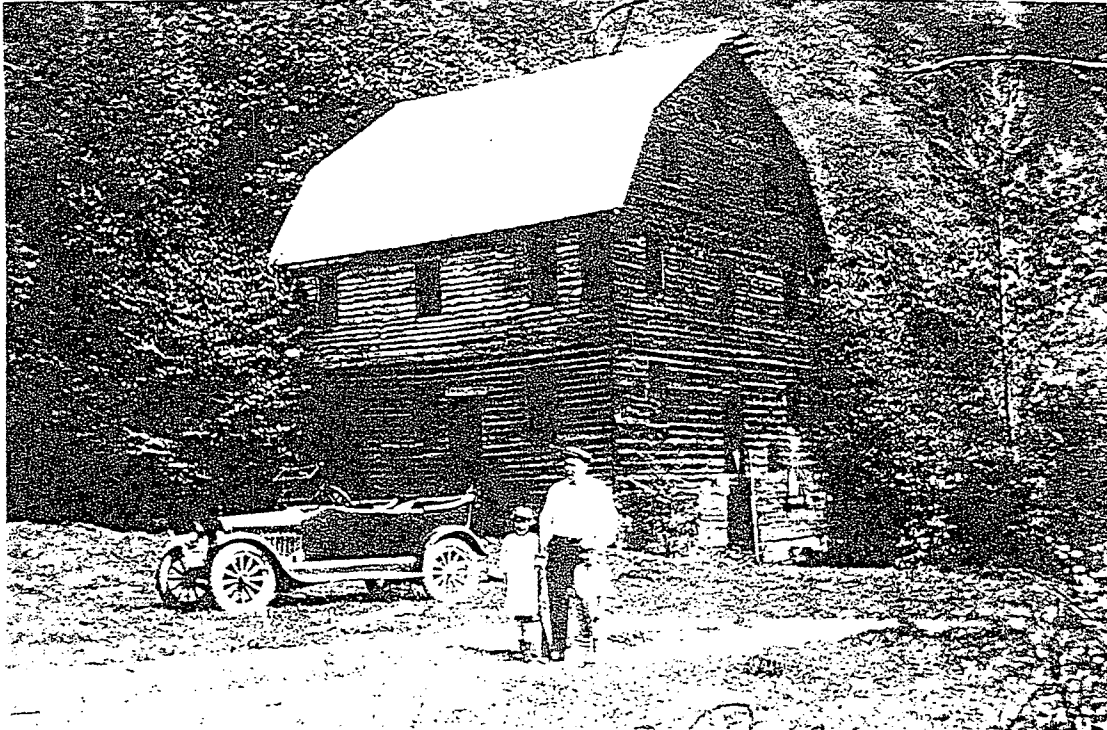
40. Scott's Run School (1921-1946, 4-rm.)
41. Neal's Sawmill
42. Ampsoker Road
43. Jolly home
44. John Decker Killed
45. Railroad Trestle
46. Scott's Run School (1868-1921, 1-rm.)
47. Methodist Church
48. Bell Branch Railroad
49. New Camp (Freda Mack)

50. Cline house
51. Mowder site
52. Cheap John
53. Tripodi
54. Virginville Post Office
55. Virginia Station
56. Urso Store & P.O.
57. Stillson homesite
58. State Line Tunnel (Klein)
59. Fowler Mill
60. Harry Rigo Home (End of Tour) (Food Available)



## THE LEEPERS

James Leeper is listed in the 1787 Virginia Tax List of Ohio County ( later Brooke). Like his closest neighbor, Jonas Amspoker, James's land lay partly in Pennsylvania and partly in Virginia. It is possible that the two men came to the area about the same time and may even have been brothers-in-law since Jonas's wife was an Elizabeth Leeper. A Samuel Leeper had settled much earlier in Pennsylvania in what is now Jefferson Township, Washington County, also bordering the state line. It is not known what relation, if any, the James Leeper family of Brooke County's Cross Creek area was to their next door neighbors across the state line, but an educated guess would place them having some blood connection.



Above is a picture of Kidd's Mill in Jefferson Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania. It was in this mill, known then as Creswell's Mill, on 25 June 1849 that a meeting was held to make plans for the erection of the Pine Grove Presbyterian Church which later stood not far from the site of this mill. John Leeper, son of James, the pioneer, was on the original bench of elders. The Leeper homestead on the old Amspoker Hill was not more than two miles distance from this location.

In the will of Leeper dated 1828, he names his wife, Mary, three sons and three daughters. Apparently his sons, James and William, were already married and settled elsewhere since he left them each one dollar, indicating that he had given them their share when they had married and left the family nest. He did likewise to his daughter, Ann Dillon. His farm he bequeathed to his son John, and money to his unmarried daughters, Martha and Jane. The last three children mentioned never married, but continued to live on the James Leeper homestead on Amspoker Hill until their deaths - John in 1849, Martha in 1850, and Jane in 1868.

James Leeper died 16 August 1826 and his wife, Mary, on the 9th of November of the same year. What a sorrow this must have been to their three single children! But perhaps an even greater loss for Jane must have been the death of her brother John in October of 1849 to be followed by her sister Martha's death the following June. This left Jane totally alone in the old homestead at the bend in the road up the steep incline above old Scott's Run.

The 1860 Brooke County census shows, however, that Jane did not remain alone forever. Living with her in 1860 are William Fleming, his wife, Ellen, and their eight children, aged 10 months to 20 years. What a change of pace this must have been for Jane and what a glimpse into the joys and sorrows of a large family it must have afforded her the last decade of her life. The Civil War came along and the two oldest sons of William and Ellen, Joseph and William, Jr., went to the service, never to return. One died in battle and the other in a southern prison. One can scarcely imagine the trauma in this household when these death messages arrived! If the census records are correct, Jane survived it all and died at the age of 80, having been the last Leeper on the old farm for the final 18 years of her life.

The Leepers were staunch Presbyterians and were affiliated with the church at Cross Creek Village, Washington County, Pennsylvania, where James, Mary, and their three children - John, Martha, and Jane - are all buried. It was a long long way from the Leeper homestead on Amspoker Hill to Cross Creek Village, and and it must have been a great burden many Sabbath days to make the tedious journey over make-shift roads rutted or mud-filled or snow covered - as the seasons came and went. Little wonder that John Leeper was anxious for the building of Pine Grove Church which was scarcely two miles from home. If his tombstone inscription is correct, he, however, did not live long enough to enjoy the benefits, but his sister, Jane, remained faithful to the end.

Many things led to the downfall of the Pine Grove Church. These were the days preceding the Civil War when feelings ran high on both sides of the slavery issue. Prohibition was another topic of controversy. Distilleries were prevalent on Cross Creek while many Pennsylvania farmers just a few miles east resented the whiskey business. So it was that the records of the Washington Presbytery in 1883 list Pine Grove as "vacant", and by 1886, it is no longer mentioned in the accounts of the church. But in Brooke County Will Book 3, page 507, Jane Leeper, having provided for her living siblings and their children, lists as her last bequest:

" Whatever balance remains....they are to appropriate to the supplying of preaching in the Presbyterian Church in Jefferson Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, called Pine Grove ....."

This became known as The Jane Leeper Fund.



As one goes up old Amspoker Hill from Scott's Run, the flat place on the hillside at the bend in the road can still be seen where once the Leeper house so proudly stood. Only a few people living today even recall that it was ever there. Old James Leeper who located here in the 1780s must have been disappointed that his son, John, never married, and his other sons, torn by the wanderlust of the age, moved farther west. So as fate would have it, with Jane's death in 1868, the Leeper name disappeared from the Cross Creek area. No picture of the old homestead or of any of its occupants appears to exist. Even photographs of the old Pine Grove Church are non-existent. Yet this writer hopes that through the efforts of this issue of Leaves of History, at least the names of the early pioneers will not be forgotten.

## FOR SALE.

Six good Milch cows, one with calf at foot. Also, three Heifer Calves and two thorough-bred Berkshire Sows. W. T. Shipley, South Burgettstown, Pa.

A yearling past filly Shakerboy stock Nathan Patterson, Patterson Mill.

FOR SALE,—A prime lot of Delaine Wool Rams. John S. Vance, residence 2 miles south of Burgettstown.

Eight thorough-bred Poland-China Pigs, one month old. Also, a lot of Spanish Merino Ewes, heavy shearers. W. J. McNary, Burgettstown, Pa.

## LEGAL NOTICES.

ESTATE OF DR. G. W. BELL, DECEASED, late of Burgettstown Borough, Wash. Co., Pa.

Letters testamentary in the above estate having been granted to the undersigned notice is hereby given to those indebted hereto to make immediate payment and to those having claims or demands to present them for settlement.

S. G. SCOTT, Administrator,  
Burgettstown, Pa.

N. B.—Will be at the office of the late Dr. G. W. Bell, to transact business Saturday, Sept. 27th.

ESTATE OF NANCY CONNOR, DECEASED, late of Mt. Pleasant township, Washington county, Pa.

Letters testamentary in the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to those indebted hereto to make immediate payment and to those having claims or demands to present them for settlement.

WM. C. CAMPBELL,  
Administrator,  
Midway, Pa.

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.—ESTATE OF EPHRIAM OWINGS, DECEASED late of Hanover township, Washington county, Pa.

Letters testamentary upon the above estate having been granted the undersigned notice is hereby given to those indebted thereto to make immediate payment and to those having claims or demands to present them for settlement.

THOMAS BAMSEY,  
Executor,  
Florence, Pa.

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ESTATE OF JOHN VANCE, DECEASED.

The undersigned administrators of the estate of John Vance, late of Smith township, Washington county, Pa., hereby notify all persons indebted to or having claims against the estate of said decedent, to make immediate settlement.

W. P. VANCE,  
R. C. VANCE,  
Administrators,  
Burgettstown, Pa.

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## Legal Notices



## PERSONALS

Mrs. Georgia Lemmi was happily reunited with a brother, Guilio Pasquini, from Sao Paulo, Brazil, at her residence, 64 Main street, Burgettstown. Also reunited was a brother, Gildo Pasquini, of Pittsburgh, and a sister, Ida Pasquini Giannini, of Chicago, Illinois.

They hadn't seen their brother Guilio since leaving Italy 46 years ago when they came to the United States and he went to Brazil.

Included in the family gathering at dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Guilio Lemmi, Guilio Pasquini, wife, Naoemie, and daughter, Leana Albien, Sao Paulo, Brazil; Mrs. Ida Pasquini Giannini, daughter Wilma Belmonte, of Chicago; Mr. Dolly Pasquini and son, Joseph, of Pittsburgh; Mr. and Mrs. Gildo Pasquini, of Pittsburgh; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Falkner and daughter, Maryanne, of Pittsburgh; Mr. and Mrs. George Lemmi and son, of Florence; Mr. and Mrs. Aldo Lemmi and family; and August Groppi, of Burgettstown.

### LEWIS LEOPOLD

It is with a little smile and a sense of nostalgia that one thinks of Lew Leopold and his general store and bakery on South Main Street. The store was so typical of old-time country ones with its barrels of rice, brown and white sugar and molasses; its bolts of yard goods, needles and thread; cookies in square glass-covered containers and penny candy kept in a showcase.

By a pot bellied stove, Lew's old father often sat with his cane and a tabby cat curled at his feet, a perfect model for a Norman Rockwell illustration.

For 42 years, Lew "kept store" in the building which now serves for the offices of Doctors Pendracky and Kucher. Most of these years Lew's wife, Annie, was his helpmate and companion. Lew married Annie Raab in July of 1908, six years after he went into business. Each day she was a bulwark of support, waiting on customers, keeping the records and tending the little box that served for a cash register.

Lew's ancestor, another Lewis Leopold, was an early resident, being a stonemason here as early as 1828. His descendant, Lew, attended the local public school but decided very early that he wanted to "keep store."

It was the day of the delivery wagon so Lew had a horse and wagon; then later a truck which he drove about town. He was a familiar sight in his broad-brimmed black hat with his market basket in one hand. A loaf of bread was never too little for Lew to deliver.

Sundays he and Annie, dressed in their best, drove from their residence at 400 South Main Street to attend the First Presbyterian Church. There Lew often took his place in the bass section of the choir.

He was never too proud to make lemonade at a church picnic; never too forgetful to bring a big gingerbread to a church social; nor too tired to do his duty as superintendent of the Sunday School.

When the depression years came, Lew "took care of folks" frequently long after their store bills had yellowed with age. Many of the bills were completely overlooked. Should one be paid, there was usually a "poke" of candy for the kids as a special treat.

When Annie died in 1935, Lew struggled on hiring help until the work got too much for him. Burgettstown folk saw Lew, who had always



LEW LEOPOLD



Carrie Craker, who worked in Lew's store, standing in front of the store window on South Main Street.

been heavy, becoming a little thinner, a little more weary, looking a little less hearty. He died August 17, 1948 and is buried in Mt.-Prospect Cemetery.



#### LILLY-AIVALOTIS

Miss Geneva Lilly, daughter of George Lilly of Raccoon and Robert Aivalotis, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Aivalotis of Midway were united in marriage, September 21, 1940, at 7:30-a. m. in Our Lady of Lourdes church, Burgettstown by the Rev. William J. McCashin.

The bride wore a Misty blue ensemble with brown accessories and a corsage of red Briarcliffe roses and babybreath. The bridesmaid, Miss Nell Christy of Raccoon wore an old-rose ensemble with black accessories. Woodrow Hatton of Midway served as best man. Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served in the Lilly home to the immediate families. A reception was held in the Aivalotis home with over 70 present. The bride received many useful gifts. The couple will reside in Midway.

**Lily-Aivalotis Wedding  
September 21, 1940**

Miss Marion Louise Line, who began her work as head of the Raccoon Mission last September received her official appointment from the Presbytery of Pittsburgh on April 1. She succeeds Miss Louella Sawhill who conducted the Mission for several years but was forced to retire because of ill health. Miss Sawhill is now a patient in the Washington hospital, where she is convalescing after suffering a stroke.

The new director of the Mission



MARION LINE

comes to Raccoon community well recommended and prepared for her labors. Her home is in Ocean Grove, N. J. She is graduate of the four year course in Bible study and evangelism of the Philadelphia School of Bible. Following her graduation from school she was chosen as a member of a Gospel team to represent the school in a tour of seven New England states.

Miss Line has already inaugurated her work in the mission where she reaches 57 families of all nationalities, through clubs and boys and girls groups. Her regular weekly routine includes the following: calling day, Tuesday; kindergarten for pre-school age tots, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings from 9 to 11:20. During the rest period each morning, the children are taught table grace and served crackers. They learn Bible songs and stories, and play games; girls club, 9 to 14 years of age, Saturday afternoon; Friday night, Chri-Se-Lo club for girls from 14 to 22 years of age; Saturday evening, boys' club, ages 11 to 20; Wednesday evening, prayer meeting; Sunday evening, Christian Endeavor for boys and girls, 15 and over.

At the present time, Miss Line is deep in plans for the daily vacation Bible School, which begins soon after the close of public school term and continues with daily morning periods for three weeks. She has issued a call for volunteer teachers to assist with this school and will be happy to receive aid from Burgetteer church workers who are interested in the work. At the completion of the Bible school course, certificates of graduation are awarded the attendants.

**Marion Louise Line, Head of Raccoon Mission**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-April 7, 1938 Edition**



## JOHN P. LINN.

John P. Linn, whose death occurred in Burgettstown, December 24, 1920, exemplified in his career the essential qualities that contribute to real success—a definite objective, the necessary ability and a persistent energy that would not admit the possibility of defeat. Abundant success crowned his efforts. And it was a success honestly won, and carried with it the admiration and respect of all who knew him. It is not often that that true honor which is the tribute of cordial respect and esteem, comes to a man without basis in character and deeds. The honor that good men value and that lives beyond the grave must have its foundation in real worth. This was the kind of honor that was paid to Mr. Linn, for the record of all testimony on the part of his neighbors, associates and friends is that he was a good citizen in the full sense of the term, ever doing worthily and well his life work. He leaves to his family the rich heritage of an unstained name and to the community he loved so well and served so long and faithfully, the record and example of an honorable and well spent life.

John P. Linn was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, on the 11th of September, 1863, and was a son of William A. P. and Elizabeth (Proudfit) Linn. The father was born in Franklin county, June 27, 1838, and died at Burgettstown, March 7, 1907. He was a lifelong farmer and met with a very fair measure of success; was a democrat in politics and an active member of the First Presbyterian church. His wife was a daughter of John L. Proudfit.

John P. Linn was educated in the public schools of Franklin county, the Shippensburg Normal School and the Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, New York. Thus well equipped for a business career, he came to Burgettstown and began dealing in lumber and building supplies in partnership with a Mr. Armour, under the firm name of Armour & Linn. Subsequently he bought Mr. Armour's interest and, sometime later, admitted his brothers, William B. and Robert F., to interests in the business, which was continued by them together until our subject's death. Under his wise management and sound methods, the business long enjoyed a splendid measure of prosperity, being numbered among the leading concerns of its kind in Washington county. Mr. Linn was also a member of the board of directors of the Burgettstown National Bank. He was eminently public spirited and took an active part in local affairs affecting the welfare and prosperity of the community. He served as a justice of the peace for a number of terms and several terms as school director. He was a democrat in his political alignment and was twice a candidate for the legislature. Fraternally he was a member of Richard Vaux Lodge, No. 454, Free and Accepted Masons; and Burgettstown Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Linn was married September 30, 1879, to Miss Sarah A. Cole, who was born on her father's farm near Burgettstown, a daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Ferguson) Cole, farming folk of that locality and members of the Presbyterian church at Florence. Mrs. Linn was educated in the public schools of her home neighborhood and always has taken a deep interest in the affairs of her community. She is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star; the Damascus Shrine, of Pittsburgh; and of the Presbyterian church of Burgettstown.

To Mr. and Mrs. Linn were born the following children: William is deceased, Gertrude Kerr is a teacher in the public schools of Burgettstown. Alice May is the wife of Morris J. Evans, of Ohio. Mary Emma resides with her mother in Burgettstown. John P., Jr., who is associated with his brother, Thomas C., in the lumber business at Burgettstown, was married to Miss Margaret E. Shepler. Sarah Elsie is the wife of Edward Hamilton, of Burgettstown. Thomas C., who was born at Burgettstown, June 7, 1891, was associated with his father and uncle, William B., in the lumber business, and since their deaths he has continued the business in partnership with his brother, John P. On October 15, 1924, he was married to Miss Luella Farrar. Frances Elizabeth is the wife of Byron Strickland, of Boise, Idaho.

Personally Mr. Linn was a man of quiet and unassuming disposition but possessed a warmth of heart and a force of character that made him a man of worth and influence in the various circles in which he moved. All who came within range of his influence were profuse in their praise of his admirable qualities and the high regard in which he was always held, not only in commercial life but socially as well, indicated the possession of attributes and characteristics that fully entitled him to the respect and goodwill of his fellowmen.

## Abstracts of the Washington Reporter 1817-1820

### Monday, September 27, 1819

**1173.** Married-On Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> inst. by the Rev. D. J. H. KEIFFER, Alexander OGLE, Jr. esq. prothonary of Somerset county to Miss Charlotta SNYDER, daughter of Jacob SNYDER, esq, all of Somerset.

On Thursday last by the rev. J. **RAMSEY**, Mr.\_\_\_\_ **HUNTER** to Miss Sarah **LINN**, daughter of Mr. James **LINN** of Strabane township.

On the same day, by the rev. Cephas DODD, Mr. Adam WEIR of Morris township, to Miss Mary Carter, daughter of Capt. Wm. CARTER of Amwell township.



### ***Wilkinsburg Wedding.***

The marriage of Miss Elizabeth Mae Livingston of Wallace avenue, Wilkinsburg, and Stewart Albert Sayre, will take place at noon today at the home of the officiating clergyman, the Rev. J. Willis McKelvey of the Second Presbyterian Church, Wilkinsburg. The attendants will be Miss Elizabeth Russell, Louis Sayre and Howard Sayre. Following a lake trip, Mr. and Mrs. Sayre will be at home after January 1 in Coal street, Wilkinsburg.

**Livingston-Sayre Wedding**

**T**HE Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

IN MEMORY OF  
JAMES BROWN LOGAN

BORN

MARCH 14, 1881

DATE OF DEATH

MARCH 10, 1941

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**James Brown Logan's Funeral Card**  
Son of John Logan and Nancy Brown  
Grandson of William Logan and Margaret Brice Logan  
March 14, 1881-March 10, 1941





**William Logan Homestead  
Wylie Road, Kings Creek, WV.**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



## SANTA PREPARES TO VISIT SLOVAN KIDDIES THIS THURSDAY



Carol Sue Mader, 3, told Santa Claus to be sure and bring a doll and slippers that squeak for Christmas and a rubberbone for her dog "Freckles", when she had an early visit with him at the Horovitz Department Store, Slovan, last Friday afternoon. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Mader of Slovan, Carol was one of the Slovan young people to meet Santa prior to his arrival at the firehall Thursday afternoon, Dec. 23, at 2 o'clock to give a treat to all the kiddies. Members of the Barto VFW Post will be there to assist him.

**Carol Mader Long**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-December 23, 1954 Edition**



**Thank You**

The family of **Steve Long** wants to thank everyone who participated in the Steve Long 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Vietnam Memorial Poker Run to benefit Children's Hospital Research Foundation of Pittsburgh. Thanks to all who contributed to the Chinese auction and to our T-shirt sponsors Kovach Drywall and McNabb Demolition.



Special thanks to Full Throttle, LLC, Whispering Woods, and Sonny Mayhew.

**Steve Long 2nd Annual Vietnam Memorial Poker Run  
Observer-Reporter-July 13, 2014 Edition**

## **Samuel Longstreth Honored For 20 Years Service By Bell Tel.**

Samuel F. Longstreth of Hindman avenue was recently presented with a Waterman pen and pencil set and a genuine pigskin wallet in honor of his twenty years service to the Bell Telephone Company. Mr. Longstreth has been employed by the Bell Company in the Burgettstown area for the past 15 years.

**Samuel Longstreth Honored for 20 Years Service by Bell Telephone  
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 25, 1948 Edition**



#### Louder-Pauchnik

On Tuesday morning, July 23rd, at nine o'clock, Miss Anna Pauchnik of Atlasburg became the bride of Rudolph Louder of South Burgettstown. The bride was attired in a beautiful lace dress with matching headdress and long veil. The maid of hono, Miss Victoria Pauchnik, was dressed in yellow, with hat to match. Miss Margaret Vajentic, as bridesmaid, was dressed in orchid lace, with hat to match. Emil Louder was his brother's best man, and August Febezer acted as usher. After a wedding trip to Cleveland they will reside in South Burgettstown. Mass was sung by the Rev. W. J. McCash in in Our Lady of Lourdes church.

**Louder-Pauchnik**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-July 24, 1935 Edition**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

#### LOVE—THOME

Miss Mary E. Thome, and Rev. A. A. Love, D.D., pastor of the Mt. Washington United Presbyterian church, Pittsburgh, were united in marriage at Oxford, Ohio, on July 21. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a few near relatives of the couple in the United Presbyterian manse by the bride's brother the Rev. James L. Thome, D.D., pastor of the Oxford congregation. Mrs. Love is a graduate of Monmouth college, Monmouth, Ill., and a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She taught mathematics in the high school before becoming principal. Dr. Love is a son of Mrs. Jennie Love, Gladden heights, McDonald, and is chairman of the board of directors of the Boys' Industrial Home at Oakdale. Following a motor trip along the Atlantic coast, Dr. and Mrs. Love will be at home after September 1, at 211 Bailey avenue, Mt. Washington, Pittsburgh.



## **Local Boy Receives University Award**

Joseph Lovin of 189 Center avenue, son of Mrs. Sophia Lovin, was awarded a panther key at the top day ceremonies at the University of Pittsburgh. Joe, who is a pre-medical student at the University, was one of 42 out of 200 students to receive a key which is given to outstanding freshmen for participation in the orientation course held at the University.

**Joseph Lovin Receives University Award  
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 13, 1948 Edition**

# **Lowthers**

**(Lauthers)**

# **Family**

**Leaves of History-Cross Creek, Brooke County-Part II  
Online use, Refer to Obituaries**



A C K N O W L E D G M E N T S

Without you, the former and the present residents of the Cross Creek Valley, this book could never have become a reality. To each of you, a hearty THANK YOU.

Karyn Adamson  
Anne Aftanas  
Chester and Helen Tisik Aftanas  
Joe Aftanas  
Arlene Boies Alexander

Betty DeGarmo Baileys  
Cecil and Ruth Robb Baker  
John R. Bannen  
Walter Baranowski  
Louis and Mercy Campbell Beltrame  
Tony Beltrame  
Bill and Judy Bernardini  
John Bernardini  
Nick and Catherine Strho Bertovich  
Robert and Pat Cline Bongiorno  
Carol Shepherd Boyce  
Pete and Helen Blaskovich  
Frank and Ruth Blaskovich  
Richard Boyd  
Tom Boyd  
Ralph Brady  
Aubrey Brothers  
Mary Rigo Bryan  
Margaret Burkhart  
Tom Butcher

Allan Campbell  
Becky Care  
John and Doris Pfister Care  
Bill and Betty Mitchell Carey  
John Cheripko  
Paul and Della Reed Chilensky  
Bob and Deloris Hess Cline  
Gary Cline  
George R. Cline  
Dick and Millie Swearingen Cole  
Mae Conley  
Judy Coulter  
Mary Ann Pfister Cox  
Howard Cline  
Gaye Cheripko  
Marie Reese Cribbs  
Alice Mowder Cunningham  
Margaret DeGarmo Cunningham  
Frank W. Craven

Terry and Lois Saunders Dami  
Russell DeGarmo  
Arthur Deuley  
Matilda Rotunda Dorisio  
Freda Saunders Dunn

Lois Slasor Early  
Albert and Esther Moore Fisher  
Earl Fowler, Jr.  
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Bernice Gist  
Ruth Neth Gillespie  
Elizabeth Grigsby Gillespie  
Bob Gracey  
Carl Granato  
Gizelle Vargo Grew  
Lewis Grigsby  
Gabriel and Mary Ann Grilli

Morris Harlan  
Lily Mae Harris  
Delbert and Laura Tredway Henthorn  
Mary Frances Pfister Hervey  
Gwen Hubbard  
Bob and JoAnn Higginbotham  
Dewey Hutton

Jean Lucas Javersak  
Doris Lake Jones  
Jim Jones  
John Jones

Louis and Gladys Kaposy  
Lawrence Kimball  
Mike Klem  
Jean McFarland Korpos  
Ann Kress  
Terissa Kvocka

Tracy Rouse Lancaster  
Lucille Marker Legge  
Jay Leon  
Kern Lyons

James and Freda Mack  
Veronica Madis  
Bob and Teresa Dailey Marino  
Gaylord Martin  
Ralph Martino  
Joyce McAlpine  
Alberta McKee  
Earl McLaughlin, Jr.  
Earl McLaughlin III  
Frank and Anna Mae McQuillan  
Michael Minda  
Albert Miller  
Harry and Charlotte Pratt Mitchell  
Mary Ann Mitchell

Ida Moore  
Judy Moore  
Pearl Mae Moore  
Delbert Morris  
Dorothy Horton  
Arlene Yost Mowder  
John Mowder  
Dorothy McFarland Muzopappa

Mae Fisher Newton  
Danny and Grace Cameron Nickoies  
Elva Osaba

Goldie Pastor  
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Harry and Agnes Rigo  
William and Bertha Maluski Rihel  
Robert Rotunda  
Anna Bell Jolly Rouse  
Homer Roush

Charles and Dorothy Saffle  
Bill and Anna Mae Saunders  
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C.M. and Alice Schwertfeger  
Kenneth Schwertfeger  
Pete and Gay Sebeck  
Ron Sebeck  
Karen Beltrame Serafine  
Jim and Sandy Shorts  
Russell Slasor  
Miriam Legge Smith  
Jean Ann Spear  
Howard Standish  
Jim and Alice Stevens  
Dominic and Pat Stillson  
Carlton and Betty Stewart  
Rae McFarland Sutermaster  
Jim Schweizer

Fred and Florence Moore Thomas  
Julia Tisik  
Lou and Helen Tokas Tranquill  
Theresa Tripodi  
Alice Ulrich  
Charles Ulrich  
Nellie Uphole  
Anthony Valenti  
Elizabeth Tokas Velegol  
Jacque Clark Verbon

Frances Baranowski Wells  
Sara Deer Welsh  
Charles and Frances Puskarich Welsh  
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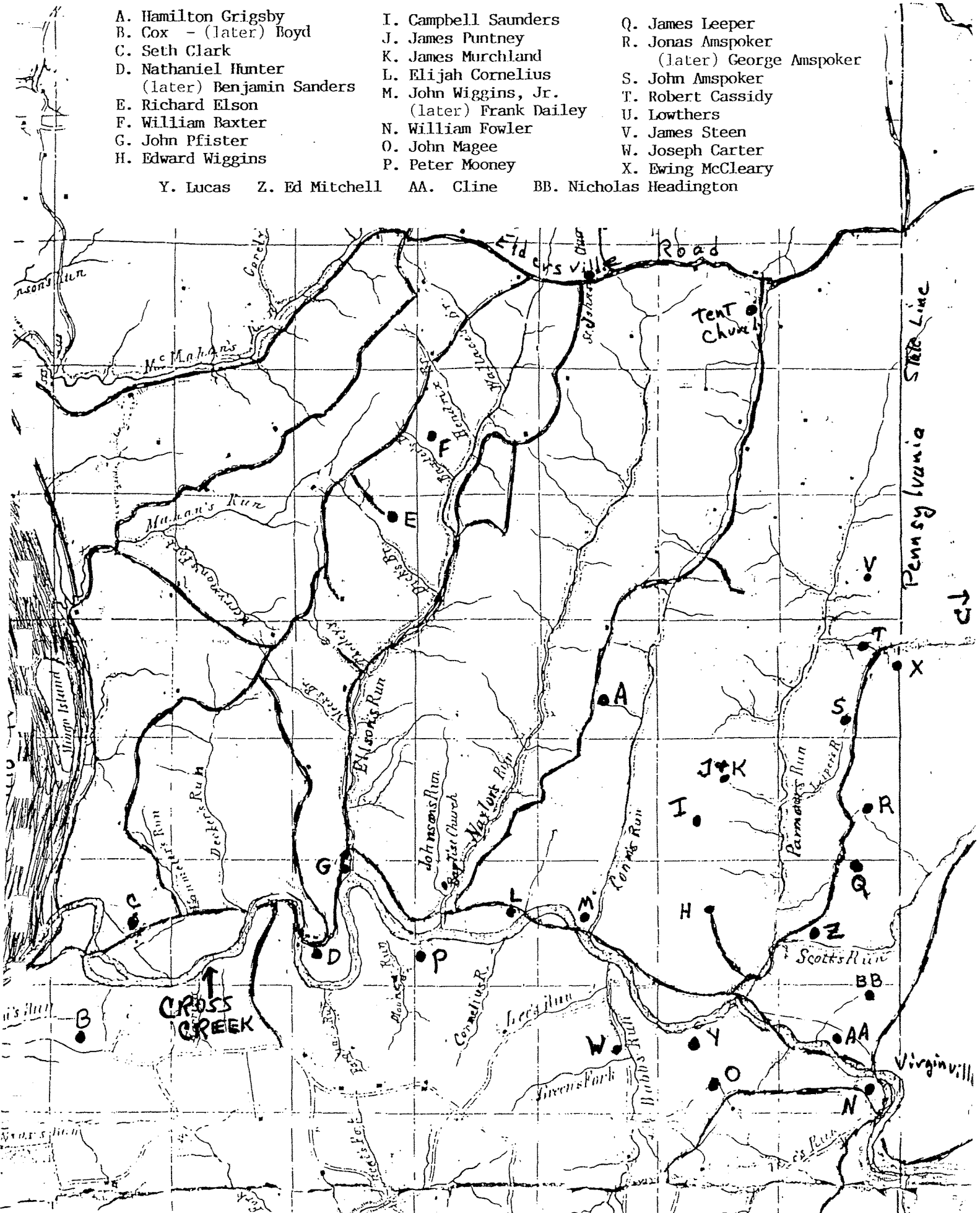
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Mary Martino Zwierchowski

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Howard Cameron  
Fannie Clark Campbell  
Shirley Carter  
Betty Fowler Fell  
Viola Cheesebrough Gillespie  
Helen Rigo Marus  
Glenna Haworth Morton  
Irene Vargo Popp  
Anthony Muzopappa  
Elza Scott  
Harold Scott  
Ed Taylor  
Helen V. Saunders  
A.D. White  
Rudy Zambarda

# THE EARLY FAMILIES

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|---|--|-------------------------|
| A. Hamilton Grigsby                             | I. Campbell Saunders                         | Q. James Leeper         |
| B. Cox - (later) Boyd                           | J. James Puntney                             | R. Jonas Amspoker       |
| C. Seth Clark                                   | K. James Murchland                           | (later) George Amspoker |
| D. Nathaniel Hunter<br>(later) Benjamin Sanders | L. Elijah Cornelius                          | S. John Amspoker        |
| E. Richard Elson                                | M. John Wiggins, Jr.<br>(later) Frank Dailey | T. Robert Cassidy       |
| F. William Baxter                               | N. William Fowler                            | U. Lowthers             |
| G. John Pfister                                 | O. John Magee                                | V. James Steen          |
| H. Edward Wiggins                               | P. Peter Mooney                              | W. Joseph Carter        |
| Y. Lucas  | Z. Ed Mitchell                               | X. Ewing McCleary       |
| AA. Cline                                       | BB. Nicholas Headington                      |                         |



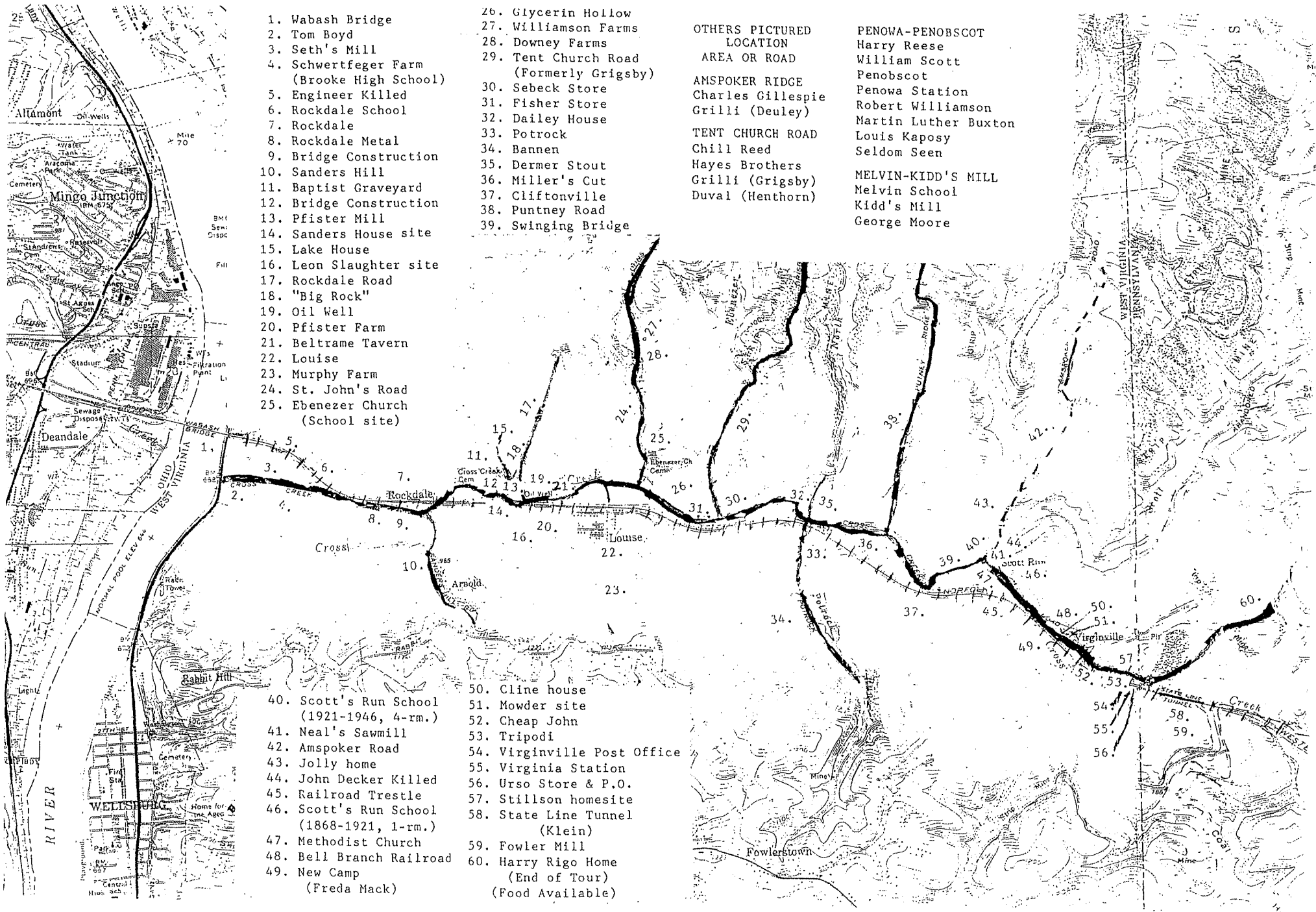


1. Wabash Bridge
2. Tom Boyd
3. Seth's Mill
4. Schwertfeger Farm (Brooke High School)
5. Engineer Killed
6. Rockdale School
7. Rockdale
8. Rockdale Metal
9. Bridge Construction
10. Sanders Hill
11. Baptist Graveyard
12. Bridge Construction
13. Pfister Mill
14. Sanders House site
15. Lake House
16. Leon Slaughter site
17. Rockdale Road
18. "Big Rock"
19. Oil Well
20. Pfister Farm
21. Beltrame Tavern
22. Louise
23. Murphy Farm
24. St. John's Road
25. Ebenezer Church (School site)

26. Glycerin Hollow
27. Williamson Farms
28. Downey Farms
29. Tent Church Road (Formerly Grigsby)
30. Sebeck Store
31. Fisher Store
32. Dailey House
33. Potrock
34. Bannen
35. Dummer Stout
36. Miller's Cut
37. Cliftonville
38. Puntney Road
39. Swinging Bridge

- OTHERS PICTURED  
LOCATION  
AREA OR ROAD
- AMSPOKER RIDGE  
Charles Gillespie  
Grilli (Deuley)
- TENT CHURCH ROAD  
Chill Reed  
Hayes Brothers  
Grilli (Grigsby)  
Duval (Henthorn)

- PENOWA-PENOBSCOT  
Harry Reese  
William Scott  
Penobscot  
Penowa Station  
Robert Williamson  
Martin Luther Buxton  
Louis Kaposy  
Seldom Seen
- MELVIN-KIDD'S MILL  
Melvin School  
Kidd's Mill  
George Moore



40. Scott's Run School (1921-1946, 4-rm.)
41. Neal's Sawmill
42. Amspoker Road
43. Jolly home
44. John Decker Killed
45. Railroad Trestle
46. Scott's Run School (1868-1921, 1-rm.)
47. Methodist Church
48. Bell Branch Railroad
49. New Camp (Freda Mack)

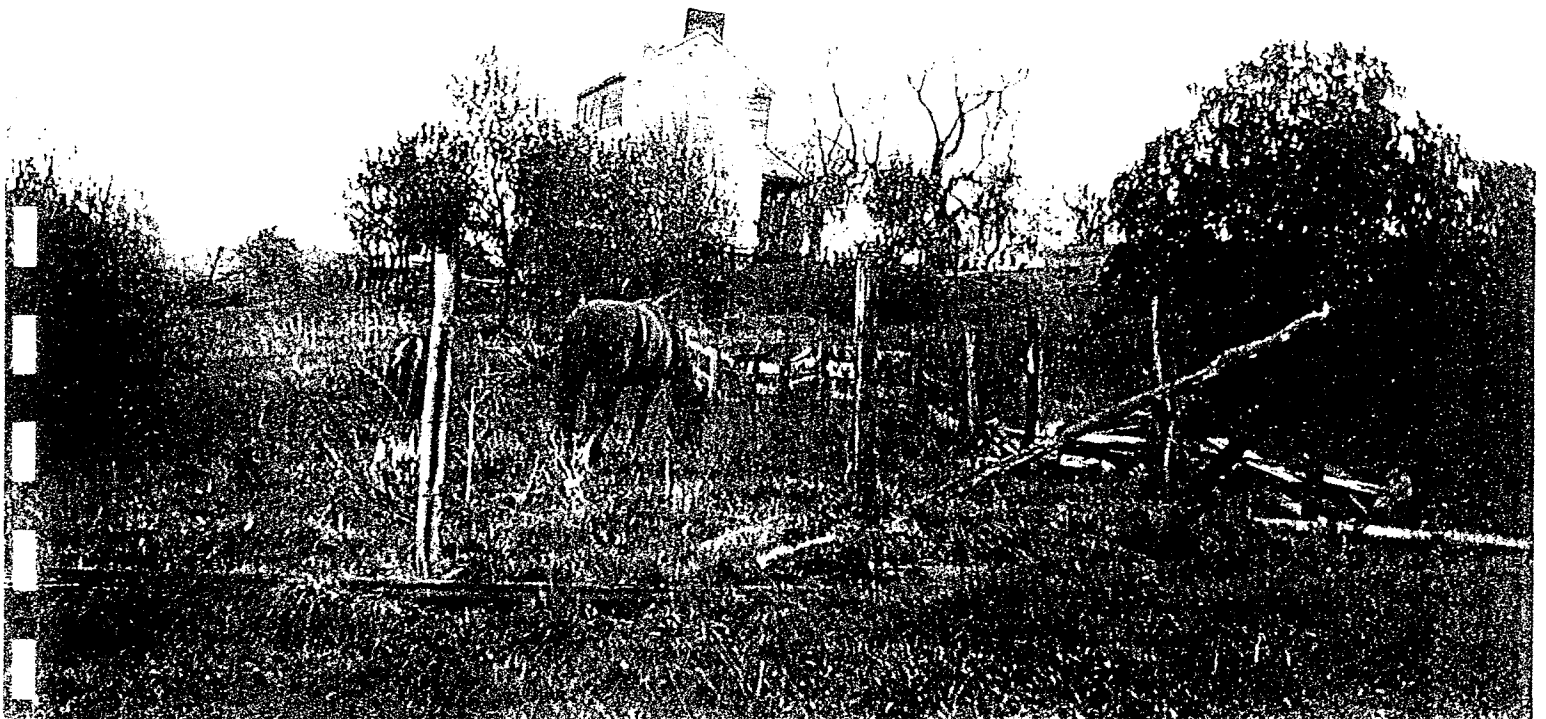
50. Cline house
51. Mowder site
52. Cheap John
53. Tripodi
54. Virginville Post Office
55. Virginia Station
56. Urso Store & P.O.
57. Stillson homesite
58. State Line Tunnel (Klein)
59. Fowler Mill
60. Harry Rigo Home (End of Tour) (Food Available)

## LOWTHERS ( L a u t h e r s )

Exactly what Lowthers family members came to Brooke County is unknown to this writer. They, were, however, here by 1797, when Robert Murchland penned his will. In it, he names an Alexander Lowthers, his sister, Christin Lowthers, and a James Lowthers who "settled on my premises". In the History of the Panhandle, William Lowthers is listed on the Honor Roll of Settlers who came prior to 1800, a fact substantiated by his appearance on the list of subscribers in 1800 of the Olde St. Johns Episcopal Church.

James Lowthers is named in the Virginia Tax List of 1800 and just barely across the Pennsylvania line near the Leeper family is Alexander Lowthers. The family is reputed to have been relatives of the Murchlands in Ireland and may have come to this country together.

The old Lowthers homestead in Jefferson Township, Pennsylvania, was still standing until the latter part of this century when it fell prey to the coal strippers. For years it was known as the James McFarland home, and was well-kept by James and his wife, Mary Burris McFarland, during their lifetimes. Mary was born in the homestead, as were their three daughters; Dorothy, Jean, and Martha Raye. It would appear from church and census records that the last Lowthers to live there were Alexander, his wife, Nancy, and their children. In 1830, Alexander's mother, Jane, who had been born in Ireland in 1773, was living next door with her unmarried children: Jane, Catherine, and James. These Lowthers are buried in the Bethel Methodist Cemetery just a couple of miles from their homestead. No stone is visible for Jane, but in all probability, she is also buried there since she did not die until after 1850 at which time she was 77 years of age. No graves of the very early Lowthers have been found. Like most of the early pioneers, they are probably buried in unmarked graves on their Old homesteads.



Lowthers Homestead, Jefferson Township. Later owned by James and Mary McFarland.

Interviewed: Kwi Son Lucas

Interviewer: Evelyn Panjuscsek

### Family History

Her parents were born in Korea. They never entered the United States, but her husband's parents did. Her father was a construction worker in Korea. Her mother didn't work. Her parents didn't let any of them do the housework. Her mother died when Kwi was thirteen. All together, they had five children in their family.

### Coming to the United States

They had to take a physical examination first. Then they had to take English schooling for two days (without the schooling you couldn't receive your passport). Then after the two days of schooling you got your passport. After that everything went smoothly on their way to the United States.

### Weddings

This is a big celebration. All of their weddings have all kinds of entertainment. Everyone gets together, no matter how poor they are, and helps out for this special occasion. The whole town goes and joins in on this special celebration reception. The reception lasts for three whole days. After the reception the bride and groom go to the groom's house to spend three days. Then after the third day they go to the bride's house to live. The first night after they leave the reception, some of the town's people go to their house and tease them all night. There are even times when they catch the groom and hang him upside down.

### The Chinese New Year

All of the townspeople get up early in the morning and start working for this big day. Everyone in town gets together and gathers rice. They take this to the factory and grind it up for them to make rice cakes. Their main custom is to celebrate with a rice cake. Besides the cake, they have many other foods: chicken, beef, fish and all kinds of vegetables. The main food in Korea is rice.

### Funerals

When someone dies, they make a coffin for the body and decorate it with flowers and all kinds of other colorful decorations. They take the body and place it in this coffin. The men all get together and carry it to the mountain top. The women are allowed to walk half way and are then sent back. When the men reach the top, they are to stay with the body for three days, to pray and to dress it up. Then on the third day it is buried.

### The Month of August

They celebrate August because this is the month when everything is ripe and ready to be picked. This is a time when they all work very hard to harvest it (everyone together).

**Kwi Son Lucas**  
**Interviewed as Problems of Democracy class project**  
**October 1975**



### Homes

Their floors in their homes were always warm during the winter time. Underneath the floors is placed coal on one side, and this was enough to last all winter long. The coal was crushed into little pieces so it burned slower and lasted longer through the winter.

### Conclusion

When they lived in Korea they had a garden and raised many foods. They also raised a few chickens. Their food markets are very similar to ours. Before they moved to the United States, they lived in Pusan, Korea. Then they moved to Taejon and finally they moved to Seoul, the capital of Korea. They lived in the United States for six years. She misses Korea very much, but she prefers to live in the United States. She did remark that she would like to visit her homeland someday.

## Burgettstown man dies at 76

By Jason Togyer

for The Record-Enterprise

Though he spent parts of just four seasons in the major leagues,

Cincinnati Reds' fans still sent letters to Eddie (Mongoose) Lukon, said his granddaughter, Shelly.

"He got them pretty often," said Ms. Lukon of her grandfather, who died Nov. 7, 1996, at the age of 76. "He was pretty proud of (his days in baseball), and we were proud of him."

Lukon, whose full name was Edward P. Lukon, was born Aug. 5, 1920, in Cherry Valley, was the son of the late Joseph and Mary Delprato Lukon.

His first sports successes came at the old Union High School in Burgettstown, where he lettered in baseball, football and basketball.

Ms. Lukon said the trophies with his name on them were still on display when she attended Burgettstown High School 50 years later.

Upon graduation, Lukon was signed by the Valdosta, Ga., minor league team, where he spent the 1939 season before moving onto Knoxville, Tenn., and Columbus, Ohio, both Cincinnati Reds farm clubs.

In 1941, he was called up to

the big leagues for part of the season.

That was also the year he married his wife, Mary Ellen Goldbach on Valentine's Day. Mrs. Lukon was happy with her role as a baseball wife, said their son, Edward.

"She loved it," said Lukon. "She got to travel. They were from Burgettstown, so neither one of them had ever travelled."

In 1943, Lukon was drafted into the U.S. Army as an infantryman, and served in the Battle of the Bulge before being discharged in 1945.

He resumed his career with the Reds, playing with the major league team in 1946 and 1947 before being traded to the Chicago Cubs in 1948.

His granddaughter said

Lukon's best season was 1946 when he played in 102 games, hit 12 home runs and had a .250 average in 312 at-bats.

"I think he really would have gone on to become something (had he continued in baseball)," said Shelly Lukon. "He had these powerful arms, like Popeye, and a really good attitude."

But in 1948, while playing for the Cubs' farm team in Los Angeles, Lukon got word that his father was sick, and he returned to Cherry Valley to take over the family business, Lukon Meats.

He operated the business until his retirement in 1990.

"I guess that's just the way he was raised, with family values," Ms. Lukon said. "I think,

between his wife and (having played) baseball, he was a pretty happy guy."

And he never lost his love for sports, whether teaching his granddaughters to play softball or showing his sons where he had hit a home run over a light standard at Forbes Field in Pittsburgh.

"He'd take me in these dressing rooms, and a lot of the guys he had played with were managers ... or umpires by then," said Ed Lukon. "Once I shook hands with Stan Musial. I told everybody I'd never wash my hand again."

Lukon was inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in 1988.

He was a member of St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church in

Bulger.

In addition, he belonged to American Legion Post 698 in Burgettstown and the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Bulger.

He was preceded in death by a brother, John.

In addition to his wife and son, he is survived by a daughter, Janet Quiroz of San Diego, Calif.; another son, Phillip G. of Cherry Valley; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Friends were received Nov. 8 in the Hayden-Taucher Funeral Home, Burgettstown.

A blessing service was held Nov. 9 in the funeral home, the Rev. Philip Farrell officiating. Interment was in Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery, Burgettstown.

**Eddie (Mongoose) Lukon**  
**August 5, 1920-November 7, 1996**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

## *EDDIE GETS HIS GUN!*



It was Eddie's night at Forbes Field, Tuesday, August 13, when one thousand baseball fans filled the cheering section to show their appreciation for a former veteran, Eddie Lukon who is traveling the big time trail of the grand old American game with the Cincinnati Reds. Union high school band in uniform, led by Professor McGregor added color to the evening's fun.

Lukon is shown in the above picture with two of Burgettstown's baseball fans, Dr. G. L. McKee and Al Rossy. Dr. McKee in behalf of the Greater Burgettstown Community presented Eddie with: a 16 gauge Remington shotgun, a portable radio, an American Legion Diamond pin and a traveling bag. Eddie's wife and mother, who were in the cheering section, were presented with orchids.

In the reception committee was the Community's official baseball family-Mike Bihum, sports reporter of the BURGETTSTOWN ENTERPRISE, who promoted "Eddie Lukon" night, Dr. McKee, Al Rossy, Jake Schneider, Sam Muscaro, Ben Kobe and W. J. Whalen, Jr.

## **Eddie Lukon Gets His Gun**

**Burgettstown Enterprise-August 15, 1946 Edition**



## **FORMER LOCAL TEACHER AND WIFE ARE HELD BY JAPANESE IN MANILA**

Included among the names on the list, released this week by Francis B. Sayre, High Commissioner to the Philippines, of Americans interned by the Japanese in Manila is that of A. Francis Lusk, former Burgettstown school teacher, who has been in Manila since 1927.

Lusk is the brother of Max Lusk of Dunningville and a son of the late A. W. and Jane Kahl Lusk of Eighty Four. He attended California Normal School, and after his graduation, taught in the public schools here for four years. At that time, 1927, he was sent to the Philippines by the government to teach in public schools of Manila, and has remained there ever since, coming home only once—five years ago, via Atlantic Clipper.

Lusk gave up his teaching duties three years ago to go into business for himself and had operated a sporting goods store in Manila. He has been

married for five years and has a three year old daughter, Sarah Ann. His wife is the former Ethel Armstrong of New York, whom he met in the Philippines.

Near relatives have not heard from the Lusks since last June even though they wrote Mr. Lusk later on, telling him of the death of his father in August.

He and his family are among the 1500 persons, mostly Americans, now interned in Manila, whom the International Red Cross is seeking to aid by attempting to secure the appointment of a Swiss citizen to act as its representative.

In releasing the list, Commissioner Sayre said that it was difficult as well as dangerous to attempt to communicate with anyone in Manila, as anyone in occupied areas discovered to be contacting American authorities would be subject to heavy Japanese penalties.

**Francis Lusk, Former Teacher and Wife are Held by Japanese in Manila  
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 9, 1942 Edition**

## **“JACK” LUTTRELL IS TURNPIKE ATTORNEY**

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Albert E. “Jack” Luttrell left last week end for Harrisburg where he has accepted a position as Attorney for the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission. Mr. Luttrell recently graduated from the Law School of the University of Pittsburgh and was admitted to the practice of law in the Pennsylvania Courts before the Washington County Bar last spring.

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#### LUTTRELL—WALLACE NUPTIALS

Mrs. Edna Luttrell of Center avenue announces the marriage of her son, Attorney Albert E. Luttrell and Miss Helen Wallace of Harrisburg, which was solemnized at Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, March 15. Mr. Luttrell is one of the well known young men of Burgettstown and is employed as Prosecuting Attorney for the State Workmen's Compensation Bureau with headquarters at Harrisburg.



**Luttrell-McElhaney.**

Mrs. Edna Miller Luttrell of Main street announces the marriage of her daughter, Dorothy Irene, to Harold Norbert McElhaney of McDonald, Tuesday afternoon, June 21st, at 2 o'clock. Officiating was the Rev. R. E. Carman, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. The bride, given in marriage by her brother Jack, wore blue crepe and ecru lace with a corsage of Johanna Hill roses and Valley lilies. The home was beautifully decorated with orange blossoms and assorted roses. Ordell McElhaney acted as his brother's best man and Master Bobbie DuVall, small nephew of the bride, carried the ring. The out of town guests were Miss Zella Kunz of West View and Miss Grace Clark of Santa Monica, California. After a wedding luncheon the bride and groom left for a motor trip through the east.

### Lyle-Chapman

At the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Irene J. Chapman, of Rea, Thursday August 26th, occurred the marriage of her daughter, Clara Blanche, to Mr. Joseph Robertson Lyle. Promptly at the hour of 12 the bridal party entered the parlor to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march played by Miss Mabel B. Reed, an aunt of the bride, who also played Love and Roses, by Lang, during the ceremony. Rev. O. S. McFarland, of Cross Creek, pastor of both bride and bridegroom, performed the ceremony. The bride was gowned in white crepe meteor and carried an armful of brides roses. The bridesmaid, Miss Emma Chapman, sister of the bride, wore pink silk de chine and carried pink roses. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. Austin Walker, of Steubenville, a cousin. An elaborate three-course wedding dinner was served. The bride's table was beautifully decorated in pink and white and the color scheme of pink and white was carried out in all the decorations. The guests, who were all relatives of the bride and bridegroom, numbered 60. The presents were numerous and beautiful. The bride is the second daughter of Mrs. Irene Reed Chapman, of Cross Creek township, and the bridegroom a son of R. J. Lyle, of Smith township. The young couple left for an extended trip to Washington, D. C. Atlantic City and other eastern points.

**Clara Blanche Chapman to Joseph Robert Lyle**  
**Personal Scrapbook Marriage-August 16, 1915**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

# Lyle Family Returns To Hickory For Gala Bicentennial Reunion

Over 600 members of the Lyle clan—some coming from as far away as Washington and Oregon—assembled July 27-28 at the little village of Hickory overlooking the green rolling hills of southwestern Pennsylvania. They came to celebrate the bicentennial of the arrival of the Lyles in Washington County in 1784. They were the descendants of Robert Lyle, Sr., a Scotsman who migrated to America in 1741, and who married Mary Gilleland.

Three of their ten children moved to Mt. Pleasant and Cross Creek Townships two hundred years ago where they farmed the land, established homes and became active church members. Some of the Lyles took part in the Revolutionary War and the Whiskey Rebellion of 1794.

The first reunion of the family was held in 1884 at the Lyle Farm located on land more recently used for the Meadowbrook Golf Course on Route 18. Since that time 12 other reunions have followed, the one this year being the largest of them all.

A dinner Friday evening at the Hickory Fire Hall opened the two-day reunion and proved also to be a tribute to the clan's Historian Emeritus, Alvin D. White, who compiled in 1963 a genealogical record of the family, *The Lyles of Washington County*. He has also authored at least a half dozen books of local history and data.

Dr. Albert Miller of Meadowcroft Village spoke of White's accomplishments, his remarkable memory and his dedication to the clan and the community.

William A. Phillips of Morgan, Pa., president of the Lyle family organization, presented White with a plaque bearing his picture, the Lyle coat of arms and the inscription, "Presented to Alvin D. White in sincere appreciation of over 50 years of dedicated service to the Lyle Clan."

The plaque also bore the date and place of the reunion and the signature of the president.

All of White's ten children—six sons and four daughters—were present at the reunion with their spouses, children and grandchildren.

In appreciation White spoke briefly to the gathering.

Invocations prior to the dinner and lunch were offered by Rev. James Kocis of Canton, Ohio, and Dr. William Loveless of the Columbia Bible College, Takoma Park, Maryland.

Dinner Friday was served by the

Mt. Pleasant Township Firemen's Auxiliary and included chicken, baked potato, green beans, salad and homemade pie. Saturday a covered dish dinner was enjoyed by those who brought their own food; however, persons coming from a distance were served a sandwich buffet by the Auxiliary.

President "Bill" Phillips acted as master of ceremonies and conducted the business meeting Saturday afternoon at which time reports were made by the secretary, Roberta Novick of Hickory, and the treasurer, Lee Robinson of McDonald, R. D. 4. Officers were elected including a new president, Donna G. Hamilton of Washington, and a new vice president, Martha Beard of Hickory. Roberta Novick and Lee Robinson were re-elected as secretary and treasurer.

The outgoing president, "Bill" Phillips, made pertinent announcements concerning the reunion activities. He recognized those who had performed particular services in planning the reunion. Special appreciation was given to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Welch, who made the property upon which the first Lyle dwelling was erected in Washington County accessible to the visitors. Credit was given to Terry Robinson for running the soft drink machine, to Jim and Mabel Caldwell and Leroy Cooke for assisting with the buffet and other members of the clan planning committee. The committee consisted of William Phillips, James Simpson, Roberta Novick, Lee Robinson, Paul Kaup and A. D. White.

"Bill" Phillips also entertained the group with appropriate stories which prompted much laughter and contributed to the conviviality of the occasion.

Even those who married into the clan seemed to be enjoying the remarks and activities.

Historian Paul Kaup of Pittsburgh requested that the various branches stand and be recognized. He asked individual members to make brief remarks, and among the relatives called upon were ones from Oregon, Arizona, New Jersey, Virginia, Florida, Washington, D. C., Illinois, Texas, Ohio and Pennsylvania. Most of them simply announced that they were happy to be a part of such a joyous occasion.

Historian Kaup stated that an updated edition of the Lyle History would probably appear in June of 1985. It should include approximately 1,400

pages and some 30,000 names. The cut-off date for providing information for the book will be December 31, 1984. A notice will be sent to clan members at the time of publication.

During the business meeting carnations were given to the oldest lady and the oldest gentleman present: Mrs. Sara Buchannan Hannon of Washington, Pa., and A. D. White of Hickory; also recognition was given to those coming the farthest: Rev. Robert K. Russell of Portland, Oregon, and the Eplers of Seattle, Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Cooke of Cross Creek were named as the first to register. Honored for being married the longest were Clare and Helen White of Hickory (55 years), and those most recently married were James and Dora Lyle Ryan, bride and groom of two weeks. The youngest member of the clan present was Allen Joseph Phillips, three months old, who was presented with a rattle.

Other persons especially recognized were Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Lyle of Canton, Ohio, who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Hawaii; and Ed and Nancy Davis of New Holland, Ohio, who traveled to Australia and New Zealand for their 30th wedding anniversary last summer.

Mrs. Anthony D'Apice and her sister, Mrs. Alice Boyle, were named as being born in Lima, Peru, when their father was serving as a mining engineer in that country.

Kelly Stewart was called upon to report briefly on his visit last year to the ruin of the Lyle Castle at Kilmacolm near Glasgow, Scotland.

Paul Kaup referred to the fact that many of the Lyles were professional people and that he had counted at least six ministers, two doctors and two psychologists as being present at the reunion. Others had taught school, become successful business men or women or carried on the occupation of tilling the land as their forefathers had done.

A great deal of laughter was sparked when Kaup alluded to a dominant feature of the Lyle men: the high forehead which many approaching middle age have acquired. He also remarked that several sets of



twins have occurred in the family. Occasionally brothers and sisters married brothers and sisters, thus doubling relationships.

On display at the reunion was a Bible printed in Dublin, Ireland, in 1741, and brought to America by Robert Lyle the following year. It was retained by Robert Lyle, II, and passed down to his daughter, Mrs. Margaret Lyle Dinsmore, who had it at the time of the first Lyle reunion in 1884. It is now in the possession of A. D. White, who is the great, great, grandson of Robert Lyle, immigrant ancestor.

Also on display was a jug brought to Washington County in 1784. It was displayed at the first reunion in 1884, and was exhibited at the 1984 reunion by James N. Simpson of Bethel Park, Pa.

A small bronze cannon, made at the Colonial Foundry near Philadelphia and owned by James Simpson, was fired three times at the reunion on both Friday and Saturday. The same cannon was detonated at

previous reunions in 1975 and 1980.

Visitors hovered over pictures of former reunions, and an interesting drawing was brought by Mrs. Ene Marquis Robb D'Apice of Tampa, Florida, who had sketched the faces of her grandfather, Alex Gowdy Robb; her father, Marquis Lincoln Robb; and two uncles, Newell Lyle Robb and Norman King Robb.

Other persons enjoyed looking at maps of the *Caldwell Atlas* of 1876 showing the location of Lyle lands and in perusing books written by A. D. White that contain references to the Lyle family.

Various mementos were sold at the Hickory Park where the group adjourned in the late afternoon. These included T-shirts, mugs, picnic baskets and trivets marked with the Lyle coat of arms.

Younger members of the clan excitedly released balloons that floated off among the white clouds of the bright blue July sky.

They also enjoyed sack races, softball, picture taking and listening to

stories told by the grown-ups of days gone by when members of the clan joined together for holidays and vacations. A clan committee was in charge of recreation.

Although many of the relatives stayed at nearby motels, some visited with kinsmen in the Hickory neighborhood. Mr. and Mrs. Clare White of Hickory entertained 40 of the family at breakfast Saturday morning.

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The family of A. D. White held a birthday party for him at the home of Richard and Margaret White of Hickory following the service at the Hickory Presbyterian Church on Sunday, July 29. Mr. White's birthday is actually November 10, but with so many of the family members present it was decided to commemorate the occasion when all would be in attendance. Fifty-five children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren joined in the event.

Dinner was catered by Jeff Marquis of Hickory. Games were played by both old and young.

## Lyle Family Returns to Hickory for Gala Bicentennial Reunion (pg. 2) Burgettstown Enterprise-August 8, 1984 Edition

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



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In Witness Whereof, the said Company  
has caused this Certificate to be signed by  
its President and Treasurer and sealed  
with its common seal this 16th day  
of March A. D. 1891.

*J. A. Vance* President.  
*M. K. Stephenson* Treasurer.

**Cross Creek Cemetery Company**  
**Certificate No. 15 was Issued to James J. Lyle, One Share on March 16, 1891**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



# Lyon family tree includes Queen of England

## Ancestors witnessed execution of Charles I before fleeing country

HARDYSTON — Tracing a family tree has become a fascinating hobby in recent years. One individual who recently compiled a 278-page history of his family is Dr. William F. Lyon of Ohio. In tracing the family lineage and descendants, Dr. Lyon visited Sioux Falls, S.D., Stockholm, N.J., Edinburgh, Scotland and London, England. The process involved 15 years. Josephine Lyon, also of Ohio, assisted Dr. Lyon with the project.

Hardyston Historian Helen Wurst, who corresponded with Dr. Lyon during his research, kindly shares the results of Dr. Lyon's labors.



JENNIE  
SWEETMAN

For the most part Sussex County historians appear to have overlooked this family, who made Sussex County their home for about a century. Yet, while many tracing their heritage find a skeleton hidden in a closet, Dr. Lyon found royalty, such as Elizabeth Bowes Lyon, "The Queen Mother," who married King George VI and is the mother of Elizabeth II, Queen of England.

He also discovered that U.S. President George W. Bush is related to the Lyons family through his mother, Barbara Pierce Bush. Mrs. Bush's lineage has been traced back to Joseph Pruden, who was born in Milford, Conn., in 1692 and was married to Joanna Lyon.

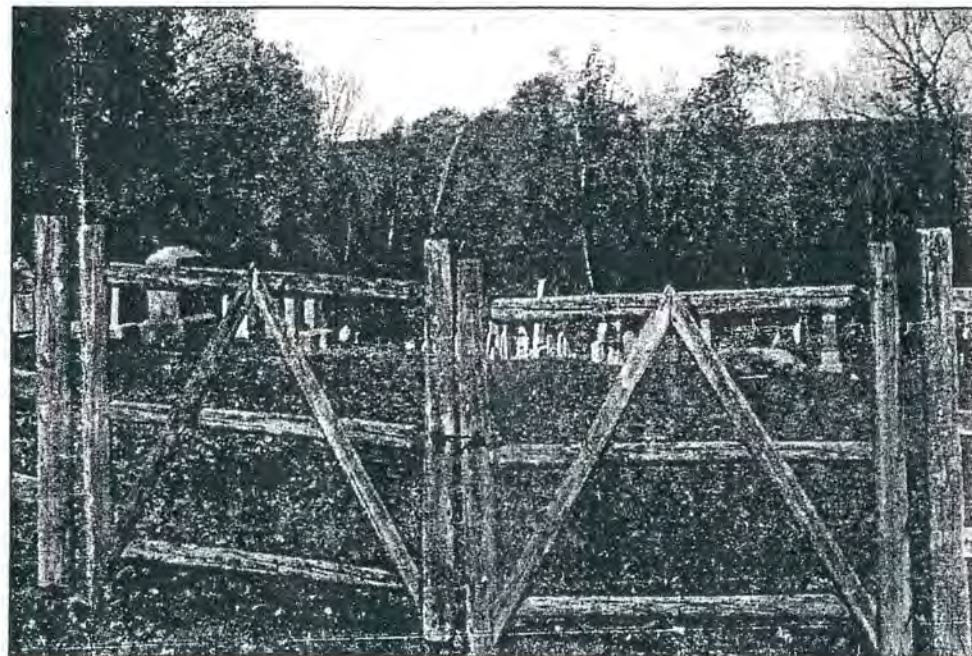
While conducting his research in Sussex County, Dr. Lyon visited the gravesites of his Lyon relatives buried in the Willistine Cemetery and the Stockholm Methodist Church Yard. He also visited the Stockholm Methodist Church where his ancestor, Samuel Lyon, was one of the founding members in 1800.

As for the Lyon family, Dr. Lyon has traced his lineage back to Sir Lyon who was born in Glenlyon, Perthshire, Scotland. His research reveals Sir Lyon's three sons, Henry, Thomas and Richard, left England rather hurriedly and

escaped to this country in 1649. He explains they were serving as Scotch soldiers in Cromwell's army and were on guard on Jan. 31, 1649 when they witnessed the execution of King Charles I.

The Stockholm branch of the family descends from Henry Lyon, who moved to Newark in 1666 where he was one of its founders. From there family members migrated to Morris County and then to Sussex County. Aaron Lyon was born in Hardyston in 1769 and Samuel Lyon was born in Hardyston on June 26, 1781.

Samuel, Alanson and Halsey Lyon's property bordered the Willistine Cemetery where many members of the Lyon family were laid to rest. Incidentally, this all-but-abandoned cemetery remains a mystery as it is estimated that about 400 persons were buried here. Although its ownership has been traced back to the Board of Proprietors, no deed exists for the grave yard itself. According to Hardyston Heritage Society President Jim Wright, the land on which the cemetery is located was part of a 462-acre tract that was deeded to Robert Hunter Morris and James Alexander on Dec. 11, 1755. Only a few headstones remain in this cemetery located off Route 23. Several Revolutionary veterans



STOCKHOLM METHODIST CHURCH CEMETERY

are laid to rest here as well.

Unfortunately, Dr. Lyon provides no reason for the migration of family members to Sussex County, where presumably they were self-employed farmers. Their arrival, however, appears to coincide with other area families such as the Farbers, Riggs and Rudes, who also hailed from Morris County about the same time.

Dr. Lyon also offers no explanation

for their subsequent departure from Sussex County. It is presumed that some family members left the area to migrate to Ohio with other members of the Stockholm-Vernon community who went as a group. David Strait of Stockholm (Snufftown) is credited with guiding the families with oxen and covered wagons to Ohio.

Others, however, apparently migrated west at a much later date

as Samuel passed away in Hardyston on June 23, 1862 and Halsey on June 24, 1871.

Much has transpired since members of the Lyon family settled in Sussex County but as a result of the research conducted by Dr. Lyon, another aspect of the county's fascinating history has been brought to light.

(Jennie Sweetman is history writer for *The Herald*.)

**Lyon Family Tree includes Queen of England**  
**New Jersey Sunday Herald-July 15, 2001 Edition**



## RED CROSS ORGANIZED

### Named in Honor of William Lyon, Our First Naval Soldier Boy

At an enthusiastic meeting held in Westminster church last night the Burgettstown auxiliary to the American Red Cross was organized. The auditorium was well filled, and patriotism seemed to be at high tide. After a devotional period conducted by Burgettstown pastors, Burgess John A. McKenzie presided over the meeting. The speakers were Prof. W. L. Moore, superintendent of the Cecil township schools, who made a splendid patriotic address and gave a history of the Red Cross. Prof. Moore is a former Burgettstown boy, and his address was enthusiastically received. Burgess S. H. Pyle, of McDonald, also made a splendid patriotic address, taking as his subject, "Our Heritage."

At the conclusion of the addresses W. G. Cramer introduced the following resolution, which, upon motion of Attorney J. H. Borland, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Congress of the United States has declared that a state of war exists between the Imperial German government and the United States of America; therefore be it resolved:

First, That the citizens of Burgettstown and vicinity in mass meeting assembled, mindful of the priceless privilege of life and service under the stars and stripes, hereby reaffirm our abiding love and faith in America and our unconditional allegiance and fidelity to the national government.

Second, We express our absolute confidence in the wise leadership of the President of the United States and pledge him our unqualified loyalty and support.

Officers elected for the local Red Cross were as follows: President, John A. McKenzie; vice-president, R. C. Cassidy; secretary, S. V. Kimberland; treasurer, L. R. McKinney.

Mrs. J. C. White offered a motion that the organization be named the Lyon Red Cross Auxiliary in honor of William W. Lyon, who was the first Burgettstown boy to enlist in the navy. The motion was promptly seconded and unanimously carried.

A vote of thanks was tendered the speakers and Editor Young, of the McDonald Outlook, who assisted in the singing.

At the conclusion of the meeting an opportunity was given to enroll as members. Seventy-six persons signed up, representing a subscription of \$126. Another meeting will be held soon, probably on Sunday afternoon, and there is little doubt that the membership will be more than trebled within a short time.

**Red Cross Organized**  
**Burgettstown Call-April 15, 1917 Edition**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

# Mrs. Barbara Mosserger Must Answer for Death of Madge Lyons The Washington Observer-September 19, 1905 Edition

McDonald, Sept. 18.—As the result of the coroner's inquest into the death of Madge Lyons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lyons, of this place, this evening, Mrs. Barbara Mosserger, of Pittsburg, was held to await the action of the grand jury, and Richard Iseman, of Pittsburg, who was held as an accessory before the fact, was exonerated. The jury found that the girl's death, which occurred on Friday, September 15, was due to septicaemia, caused by an operation performed on Friday, September 1. The jury reported that the evidence showed that Iseman was not guilty of any criminal conduct.

The inquest was held at the office of Justice Cochran and the following composed the jury: R. R. Holmes, J. P. Shane, H. H. Plance, A. B. Macbeth, Samuel Smith and Harold Briceland. Mrs. Mosserger, who resides at 218 Collins avenue, East End, Pittsburg, had been held at Canonburg in the custody of the coroner since her arrest in Pittsburg until this afternoon, when friends in Pittsburg put up bail for her release. She furnished bail in the sum of \$2,000.

Young Iseman, who was arrested in connection with the case, is a baggage master on the Panhandle railroad between Pittsburg and Wheeling. He was greatly exercised over his arrest and at all times maintained his innocence. He is to be married within the next few days.

## THE CORONER'S INQUEST

MRS. BARBARA MOSSBERGER  
MUST ANSWER FOR DEATH  
OF McDONALD GIRL.

PITTSBURG WOMAN  
HEAD FOR COURT

#### WILL RESIDE HERE

Four generations were represented at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lyons, Sr., Sunday, May 16 when Mrs. Sarah Lyons arrived from Hollidaysburg, Pa., to make her home with her son and daughter-in-law Clifford and Pearl Lyons. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lyons, Jr., and son Clifford, III of Pittsburgh motored to Hollidaysburg for Mrs. Lyons and joined the gathering at the Lyons home. Also present were Mrs. Cora Marshall and Mrs. Ollie Kelly of Ravenna, Ohio, Mrs. Harry Fullum of Bavington Road and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Patterson and son of Wolfdale.



#### LYONS-NIMMER

Miss Christine Lyons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lyons of Burgettstown and Beauiry B. Nimmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nimmer, Sr., of Bastrop, La., were united in marriage in the Trinity Methodist Church, Cleveland, O., May 24, at 8 p.m. Rev. Charles D. Spivey performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride wore a beige suit with a rose and carnation corsage. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nimmer of Cleveland served as attendants.

Mrs. Clifford Lyons, the bride's mother wore a multi-colored print with sweet pea corsage.

A wedding reception was held May 29. The table was centered with a tiered wedding cake encircled by six candles in crystal candelabra. Hostesses were Mesdames: Virginia Fleming, Francis Lyons, Estella Chapman, Willa Mae Young, Joenell Peoples.

Other guests included Mrs. Harry Fullum, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lyons, Jr. Clifford Lyons, Sr., of Burgettstown; Marcus Harrison, Laura Harrison, Vina Evans, Mr. and Mrs. James Worley, Connie Banks, Ezall Peters, Lillie Mae Gibson, Robert Nimmer, B. DeGrote, Irene Ford, Mr. and Mrs. George Harter, Charles L. James, Ben Campbell, Pinkie Bufford, Emma Eddings, Sophia Ellenburg, Rosa Lee Wardlow, Gloria Swanson Collins, Johnnie Tutt, Dorothy Miller, Audrey Nimmer, Brenda Nimmer, Daisy Warren, Marie Jones, Cora Marshall, Moses Wells Lucille and Clark Dudley, Wayne Harper, Judge Brown, Betty Milton, Thomas Milton, E. D. Comen, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fullum, Mrs. Thomas Patterson, Annie Harrison, Virginia Jackson, Royal Hecall, R. H. Brown, Fannie Fleming, Ward Bennett, Janie Calvin, Freddie Wollen, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Simmons, Edward Tett, Rachel and Joseph Fullum, Ethel Mae Wilbert, Cinques Wilbert, Solomon Marshall, Malva Harrison, Maggie Howard, Buster Rawls, Joyce Williams, Barbara Jane and Julia Franklin, Danie Neuton, Hattie Brown, Ollie Morgan, Louise Sanders, Jack Doaty, Celestine Hicks, Roosevelt Collins, Mary E. Patterson, Joseph T. Patterson, Minnie Peoples, Monroe Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Durrah, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Walters, Chester Reynolds, Mandel Edwards, Lincoln Johnson, G. W. Mills, Jimmie Riston, William Harter, Fredie Baldwin, Rachel Kelly.

### Lyons-Nimmer Wed

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