

Miscellaneous Family Articles

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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.

MADER FAMILY HOLD FIRST REUNION SUNDAY

The first reunion of the Mader family was held Sunday, August 28 at the Harry Couffman home in Hickory. A picnic lunch on the lawn and games and contests featured the gathering. Prizes were awarded Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mader, oldest couple present and five months old Gerald Mader, youngest person present. Contests were won by Joann Diamond and Mrs. David Wheeler.

Families represented and relatives present included Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Mader and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mader of Slovan; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mader, Langeloth; Mr. and Mrs. James Byers, West Alexander; Sara Miles, Mapleton Depot; Mr. and Mrs. David Mader, Langeloth; Mrs. Curtis Diamond and family, Langeloth; Mr. and Mrs. John Nemeth, Burgettstown; Doris Stromat, Imperial; Ed die Slopek, Erie Mine; and Patty Diamond, Burgettstown.

Mader Family Holds Reunion

The annual reunion of the Charles A. Mader family was held Sunday, June 19, at the Burgettstown Community Park.

At noon a delicious picnic lunch was served to 90 members. Pictures were taken of the group and others shown that had been taken in passed years. Swimming and games were enjoyed throughout the afternoon.

The oldest person present was Simon Mader age 76 years from Lemoyne, Pa., near Harrisburg. The youngest person was Pamela Mader age 4 months old of Langeloth. Couple married the longest was Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Mader of Slovan. Newlyweds were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mader, Jr., of Langeloth. Largest family was Mrs. Curtis Diamond of Langeloth.

Persons coming the farthest distance was Mr. and Mrs. George W. Mill and family of Reading. Five persons bearing the name of Benjamin F. Mader were present at the gathering. Guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. McNeill and family, Reading; Mr. and Mrs. Simon Mader, Lemoyne, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. Edward Boynton and family, Erie; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Frank and family, Progress, Pa.; Mrs. Bess Trimmer, Harrisburg; Mr. and Mrs. Ben R. Mader, Grantsville, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Mader, Jr., and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Mader and family, all of Grantsville; Mrs. Bertha Deters, Steubenville; Mr. and Mrs. James Irwin and family, Steubenville; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Deters and son, Mingo, O.; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Deters, Follansbee; Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Littleton and family, Weirton, W. Va.; Mr. and Mrs. James F. Byers and family, West Alexander; Miss Lois Pattison West Alexander; Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Brown and son, Washington; Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Coufman and family, McDonald; Miss Babbett Wright, McDonald; Miss Lois Atchison, Westland; Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Mader, Slovan; Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Mader and family, Slovan; Mr. and Mrs. Lewin Mader and family, Langeloth; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Slopek and family, Langeloth; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mader, Jr., and family, Langeloth; Mrs. Curtis Diamond and family, Langeloth; Danny Mader, Langeloth; Mr. and Mrs. John Nemeth and family, Burgettstown.

The following officers were elected for another year: President, Charles A. Mader; vice-president, John Nemeth; secretary, Coufman; treasurer, Ruth Slopek; trustees, Ed Slopek, Ben F. Mader, H. H. Coufman, James F. Byers and Gilbert Littleton.

MADERS RECEIVE CONGRATULATIONS ON 35TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

More than one hundred friends and neighbors gathered in the Croatian Hall at Slovan on Saturday evening to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Mader on the occasion of their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary. The evening was pleasantly spent in a social manner with dancing as the diversion. Music for dancing was furnished by George Kover, bass viol, Edward James, mandolin, Bogden Melardie, violin and Steve Kober, guitar. Delicious refreshments were served at the supper hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Mader are the parents of seven children and have 16 grandchildren. They have lived in Slovan for the past 25 years and have been active in church and community affairs. Mr. Mader has been employed at the American Zinc and Chemical Company's plant for 25 years as a locomotive engineer.

Sons and daughters and grandchildren who congratulated the Maders on this happy occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mader and four children of Burgettstown, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Coffman and five children of Atlasburg, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Diamond and six children of Langeloth, Mr. and Mrs. David Mader and one child of Langeloth, Louis, Ben and Walter, all of Slovan.

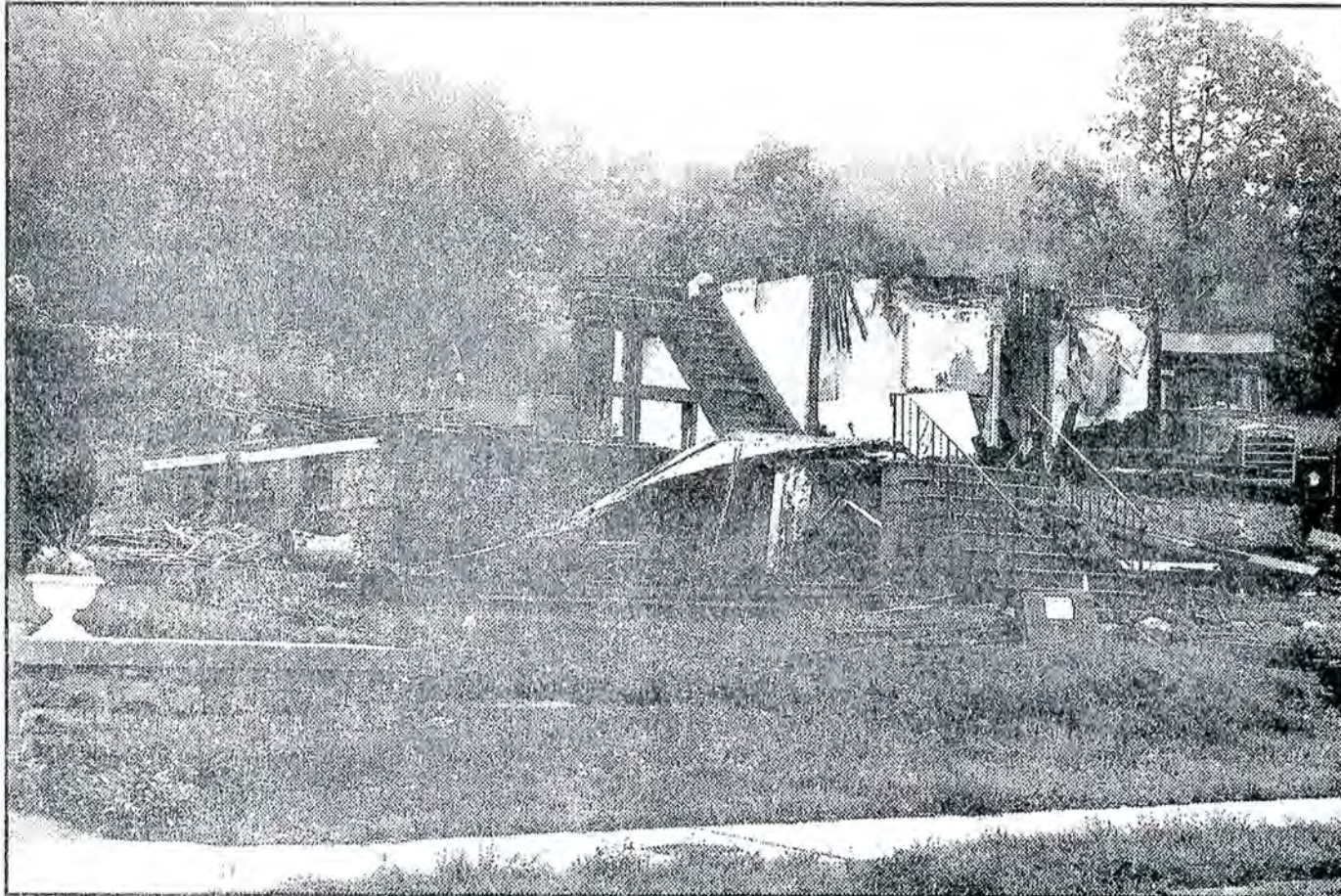
Guests who attended the party included: Miss Sarah Coufman of Pittsburgh, Mrs. Bertha Deters, Miss Doris Deters, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Monegold, Mrs. Rose Springer, Mrs. Florence Isaac of Steubenville; Mrs. Alex Comorra and sons, Robert and John, of Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Baronich and daughters, Mary and June, William Houghton, (84 years

old), Mr. and Mrs. Rocco Trenoni, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Mader, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Diamond, Miss Emma, Hazel, Ruth, Joan, Curtis and Benjamin Diamond, all of Langeloth; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mader, Jr., of Burgettstown; Mr. and Mrs. Tony Stura, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Robb, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Chelinskie, Mr. and Mrs. Cheslock, Mrs. Catherine Wysocki, and daughters, Dorothy and Josephine and Marie, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Adams and son, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Dugas, Mrs. William Filipponi, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Niksick, Mr. and Mrs. John Kubovic, Miss Leona Kubovic, Miss Deloris Kubovic, Mrs. Mary Testa, Mrs. Helen Testa, Mrs. Frances Testa, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Sams, Miss Perl Sams, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. James Michelucci, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Grossi, Mr. and Mrs. John Kinkella and son, John, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. George Kover, Steve Kover, Mr. and Mrs. Edward James, Mr. and Mrs. Bogden Melardie, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perko, Mrs. Annie Jadric, Mr. and Mrs. John Stebe, Mrs. Victoria Zelinko, Mrs. Annie Dubich, Miss Kate Dubich, Mrs. John Cindrich, Sr., Mrs. Sam Sprando, Sr., Mrs. Sam Sprando, Jr, Mrs. Pete Sciamanna, Miss Mamie Mungello, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Mader, Walter Mader, Mr. and Mrs. August Serenj, Mrs. Bruno Thomas, Lewis Ranovich, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mader, Sr., all of Slovan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Coufman, Miss Dorothy Coufman, Miss Emma Coufman, Walter Harry Coufman, Miss Sherry Coufman and Miss Betty Coufman, all of Atlasburg.



D.L. Malone - "And the Walls Came Tumbling Down"
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Demolition of D.L. Malone home
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JOFFRE NEWSSTAND

Mrs. Ruth "Holly" Malone, of Joffre, has taken over the business of the Joffre Newsstand, effective January 1, 1957. She replace William Phillips who recently retired as the Joffre Postmaster. Mrs. Malone reports that business will be handled the same as it was under the Phillips management.

**Joffre Newsstand-Mrs. Ruth "Holly" Malone
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 10, 1957 Edition**

DOUBLE WEDDING RITE FIRST IN TOWN IN YEARS

Uniting of Four Young People of
Community in One Ceremony
Outstanding Event

A double wedding ceremony, the first of the kind to take place in the local community in a good many years, was solemnized on Tuesday of last week when Miss Bertha Malone became the bride of Harry K. McCormick and Miss Ethel Palin was united in marriage to W. Harold Malone, all residents of Burgettstown.

The ceremony was performed before an altar of ferns at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Palin, parents of one of the brides. The Rev. R. C. Sutton, pastor of the the First United Presbyterian church of Burgettstown, officiated using the ring ceremony. Only members of the immediate families and a few guests were present.

The brides were attired in similar dresses of white moussline dee soir. Each carried bouquets of Talisman roses and lilies of the valley. Miss Erma Malone and Miss Lois Palin, sisters of the brides, were bridesmaids. Miss Erma Malone wore a gown of pale pink crepe and carried a bouquet of pink roses. Miss Lois Palin was dressed in a gown of blue and carried yellow roses. Miss Linda Lee Malone, niece of one of the brides, acted as flower girl and carried a basket of snapdragons and rose buds.

The best men were John R. Palin of Burgettstown, and Warren Malone of Carnegie. The Lohengrin and Mendelssohn wedding marches were played by Miss Kathryn Scott of Burgettstown.

Immediately following the ceremony the guests were served a wedding luncheon with covers laid for 22. The center piece of the bridal table was a bowl of Talisman roses.

Both brides are well known residents of Burgettstown and have taught in the elementary school for some time. Mr. Malone is principal of the Slovan school in Smith township. Mr. McCormick is employed in the Molybdenum plant at Langeloth. Both couples left on wedding trips and will be at home later in Burgettstown.

**Double Wedding-Bertha Malone and Harry McCormick
Ethel Palin and W. Harold Malone
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 19, 1935 Edition**

The Manchester Farm and Home

Isaac Manchester, a native of Rhode Island, came to Hopewell (now Independence) Township in 1798. He acquired by purchase the tract of land, Plantation Plenty, which had been patented to Samuel Teeter on a Virginia certificate some years before. Captain Teter had erected on the property a block house which served as protection from Indians for his family and neighbors, and he served as commandant of the fort. When John Doddridge built a more easily defended fort on his property one mile west Captain Teter dismantled fort and took command, in time of need at the Doddridge stockade fort.

Soon after settling on this tract, Isaac Manchester began the construction of a mansion house, which he so designed as to be an exact replica of a beautiful dwelling back in his native town of Middletown, Rhode Island. This house took 15 years in the building, and all materials: clay for the bricks, stone for the foundation, and lumber for the woodwork, all came direct from the farm and all was fashioned for its part in the house by workmen under the personal direction of Mr. Manchester. The house was virtually completed in 1815, and it still stands on this farm. It was the home of Isaac Manchester until his death in 1851, then his son, Colonel Asa Manchester during his long life, and finally his daughters made this their home until the last member of the family had passed away. Now it is the home of Eugene Painter, his wife and family. They are maintaining the home and farm in fine condition and are there conducting an extensive farm and dairy operation. The home is not publicly open to visitors.

Historical Sketches of Northern Washington County

By Alvin Dinsmore White

1979

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SOCIETY.

MANY WEDDINGS ARE SOLEMNIZED THIS WEEK AT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Miss Lena Farulli, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Farulli of Center avenue and Aldino Gaicomelli of Slovan were united in marriage by the Rev. W. J. McCashin in Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic church at nine a. m., high nuptial mass on Thursday, November 20. They were attended by Ralph and Mary Farulli. A reception was held at the bride's home following the ceremony.

Last Thursday evening, November 20, at eight o'clock, in the rectory of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic church, Rev. McCashin united in marriage Miss Della Boni, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boni of Center avenue and Leon DeBrakeleer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry DeBrakeleer of Racon. They were attended by Miss Jean Boni and Gabriel Hanna. They will reside in Munhall, where the groom is employed by the Carnegie-Illinois Steel company.

Tuesday morning, November 25 at nine a. m., in Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic church was solemnized the marriage of Miss Mary Belosevich, daughter of the late John and Mrs. John Belosevich of Slovan, and John Cudzik, son of the late John and Mrs. Cudzik of Eldersville. The marriage rites were read by Rev. McCashin at high nuptial mass. They were attended by Miss Mary Goldbach and Peter McMahon, Jr. A reception was held in the bride's home after the ceremony.

Wednesday, November 26, at nine o'clock, high nuptial mass in Our Lady of Lourdes church was solemnized the marriage of Louise Rozmus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Rozmus of Slovan and Bernard Yakima, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Yakima of Cherry Valley. They were attended by Mary Rozmus and Edward Yakima. The bridesmaids were Mary Rozmus, Anna Palinsky and Irene Yakima. Edward Anthony and Louis DiSantis served as ushers. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the bride's home.

Thanksgiving morning, November 27, at nine a. m., high nuptial mass, Rev. McCashin will perform the marriage ceremony for Miss Fau'ine Gavatorta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Gavatorta of Harmon Creek and Leonard Brosky, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Andrew Brosky of Burgettstown. Miss Florene Gavatorta, sister of the bride will be maid of honor and Louis Chatter will attend Mr. Brosky. Following the ceremony, a reception will be held at the bride's home.

Thursday morning at ten o'clock in the church, Rev. McCashin will unite in marriage, Mary Yesko, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Yesko of Erie Mine and Frank Popovich, of Pittsburgh.

Many Weddings are Solemnized This Week at Catholic Church
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 27, 1941 Edition

DANTE MARCUCCI FLIES TO ITALY

Dante Marcucci, proprietor of the Burgettstown Maytag Appliance Store on Main street, left last week for New York where he boarded a plane to Lucca, Italy, to visit with his brother Monsignor Cesare Marcucci. Mr. Marcucci has not seen his brothers for 31 years and plans to spend two weeks in Italy.

Marcucci Family Traces Roots To Small Italian Village

John Marcucci, manager of Marcucci's Burgettstown Appliance Store took time from his busy schedule to tell us about his family.

"Our family business and roots began in a small Tuscan village called Orbichino. Both my Mother and Father came from this region near Lucca, Italy.

"My Father came to America after serving his mandatory service in the Italian army. He arrived in Pittsburgh and worked with a cousin delivering bread by horse and wagon.

"He went to Dover, O., and worked in a brick yard, returning to Pittsburgh after suffering a plant injury.

"He met John Panconi, whom he knew in Italy, and came to Burgettstown and worked for John in his grocery store where Murphy 5 & 10 now stands.

"During this period after he returned from Dover, he spent two years as a cook at the Seventh Avenue Hotel in Pittsburgh working with another prominent Burgettstown resident, the late Dominic Petrucci.

"He married John's daughter after returning from France where he served during World War I. He started a fish market where the Falcon Gas Station is now located. After a few years he began working for Tony Filipponi's Furniture Store in the building which now houses Chuck's Bar and the Harris Workingman's Store.

"He started his own store selling floor coverings and furniture in the building next to Repole's Department Store. That building is now an office for the youth home.

"He began selling Maytags in this store about 1931 and in 1932 closed the store and went to work for Wilson Electric, Washington, Pa. He sold from his own



John Marcucci, his father, Dante, and sister, Evelyn, reminisce about their years as a part of the Burgettstown business community.

truck throughout the farming and mining communities in the area.

"He did this until World War II, when Maytags were no longer manufactured. At that time he worked for American Zinc and Chemical Co. in Langeloth and also for Rust Engineering Co. He helped build the Climax stack.

"After the war he formed an appliance business with Ben Kobe in the old bank building. They sold Maytag, Admiral and small appliances.

"A short time later, my father bought Mr. Kobe's half of the business and along with my sister, Evelyn, started the Burgettstown Appliance Store as the franchised Maytag dealer.

"There were many changes during those years -- from the scrub board days to the automatic washers -- and from mud

roads to our present day super highways. My father lived through a very progressive period. He helped free women from the drudgery of the scrub board, offering them wringer washers. In 1949 he started to sell automatic washers and that's when I became active in the firm on a part-time basis.

"I started full-time in 1960 when my Father became ill. He retired in 1955, leaving my sister and I with the business.

"Our business is still a small family one and in this age of "big business", we still serve the public with honest, friendly service and quality brands."



Dante Marcucci, above, now 90 years old, began selling Maytag washers in 1931 for Wilson Electric Co., in Washington, Pa. Although he retired in 1955, he is still very interested in the business and his customers.

Marcucci Family Traces Roots to Small Italian Village
Burgettstown Enterprise-Date Unknown

John Markish, head butcher at the Langeloth market is recuperating at his home in Hickory after submitting to a major operation in Mercy hospital several weeks ago. John was agreeably surprised last Monday evening when employees of the Langeloth Market called at his home. They were enroute to their homes from a picnic supper held in Burgettstown Community park and gifted Mr. Markish with a basket of delectable picnic "goodies."

John M. Maroni

A memorial High Mass will be celebrated for John M. Maroni, a long-time resident of Burgettstown, at Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church on Friday, April 21, at 11 a.m. A graveside service at the church cemetery will follow.

Mr. Maroni was 80 years old when he died Feb. 8, 1995, in Evansville, Ind. Besides working more than 40 years at Weirton Steel, he was very active in community affairs, serving on Burgettstown Council for 12 years, including a term as president.

Following his retirement from Weirton Steel, Mr. Maroni and his wife, Dean, moved to Pueblo West, Colo. There he continued his community activism by serving as a volunteer fireman for four years. They later moved to Evansville, Ind.

In addition to his wife of 57 years, Dean Maroni, he is survived by a daughter, Carole Fortunato, of Pittsburgh; a son, John J. (Jack), of Evansville; a daughter, Midge, of New York City; a brother, Ido, of Joffre; a sister, Mary DeRoy, of McDonald; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

His daughter, Linda Maroni Smith, died in 1989.

John M. Maroni Memorial Mass
The Enterprise-April 12, 1995 Edition

**MR. AND MRS. MARONI
MARRIED FIFTY YEARS**

Mr. and Mrs. Pattista Maroni, of R. D. 2 have been married 50 years. Their anniversary was last January 27, but a celebration was held last Sunday, June 27 in order that all the family could attend. Dinner was served at the Maroni home. Those attending included: Mr. and Mrs. John Kucera, Mr. and Mrs. John Maroni, Mr. and Mrs. Eto Maroni, Mr. and Mrs. Tony DeRoy, Peter Maroni and Mr. and Mrs. Ido Maroni as well as eleven grandchildren.

**Mr. and Mrs. Pattista Maroni Married Fifty Years
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 1, 1948 Edition**

Short Story By

Local Dentist

To Be Published

Dr. Petro S. Maropis, of Burgettstown, a dentist by profession, is a writer at heart. Proof positive of his writing ability was recently supplied by Esquire magazine, which accepted one of his stories for publication.

The story, "Saturday Night," was submitted by Dr. Maropis to Dr. Montgomery Culver, associate professor of English at the University of Pittsburgh, in connection with the semester workshop on short stories. Dr. Culver, who has been published extensively, and who was named in the Martha Foley Collection of Best American Short Stories, assisted him in submitting his work to the magazine. Dr. Maropis first attended the special workshop under Dr. Culver in 1963, and enrolled again in 1966.

Although this is his first publication, Dr. Maropis has been interested in writing for many years. The father of three sons, he is well acquainted with the difficulties of creative writing as a hobby. Before beginning a story, he makes a rough draft of his ideas in longhand. He then types out the story, corrects or changes what he does not like and retypes until he is satisfied. For him, the short story involves a long process and oftentimes many months pass before his manuscript is completed.

Dr. Maropis was educated in Burgettstown area schools. He graduated from Washington and Jefferson College in 1956 and from Dental School at the University of Pittsburgh in 1960.

His parents, Speros and Argero Maropis, were born on the island of Crete. While visiting relatives on Crete, he met and married Despina Markakis.

The short story, "Saturday Night," will probably be published early this fall.

FIELD WORKER



Dennis P. Marshall, prominent Francis Mine resident has been appointed a Field Representative in District 5 of the U.M.W. of A. of the C.I.O. by John Busarello, District President.

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**Dennis P. Marshall-Field Representative U. N. W. of A.
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 22, 1943 Edition**

Marshall Named Mat Coach At Delaware Valley College

Delaware Valley College has appointed Floyd G. Marshall of Parma, Mich., as wrestling coach and instructor in physical education. He succeeds David Steiler of Collingswood, N. J.

Marshall was born in Frankfort Springs, Pa., and is a graduate of Burgettstown (Pa.) High School, where he starred in wrestling and football. He was undefeated for three years in wrestling and was second in the state tourney.

**Floyd G. Marshall
Names Mat Coach at Delaware Valley College
New York Times-July 27, 1969 Edition**



FROM LEFT ARE Gaylord Martin, Charles Edward Jeffreys, the Rev. Jay Sterling, Sharon Silver Jeffreys and Helen Martin.

Gaylord and Helen Martin

By Kathryn Campbell Slasor
for The Record-Enterprise

Gaylord and Helen Martin of Eldersville chose a unique way of celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary.

The couple stood as witnesses for their granddaughter's wedding. Sharon Silver married Charles Edward Jeffreys on the afternoon of the Martin's anniversary.

Gaylord and Helen Wiegmann Martin were married in New Cumberland, W. Va., by the Rev. Hamilton, on June 22, 1926.

Helen was the daughter of the late Louis and Anna Pettibon Wiegmann.

Gaylord's parents were the late Alex and Bertha Martin.

Both are descended from old established families of Jefferson Township who have lived in the area for several generations.

They have two sons, Eugene, of Las Vegas, Nev., and Leo, of Eldersville Road.

They also boast of five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Both are lifelong members of the Eldersville Church.

Gaylord is a charter member of the Jefferson Township Volunteer Firemen, and Helen belongs to its auxiliary.

Both were active in Jefferson Grange until it was disbanded a few years ago.

Gaylord was also a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge until it was discontinued.

He is also active in the Jefferson Township Historical Society.

A farmer most of his early life, Gaylord was a foreman with the Pennsylvania State Highways Department and was a 28-year Jefferson Township supervisor. Both hold a deep interest in local history.

Gaylord observed his 91st birthday in April.

Helen is now 88, and takes pride in babysitting her great- and great-great- grandchildren and cooking.

Following the ceremony, the wedding party had dinner at the Anchor Room in Follansbee.

In addition to the two couples, also attending were great-granddaughter, Stephenie Nelson and her son, Zachary, both of Louisiana.

Gaylord and Helen Martin

The Record-Enterprise-Unknown 1996 Edition

Interviewed: Germaine Martin

Interviewer: Lisa Delacourte

Germaine is 79 years old and an immigrant from Bruay, France. She lived there until she reached the age of 25. She had to quit school when she was 10 years old so that she could go to work and help her parents through the Depression. She had to sacrifice her future ambition of being a seamstress for a coal mining job. Her mining job was not hard or dangerous because all she did was sort lumps of coal. The money that she made went all to her mother and father. She did not argue on this matter for children were not permitted to talk back to their parents.

Germaine and her family had to travel from coal town to coal town finding jobs so that they could survive the meager ways of the Depression. The strike that she is very familiar with is the big coal miners' strike. They picketed for better and safer working conditions. When asked why she remembers only this one, she replied, "My father worked in the mines all of his life since there were only coal mining jobs available." It kept her family close. Since the mines were close to where they lived, her father was never gone at work a long period of time.

When thinking of coming to America she always thought that she would be a millionaire. She always heard America being called the millionaire country. Every American was supposed to be a millionaire. She was very anxious to see the rich country.

At the age of 25 she came into our country by way of New York. She can not recall that she was discriminated against for any reason. There were very few blacks so she really didn't know any thing about them until about 10 years ago. She has never belonged to a union, but she feels that they are better for the families that do. When she was a child, her mother always forced education and wanted her to become a seamstress, but with the Depression going on and a little brother that she had to care for she could not fulfill her mother's wishes.

She was always closer to her mother because her father died at a very young age of 32. She was always with her mother. Her mother was very religious, so she always had to go to church. They were Catholic since 99 per cent of France was Catholic. Germaine has lived in 30 different places in France and the United States. When asked which was her favorite she said the United States, but she misses France.

She still talks mostly in French since she cannot speak English clear enough for people to understand her. She said she missed being able to talk to someone from France who could understand her. When she arrived here she had a job in a hotel which she liked very much, but she had to retire.

She is receiving a pension and taking it easy, enjoying the few years she has left. The things that she is most proud of are the fact that she came over to America and her children. She now resides in Greentree, Pa., with her son and daughter-in-law. She has always enjoyed the United States.

Germaine Martin
Interviewed as Problems of Democracy class project
October 1975

Gaylord Martins Observe 64th

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Martin of Eldersville celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary on Friday, June 22.

On Sunday, June 24, their son and daughter-in-law, Leo and Ilene Martin, hosted a turkey dinner for the Martins.

Those attending were their grandchildren: Tracy and John Bongiorni and great-grandson Brenden Bongiorni, and Mark and Jodi Martin.

**Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Martin Observe 64th Anniversary
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 11, 1990 Edition**

Marvich - Raggi



The altar of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic church, adorned with white baby pom pons and ferns, was the setting for the wed-

ding of Miss Irma Jean Marvich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marvich, Burgettstown; and Eugene P. Raggi, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Pasquale Raggi of Slovan, on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27.

A nuptial high mass was solemnized at 9 a.m., by the pastor, Father W. J. McCashin.

For her wedding, the bride chose a white gown of imported Florentine lace over satin, fashioned with a fitted bodice, button-back and long pointed sleeves. The gown featured a keyhole neckline, trimmed with seedpearls, and a full skirt which extended into a court train. A half-hat of matching lace held her fingertip veil of silk illusion. The bride carried a cascade bouquet of white roses surrounded by lilies of the valley and ivy, caught by white satin streamers. She observed bridal traditions in her attire.

Ann Marvich, Ambridge, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. The only bridesmaid was Miss Enice Raggi, sister of the bridegroom. Attendants wore identical gowns of Bakini blue nylon net designed with fitted lace bodice, detachable lace cape and matching nylon mitts. They carried a nosegay of blue and white pom pons with blue satin streamers and wore headbands of blue and white pom pons.

The mother of the bride chose a toast crepe dress, brown accessories and corsage of yellow pom pons. The groom's mother wore a grey crepe dress trimmed with black velvet and had black accessories. She wore a corsage of bronze pom pons.

Serving as best man was Stanley Pensak of Slovan and the usher was Edward Dugas, also of Slovan.

A wedding breakfast was served at the bride's home followed by dinner for 100 guests at Pleasant Valley hotel. The reception was held in Langeloth Community hall at 7:30 p.m., and the bridal table was centered with a four tier wedding cake, topped with a miniature bride and groom.

For their honeymoon, the newly

weds motored through Washington, D. C., and Virginia. For going away, the bride wore a grey flannel suit with matching poodle cloth coat and black accessories. They are residing temporarily with the bride's parents, but plan to move into their newly-furnished apartment in Slovan soon.

The bride is a graduate of Union high school, class of 1946, and is employed by the G. C. Murphy Co. Burgettstown. Mr. Raggi attended Union high school and served two years with the U. S. Navy. He graduated from Penn Commercial college, Washington, in 1948 and is manager of Raggi's Market, Slovan.

Out of town guests attended the wedding from Claridge, Verona, Ambridge, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.

Marvich-Raggi

Burgettstown Enterprise-December 18, 1952 Edition

W. C. Massey Honored On 90th Birthday



The Fellowship Hall at the Church of Christ, Shady avenue, Burgettstown, was the center of a gala occasion, celebrating a combined Mother's Day and birthday banquet. The Men's Bible Class was in charge of cooking and serving the dinner. The honoree of the birthday celebration was W.C. Massey, who will be 90 years of age May 25. The bearers of the cake having 90 lighted candles were his grandchildren.

Warner Cutler Massey was born May 25, 1896, in Lakeview, Michigan, and came to this vicinity at the age of ten. He attended Hiram College and the University of Ohio. He was married to Jenny May Campbell and they were the parents of three sons and one daughter. He has ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

His first wife died in 1950 and is now married to Anna Veneral Massey, formerly Mrs. C. C. Cronsbury, who accompanied him along with his youngest son, Barton, and his family to the recognition service.

Mr. Massey was employed as a structural steel draftsman for the Bethlehem Steel Company until his retirement at the age of 82. He was the designer of the Burgettstown Church of Christ, he's been an elder for 34 years and has taught the Adult Bible Class for 20 years.

He presently resides at Midway, where he has lived for 50 years.

Left to right, Hilton W. Woods, minister of the Church of Christ; W.C. Massey, the honored guest; and Allen Fields, minister of the Christian Church of New Cumberland, West Virginia.

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Warner Cutler Massey Honored on 90th Birthday
Designer of the Burgettstown Church of Christ, Shady Avenue
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MATCHETT-McKENZIE

The marriage of Miss Sarah E. McKenzie, daughter of James W. McKenzie, of Clinton, R. D., and Joseph Albert Matchett, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Matchett, of Bulger, R. D., took place at the home of the officiating clergyman, the Rev. Arthur Tipton, at Ludlow, Ky., on Wednesday, September 4. The bride was attired in a brown crepe dress, with matching accessories. She is a graduate of the Frankfort High School and the bridegroom is a graduate of Midway high school. Mr. Matchett is employed by the Midway Mutual Telephone Company. After October 1, Mr. and Mrs. Matchett will be at home in Prospect street Midway. The bride formerly lived in Burgettstown.

**Joseph Albert Matchett Jr. Weds -Sarah E. McKenzie
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 12, 1940 Edition**

In Program At New Jersey School



Carmen Matesic, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Matesic, of Slovan, left Saturday, August 6, for Morristown, New Jersey, at The Seeing Eye, Inc., attending a one-month training program for her guide dog.

Carmen graduated from the Western Pennsylvania School for the Blind on June 5, 1966. Upon her return, she plans to attend

the Broadcasting School in Boston.

Carmen expressed her thanks to Scout Master Joseph Wojnar and Scouts David Sciamanna, David Ozenbaugh, Jay Koraido, Larry Shelp, Chuck Knisley, David Daminski and Thad Golonka, who assisted her with the daily physical exercise program necessary for the strenuous training she will undergo at New Jersey.

Musical Awards For Mary C. Matesic



Mary Carmen Matesic, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Matesic of Slovan, a student at the School for the Blind in Pittsburgh, made quite a hit for the Introductory Program of the Mestrovic Tamburitizens at the Croatian Club in Rankin where she entertained with folk songs and tunes on her accordion.

She also participated in the School for the Blind's annual Talent Show and won top honors for her performance. She was awarded gold and silver cups for her ability.

**Mary Carmen Matesic Receives Music Awards
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 12, 1962 Edition**

Mazzier-Dellapina.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mazzier of Cherry Valley announces the marriage of their daughter Jean to Leo Dellapina, son of Mr. and Mrs. Domenick Dellapina of Bulger, Monday morning, June 20th, at 6 o'clock in St. Ann's Catholic church of Bulger, the Rev. Father C. P. Koscisz officiating. The bride was dressed in blue crepe with white accessories and carried a corsage of pink roses. The attendants were the bride's sister, Dean, and the groom's brother Geno. After a short motor trip the young couple will reside in Bulger.

Mazzier-Dellapina
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 23, 1932

Public Sale

Having decided to quit farming I will sell at public sale on what is known as the T. B. McBride farm 2 miles northeast of Racoon and 2 miles north of Bulger, near Steubenville pike on

Wednesday, March 3rd, 1915

at 10 o'clock sharp, the following personal property:

6 HEAD OF HORSES

2 horses 5 years old, weight 1500 lbs. each, 2 farm mares 1500 lbs. each, 1 sorrel mare in foal and 1 yearling colt.

10 HEAD OF CATTLE

Consisting of 4 heifers will be fresh by day of sale, 3 good butter cows in good floor of milk, 1 yearling heifer, 1 six months heifer, 1 holstein bull one and one-half years old.

1 Duroc sow, bred to farrow April 5nd., 15 head of shoats, 3 pigs, three months old, 50 R. I. hens, 12 tons of baled hay, 3 tons baled straw, 200 bushels ear corn, 300 bushels of oats, 1 Osborne hay loader, 1 side delivery rake, good as new, 1 Milwaukee binder, 7 foot cut, 2 Milwaukee mowers, 6 ft. cut, 2 two horse corn workers, 2 spring tooth harrows, 2 fourteen inch hand Vulcan plows, 1 potato planter and digger, 1 horse cultivator, 1 corn marker, 2 set hay ladders, 3 Kramer wagons, 3 in. 3 1/4 and 3 1/2, bob sled, pin sled, one horse sled, surrey, buggy, Ohio No. 11 fodder cutter, Lily cream separator, separates one and one-half gals. of milk per minute, in fine shape, almost new, 75 bushels good potatoes, set of breechbrand harness, set of single driving harness, set of double driving harness, 10 collars, bridles, lines, hay fork, chains and small tools. Free lunch at noon.

Terms: All sums of \$10.00 or over of 9 months will be given by purchaser giving note with approved security. Sums under \$10, cash. 4 percent off for cash.

L. D. McPeak.

Bulger, Pa., R D 1.

R. A. Peacock, Auctioneer.

T.B. McBride Farm-Public Sale
The Burgettstown Call-February 18, 1915 Edition

James McBride - Pennsylvania Land Warrant

1785

Per "Early Landowners of Pennsylvania: Atlas of Township Warrantee Maps of Washington Co., PA", Sharon MacInnes Ph.D., page 250:
In Robinson Township, Washington Co., PA: James McBride, tract name "Pumpton", 240 acres 55 perches and allowance; warrant date 3/4/1785; survey date 6/1/1785; patent date 6/12/1786 to warrantee; patent book P6-346 (coordinates B-2, C-2, C-3).

This was land that James McBride had selected in Robinson Township after eviction from the land originally settled in Mt Pleasant Township that was determined to rightfully belong to George Washington. This new land in the 1785 secured a patent under the name of "Pumpton" from the receiver-general's offices of Pennsylvania contained this unique clause: "Reserving only the fifth part of all gold and silver for the use of the commonwealth, to be delivered at the pit's mouth free of all charges."

James Mc Bride
1743-1827

From out of the past....



ELSIE BELL STEPHENSON had become the bride of Carrol A. McBride on Nov. 16, 1898. She was 25 years of age. The newlyweds were both killed instantly one month later, Dec. 11. Their horse-drawn sleigh was hit by the Fast Mail West at Raccoon Grade Crossing on the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad. This picture is the courtesy of Tawna Varner Brown of Midlothian, Texas. In her genealogical-research, Tawna found herself to be a direct descendent of the Stephenson family, of which Elsie Bell took a tragic part.

By Kathryn Campbell Slasor
For The Enterprise

A few months ago the story was told in *The Enterprise* about the tragic death of Carrol A. McBride and his wife of four weeks, the former Elsie Bell Stephenson. Both were killed by the fast train west at the Raccoon Crossing on Dec. 11, 1898. They were mourned by young and old as the story spread throughout the countryside. They would have gone to housekeeping within a few days on the McBride farm about two miles from Joffre. James Jones and his son, Quint, are the present residents of the house that is believed to be this particular McBride farm.

When Tawna Varner Brown of Midlothian, Texas, visited Burgettstown during the summer, she picked up an *Enterprise* that contained the second installment of the McBride story. This installment told of the thoughts of the Kapustynski family, who also lived on a McBride farm, this one near Robinson Church. It was finally de-



SOME OF THE Stephenson family. Sitting, front, Matthew Reed Stephenson, father of Elsie Bell. Right, rear, Larrimore Mark Stephenson, Elsie Bell's brother; and the latter's son, Reed Cooke Stephenson.

termined that the farm where the Kapustynski family lived was not the one where Carrol and Elsie Bell were planning to make their home. Rather, the lovely old farmhouse surrounded by rolling fields of grass and pasture lands, the Jones home, was the farm where Carrol's parents had lived, and where the young couple would "live happily ever after."

However, this was not to be. The couple and their plans have been forgotten by those few who might be alive today but were too young at that time to remember. It was 96 years ago that the two young people were laid to rest side of by side in the Robinson Churchyard.

Although Carrol and Elsie Bell were not given the opportunity to

leave descendants to carry on the name, they left family members whose branches lead down to this day. One member of the family, several generations removed from those who have been the subject of the McBride articles, is Tawna Varner Brown of Texas. Tawna brings the family tree from Richard Stephenson, who died in 1765 at Berkley County, Va. He was married to Honora Grimes Crawford, the widow of Hugh Crawford, and the mother of Valentine and William, the latter a Colonel who was burned at the stake in Sandusky, Ohio, by the Indians. Richard and Honora had six children, all of whom shared their boyhood activities with George Washington. One of their sons was James.

James was born about 1740 and married Rachael McKeever in 1759. Of their six children, William, married Margaret Crawford. They had 11 children. One son, Mark, married Nancy Welch, who died in Cross Creek in 1869. A daughter, Julia Ann, married Dr. Alfred Creigh, whose greatest contribution to the local area was the compilation of a history book of Washington County.

Mark and Nancy Welch Stephenson became the parents of eight children, one of whom was Matthew Reed Stephenson, who died in March 1916. One of their four children was Elsie Bell, who married Carrol McBride and was killed in the tragedy at Raccoon Crossing. Elsie Bell's brother, Larimore Mark Stephenson, married Bella Xenette Cooke. They became the great-grandparents of Tawna Varner Brown, who is tracing the family tree and is willing to share her findings.

Another genealogist in the Stephenson family is Marge Stephenson Carnahan of Wheeling. She has found that her great-grandfather, Cyrus C. Stephenson, was born in Eldersville on June 26, 1848. Also locally, David Gourley and his family had lived on an old Stephenson farm on Karch Road, near Eldersville, for many years. An original log house still remains by the roadside and is carefully preserved by the historically-minded Dave Gourley.

Whether or not any of these Stephenson families are related remains to be seen. It also remains for the family genealogists to discover their "roots," and to sort them out. At least it is now known who the pretty little bride was whose life was snuffed out by the fast moving train nearly one hundred years ago.

NOTE: Histories, names, dates and events of families mentioned in this column each week are solely for the enjoyment of the readers. They are as accurate as a superficial search can make them. However, they are not to be used as documentation in genealogical research. With the passing of time and the handing down of stories from one generation to another, much accuracy is lost. We do not have the time nor the inclination to delve deeply into minute details. That is the task of the family genealogist. We do, however, welcome comments, additions and corrections. These stories are only a feeble attempt to preserve a partial history of those in the area who at one time passed this way, and whose legacies crossed our paths. KCS

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Sarah Sarissa Stephenson, Elsie Bell's sister.

*Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Stephenson
request your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Elsie Bell,
to
Mr. Carrol A. McBride,
Wednesday evening, November sixteenth,
at seven o'clock.
Burgettstown, Pa.*

A copy of the actual invitation Of Elsie Bell Stephenson and Carrol A. McBride.



The pastoral setting of today's McBride house, where Elsie Bell and Carrol would have gone housekeeping. Occupied in 1994 by James Jones and son Quintin. Located on Foley Road, near Joffre, PA.

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DECORATION DAY



Written by A. E. McCABE, of Paris, When Eighteen Years of Age,
and First Published in Presbyterian Banner.

Our heroes are sleeping, their warfare is
ended;
They have laid down their lives for the
cause they defended;—
They have passed like the mist in the
morn's dewy breath
From the camp of the living to the camp
ground of death.

Sleep! never again shall war's dread sum-
mons come:
The roar of the cannon, the roll of the drum
Shall echo in vain o'er our loved ones so
free,
Till the angels above sound the last
reveille.

Sleep, comrades! your banner is waving
above;
'Tis the banner of friendship, the banner
of love;
'Tis enshrined in the hearts of the homes
that are broken,
'Tis bathed by the tears of our anguish
unspoken.

Sleep, soldiers! your comrades will fall
into line:
Soon they must advance with the great
countersign:
With banners ablaze in the columns with
you,
Before the great King they must pass in
review.

Sleep! the smoke of the conflict has rolled
far away;
The angel of peace spreads his pinions
to-day,
This peace shall remain on your shields a
device
When your tents have been pitched on the
plains Paradise.

We come and we gaze on your tents decked
with green;
No sound breaks the stillness, no weapons
are seen;
No foe can disturb your repose so pro-
found;—
You are safely intrenched 'neath the hal-
lowed mound.

We come and we bend o'er the forms that
are sleeping,
With hands filled with flowers and eyes
filled with weeping;
We shall strew the fair flowers, and em-
balm them with tears,
Where the nation's defenders have slum-
bered for years.

We come with our music both lowly and
sweet;
Like drums that are muffled our hearts
seem to beat;
But above the horizon of hope hangs a
star,
On the ramparts of heaven the gates are
ajar.

As the tints of the rainbow that melt in
the sun;
As the shadows that flee when the day-
light is done;
As the waves that are lost on the surf-
beaten shore,
Our heroes have sunk 'neath the billows of
war.

Our mission is ended, our tribute is paid,
Yet we linger in love where the brave ones
are laid;
From the soil where affection is ever in
bloom,
We have gathered the garlands and wreath-
ed 'round the tomb.

Alvin E. McCabe

Fort Vance Historical Society Scrapbook-Abt. 1878

Hume-McCabe.

Mrs. Frank M. Mason of West Newbury and Boston, Mass., announces the marriage of her daughter, Jeanette Hume, to Edwin Porter McCabe of Cleveland, son of Mr. and Mrs. William D. McCabe of Burgetstown, Saturday, July 14th. The ceremony took place in the Episcopal church, St. Christophers-by-the River, at Gates Mills, Ohio, with the Rev. Frank Jackson, officiating. Miss Dorothy Lee of Cleveland was maid of honor and William T. McCabe, brother of the bridegroom acted as best man. A reception followed the ceremony at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dale S. Cole of Cleveland Heights. After a trip through Michigan and Wisconsin the young couple will reside at 2304 Noble Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Jeanette Hume and Edwin Porter McCabe
Married-July 14, 1934

A soldier of the Revolution



John Thomas McCall is one of 24 named Revolutionary War veterans buried at Oak Spring Cemetery in Canonsburg. The grave was dedicated by the George Washington Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution May 30.

Man buried in Canonsburg served with Pa. Continental Troops



Shown from left during the May 30 grave dedication are Glenn White, a descendant of John Thomas McCall; Larry Ridgway, president of the George Washington Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution; Michael Merryman, who performed the national anthem; bagpiper Patrick Coughlan; and Kenneth Gorton, who gave the invocation and benediction.

By BARBARA S. MILLER
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For most people, any connection with the War of Independence is tenuous at best. It might be the stuff of lectures and tests in American history class, or it could be the setting for a video or television show.

But on a Saturday in late May, a small group gathered at Oak Spring Cemetery, Canonsburg, to dedicate a flat stone marker so anyone who reads it will know a Revolutionary War soldier is buried there.

"John Thomas McCall was my fifth great-grandfather," said Glenn White of Wheeling, W.Va., a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

"I researched him for about

nine years, and it's opened up a whole new world of my ancestry to me. One thing the government does well is maintain good military records."

Through the Internet, White delved into the background of McCall, discovering the man was born in 1726 in Glasgow, Scotland. He married Jane Childs Young, who was born in 1738. Their children were John, Thomas, James, Matthew, Nancy, William and Alexander.

During what would be his final month on Earth, McCall drew up a will. He died Nov. 15, 1810, in Canonsburg, and was buried in what is now Oak Spring Cemetery. His wife outlived him by nearly 12 years, also dying in Canonsburg.

Gina Nestor is vice president of the Oak Spring Cemetery board of directors.

"Anything about Oak Spring Cemetery, she's a walking encyclopedia," White said.

Nestor downplayed her role in shedding light on a person who died nearly 205 years ago.

"I just confirmed what he had," Nestor said of White's information about his ancestor. "I did not know he was a Revolutionary War soldier until about four years ago. We have 24 Revolutionary War veterans buried at Oak Spring that are named and one unknown Revolutionary War soldier."

The records about the unknown soldier "were either

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Revolution

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burned or lost in a flood,"
Nestor said.

On Independence Day, it's appropriate to briefly review some background on the American Revolution:

Freedom fighters in the 13 colonies formed an army and actually began waging war long before the Declaration of Independence was given a final stamp of approval July 4, 1776.

On May 10, 1775, the Second Continental Congress convened in Philadelphia and, June 15, the Congress unanimously voted to appoint George Washington general and commander-in-chief of the new Continental Army, according to the University of Washington Department of History website.

The Keystone State seems to have been an exception in bellicosity. According to Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, "at the beginning of 1775, Pennsylvania, founded under Quaker auspices, differed from other American colonies in being totally devoid of military organization. Early in that year, as tension mounted, there appeared spontaneously in certain localities volunteer companies of 'Associators' patterned essentially upon groups which existed briefly from 1747 to 1748 and again after Braddock's defeat (in the French and Indian War) in 1755.

"These volunteer companies made up the Military Association, a civilian reserve designed to repel invasion. In 1775, the Provincial Assembly recognized associators and grouped their companies into battalions." Those who served ranged in age from 16 to 60 years. Thousands of Pennsylvanians served in New Jersey, according to a Revolutionary War records overview. During the winter of 1776-77, the association collapsed and the assembly replaced it with a militia system.

According to White, McCall served in both the French and Indian War and Revolutionary War with the Pennsylvania Continental Troops as third corporal from 1775 to 1783. Each Continental Army unit had six corporals, and he was the third corporal of his unit.

A history of strife between the Scots and English that goes back many centuries may have fueled his patriotism in the conflict with the Crown. "He probably had a natural dislike of the British, and it was an easy choice to join the fight," White said in remarks he prepared for the graveside dedication of the cemetery stone.

He also posed the question of why we should honor Mc-



The combined color guard that took part in the grave dedication.

Call, and others like him, today.

"Without the selfless volunteering for his adoptive country, and for like-minded men and women who risked their lives and material possessions, we might never have become the exceptional and free country we have today," White said. "It is our sacred duty to hold fast to the principles of John Thomas McCall and all the men and women who served this infant democracy.

"I am humbled to think that he may have stood with General Washington at Valley Forge and the Battle Of Trenton, events that proved to be the turning points in our battle to be free."

The Battle of Trenton was fought Dec. 26, 1776, after Washington's famous boat trip across the Delaware River. The University of Washington website fills in the details:

"On Christmas, George Washington takes 2,400 of his men and recrosses the Delaware River. Washington then conducts a surprise raid on 1,500 British Hessians (German mercenaries) at Trenton, N.J. The Hessians surrender after an hour with nearly 1,000 taken prisoner by Washington, who suffers only six wounded. Washington reoccupies Trenton. The victory provides a much-needed boost to the morale of all American patriots." With Washington was Maj. Gen. Nathanael Greene, a Rhode Islander who is the namesake of Greene County. The next winter, Washington and the Continental Army set up winter quarters at Valley Forge.

For those who view Valley Forge as simply an exit or service plaza on the Pennsylvania Turnpike, Washington and his army camped there during the bitterly cold winter of 1777-78 after British troops occupied Philadelphia. The downtrodden, freezing and hungry Continental Army seemed to be

fighting a lost cause. According to the U.S. History website, about 12,000 Continental Army troops were with Gen. Washington at the start, but "death claimed about a quarter of them before spring arrived. Another thousand didn't enlist or deserted."

A paycheck was scarce or non-existent, so the fledgling country compensated soldiers with land on the frontier.

McCall's story is interwoven with the congregation of which he was a member.

The history of what's now known as Oak Spring Cemetery pre-dates both the nation itself and Washington County. Nestor said it was founded in 1775 as a burial ground for what she called the Chartiers Meeting House, also known as Chartiers associate Presbyterian congregation in a history written by James T. Herron.

"Canonsburg didn't even exist. It was Chartiers Township," Nestor said.

Canonsburg United Presbyterian Church at 112 West Pike St. traces its history back to this congregation.

The cemetery's oldest tombstone, that of James Ross, dates to the 1780s.

In 1797, trustees of the associate congregation of Chartiers Township purchased "four acres, two roods and 15 perches of land of John Canon, for which they paid 45 pounds. On this land the congregation erected their first meeting-house and buried their dead. The house was built of round logs daubed with clay, some of the logs having been cut to give light. The seats were of round poles laid on blocks. It had no fireplace, stove nor chimney. There the congregation would sit for two sermons, in cold winter days, without fire, and no glass in the windows."

Because Boyd Crumrine's "History of Washington County, Pennsylvania" lists John McCall as an elder of the

congregation in 1799, it's safe to assume he and his family attended church in these spartan conditions.

"They met for six hours on a Sunday," Nestor said. "The ones who came out here were staunch Presbyterians. These people went to church for six hours on Sunday. The kids went, too. They were a pious family, hard workers."

Nestor also found documentation McCall donated a British pound toward a circuit-riding minister's salary. Although it might not sound like much today when a British pound equals about \$1.60, "That was a lot of money back then," she said, estimating the value of the pound at \$97 in today's purchasing value.

White said the federal Department of Veterans Affairs would not provide a stone for McCall, so he purchased one from his own pocket.

"I checked with the National Cemetery Administration (one of the three administrations under Veterans Affairs) and we have no record of such an application for a headstone," wrote Randy Noller, from the VA Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs in Washington, D.C., in response to an email inquiry.

"However, the veteran's gravesite is marked, so by law we can't provide a headstone."

He cited information on the VA cemetery website that states, "The Department of Veterans Affairs furnishes upon request, at no charge to the applicant, a government headstone or marker for the unmarked grave of any deceased eligible veteran in any cemetery around the world, regardless of their date of death."

According to Noller, "A denial would have nothing to do with budgetary cutbacks ... but simply that, according to the law, we can't provide a government headstone because the grave is marked."

Who's Who in the United Presbyterian Church Joseph McFarland McCalmont, D.D.

TIME was when Washington County, Pennsylvania, was said to excel in raising sheep and preachers. Just before the inception of the dairy, coal and oil period, the rugged hills of the northwestern section of the county produced another, but not the final, preacher. Those were days when the office of the ministry was held in high esteem in the godly homes where on Sabbath evenings the body was nourished with mush and milk, the soul was fed with the Bread of Heaven, and the mind was exercised with the Shorter Catechism. Family worship morning and evening belonged to the regular schedule of each day.



Dr. J. M. McCalmont

The branch of the family from which the "victim" of this article sprang has been well represented in the eldership of the Church. The paternal grandfather, father, an uncle and two brothers have thus served our own Church. On the maternal side, the grandfather and an uncle have served in the Presbyterian church. Another uncle was, for many years, a missionary—both as minister and physician—in Alaska under the American Board of the Presbyterian Church.

Joseph McFarland McCalmont, the fourth of a family of six children of James Proudfit and Mary Catherine McFarland McCalmont was born near Paris, Pennsylvania, where he spent his boyhood days on a sheep and dairy farm. At an early age he made a public profession of his faith in Christ, and his was the lone accession upon that communion occasion, which was conducted by Rev. Thomas Winter.

After graduation from public school, he and a brother attended Ingleside Academy, McDonald, Pa., for three years, preparatory to entering the sophomore year at college. While remaining on the farm for three years and waiting for a more definite conviction as to his life's work, he was active in young people's work both seniors and intermediates, served as Sabbath school superintendent in the local church and helped in literary society work in the neighborhood schools.

With the class of 1903 Westminster College gave him the bachelor of arts degree, and in 1936 bestowed upon him the honorary degree of doctor of divinity. While taking his theological course at Pittsburgh Seminary, he was assigned to do student work in the Old Fifth church of Allegheny under Dr. J. W. Witherspoon, teaching in the Sabbath school, helping with the Intermediate Y.P.C.U. and singing in the church quartet. The second year he worked under Dr. James E. Walker at Atlantic Avenue, McKeesport, teaching a Sabbath school class and assisting in the choir, which was then under the capable supervision of Miss Minnie Edmundson, recently missionary in Third church, Pittsburgh. During the summer preceding the third year's work in the seminary he supplied the pulpit of Rev. W. W. Reid at Donora and the new mission work at Monongahela City. After a pressing request from the mission, he spent the winter with them over weekends.

Upon graduation from the seminary he was called to White Oak Springs, Butler presbytery, which he served for seven years. In 1918 the Allison Park

and Elfinwild congregations, Allegheny presbytery, extended him a unanimous call. He served the united charge until 1923, when the Elfinwild congregation asked for a full-time pastorate. Early in 1928 a new and more modern church building was dedicated. The membership has grown from 32 to 325.

In the second year of his first pastorate the subject of this sketch was united in marriage with Anna Belle Park, a daughter of Dr. Thomas Park, well-known in United Presbyterian circles. She continues to be an efficient associate pastor. One daughter came to bless their home, Margaret Park, now Mrs. Adrian E. Dible, living in the Pittsburgh district.

In his pastorates there has been nothing of the spectacular. The steady pull has been the predominant note of these 34 years of service. He believes quite thoroughly in the principle implied in the Sympathic Order of the Caloused Thumb (A large number of door bells are chronically out of order). Especially has he tried to meet and welcome the newcomer and visit the sick and sorrowing.

The young people's work has been stressed all through these years. In spite of all the critical remarks about our modern youth, he still enjoys his work with them and has great confidence in these potential leaders of tomorrow.

Dr. Joseph McFarland McCalmont, D. D.
Who's Who in the United Presbyterian Church
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Four sons of James Proudfit and Mary Catherine (McFarland) McCalmont

1. Samuel J. McCalmont
Katherine McNary

James E. McCalmont
James Edwin
Donald Albert
David Samuel

Zula Dotts

M. Kathryn McCalmont Edwards
Patricia Ann
John Gill

2. Joseph M. McCalmont
Anna Park

Margaret Park McCalmont Dible

3. John E. McCalmont
Sidney Robinson

Agnes Louise McCalmont Frymire
Sidney
Leslie
Susan
Jean
Cindy
John

4. Robert V. McCalmont
Ida Gardner

Phyllis McCalmont



Joseph, Samuel, John, and Robert

Farwell for Candor Couple

Candor, March 4.—On last Thursday evening the citizens of the entire community surrounding his home swarmed in upon J. C. McCalmont. They came early and stayed late and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The surprise was not one of the usual brand in which everybody concerned knows all about it days ahead but was in reality a surprise. Mr. and Mrs. McCalmont are moving to Houston where they will make their future home and this assembly was a spontaneous expression of the universal esteem and high regard in which the community holds this worthy couple.

John McCalmont is 74 years of age and was born and reared on the farm adjoining that which he now leaves. He has been a lifelong member of the Center United Presbyterian congregation. He served his country in Company K, 140th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. More than half a century a Republican he now votes the Washington party ticket. He has more than a local reputation as a successful breeder of of high class Holstein cattle.

Mrs. McCalmont was Minnie Henderson, of Houston, and they have been married 27 years. Mrs. McCalmont has been presiding officer of the Woman's Missionary society for eight years and a much loved teacher in the Sunday school for a much longer period.

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. McCalmont
Farewell for Candor Couple

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M'CANDLESS REUNION

The descendants of Alexander McCandless held their fourth reunion at Washington Park Saturday, July 1, 1939, with about 50 persons present from local and distant points. At noon a picnic dinner was served in the Boy Scout Cabin by the committee in charge.

After dinner a business meeting was held. Officers elected were: President, Mrs. Samuel Flack, Washington; vice president, Miss Jane McCandless, Oakdale; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Cora Armor Leggo, Philadelphia; Recording secretary, Mrs. Mary McCluskey Pyle, Burgettstown; treasurer, Ray McCandless, Oakdale.

McCandless Reunion
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 13, 1939 Edition

THOMAS D. McCARTY

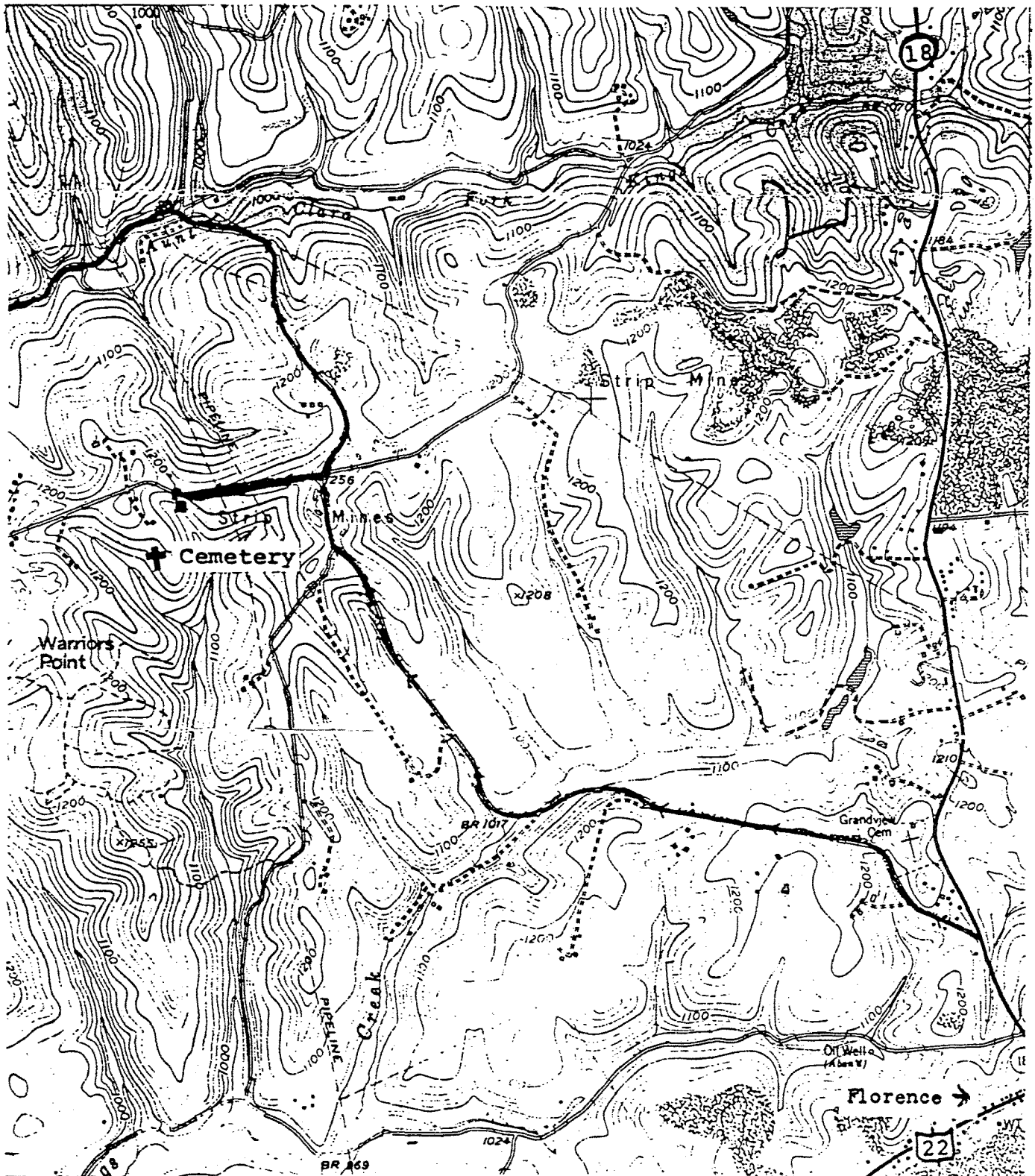


Thomas D. McCarty, father of Mrs. Walter Brabson, was the first burgess of the Borough of Midway, after its incorporation. He served in that capacity from February 3, 1905 until May 21, 1906.

Mr. McCarty was also a partner with his brother, J. S. McCarty, in operating the first lumber yard in the borough.

Thomas D. McCarty
May 3, 1858-March 14, 1908

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



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 30th 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

SEPTEMBER

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East Liverpool Messenger



UST what is meant by "twenty-four horse power" is illustrated in the upper picture, taken several years ago, and contributed by Mr. W. J. Ramsey, of New Cumberland. The outfit is moving a head plate for The Ohio Valley Gas Co. from McCauslin's Mills, in Pennsylvania about 12 miles from East Liverpool, to Burgettstown. Mr. Ramsey tells us that the teamster in the lead is Jesse Ramsey, of Florence, Pa., but does not know who the other drivers were. If any of our readers do know and will kindly send the names in they will be printed next month.

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McClains Celebrate Golden Wedding



The couple pictured above is Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. McClain, West Pittsburgh street, who celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary Tuesday, Oct. 12.

Relatives and friends called at their home to extend congratulations on the occasion and they were recipients of many lovely gifts.

Mr. McClain, who is 75 years old, was born near Midway, the son of Sara and Adam McClain. He spent most of his life in the carpentry trade and is now retired. Mrs. McClain, 72, is the former Myrtle Jackson and was born on the Jackson homestead near Burgettstown. They were married in Washington and spent most of their time residing in Burgettstown.

A favorite past time of Mrs. McClain is watching television and her husband still keeps up carpentry work around the house; however, they both enjoy spending a good deal of time visiting their kin.

They are the parents of six children, two sons and four daughters; 24 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Their children include: Stanley and John McClain, Mary (Mrs. John R. Stewart) of Burgettstown; Orvilla (Mrs. Albert Kuntz) of Slovan; Melba (Mrs. Amelio Martinez) of Finleyville; and Gladys (Mrs. Dennis Caleffie) of Langeloth. Two sons and one daughter died at an early age.

Form V. S. No. 5-50M. 1-15-13.

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CERTIFICATE OF DEATH.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

1. PLACE OF DEATH. County of Allegheny Registration District No. _____
Township of _____ Primary Registration District No. _____
or Borough of _____ Registered No. 9813
or City of Pittsburgh (No. 41 Southern Ave St. 19 Ward.) [If death occurred in a Hospital or Institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.]

2. FULL NAME Alexander McClinton

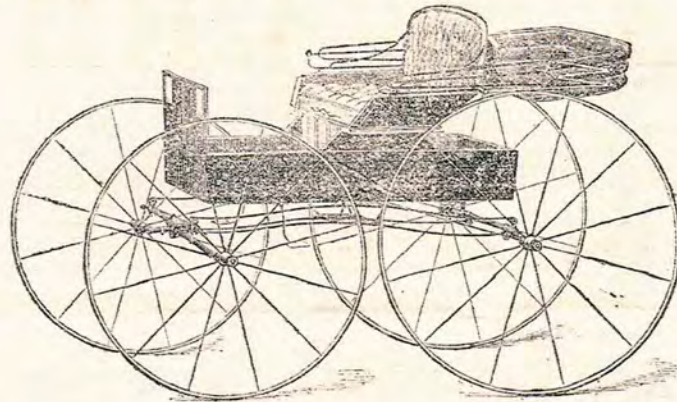
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
3. SEX <u>male</u>	4. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word.) <u>Married</u>	16. DATE OF DEATH <u>Nov</u> <u>12</u> 1917 (Month) (Day) (Year)	
6. DATE OF BIRTH <u>July</u> <u>12</u> 18 <u>41</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)			17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>Nov 11</u> 1917 to <u>Nov 12</u> 1917 that I last saw him alive on <u>Nov 11</u> 1917 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at <u>4:00 a.m.</u> The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: <u>Central Hemorrhage</u> <u>64</u> (Duration) yrs. mos. <u>2</u> ds.	
7. AGE <u>76</u> yrs. <u>4</u> mos. _____ ds. If LESS than 1 day how many.....hrs. ormin.?			Contributory (SECONDARY) _____ (Duration) yrs. mos. ds.	
8. OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) <u>Retired</u>			(Signed) <u>James McPotts</u> M. D. <u>Nov 12</u> 1917 (Address) <u>111 Shields St</u>	
9. BIRTHPLACE (State or Country) <u>Ireland</u>			*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH; or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, OR HOMICIDAL.	
10. NAME OF FATHER <u>John McClinton</u>			18. LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, TRANSIENTS OR RECENT RESIDENTS). At place of death.....yrs.....mos.....ds. In the State.....yrs.....mos.....ds. Where was disease contracted, If not at place of death?..... Former or usual residence.....	
11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or Country) <u>Ireland</u>			19. PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL DATE OF BURIAL <u>MA Lebanon Cem</u> <u>Nov 14</u> 1917	
12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Isabella Musgrove</u>			20. UNDERTAKER ADDRESS <u>William Slater Sons</u> <u>Logan Ave</u> <u>Pitt</u>	
13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or Country) <u>Ireland</u>				
14. THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. (Informant) <u>Mrs G. McClinton</u> (Address) <u>41 Southern Ave</u>				
15. Filed.....191..... <u>J. F. Edwards</u> Local Registrar				

Important. See instructions on back of certificate.

Alexander McClintock Death Certificate

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

SOMETHING NEW !



The Great Dexter Spring Wagon,

ALEX. M'CLINTOCK,

Burgettstown,

Would announce to the people in this vicinity that he has almost the exclusive right
of this county to manufacture the

DEXTER SPRING.

It is superior to all other Buggies in **SIMPLICITY, LIGHTNESS, STRENGTH,**
DURABILITY and **EASE of MOTION.** The **DEXTER** requires less repair than
any other vehicle.

SEE IT AT THE FAIR.

CARRIAGES,

BUGGIES,

PLATFORM

SPRING AND

FARM WAGONS,

MANUFACTURED and FOR SALE AT ALL TIMES.

*No men employed in my Factory who are not skilled Mechanics
and no Material used that is not thoroughly seasoned.*

Alex McClintock
The Burgettstown Enterprise-Vol.2 October 1880

Mrs. McClintock is represented by R. W. Knox, of the Washington bar, and A. L. Petty and O. G. Kiskaddon, of the Allegheny county bar.

Mr. and Mrs. McClintock are two of the best known residents of Burgettstown, where they have spent their entire married life. Mr. McClintock is a native of Ireland, but came to America when a youth and has resided in Burgettstown for more than forty years, during which time he has been quite prominent in business affairs. After coming to Burgettstown he was united in marriage with Miss Martha M. Graham, of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, and their whole married life has been spent here. They have had no children.

Last summer Mr. McClintock made an extended visit to his old home across the water. He brought home with him a niece, Miss Minnie McKeown, also a native of Ireland, and it is against her that the suit is entered.

Notice of the suit was served Monday on Miss McKeown. Mr. McClintock gave bond in the sum of \$1,000 for her appearance in court.

Mrs. McClintock is now with her friends in Pittsburg.

Mrs. Martha M. McClintock Legal Representatives
Unknown Newspaper-Date

MRS. McCLINTOCK SUES FOR \$10,000

Mrs. Martha M. McClintock, wife of Alexander McClintock, a well-known resident of Burgettstown, on Saturday filed a suit against Miss Mary McKeown, also known as Minnie McKeown, asking \$10,000 for the alleged alienation of the plaintiff's husband's affections.

That there has been trouble in the McClintock home has been known for some time by neighbors and friends, and to many of them the suit is not a surprise, much as it is deplored.

Mrs. McClintock states that at the solicitation of Alexander McClintock, her husband, said Mary (or Minnie) McKeown came to reside with deponent and her husband on or about October 12, 1909; that said deponent in her domestic affairs with her said husband has always conducted herself as a faithful and loving wife and lived in domestic peace and conjugal happiness until the arrival of said Mary McKeown; and deponent solemnly protests that this rupture of the marital relation between her and her said husband has been occasioned by no act of hers, nor has she at any time or under any circumstances given any cause therefor. Deponent says that she cannot estimate her damages by any pecuniary standard, but that her damages will equal, if they do not exceed, \$10,000.

Mrs. McClintock charges that said Mary (or Minnie) McKeown, "contriving and wrongfully, wickedly and unjustly, intending to injure the said plaintiff and to deprive her of the comfort, fellowship, society, aid and assistance of Alexander McClintock, husband of the said plaintiff, and to alienate and destroy his affection for the said plaintiff, on or about the 15th day of October, 1909, and on divers other days and times between that date and the date of exhibiting this bill, wrongfully, wickedly and unjustly debauched and carnally knew the said Alexander McClintock then and there, and still being the husband of the said plaintiff, thereby the affection of the said Alexander McClintock for the said plaintiff was then and there alienated and destroyed; and also by means of the premises the said plaintiff hath from thence hitherto lost and in a great measure been deprived of the comfort, fellowship, society, aid and assistance of the said Alexander McClintock, her husband, in her domestic affairs, which the plaintiff during all that time ought to have had and otherwise might and would have had; to the damage of the said plaintiff of \$10,000, and therefore she brings this suit."

Martha M. McCintock Sues for \$10,000
Unknown Newspaper-Date

McClintock Case Settled

A compromise agreement has been reached in the McClintock case and the suit of Mrs. Martha McClintock against Miss Minnie McKeown has been withdrawn and will not come to trial in the courts.

Mrs. McClintock had started action to recover \$10,000 damages from Miss McKeown for the alleged alienation of the affections of plaintiff's husband, Alexander McClintock. Mrs. McClintock charged Miss McKeown with being criminally intimate with her husband.

The terms upon which the compromise was affected have not been made public, but it is understood that Mrs. McClintock is to assume the costs which have already accrued and that she and her husband will separate, the husband giving over to her a certain part of his property. Legal separation papers were drawn up and the agreement is to constitute a final settlement.

Mrs. McClintock in her statement in the compromise agreement says:

"After a full investigation I am satisfied that I was hasty in my conclusions, and as a matter of fact there was not at the time of the institution of the suit, and is not now, sufficient grounds for said action, nor have I now, nor had I then, sufficient evidence to show that there had ever been any criminal intimacy between the said Mary McKeown and my husband, Alexander McClintock; and it is my desire that the above named action should be discontinued, and upon payment of costs of suit, I hereby authorize and direct H. E. Ward, prothonotary of Washington county, to mark said action settled and discontinued."

Deed Transfer

Alexander & Mattie M. McClintock
to
Samuel J. Ghrist

Washington County, PA
Recorded November 5, 1879
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Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

recorded in Washington in deed Book 24 Vol's page 112 on the 13th day of March. A.D. 1879 by reference thereto being had in will more fully and at as large appear together with all and singular the Buildings improvements ways waters watercourses rights liberties privileges hereditaments and appointments whatsoever thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining and the profits and proceeds 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 message and tract of land excepting as aforesaid the coal there under as heretofore more particularly described hereditaments and premises here by granted or mentioned and intended to be with the appointments unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns to and for the only proper use and behoof of the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever and Frank G. Huston and Elizabeth Huston 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 his heirs and assigns that they the said parties of the first part their heirs all and singular the hereditaments and premises herein above described and granted or mentioned and intended to be with the appointments unto the said party of the second part his 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 claim the same or any part thereof of the aforesaid premises excepting the coal as aforesaid 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
John H. Huston J. S. Huston

F. G. Huston
Elizabeth Huston

Received the day of the date of the above Indenture of the above named William G. Huston of Jefferson Township Allegheny County Pa the sum of six thousand two hundred and fifty eight and 00/100 dollars lawful money of the United States being the consideration money above mentioned in full
Witness - J. S. Huston

F. G. Huston

Washington County }
State of Pennsylvania }

On the 31st day of March Anno Domini 1879 before me a Justice of the Peace came the above named Marshall G. Huston and Elizabeth Huston wife and acknowledged the above Indenture to be their act and deed and declared that the same might be recorded. I accused her the said Elizabeth being of full age and by me examined separately and apart from her said husband and the contents of said Indenture being first made fully known to her declared that she did of her own free will and accord sign and seal and do her act and deed deliver the same with any coercion or compulsion of her said husband. Witness my hand and my seal the day and year aforesaid

J. S. Huston Jt. Peace

Recorded and compared Nov 27 1879

Mark Hughes Jr (Recorder) Per Alms

Alexander M. McClintock }
do }
Samuel J. Christ

This Indenture made the twelfth day of November eight hundred and seventy nine between Alexander M. McClintock and Mattie M. McClintock his wife

This do I, George Washington County Pennsylvania of the first part and Samuel Ghrist of
 Burgettstown County and State above named of the second part Witnesseth that the said
 parties of the first part for and on consideration of the sum one hundred and fifty dollars
 lawful money of the United States of America with them well and truly paid by the said
 party of the second part and before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt
 of which is hereby acknowledged have granted bargained sold aliened conveyed released
 conveyed and confirmed and by these presents do grant bargain sell alien assign release
 convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever
 all the following described property viz all those certain lots or pieces of ground situated
 in the township of Smith in the county of Washington and State of Pennsylvania ad-
 joining the Village of Burgettstown and which are bounded and described as follows
 viz Beginning at a post on the north east corner of lot No two (2) on the state road
 leading from Washington Pa to Georgetown Ohio thence along said state road
 74 paces west ninety four feet (95) to corner of lot No (1) thence east along the line of lot
 No (1) 50 two hundred and fourteen feet (214) and six inches (6) more or less to a corner
 corner thence along Raceon creek south south ninety six feet (96) to the corner of lot No two
 (2) thence east along the line of lot No two (2) two hundred and fourteen (214) feet more
 or less to the state road the place of Beginning being lots No three (3) and four (4) in Joseph
 Parters plan and being part of a tract of land conveyed by John Ferguson Administrator
 with the will annexed of Mrs Crawford deceased to Margaret Crawford and Rachel Bell
 by indenture dated July 29th AD 1868 by Margaret Crawford and Rachel Bell in Joseph
 Parters by Joseph Parters to James Macdonald and to the present grantors by James Macdonald
 and James Macdonald by deed dated the first day of February 1871 and recorded in records
 Office at Washington Pennsylvania in Book D Volume 4 Page 676 on the sixth day of
 February AD 1871 together with all and singular the said property improvements ways
 water water courses rights liberties privileges hereditaments and appurtenances whosoever
 shall be there unto belonging or in anywise appertaining and the reversions 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 in and to the same and every part thereof do have and do hold said lot of
 ground hereditaments and premises hereby granted or mentioned and intended so
 to be with the appurtenances unto the said party of the second part his heirs and
 assigns to and for the only proper use and behoof of the said party of the second part
 his heirs and assigns forever and the said Alexander M McClintock and Mattie
 M McClintock his wife the said parties of the first part for their heirs executors and
 Administrators do by these presents covenant grant and agree so and with the said
 party of the second part his heirs and assigns that they the said parties of the first part
 and their heirs all and singular the hereditaments and premises herein above
 described and granted or mentioned and intended so to be with the appurtenances
 unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns against us the said
 parties of the first part and our 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 seal dated the day and year first above written
 sealed and delivered in the presence of
 Geo M Duman - M. A. Duman
 Alexander M McClintock
 Mattie M McClintock

Received the date above mentioned of the above named party of the second part the
 sum of one hundred and fifty dollars consideration money in full
 Witness Geo M Duman - M. A. Duman
 Alexander M McClintock Mattie M McClintock

On the 12th day of November 1879 before me a Justice of the Peace in and for Wash Co Pa. Alexander M. McClintock and Mattie M. McClintock his wife and acknowledged the above deed to be their act and deed and desired that the same might be recorded as such she the said Mattie M. McClintock being of full age and by oneself and separate and a part from her said husband and the contents of said Indenture being first made fully known to her declared that she did of her own free will and accord sign and seal and ask her act and deed therein the same without any coercion or compulsion of her said husband. Witnesses my hand and seal day and year aforesaid
Geo. M. Leman J.P.

Recorded and Compared Dec. 1. 1879

Wm. Hughes Jr (Recorder) Pa. Clerk

James Boutitt dec'd } This Indenture made the thirty first day of December in
do } the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy
William Bowrie } three between James Boutitt and Anna Eliza Boutitt of
and William Bowrie of Monongahela City Washington County State of Pennsylvania.
and William Bowrie of Monongahela City County and State aforesaid of the one
part witnesseth that the said parties of the first part for and in consideration of the
sum of Forty Dollars (\$40.00) 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 has granted bargained
sold aliened enfeoffed released conveyed and confirmed and by these presents do grant
bargain sell alien enfeoff release convey and confirm unto the said party of the second
part his heirs and assigns all the coal and mineral underlying the following
described piece of ground Beginning on the south east side of Parkinson Street
at the corner of lot of John Peters and William Bowrie and extending back
along said division line south east fifty feet (50) so as to touch thence running
south west across said Bowrie lot Twenty One (21) feet so as to touch thence running
north west thirty nine (39) feet to Parkinson Street thence north east along said
Street fifty (50) feet to the place of Beginning containing thirty two hundred &
fifty Bushels coal more or less together with all and singular the coal any water
watercourses rights liberties privileges hereditaments and appurtenances what
so ever there unto belonging or in any wise appertaining and the provisions
and remainders unto issues and profits here of and all the estate right title in-
property claim and demand whate ever of the said parties of the first part in
law equity or other wise howsoever of in and to the same and every part thereof
to have and to hold the said lot of coal hereditaments and appurtenances
hereby granted or mentioned and intended so to be with the appurtenances
unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns do and for the one
proper use and behoof of the said part of the second part his heirs and assigns
James and James Boutitt and Anna Eliza his wife the said parties of the
first part for themselves and their heirs executors and Administrators ex-
ce by these presents covenant grant and agree to and with the said party of the
second part his heirs and assigns that they be a part of the first part and their
heirs all and singular the hereditaments and premises herein above described
and granted or mentioned and intended set over with the appurtenances unto the
said party of the second part his heirs and assigns against them the said parties
of the first part and their heirs and against all and every other person or persons

Deed Transfer

Alexander McClintock
to
Martha M. McClintock

Washington County, PA
Recorded December 5, 1910
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President of the said corporation, subscribed to the above Indenture in attestation of its due execution and delivery, are of their and each of their respective handwritings.

W. J. Govern

Sworn and subscribed before me, the day and year aforesaid.

Witness my hand and notarial seal.

W. C. Black

Notary Public.

(Notarial Seal)

My Commission Expires End of Next Session of Senate.

Recorded and compared. December 5, 1910. J. C. Sutherland, Recorder. Per M. M. B.

ALEXANDER MCCLINTOCK

AND

MARTHA M. MCCLINTOCK

THIS INDENTURE, Made this 5th day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten. BETWEEN ALEXANDER MCCLINTOCK, of Burgettstown, Washington County, Pennsylvania, party of the first part, AND MARTHA M.

MCCLINTOCK, his wife, of the same place, party of the second part.

WHEREAS, divers disputes and unhappy differences have arisen between the party of the first part and the party of the second part hereto, for which reason they have consented and agreed to live separate and apart from each other during their natural lives, therefore,

THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH, that the party of the first part, in consideration of the sum of Three Thousand dollars and in consideration of the covenants, promises and agreements hereinafter expressed, on the part of the said party of the second part to be kept and performed, does hereby covenant, promise and agree to and with the said party of the second part, that it shall and may be lawful for her, the said party of the second part, at all times hereafter, to live separate and apart from him, the said party of the first part, and that he, the said party of the first part, shall and will allow and permit her to reside and be in such place and places, and in such family and families, and with such relations, friends and other persons, and to follow and carry on such trade or business as she may, from time to time, choose or think fit to do, and he, the said party of the first part, shall not, nor will not, at any time, compel her to live with him, or molest, disturb or trouble her, the said party of the second part, for living separate and apart from him, nor sue, molest or trouble any other person whomsoever for receiving, entertaining and harboring her, and that he will not, without her consent, visit her, or knowingly enter any house or place where she may dwell, reside or be, nor shall, nor will, at any time, hereafter, claim or demand any interest in or right to any property, real, personal, or mixed which she may now have or may hereafter acquire in any manner, but that she may dispose of the same as absolutely as if the parties hereto had never been married. The said party of the first part hereby intending to release all claims and demands, whatsoever, that he may have as the husband and heir at law of the said party of the second part.

And the said party of the second part, in consideration of the premises, and in pursuance thereof, and of the sum of One Dollar, lawful money of the United States, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and the further consideration of the covenants, promises

and agreements hereinbefore mentioned, on the part of the said party of the first part to be kept and performed, does hereby agree that it shall and may be lawful for him, the said party of the first part, at all times hereafter, to live separate and apart from her, the said party of the second part, and to be and reside in such place and places as he may choose, and that she shall not, nor will not, at any time, compel him to live with her, or molest, disturb or trouble him for living separate and apart from her, and that she will not, without his consent, visit him, or knowingly enter any house or place where he may dwell, reside or be. And the party of the second part does further waive, remise, release, quit-claim and forever discharge the said party of the first part, his heirs and assigns, and the estate, real, personal and mixed now owned by him, or which he may hereafter acquire, of and from all claims, shares or interest therein which she now has or may or might have by reason of her marriage to the party of the first part hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said parties of the first and second parts have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered

Alexander McClintock (Seal)

in the presence of:

Martha M. McClintock (Seal)

Mary F. Miller

Mary F. Miller

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA,)
(SS.
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON,)

On this 5th day of December, A. D. 1910, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally came the above named ALEXANDER MCCLINTOCK and MARTHA M. MCCLINTOCK, his wife, and acknowledged the foregoing indenture to be their act and deed, and desired the same to be recorded as such.

WITNESS my hand and Notarial seal the day and year aforesaid.

Mary F. Miller

Notary Public.

(Notarial Seal)

My Commission Expires March 27" 1913.

Recorded and compared.

December 5, 1910.

J. C. Sutherland, Recorder.

Per M. M. B.

SUDIE LACOCK

TO

MRS. ANNIE BRADEN

THIS INDENTURE, Made the fifth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten, BETWEEN Sudie Lacock, of the borough of Washington, county of Washington, and state of Pennsylvania, party of the first part, and (Mrs. Annie Braden, also of said borough of Washington, party of the second part:

WITNESSETH, that the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300), lawful money of the United States of America unto her well and truly paid by the said party of the second part, at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, release, convey and confirm unto the said party of the

Alexander McClintock to Martha M. McClintock Pg. 2

Address changed for 911 calling to 1336 Main Street, Burgettstown, PA 15021

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Deed Transfer

Alexander McClintock
to
Pittsburgh, Cincinnati,
Chicago, and St. Louis
Railway Company

Washington County, PA
Recorded-January 20, 1903
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party of the second part, its successors and assigns that he the said party of the first part, and his heirs, all and singular the hereditaments and premises herein above described and granted, or mentioned, and intended so to be, with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part, its successors and assigns, against him the said party of the first part, and his 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 party of the first part has to these presents set his hand and seal, Dated the day and year first above written.

Sealed, signed and delivered in the presence of us,
John Woodburn, *(Seal)*
J. Patterson,
D. M. Prof.

Received the day of the date of the above Indenture, of the above named The Granite Improvement Company, the sum of seventy-three Hundred Ninety-six and ⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars, law full money of the United States, being the consideration money above mentioned, in full.

Witness:
D. M. Prof. John Woodburn,

State of Pennsylvania, }
County of Washington, } ss.

On this 17th day of January A.D. 1903, before me a Notary Public in and for said County, came the above named John Woodburn (widower) and acknowledged the foregoing Indenture to be his act and deed, desiring the same to be recorded as such.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, the day and year aforesaid.

D. M. Prof. *(Seal)*
Notary Public,

(Notarial Seal)

My commission expires February 21, 1905,

Recorded & Compared, Feb 11, 1903,

W. F. Penny recorder, per. L. W.

Alexander Mc Clintock, et ux,
to
Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago
and St. Louis Railway Company,

This Indenture, Made
the 20th day of January
in the year of our Lord
one thousand nine hun-

dred and three,

Between Alexander Mc Clintock and Martha M. Mc Clintock, his wife, of Burgettstown, Washington County, Pennsylvania, parties of the first part, and The Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railway Company, a corporation of the State of Pennsylvania, party of the second part.

Witnesseth That the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty Two Hundred 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 here by acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, release, convey and confirm, unto the said party of the second part, its successors and assigns, forever, all the following described property, viz:

All that certain lot or piece of land situate in Burgettstown, Smith Township, Washington County, State of Pennsylvania, to wit:

Beginning on the Northeastly side of Bridge Street, sometimes known as Main Street Extension, and at the Southeastly line of a private alley Twelve Feet wide, said point being also in the Northwestly line of lands now or late of George M. Strohacker; thence North Forty-five Degree Forty-four Minutes West (N. 45° 44' W.) along said Bridge Street, Forty-five and One-tenth (45.1) Feet to other lands of said Alexander Mc Clintock; and extending back Northeastwardly and at right angles with said Bridge Street, preserving even width of Forty-five and One-tenth (45.1) Feet throughout from front to rear, a distance of One Hundred Sixty-one and Six Tenths (161.6) Feet, to line of land now or late of John Woodburn.

Containing an area of One Hundred Sixty-seven Thousandths (0.165) of an acre, more or less.

Said parties of the first part reserve the frame lumber shed now standing on the rear of the above described premises, with the right to remove same, said removal to be made within sixty days after notice in writing given by said party of the second part, as to do.

Said party of the second part to construct and maintain a good and substantial fence along the Westery or Northwestly side of the above described premises.

Together with all and singular the buildings, improvements, ways, waters, water courses, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, and the reversions

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 above described buildings, improvements, ways, waters, water courses, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and premises hereby granted, or mentioned, and intended so to be, with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part, its successors and assigns to and for the only proper use and behoof of the said party of the second part, its successors and assigns, forever.

And Alexander Mc Clintock and Martha M. Mc Clintock, said parties of the first part, for themselves, their heirs, executors and administrators, do by these presents covenant, grant and agree to and with the said party of the second part, its successors and assigns that they the said parties of the first part, and their heirs, all and singular the hereditaments and premises hereinabove described and granted, or mentioned, and intended so to be, with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part, its successors 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 For ever 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.

Subscribed, signed and delivered in the presence of us,

Alexander Mc Clintock (Seal),
Martha M. Mc Clintock (Seal)

J. P. Linn,

Received, the day of the date of the above Indenture, of the above named The Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railway Company, the sum of Twenty-two Hundred Dollars, law ful. monly of the United States, being the consideration money above mentioned in full.

Witness:

Alexander Mc Clintock.

State of Pennsylvania }
County of Washington. } ss.

On this 20th day of January A.D. 1903, before me, a Justice of Peace in and for said County, came the above named Alexander Mc Clintock and Martha M. Mc Clintock wife of said Alexander and acknowledged the foregoing Indenture to be their act and deed, desiring the same to be recorded as such.

She, the said Martha M. McClintock 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 afore said.

J. P. Linn, *Atty*

J. P.
Seal.

Recorded & Compared Feb. 11, 1903,

W. F. Penn, recorder, per L. W.

Albert C. Bell, et ux,
to
Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago
and St. Louis Railway Company,

This Indenture, Made the
12th day of January in
the year of our Lord one
thousand nine hundred
and three,

Between Albert C. Bell and Sarah A. Bell, his wife,
of Jewett, Harrison County, Ohio, parties of the first part,
and the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis
Railway Company, a corporation of the State of Pennsylvania,
party of the second part;

Witnesseth, That the said parties of the first part,
for and in consideration of the sum of Two Hundred 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 here by acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold,
aliened, enfeoffed, released, conveyed and confirmed, and by
these presents do grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, release,
convey and confirm, unto the said party of the second part,
its successors and assigns forever, all the following des-
cribed property, viz:

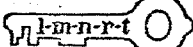
All that certain strip or parcel of land situate in
Cecil Township, Washington County, State of Pennsylvania,
and being all that part of a certain tract of land heretofore
conveyed to said Albert C. Bell by deed of J. W. Lawrence et ux,
dated June 18, 1896, recorded in volume 205 page 3 of the deed
records of said county, which lies Northwardly from a line
drawn across said lot parallel with and Thirty (30) Feet
Southwardly from the centre line of the main track of the
Millers Run extension of the Bridgewater and Mc Donald
Branch of the railway of said party of the second part,
as now located and staked out over and across said prem-

Alexander McClintock

Washington County, PA Deeds

Grantor Index Key

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

GRANTOR  INDEX

No. U.S. Pat. Off.

Patented and Patents Pending

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McClelland	Alice B By Atty al Alexander Flowers Sr	Mar	20	1899	144	94	Canon
McClelland	Alice B By Atty al Martha J Donaldson	Jan	2	1899	149	87	Canon
McClellan	A R B B Campbell	Mar	9	1899	150	92	Buffalo Lease
McClellan	A R S E Brainard	Jun	28	1890	158	223	Buffalo Lease
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McClellan	A R al J C Leonard	Jun	6	1893	180	347	Buffalo Lease
McClelland	Archibald al Brownlee McClelland	Nov	29	1895	198	221	Buffalo Assmt of Damages
McClelland	Alice B By Atty al John C Black	Jan	10	1899	223	60	Canon Lot
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McClelland	Ann al R A Jamison	Feb	6	1903	260	494	Indep
McClellan	A R J S Hildebrand	May	26	1913	405	335	Buffalo Lease
McClellan	A R S W Penna Pipe Lines	Feb	21	1917	445	200	Buffalo R of Way
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McClellan	A R S W Penna Pipe Lines	Aug	19	1920	482	430	Blaine Lease
McClellan (or) McClelland	A R (or) Archibald Edwin B McClellan	Oct	17	1922	501	160	Buffalo
McClelland	Archibald By Kas al Gustave Zilke	Mar	19	1923	507	54	Donegal Part Deed
McClelland	A R Robert L McClellan	Jun	1	1923	508	75	Donegal
McClintock	Alexander al Samuel J Ghrist	Dec	1	1879	5 N	495	Smith Parker
McClintock	Alexander ux W J Ayres	Jun	23	1899	222	496	Burgettstn 2
McClintock	Alexander D W Cunningham	May	19	1902	278	131	Smith
McClintock	Alexander al P C C & St L Ry Co	Feb	11	1903	293	175	Burgettstn
McClintock	Alexander ux Mary L Juffre	Oct	5	1903	300	252	Burgettstn Lot
McClintock	Alexander ux Mary Fontany	Jan	9	1907	339	613	Burgettstn
McClintock	Alexander Martha M McClintock	Dec	5	1910	381	478	Art Sep
McClintock	Alexander Robert Young	Jun	2	1913	406	101	Burgettstn Lot
McClintock	Alexander ux George A McCracken	Oct	13	1914	420	245	Burgettstn 84
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McCausland	Alexander ux John McCullough	Jul	28	1870	4 R	397	Hanover
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McCausland	Alexr ux Alexander McCracken	May	28	1873	4 X	610	Hanover
McCausland	Alexander ux Thomas Finnegan	May	28	1873	4 X	612	Hanover
McCausland	Alex M ux Thomas J McCausland	Mar	20	1891	164	128	Hanover

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McCLURG REUNION

The Nineteenth reunion of the McClurg Clan was held September 2 at the Mill Creek Church, near Laughlin's Corner. A cafeteria lunch was served at noon. President J. A. McClurg called the meeting to order and designated the music committee was in charge. They opened the program with group singing of America and Auld Lang Syne; Solo "Love Lifted me" Miss Martin; Quartette composed of Ethel McCoy, Elizabeth Bane, C. W. Farner and Steve Griffith sang "In the Garden". The group then sang "God Bless America". The history of Joseph McClurg was read by the Assisting Secretary, Ethel McCoy. An annual death record was read. Miss Ethel McCoy and Elizabeth Bane sang a duet. The solo "The Model Church" was sung by Steve Griffith. The program closed with the singing of "God Be With You till we Meet Again". The entertainment committee was well prepared and the event proved very satisfactory considering the rain in the afternoon. Horse shoe pitching was the main attraction in the morning.

Those in attendance were Steve Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eynon, Mr. and Mrs. William Fleming, grandsons Billie, and Bobby of Hollidays Cove, W. Va., Mrs. Ethel McCoy, sons Claude, Dale and Wilbur, Mrs. Esther McClurg, Mrs. Elizabeth Shivler, Nannie McClurg, Joseph McClurg, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lockhart, children George, Jean, Beal, Earl, Curtis and Charlie, Mr. and Mrs. James Shivler children Lewis and Betty, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Martin and daughter, Doane of Hookstown, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Farner of Avella, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Scott, Tarentum, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Scott, son Wayne of Natrona Heights, Mrs. Stewart F. McCoy of South Heights, Mrs. Ada Harry Allison of Georgetown, Rachel L. Rogers, Mrs. Edith Virtue, Hopedale, O., Mrs. W. L. McCoy, Mrs. James Glen Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. Philip McNamee, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Owens and daughter Martha of Aliquippa, Mrs. Elizabeth McClurg, Dale McClurg, Raymond Reinhart of Beaver, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. McClurg of Imperial, Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers Moore, children Donna Jean and Chalmer Jr., of New Brighton, Robert Fleming, Hollidays Cove, W. Va., Ruth Algeo, Lee Robinson, Agnes Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McClurg, Mrs. Gertrude Cowan, Elizabeth Bane, Burgettstown, Martha Bate and son of Broadacre, O., Mrs. Myrtle Reed of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Virtue, Jewett, O., Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Johnson and daughter Lois Mae of Aliquippa, Charles McClurg, Alda Culley Nichols and sister Ada.

The oldest member of the clan present was Rachel Lavina Stewart Rodgers of Hopedale, O., and the youngest Donna Jean Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers Moore of New Brighton, Pa.

McClurg Reunion

Burgettstown Enterprise-September 5, 1940 Edition

McCluskey-Pyle

Miss Mary W. McCluskey and George W. Pyle were united in marriage at the home of the bride's aunt in Kane, Pa., Wednesday evening, August 26, 1914. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Walter Kennedy, of Johnetta, a former Burgettstown boy. After a wedding trip of a week they will return to Burgettstown and make their home on Center avenue. The bride is one of Burgettstown's most estimable young ladies. Mr. Pyle is a son of Joseph Pyle, of near Bethany, W. Va., and a nephew of W. A. and J. G. Pyle, of Burgettstown. He is employed at Langeloth.

McCluskey-Pyle Wedding
August 26, 1914

Golden Anniversary For Avella Couple

Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. McConnell, of Avella, observed their 50th wedding anniversary Wednesday, December 7.

No formal celebration was held. They spent a quiet day at their home recalling many of the events of the past half century.

They were married December 7, 1916, by Rev. McCracken, then pastor of the Independence and Avella Presbyterian Churches.

Mrs. McConnell, a daughter of Wallace and Laura Jane Patterson Patterson, taught in Washington County schools 42 years before her retirement in 1956.

Mr. McConnell was a foster son of Mr. and Mrs. William McConnell and had lived in the McConnell home since 1893, when he was a small boy. He taught school for three years before taking up carpentry.

Mr. and Mrs. McConnell have spent all their lives in the Avella area.

M'CONNELLS ARE HONORED
AT 57TH ANNIVERSARY

Last Friday evening the children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. John A. McConnell of Center avenue, met at their home to celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary.

On February 26, 1880, Miss Julia Anna Plotts of Florence became the bride of John Alexander McConnell of Frankfort road. The ceremony was performed by their pastor Rev. Ross Stevenson, D. D., in the presence of the mother, Mrs. Nancy Plotts, her family and 20 guests.

For many years the couple lived on the McConnell farm, but a few years ago moved to Burgettstown where they have made many friends in church and community.

Last Friday evening the children and grandchildren came with gifts, flowers and a well prepared turkey dinner for six o'clock.

Those who participated in this fine occasion were Leonard McConnell and daughter Miss Hazel of near Clinton; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wiley and daughter Miss Virginia, of Holidays Cove, W. Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gorsuch of Aliquippa; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Torrence of Beaver; Mr. and Mrs. John Wiley and sons Jack and Jimmie of Florence, Miss Sallie McConnell and Mrs. Elizabeth Potts of Burgettstown. A son, Daniel, an attorney of Pittsburgh, was unable to be present owing to legal duties.

**Mrs. Julia Anna Plotts McConnell and Mr. John Alexander McConnell
Celebrate 57th Anniversary
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 4, 1937 Edition**

**Retirement Party
For Mrs. McConnell**

Mrs. Pearl McConnell, of 827 John Street, Langeloth, has retired from the Burgettstown A & P Store after 25 years of service.

A party in her honor was held Sunday, May 21, at the Laurich Tavern, with 25 guests attending from South Hills, Canonsburg, Washington, Frederick - town and Burgettstown.

A dinner was served, and Mrs. McConnell was presented with a corsage and a watch.

Walks Long Distance To Brother's Home.

Mrs. Kate McCoy arrived in Midway Sunday at 5 o'clock, having walked all the way from Woodville, Allegheny county, a distance of 18 miles. She had escaped from the insane hospital of the Allegheny county home at Woodville and was seeking her brother, James McCurdy. She found her brother in the morning, but the condition of the woman is such that it is thought necessary to take her back to the institution.

Last night between 8 and 12 o'clock Mrs. McCoy in company with another inmate of the county home, Clara Fish, managed in some manner to escape. In their hurry to get away Miss Fish sprained her ankle. She was unable to proceed further and was captured and taken back to the institution.

Mrs. McCoy, although she had never been in Midway, seemed to have a general idea of the direction and strange to say, found her way through the darkness to the place sought. She was almost exhausted and utterly collapsed when she finally reached her brother's home Sunday morning. It is stated that the authorities of the Woodville institution were notified.

Kate McCoy

Burgettstown Enterprise-August 26, 1908 Edition

**VERA McCoy AND CADET PAUL O'BRIEN
ARE PRINCIPALS AT CALIFORNIA WEDDING**



Vera McCoy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. McCoy of Langeloth and Cadet Paul J. O'Brien, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. P. O'Brien of Monongahela, Penna., were united in marriage on Saturday, May 1, 1943 by the Rev. Hanby of the Baptist church, at Lancaster, California.

The Antelope Valley Ledger-Gazette of Lancaster, Cal. says of the wedding:

"The ceremony was performed on the lawn of the Herbert Moise home. The bride wore a lovely white organza over white satin gown with small white hat and her corsage was orchids. She was given in marriage by Herbert Moise. Her only attendant, Mrs. William C. Hancock wore a cream taffeta gown with small pink hat and her corsage was pink carnations.

Lieutenant William C. Hancock was the groom's attendant.

Miss Elaine Videan was the organist.

Immediately after the ceremony, a reception was held at the Moise home. Jack Moise took colored movies of the bridal party and reception. Mrs. C. Siebenthal baked a very lovely tier wedding cake with a little bride and groom topping the cake. Lieutenant and Mrs. J. Jesson, Mrs. Edward J. Acker and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Moise witnessed the ceremony".

The bride is a former employee of the American Zinc & Chemical Company and is a well known Langeloth girl. Her husband is in training with the Army Air Forces at Lancaster, Cal., where they will reside.

Celebrates 80th Birthday



Mrs. Jeanette (Strain) McCracken celebrated her 80th birthday at her home near The Purdy school house, on Wednesday, March 19.

Open house was held in the afternoon, with neighbors and friends wishing her many more Happy Birthdays.

At 8 o'clock in the evening a family dinner was served. The table centerpiece was a beautiful birthday cake with 80 candles on it. Mrs. McCracken received many cards and lovely gifts from friends and relatives.

Jeanette (Strain) McCracken
Celebrates 80th Birthday
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 27, 1947 Edition

Barns, wagon shed, spring houses of the past

By Kathryn Campbell Slasor
for The Record-Enterprise

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.

Barns, wagon Shed, spring houses of the past
Buildings had a unique place on the farm
The Record-Enterprise-October 11, 1995 Edition

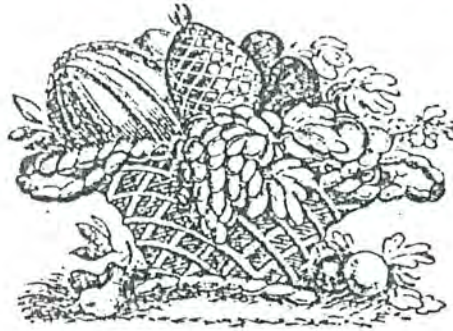
Fort Vance Historical Society

CELEBRATE 61st ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McCready, of Follansbee, W. Va., and Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Melvin, of Eldersville, spent Tuesday, May 6, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mac Morton, of Colliers, W. Va., it being the occasion of Mr. and Mrs. McCready's 61st wedding anniversary. They were married on the old Cassidy homestead, south of Eldersville, and have resided for the most part in Jefferson Township on the McCready farm and in Eldersville, but for the last few years they have resided in Follansbee. Although past 80, both are active, she doing her own housework, and he driving his own car. Mrs. Melvin and Mrs. Morton are nieces of Mrs. McCready. McCready Wright, of Hanlin Station; Fred Cassidy of Byersdale and Harlan Cassidy of Corapolis are nephews.

Oliver Scott, of Eldersville, was a guest at this wedding of 61 years ago.

Special Pic-Nic



You are respectfully invited to be present
at a Pic-Nic to be held at McCready's
Grove, near Eldersville, Pa.,

On Thursday, July 4th, 1872

COMMITTEE OF INVITATION:

MR. ROBERT MURCHLAND,	MISS JENNIE PHILLIPS,
" WM. F. STOCK,	" AMANDA CASSIDY,
" CYRUS FERGUSON,	" ALIA WALKER,
" WM. CRALL,	" FANNIE STEEN,
" JNO. COOPER,	" ANNIE McCLEARY,
" JACOB DIMIT.	" MARY CARTER.

FLOOR MANAGERS:

MR. J. H. MURCHLAND,	MR. ELIJA CRISS,
MR. D. MARTIN, Jr.,	MR. JNO. P. LAWTHERS.

MUSIC BY BROWN'S SCOTILLION BAND.

REFRESHMENTS ON THE GROUNDS.

Assemble at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Steubenville Herald Print.



OLD HOUSE. Remember this event? The "McCurdy-Russell" house, located next door to the present home of David and Debbie Vraninin, burned in 1950. This house, the home of W. E. McCurdy and his family and later the residence of the Robert Russell family, was one of the more imposing ones in the Burgettstown community. At the time of its burning, when this picture was taken, it had been made into apartments.

McCurdy-Russell House
Center Avenue, Burgettstown, PA
1950

JUNE 14, 1892.

(Semi-Weekly.)
(Vol. 6, No. 476.)



The above elegant wood cut of the late Hon. John N. McDonald, published recently in the McDonald Outlook, has been kindly loaned the REPORTER by Mr. Phillips, the editor of that paper.

Hon. John N. McDonald
Reporter-June 14, 1892 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

McElhaney Sought By Professional Clubs

The professionals held their first draft for football talent this week, and the other 26 rounds of drawings will not be done until mid-January. Among those being highly sought is Harold McElhaney of Main street. "Mac", a star for the Duke University football team, received a wire from Vince McNally, general manager of the Philadelphia team, stating that the Eagles were interested in making him a top draft pick. Others showing interest were the San Francisco Forty-Niners, Cleveland Browns, Chicago Bears, Baltimore Colts, Green Bay Packers and Detroit Lions.

McElhaney is a senior at Duke but is eligible for another year of college football. He is a fullback on offense and is the defensive captain and line-backer. He also is a member of the wrestling squad and was last year's ACC 191-pound champion.

Harold McElhaney Sought by Professional Clubs
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 29, 1956 Edition

McElhaney, Marshall Moved



Harold McElhaney, a former Union high school football star, has accepted a position with his alma mater at Duke University as an assistant football coach.

McElhaney goes to the Durham, North Carolina, school after a one-year position at Dickinson College, where he was an assistant football coach, head wrestling coach and instructor in the physical education department.

Dickinson's 1963 football team placed second in the Middle Atlantic Conference's Southern College Division with a 5-2 record. The wrestling team compiled a 6-4 chart.

McElhaney's new job at Duke will consist of working with the defensive unit, principally with linebackers. He will scout opposing teams for head coach Bill Murray and will be the Duke University recruiter in the western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio and northern West Virginia areas.

Before going to Dickinson, McElhaney coached football, wrestling and track at Sturgis, Michigan, high school. He was a teacher at Canonsburg high school prior to taking the Sturgis position in 1959.

A 1953 graduate here, "Mack" was named to a number of all-conference football teams while performing at fullback for coach Eddie Niekirk. As a high school wrestler, he captured the W.P.I.A.L. heavyweight title in his senior year.

McElhaney played varsity football at Duke University, and was named a second team All-America fullback. He was captain of the Orange Bowl Blue Devils in 1957, and also played in the Orange Bowl game of 1955. For two successive years, he was the winner of the Jacobs Trophy as the best blocking back in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

In wrestling, McElhaney won the A.C.C. 191-pound championship in 1956, and repeated this the following year.

Robert Marshall has resigned his position as physical education director of the elementary schools here to accept an assignment at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.

Marshall will be physical education instructor, assistant football coach and head wrestling coach at the college, positions formerly held by Harold McElhaney, another Burgettstown native, who took an assignment with Duke University.

Marshall graduated in 1958 from Union high school, where he participated in football and wrestling. He won the state wrestling championship in 1957. At Purdue University, from where he graduated in 1962, he was a three-time Big Ten Conference wrestling champion.

He has been with the Burgettstown Area School District for the past two years, acting also as assistant football and assistant wrestling coach.

Marshall and his family will take residence at Carlisle in September, moving there from South Main street.

McElhaney, Marshall Moved

Burgettstown Enterprise-August 19, 1964 Edition

Midway Native Finalist For Regional Entrepreneur

Richard H. McGinnis of Quest Personnel Search Inc., Jeffersonville, Ind., a native of Midway, is one of 27 businessmen from Kentucky and southern Indiana selected as finalists for a 1990 regional Entrepreneur of the Year award.

The finalists are also in the running for the title of U.S. Entrepreneur of the Year. The national winner will be featured in Inc.'s cover story in January 1991.

The following profile of McGinnis was written by John Filiatreu of FILgood Communications.

Dick McGinnis was 50 years old and had wrapped up a successful 30-year career in big industry — and raised his three children to adulthood — when he decided to go into business for himself.

"I was a little bit afraid," he admits, "but I figured that, if what it took was hard work and integrity, and if there wasn't going to be a collapse in the whole U. S. economy, then I would make it."

He had worked for three large industrial firms, always in what he calls "the people part of the business" — personnel, human relations and labor relations — and he knew he didn't want to stray too far from what he knew best.

In August 1984, he founded Personnel Search, a placement service for people looking for full-time jobs. Two years later, he launched Re-Quest-A-Temp, which provides temporary employees to firms with short-term needs. In 1988, he spun off Re-Quest-A-Temp Nursing Service, which supplies nurses to health-care facilities.

All three Jeffersonville, Ind., firms, McGinnis reports happily, "are alive and well today." Re-Quest-A-Temp has expanded to two Louisville offices.

But McGinnis didn't stop there. In July 1989, he spun off another corporation, Minority Temporary Placement Service, which specializes in providing minority-group members to fill temporary positions.

And in January of this year, he took off in an entirely new direction, co-founding Pyro Energy Corporation, which recycles industrial waste rubber, plastics and scrap tires, using pyrolysis (burning in the absence of oxygen), which solves one environmental problem (mounting piles of rubber, especially discarded tires, in landfills) without creating another (because it results in no toxic emissions into air or water).

McGinnis says Pyro eventually will lead him back into the "people business," because he expects it to create dozens of new jobs in the Louisville metropolitan area in the next couple of years.

"So we've got five separate corporations," he says. "And our business has almost doubled each and every year. It's been almost 100-percent growth from the start. Each year we have set an absolute record. Right now, we're about one quarter ahead of 1989. It's a tribute to our employees and the service they provide."

McGinnis, a night-school graduate of Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, admits that he made "a lot of tactical mistakes in the beginning," partly because in those days "I never wanted to hear any caution signals" from such people as bankers, attorneys and accountants.

"Those mistakes cost me some money and also cost me some time," he says. "I had some sleepless nights, absolutely, a number of times. And nightmares. I've lain awake thinking about our business every hour that the clock strikes. But I try not to make the same mistake twice, and I could never even accept the idea of failure."

He says his success is a tribute in part to the patience and forbearance of his wife of 32 years, Mary Anne, and in part to his "excellent, very loyal, very capable staff," which includes his two sons-in-law — Bill Dixon, supervisor of hourly payroll and benefits, and Keith Legg, who manages Re-Quest-A-Temp's Louisville operations.

McGinnis says his personnel service companies have "at least 36 competitors in Louisville alone," but have thrived because "we absolutely go overboard in serving our customers; our service performance is absolutely above reproach, and our reputation is outstanding."

He says he thinks Re-Quest-A-Temp has grown to become one of the top five temp providers in the metro area, and is probably "The No. 1 independent" in the market. He says its good reputation and word-of-mouth among its customers have more than offset the "unlimited advertising and promotion budgets and sophisticated marketing techniques" of some of its giant competitors.

McGinnis says he "put in about \$4,000" when "he started this business from scratch," and initially had two employees. Now he has 28 salaried employees, and annual sales of more than \$3 million.

In 1986, McGinnis' companies provided temporary workers who put in 25,960 hours; in 1988, the comparable figure was 388,122 hours. The firms prepared 109 W-2 tax forms in 1988 and 2,134 in 1989.

The key to his success?

"We keep our fingers and our feet

**Richard H. McGinnis –Midway Native Finalist for Regional Entrepreneur
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 1, 1990 Edition**

McGraw Elected Head Of Road Supervisors

Reorganization of the Smith Township board of road supervisors took place at a meeting January 3 in the Cherry Valley township building.

Re-elected officers are: Owen McGraw, president; Owen McGivern, secretary-treasurer. Third supervisor is Arthur Florio.

Mellon National Bank and Trust Company has been retained as local depository. Tax collector is Joseph Abate at three per cent of collections. Mike Robb will continue as policeman at a yearly \$400 salary and Attorney Edward V. Sciamanna serves as solicitor. Millage on road tax remains at nine mills with water rate assessment at fifteen cents per foot.

Community Plans For "Dr. McKee Day" At Hillman Baseball Field, Sunday, June 13

Dr. George L. McKee, practising physician in the Greater Burgettstown Community for 45 years, is in the spotlight of attention this week as friends and organizations make preparations to honor him for his years of service to the locality with a "Dr. McKee Day" Sunday, June 13,

A dance in honor of Dr. McKee was held Wednesday evening at Langeloth Hall, and proceeds from the highly successful affair were turned over to the Dr. McKee Day committee in order that the Sunday event will be one of the great occasions in the community's history.

Friends will gather at Hillman Baseball Field Sunday at 2 p.m. Michael Nixon, well known sportsman and back field coach of the Pittsburgh Steelers Pro-Football team, has been appointed master of ceremonies. Speakers will be present to pay tribute to Dr. McKee, and a baseball game between Scott's Service team and an All-Star Smith Township team will follow the program.

A special call has been sent out for all sportsmen and miners of the community to attend since Dr.



McKee has given them his support on numerous occasions.

If at all possible the committee hopes to take group photographs of those whom Dr. McKee attended at birth. Their presence at the Hillman Field is especially requested.

"Doc" McKee Broadens The Scope Of The Country Doctor In 45 Years Of Service To The People Of The Community

By Katherine Pyle

Dr. George L. McKee, who will be honored at Hillman Baseball Field June 13, has been fundamentally the "country doctor" of his locality for the past 45 years. But "Doc's" work has gone far beyond the scope of the old time country doctor. He has been a part of a changing restless community where people of various backgrounds have drifted in and out and where men and machines have worked together to produce raw materials for an industrial world.

"Doc" McKee has served not only the farmer at the end of a country road, but also the miner, the railroader, the merchant and the minister.

He came to Burgettstown in March, 1903, a graduate of Western Pennsylvania Medical College (now the University of Pittsburgh).

He was acquainted with the community, for he had been born in Pittsburgh and had spent his boyhood on a farm in North Fayette Township, Allegheny County, not far from McDonald.

His parents having died when he was a baby, "Doc" was reared by his grandparents--good substantial farmers who saw that he went to school seven months of the year and farmed the other five. "Doc" says that he remembers his early school days quite well. Those things a fellow heard

repeated again and again in the little one room school linger in the memory. When "Ike" Bloom challenged him to name all the States of the Union on the spur of the moment not long ago, "Doc" sailed through them so fast that he didn't mention the state of Delaware--didn't just forget it, but passed it up from thinking too fast. The map of the United States with its territories, is as clear in his mind today as it was on the schoolroom wall several decades ago.

"Doc" walked a mile out and a mile back to school across fields, limbering up for the day when he would have to buck muddy roads and snowdrifts. At Ingleside Academy, McDonald, he polished off his general education. Then he put in two years as a school teacher in North Fayette Township rural schools.

"Doc" didn't care much about teaching. He claims he didn't "have the knack" and "couldn't see much future in it". He doesn't know just when he got the "bug" to become a doctor, but at twenty he was on the road toward being a physician. He graduated from Med School in 1902, took his internship at South Side Hospital, and practised for a few months in Bulger.

His first office in Burgettstown was in the Smith hotel building; in 1917 he purchased the Dr. W. V. Riddle property on the site of the present Citizens National Bank.

On September 6, 1905, he mar-

ried Nell McFarland of Bulger. They had one daughter Frances, now Mrs. M. L. Hussey of Waban, Massachusetts.

One incident in "Doc's" early practice he hasn't been allowed to forget. A few "old timers" like to ask him about the autopsy that he performed one Sunday afternoon in years gone by. A man had been found dead near the creek, and the local coroner demanded an autopsy. That was a long time ago and conveniences and conventions weren't what they are today. "Doc" performed the autopsy in T. V. Lee's wagon shed in the presence of several dozen spectators. R. C. Cassidy acted as recorder of notes. "Doc" can't help but give a wry grin at the recollection, but he gets a little red around the ears. He says that he wouldn't do that sort of thing now under such circumstances for any amount of money!

"Doc's" first delivery--and he thinks his leather case has held at least 2000 babies--was Ben Lewis, the same Ben who lives today on Bridge street.

Usually a great many factors contribute to the establishment of a doctor's reputation, but one incident fairly well established "Doc's" in the Raccoon community several years before World War I. He performed an emergency operation on Robert Ciccato, a boy 14, who was suffering from diphtheria. Anticipating that an operation would have to be performed, "Doc" called Dr. Taylor of McDonald to assist him, but Dr. Tay-

lor had not arrived when the time for quick action came. Permission was given to operate. In the light of an oil lamp, with the boy lying on the kitchen table, "Doc" cut into the fellow's windpipe. The air rushed into the boy's lungs so that he lived.

In 1917-18, "Doc" served as Captain in the Medical Corps during World War I. He was never sent overseas, but spent his months of service in New York City.

Shortly after his return he moved to the new location on Center avenue where he has his present office.

Since 1915, he has been local physician for the Pennsylvania Railroad. From 1905-1913, he served Francis Mine; from 1929-38 Bulger Block, and during the time the mine was in operation, Burgettstown Coal.

As railroad and mine doctor, he has been called to render service upon several tragic occasions. The tragedy he recalls as one of the worst, however, was an automobile accident near Fairview cemetery. Two local boys were killed, and several others were seriously injured.

Irregularly since 1924, he has been doctor for the Burgettstown-Smith Township schools. He has continually held membership in the Washington County, Pennsylvania, and American Medical Associations. He is past president of the County organization.

With the multiplicity of duties as a doctor, he has still been con-

cerned about community affairs. He served one term on Burgettstown School Board, and he has been a member sporadically for many years of the Board of Health. He is a former past president and member of council; a past commander and member of the American Legion; a past president and member of the Lions Club, and a past master and member of Richard Vaux Masonic Lodge. He is also a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

"Doc" admits that there was a time in his long career in Burgettstown when he would have been willing to leave for greener pastures. The country roads in winter, which were often impassable except on horseback or on foot, were discouraging. One long trip into the Frankfort Springs area in the dead of winter, he can't forget, for he nearly froze to death. But he "got along", he says, and he prospered, and under such circumstances he believes a man ought to be content.

With better roads and automobiles, the "going" has been a bit easier, but "Doc's" time is still not his own. Just as I was ready to leave the office at ten o'clock the other evening (I was tucking away a few notes for this article which "Doc" insisted shouldn't be more than a couple of inches long), an unexpected call came for him to go on a confinement case out of town. His bushy brows met over his nose. I heard him ejaculate. Then "Doc", his car and the leather case were gone.

**"Doc" McKee Broadens the Scope of the Country Doctor in 45 Years of Service
Burgettstown Enterprise--Jun 10, 1948 Edition**

Dr. G. L. McKee To Be Honored

For many years the friends of Dr. George L. McKee have wished to honor him for the service which he has rendered to this community. At a meeting Monday evening, May 24, representatives of civic organizations from the entire area met at the Veterans' Hall in Burgettstown to make plans for a "Dr. McKee Day" which will be observed Sunday, June 13.

The day will be heralded with a preliminary event Wednesday, June 9, when a dance will be held at Langeloth Hall in honor of Dr. McKee. Russ Romeo and his 12 piece orchestra will furnish music for this occasion and proceeds will go toward the great Dr. McKee event the following Sunday.

A program, scheduled to begin at 2 p.m., Sunday, June 13 will be held at Hillman Baseball Field to pay homage to Dr. McKee. A baseball game between Scott's Service team and an All Star Smith township team will follow the program.

At least twenty-five organizations have joined in planning the activities.

"DOC" McKEE POSES WITH SOME OF HIS "BABIES" AT SUNDAY BALL GAME



**"Doc" McKee with some of his "babies" at Sunday Ball Game
Burgettstown Enterprise- June 17, 1948 Edition**

"Dr. McKee Day" Closes With Dinner

Hundreds of people who joined in honoring Dr. George L. McKee last Sunday at Hillman Field, and many who were unable to attend the celebration, are eager to know details of the day which will remain one of the memorable events in the community's history.

The gift presented to "Doc" was a beautiful gold pocket watch, inscribed on the back with the words, "From those whom you have served so faithfully", and a sum of approximately \$300 in money.

Following the Hillman Field celebration, dinner was held at the Farm Restaurant for Dr. McKee, his family, a few relatives and friends. The McKee's had planned the party themselves, but were told upon leaving that everything had been taken care of by the "Dr. McKee Day" committee. Present at the dinner besides Dr. and Mrs. McKee were Att'y., and Mrs. Maurice Hussey, of Waban, Wass., Mrs. Mary E. McKee and daughter Miss Margaret McKee of McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. George McFarland and daughter Helen Louise of Carnegie, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Locke and sons Richard and Bobby of Bellview, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hoelzel of Penn Township, Mrs. Glenna Nicholls, and Mrs. Robert Hemphill.

"Doc" received telegrams from Dr. Lee Martin of Arlington, Va., and John Vernillo of Augusta, Ga.

He was especially honored by the presence of Dr. Leo D. O'Donnell of the Surgical Staff of Mercy Hospital. Dr. O'Donnell has been a friend of Dr. McKee for many years.

The Halkas Bakery sent a huge cake inscribed "With Best Wishes, Doc", and several letters were received from friends who were unable to attend.

Organizations and their respective chairmen in charge of arrangements were: Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 6955, William Craig and Charles Pappas; American Legion Post 698, Nick Hallahan; Burgettstown Council, Wayne Culley; Friday Club, Mrs. Frederick Pope; P.T.A. of Langeloth, Mrs. Manuel Garcy; Burgettstown Junior Woman's Club; Mrs. William Craig; Burgettstown Girl Scouts, Mrs. Edwin Wagner; Slovan Fire Department, Carl Filipponi; Slovan Italian Club, Dante Filipponi; Langeloth Sportsmen, "Red" Shiminsky; Langeloth Soccer Club, J. T. Davis; Burgettstown Baseball, Charles Scott, Jake Schneider; Burgettstown Italian Club, James Eannace; Owls Club, Jack Gilbert; Raccoon Sportsman, Albert Rossy; Bulger Veterans, Michael Nixon; Bulger Sportsman, George Martin; Bulger Baseball, John Shearson; Burgettstown Fireman, Edwin Wagner; Smith Township Schools, Pete Secco; Boy Scouts, J. M. Cunningham; Lions, Monte Scott; Granish Club, Frank Laurich, Alex Stetar.

In The Mailbox

The following reminiscence was received this week by Katherine Pyle, staff writer, after publication of an article on "Doc McKee" in last week's issue of the Enterprise:

Dear Miss Pyle:-

I was much interested in your sketch on "Doc" McKee, especially that autopsy. When "Doc" was in Bulger he became one of the gang in fact his matrimonial venture had its inception in that village.

I remember very distinctly an operation which he and our own Dr. J. C. Nesbit performed.

My aunt Cynthia had to have an amputation below the knee. McKee gave the anesthetic; Dr. Nesbit operated and my mother was the attending nurse. The tools were boiled in a dishpan on the kitchen stove, and the operation was performed on the dining table. My aunt was 73 years old. The leg healed, Aunt got a cork leg and lived to the ripe age of 83. How is that when compared with the meticulous sanitary procedure of today?

Aunt's leg was buried in the garden on Highland avenue, while her body was interred at Candor. I well remember she was worried as to how she and her leg would get together on resurrection day.

Hoping this will add to the reminiscences of the day, I close with greetings to "Doc" and a real tear for Dr. Nesbit.

Yours truly,

C. H. Russell,
Washington, Pa.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor: 4-27-1961

"MY OLD HOME TOWN"

When a person reads a heading of a story or article such as this they begin to wonder just what and who it is about and who wrote it. I am more than overwhelmed to have the opportunity to write such a story.

I was born in 1930 in the little town of Burgettstown by a most wonderful and unforgettable Physician as Dr. McKee. Almost everyone remembers the name clearly and without a doubt that he was a wonderful Physician. He was our family Physician also as a lot of others would say.

In that time Burgettstown didn't have the facilities that are now on hand. There was two theaters and other recreation such as football games, baseball, softball, roller skating, bowling, swimming, and dances. Almost everyone at one time or other participated in one of these sports and events. This seemed to form a family all its own with the recreational facilities and the events everyone took part in. The whole town seemed to be one big family. I surely believe that everyone will agree with me on this. This forms a very good standing with all who took part in everything that was there for their entertainment. Everyone seemed to associate with one another without a deterrent manner.

Although there isn't much industry one wonders just how the people got along. The majority worked in places that were a great distance from this town and still remained to have their home in this town. This made and still makes the little town a prosperous town, and always will until the end of time.

Maybe there weren't too many many prosperous people here but the ones that weren't still remember that what they earned they worked very hard for and didn't let it go. This formed a great desire to maintain their standing in the town and be well recognized.

I left Burgettstown in 1949 going away to render my services to the United States Air Force. At the present I am in the United States Army and I am still proud to say that I come from a little town called Burgettstown. I am training as an Information Specialist here in the service and like my work very much. Also I am proud of "MY OLD HOME TOWN."

Pfc. Terry Spatharos
R.A. 15281713 Hq. Group
U S. Armor Center
Fort Knox, Ky.

Terry Spatharos

Letter to the Editor

Burgettstown Enterprise -April 27, 1961 Edition



DR. GEORGE L. McKEE

Dr. George L. McKee served the Burgettstown Community as physician and civic leader for over 50 years.

Coming to Burgettstown in 1903 he established an office in the "Smith Hotel" building. He later moved to the Dr. W. V. Riddle property on the site of Mellon Bank. His office was eventually established after World War I on Center Avenue where Blehi's Studio is today. His home was the house next door.

Dr. McKee married Nell McFarland, of Bulger, in 1905. They had one daughter, Mrs. M. L. Hussey, now deceased.

He was a railroad and mine doctor and irregularly a school physician. He was a member of the Board of Health, a councilman, commandor of the American Legion, a past master of Richard Vaux Lodge and a member of the U. P. Church. As a sports lover he attended many local baseball games and those in Pittsburgh. On Sunday, June 13, 1948, he was honored with a "Dr. McKee Day" at Hillman Baseball Field.

McKee - 96 years

Harry "Mousey" McKee of Washington celebrated his 96th birthday with family and friends at Tambellini's in Bridgeville on Feb. 8 and with his Fairhill Manor Christian Church dartball team with cake and ice cream on his birthday. The team won all three games against West Washington Methodist Church and Harry had two home runs.

He was born Feb. 11, 1918, in Langeloth and moved to Washington, where he graduated from Trinity High School.

Mr. McKee joined the Civil-



ian Conservation Corps in 1936 and served for six years. After leaving the CCC, he played

amateur baseball, softball and soccer and belonged to dartball teams and bowling leagues, receiving many trophies for his skills in each sport. He was inducted into the Washington-Greene County Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in 1988 for baseball and played in the Washington County Senior League for a number of years. He last played softball at 91 years of age.

Mr. McKee was employed by Washington Steel until he retired in March 1980.

**Harry "Mousey" McKee
Celebrates 96th Birthday**

A letter to Percy F. Smith of Pittsburgh, from Matthew McKeever.
(Copy)

"Yours of Sept. 11 came duly to hand wishing me to tell you what I know of "Old John Brown." I was intimately acquainted with him; he came to me in the winter of 1842 to buy some fine sheep. I sold him 30 fine ewes. (I do not remember the price). He said he had rented a large farm and would like to go into the sheep business, but had not the means to buy; would like to have some of the shares for four years, on condition which I send you written with his own hand; and also a letter after he had taken off the first clip. The wool was sent to Lowell and I received half the money.

After that a wealthy man named Simon Perkins, who lived near Akron, Summit County, Ohio, who owned a large farm—he and Brown agreed to go into partnership and go into the wool growing largely. My interest being in the way, they wrote to me to know what I would take for my interest in the 200 ewes. I wrote them that they know what they were worth better than I; for them to write me what they would give and I would answer whether I would take it or not. They answered by making me an offer of \$2400, \$1800 in hand and a note for \$600, to be paid in the Massillon Bank, Massillon, Ohio. When I got the letter I went out, got the money and note; signed my right over to tem, and came home.

Among hands I lost the note and wrote the bank if anyone offered it there not to receive it. When the note came due I wrote a receipt against the note and got my brother Thomas to sign it and I went over to get the money. Mr. Perkins said he did not know me or my brother, but if I would get Samuel Patterson to sign it he would pay the money. I told him that I could get 50 names to it if he wanted them. I came home, got Patterson's name on it. I sent the receipt back with Campbell McKeever and Perkins paid him the money—all but one dollar—which he kept out to fee a lawyer. Old John Brown followed Campbell out and told him his father had no right to lose that dollar and gave him one. If ever there was a man honest to a fault, it was this 'Old John Brown'. I believe if he owed a man 10 cents he would go 10 miles out of his way to give it to him, if he could not get it to him any other way.

You wished to know something of my experience with the underground railroad. I was a director of that road for 40 years. The kind of car we used was a good spring wagon, with a chickencoop in each end and the Darkies in the middle, with a good cover over them.

The most slaves I ever shipped at once was eight. They came to our house about daybreak one morning before any of us were up, except a colored man, John Jordan; he took them and hid them on the sheep shed loft and kept them there four weeks, and although we had a family of 18 or 20, there was not one of them knew they were there, not even my wife. They were fed all of the time out of our spring house and kitchen by John Jordan.

There was never anything discovered, only a hires girl told Mrs. McKeever somebody was stealing our bread.

That was the first time we ever kept any of them, and our reason this time was because we supposed their masters were watching the Canadian shore, which happened to be true; but they got tires waiting.

The next lot shipped was one which was bought from Wheeling, W.Va., to Bethany, Brook County, W.Va., to my brother-in-law's, Joseph Bryant, who lived there, who was a great Abolitionist. At the time my son Campbell was going to school there and Bryant sent

them to my House with William Arney and Campbell, and I shipped them to Pittsburgh. This fellow that brought them to Bryant's turned 'states evidence' and told their masters of Bryant's feeding them and sending them away; and their masters set the sheriff on Bryant and took him to Wheeling, he was there 15 days before the court came off, and while he was there they offered \$500 to anyone who would bring me to Wheeling dead or alive.

But I did not venture down about that time.

They kept fellow who brought them to Bryant for a witness, and when court came off the Judge decided 'that they could not punish an accomplice while the principal was a large,' and Bryant was sent home. Had other cases similar. My brother Tommy shipped a good many. I think as near as I can recollect the number I shipped was about 35 or 40.

I was acquainted with a great many slaves and their masters, and I never advised a slave to run away from his master, but when they came to me I helped them all I could. When Brown was to be hung his brother came to me and we went to Wheeling. I telegraphed to F.A. Wise to know if he could see his brother if he would come. Wise answered, 'No, he could not see him if he did come,' so we came back to West Middletown and Brown delivered two or three Abolition lectures and went back to Ohio.

"Yours respectfully,

"Matthew McKeever"

PUBLIC SALE

of Personal Property

The undersigned, Executor of the estate of John W. McLain, deceased, will offer at public sale on the premises, farm of late John W. McLain, two miles North of Cross Creek Village, and six miles South of Burgettstown, (those coming by train from Center Avenue, Burgettstown, get off at Marberry Stop) on

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25, '20

AT 12:30 O'CLOCK, P. M.

LIVESTOCK

as follows: Three Head of Cows, Two Pure Bred Chester White Sow Pigs, six months old; Two Black Shoats; Sow and Nine Pigs; Sorrel Family Mare; 34 Head Fine Wool Ewes; Coarse Wool Ram, 35 Head of Lambs.

10 Ton Hay, 100 Shocks Corn, 10 Ton Baled Straw

30 bus. Oats. Buggy, one horse Spring Wagon, Land Roller, Farm Sled, Hay Fork, Pulleys and 100 ft. Rope, Wire Stretcher, No. 3 Single Calculator, Double Harness, Single Harness, Wagon Saddle, Lumber, Grindstone, Iron Kettle and Barrels, Cream Separator, Churn and Cocks, Lard Press and Sausage Grinder, Blankets, No. 1 Beam Scale, etc., etc. Also HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE consisting of Carpets, Bedsteads, etc.

TERMS OF SALE—All sums of \$10 and under to be cash. On all sums of more than \$10, a credit of six months will be given by purchaser giving judgment note with approved security. Executor reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

R. A. PEACOCK, Auctioneer.
JOSEPH C. SPRIGGS, Attorney.

W. H. ZUNDEL,

Estate Sale of John W. McLain
February 25, 1920



Martin and Julia McMurray Home
Main Street, Burgettstown, PA

*The home was located near Stottlemeyer Park with their drug store located to the left.
Later, the home was used for school classes and the library during the 1940's.*

T. V. LEE

FUNERAL DIRECTOR

BURGETTSTOWN, PA.

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Livery at West Alexander S. ^{Cal. Hagon} Heane	34 00		
Grave " " "	7 50		
Transfer at Wheeling	1 00		
Meals for Paulbearers. two Livery rigs	4 00	120	48
Fred McMurray two fares Burgett to W.A.	2 44		
H.B. McMurray three round trips	7 16		
Robt Hays two " "	4 18		
Mrs Dadds one single	1 21		
J. W. Moore four round trips	8 36		
Richard Hill	2 10		
J. O. O. Jr	16 85	42	30
T. L. Woodrow	2 56		

William Martin McMurray

Additional Funeral Expenses, Burgettstown resident's burial in West Alexander, Pa.

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

— J. F. SUTHERLAND. —

Dealer in all kinds of

Coffins, Caskets, Robes and Trimmings.

FUNERALS PROMPTLY ATTENDED, ON SHORT NOTICE.

West Alexander, Pa. *May 31 1917*



Metalic Caskets Furnished
When Desired.

Sold To _____

Prices Reasonable

*For use of hearse
Livery hire*

Expence at grave

10 00

24 00

7 50

\$ 41.50

William Martin McMurray

Additional Funeral Expenses, Burgettstown resident's burial in West Alexander, Pa.

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Nail Taken From Child's Lung.

A nail, swallowed nearly two years ago, and which had worked its way to a lung, was removed from its lodging place in the body of Marcella McManus, eight years old, of Atlasburg, in a bronchoscopic operation in Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh, late last week. The nail was swallowed while the child was at play, and caused no particular distress until quite recently. Finally the operation became necessary to save her life. She will be kept in bed for several weeks, according to report. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bartley McManus.

Marcella McManus

The Burgettstown Enterprise—November 20, 1935 Edition

Birth Date Marked By Clan Gathering

Friends of "Joe" McNary Celebrate His 87th Birthday Anniversary

The descendants of the late Joseph McNary who remain in this, or in adjoining districts, to the number of about 60, gathered at Rock Springs Park on Thursday, July 19th, the date being the 87th birthday anniversary of Joseph R. McNary of Burgettstown. Mr. McNary is the sole surviving member of the pioneer family of the name in the Northern part of the county, whose home was what is now the Francis mine property, one mile west of Burgettstown.

Joseph McNary, Sr., who was a grandson of Col. Joseph Reed, Commander of the Hessian Guard at Carlisle, Pa., during the Revolution, was born in Cross Creek township June 16, 1802. In 1826, he married Jane Rea, the youngest daughter of William Rea, a prominent actor in public affairs in pioneer times. The following year, 1827, this young couple located on the Francis mine tract, purchasing it from John Stone, who took out the land patent for this, as well as for other tracts adjacent to the Dinsmore tunnel. Here, this couple lived their entire days, rearing a family of 10 children, eight daughters and two sons, to adult age, the sons being the younger.

The mother of this family passed away in 1866; the father in 1874. Of this family of Joseph and Jane (Rea) McNary, Joseph R. McNary of Shady avenue remains the sole survivor. Joseph McNary, Sr., was an active public spirited citizen, and for more than 40 years he was a leading elder and a generous supporter of the United Presbyterian congregation of Burgettstown.

Hence it is, the gathering at Rock Springs Park on this occasion was of the nature of a "family" reunion of the posterity of Joseph McNary, senior, of those who remain in this locality, as well as being a birthday celebration by the posterity of Joseph

Rea McNary, the younger. Much the larger portion of the descendants of Joseph McNary, senior, reside in western states, and on the Pacific coast. The posterity of one granddaughter of Joseph McNary, senior, in one county in Kentucky, prevented Hardin county voting repeal of the 18th amendment. Yet enough remain among the Pennsylvania hills to have a goodly attendance, a bounteous repast and a jolly "gab fest" thereafter, by the older members, while the young folks "take in" the various park attractions.

Of the immediate members of the family to attend the 87th anniversary were the daughters, Ethel R. McNary and Mrs. Bessie Scott, Burgettstown, and Mrs. Georgiana McMillen, Bridgeville. One son, J. V. McNary, of Washington, D. C., and family visited at the McNary residence on the 17th; not remaining for the anniversary. Grandchildren present were Harry M. and Margaret Scott, Burgettstown; Misses Catharine and Georgie Taylor, Bridgeville, and Samuel R. and Virginia McNary, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Nieces and nephews and their families, were Miss Esther R. McNary, Burgettstown; Mrs. Jennie Elder, Aliquippa; Mr. and Mrs. F. Rea Bailey, their son John M. and their daughter Elizabeth and her two children of Washington; Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Cameron and Miss Margaret Witherow, Clinton; Mr. Cal. Hineman and daughter Florence; Mr. and Mrs. Earle Hineman, and baby daughter, New Sheffield; Al Miller, Mr. and Mrs. John Miller and daughter Joan, Mr. and Mrs. George McElhaney and child of Clinton; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel White, New Sheffield; Mrs. Lula Witherow and Mrs. Genevieve Musgrove and son of Glenwillard; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Laird, New Sheffield, and Master Donald Haynes of Clinton rural district.

Joseph McNary
Birthday Celebration-July 19, 1934
July 19, 1847-May 13, 1935

***Double Wedding
for sisters***

**Katherine G. McNary
to
Samuel J. McCalmont**

**Sara Georgiana McNary
to
William Ernest Taylor**

October 17, 1906

A Dual Wedding.

Burgettstown, Oct. 17.—A double wedding of much interest in this region was solemnized this afternoon at 3:30 at the home of the brides' parents, when Miss Katherine G. McNary became the bride of Mr. Samuel J. McCalmont, and her sister, Miss Sara Georgiana McNary became at the same time the wife of William Ernest Taylor. The wedding was a pretty home event, the grooms being attended by Mr. Young and the brides by Miss Shoemaker, who acted as bridesmaid. The couples were married separately, the Rev. Mr. Taylor, of Philadelphia, performing the ceremony which united the lives of Mr. Taylor and Miss Georgiana McNary, the clergyman being a cousin of the groom while Mr. McCalmont and Miss Katherine McNary were married by the Rev. Mr. McCalmont, of Monessen, a brother of the groom. These ministers were assisted by the Rev. W. M. Hays, pastor of the Burgettstown Presbyterian church, the bride's pastor. The ceremony was performed in the parlor of the McNary home which was beautifully decorated in ferns and potted plants relieved by a quantity of cut flowers. About 75 guests witnessed the ceremony which was followed by a wedding dinner and an informal reception. The brides are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McNary, of this place and are two of the most accomplished and best known young women of this section. Miss Georgiana is a well known school teacher, and taught in the schools of Allegheny county for several terms. She is a graduate of the Indiana State Normal. Mr. and Mrs. McCalmont will reside in Burgettstown as the former is employed by the Pittsburg & Buffalo Coal company, while Mr. and Mrs. Taylor will reside at Blanche, Ky., the home of the groom, who is a civil engineer.

MEHOLLICS LIVE AT FLORENCE, PA.



Mr. and Mrs. Eli Meholic who were married by Rev. W. J. McCashin in Our Lady of Lourdes rectory Sunday, April 18, are residing in Florence. The bride is

the former Betty Presutti daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dom Presutti of Hanlin Station. Mr. Meholic, son of Mike Meholic of Hanlin, R. D. 1, is employed as an oiler with the Jefferson Coal Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Meholics
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 20, 1948 Edition

Melvin-1893

Samuel J. Melvin born February 3, 1839

Married Helen M. Hanlin

Five children

Members of Wesleyan Methodist Church of Eldersville, PA

William Melvin, father of Samuel J., born June 9, 1805

Married Abigail Jones

Children-Ann married David Thorley

John-farmer in Jefferson Twp.

Tamera E. married Robert Hamilton, died in Iowa

Mary M. married Cyrus Stevenson

Samuel J.

Children-Miss Alice Melvin

Grace

William d.y.

Charles Galbraith

Miss Alice Melvin, living with Clyde

Lydia married Robert Cooper, died of 2-1913

Mary

William

William, lived on home place

Father of:

Clyde

Gail C.M.

Gretta, married Loren McCready

Family raised in Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Abolitionist-probably the issue

Sam Thorley continued till his death

William Melvin, father of Loren was cousin of Clyde's mother.

Wesleyan Church families

Melvin & Thorley

Mr. Harding from Hanlin Station

Courtesy of Jefferson Twp. Historical Society

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b. 2-3-1839

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{ Sarah - } unmarried
{ John - } 1 dau. Lucille
{ Sam - }
{ Albert - }
{ William - }
} Pupa's father

John - farmer in Jeff Twp.

James E. m. Hamilton died in Iowa

Mary m. m. Cyrus Stearns

Samuel J. ^{ded 1873}

Miss Alice Melvin ^{grand} ^{widow of} Charles ^{Sallinski}
^{living with Clyde}

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Melvin & Thorley's

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Tamar Miller Melvin

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

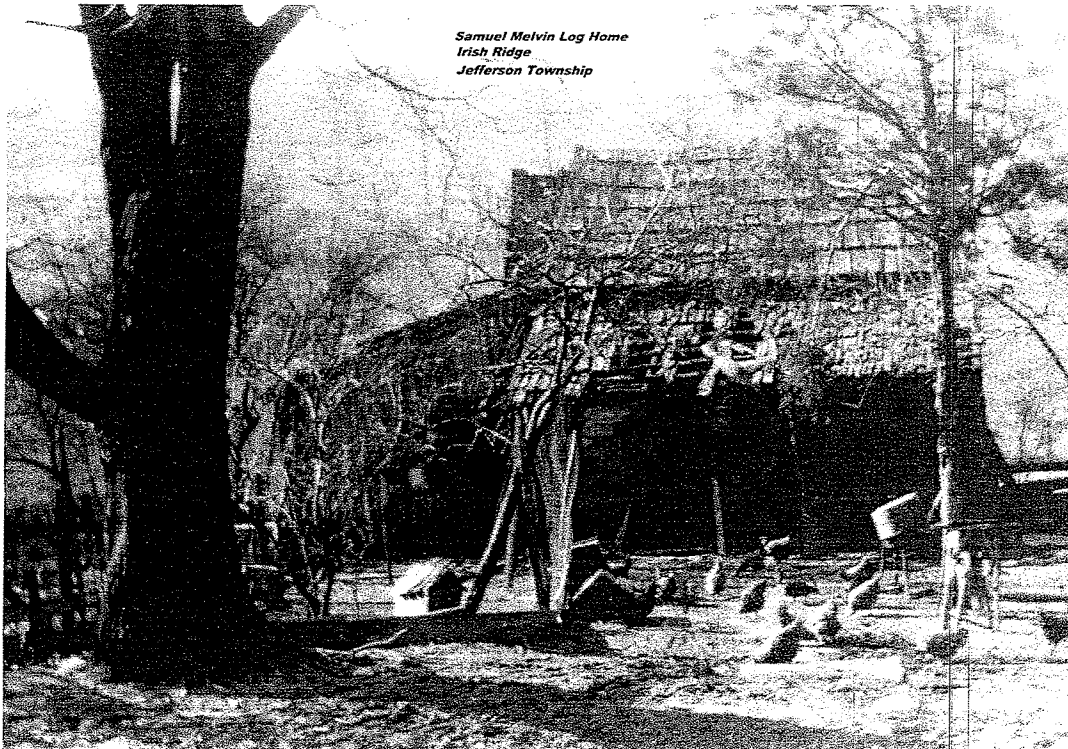
Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Tamar Miller Melvin

My name was Tamar Miller Melvin. I was born in 1774 and at the age of 21, on the last day of the year 1795, I married Samuel Melvin in Cecil County, Maryland. Samuel had been born in Ireland in 1772, and was brought to America by his parents as a small child. His brother, William Melvin, had also made the long ocean voyage as a mere youngster with their parents.

After Samuel and I married, we remained in Maryland until 1803, when we crossed the mountains with our four small children. I have purposely put that terrible ordeal out of my mind, so I cannot, in all honesty, tell you about it. I am sure you can visualize such a journey with four children under the age of six, one of them a newborn. The territory through which we passed was infested with wild beasts and snakes and the road itself was merely a rutted, foot path, knee deep with mud. After what seemed like an eternity, we arrived at what is today Bethel Ridge Road in Jefferson Township. There, we were taken in by the most compassionate, caring people God ever created – the family of Abraham Barbour, and his wife, Jane Moore Barbour. By 1810, our children totaled 7 while the Barbours had 4 or 5. This made their small log cabin a little crowded. But by that time, another little log house had been built and at least we had a place of our own.

Samuel was a cooper by trade and he had built a small shop out of logs in which to ply his trade so that we might be able to survive. Of course, our dream was to own land of our own, and eventually we did this. We bought land on what became known as Irish Ridge. Our log house there was about as crude as any place you can imagine, but we were happy and there it was that our last two children were born.



*Samuel Melvin Log Home
Irish Ridge
Jefferson Township*

When my baby, Lydia, was five years of age, I felt that after spending the last 24 years of my life bearing and raising children, I could perhaps now enjoy a little time to myself. But the Great Being must have had other plans. In that year of 1821, a disease of epidemic proportion struck the neighborhood. I became very ill and on October 13th, I passed to another world. Our eldest son, John, who had also come down with this same illness, died before the close of that same day, at the age of 22. Samuel brought us to Bethel Church and had a coffin made that would hold both of our bodies. Thus, we are buried in the same grave, here on this sacred hilltop.

Samuel was totally devastated at this double loss. But three years later, when his little namesake, Samuel, Jr., died at the age of twelve, it was just too much for him. He seemed to lose the will to live. In March of 1826, barely past the age of fifty, Samuel came here to join us.

Although this sounds like a very sad tale, all was not lost. My remaining children, for the most part, lived out their lives in peace and harmony. And down the line of my descendants, the Melvin tenacity prevailed. Despite obstacles and sorrows which befall all families, they pulled themselves up by their boot straps and went on with living. Many of them were excellent singers, orators, and teachers in their time on earth. And their wonderful Irish sense of humor made life worth living. I believe it was a lucky day for me, that thirty-first of December in 1795, when I stood beside young Samuel Melvin and said "I do".

*William Melvin Log Home
Irish Ridge
Jefferson Township*



WILLIAM MELVIN RETURNS.

William Melvin, for many years a citizen of this place, will arrive from Washington, D. C., in a few days, and will again take up his residence in Burgetts-town. Mr. Melvin has spent almost two years as clerk in the U. S. Census office. As a large amount of the work of the work of the twelfth census is nearing completion, not more than one-fourth of the original number of clerks are needed, and Mr. Melvin is one of the 2,500 whose services are no longer required.

Each Republican congressman was allotted six clerks in the office, and in addition to Mr. Melvin, the five others charged to the 24th district are: Mrs. Anna C. Childs, said to be a relative of Congressman Acheson; Miss Annie M. Alexander, of Alexandria, Va.; Mrs. Lida J. Sargeant, of Washington, D. C.; R. B. Robison, of Washington, D. C., son of W. C. Robison, Clerk of Courts of Washington county; T. H. Sutherland, of Claysville, Pa. To Mr. Sutherland belongs the distinction of having been the only clerk appointed from Southwestern Pennsylvania who was promoted to the grade of clerk, class one, at a salary of \$1,200 a year.

A recent law makes the census office permanent and provides that the eight hundred clerks necessary to do the work shall be appointed from the number of clerks employed in the work of the temporary census. Those not so appointed will be dismissed before July 1, 1902. The 24th district of Pennsylvania being the largest in the United States, it is more than probable that one or more of its representatives will be retained in the permanent bureau. It is said that the force of eight hundred will, later on, be reduced to three hundred, five hundred subject to transfer to other departments.

William Melvin, who is now employed in the agricultural department of the census bureau at Washington, D. C., came home last Thursday evening after an absence of three months. After the election he will move to Washington. Mr. Melvin resigned as a member of the school board on Friday evening and John P. Linn, Esq., was elected in his place. In the removal of Mr. Melvin the community will lose a good citizen and one of the oldest teachers of the county. He has been connected in some capacity with the Burgettstown schools a majority of the time during a period of almost sixty years. He entered the school as a pupil in 1841. He was a pupil for fourteen years, a teacher for ten years and a director for six years, being elected a member of the first school board under the borough charter, with the highest number of votes polled for that office. He has been in the Burgettstown school rooms every year except three since 1841. The best wishes of THE ENTERPRISE go with him to his new home.

William Moore Melvin

January 7 1837-February 11 1904

"A CENTURY OF EDUCATION" is a very timely and useful book recently published by Prof. Wm. Melvin. It gives a detailed account of the schools of Burgettstown since the first settlement. It is worthy of note that this book was printed on a hand press in the Claysville Recorder office, and the work was well done.

*McDonald Outlook
McDonald, Pa.
July 2, 1898,*

"A Century of Education" is a handsome volume giving the history of the schools of Burgettstown, Washington county, for 100 years, written by William Melvin, who is a recognized authority on local history in western Pennsylvania. The book is printed on heavy book paper, and aside from its historic and literary value is a good specimen of typographic art. The frontispiece is a full page illustration showing the old log structure used as the first schoolhouse in the place, which, contrasted with the picture on another page of the present school building tells a striking story of progress. The volume is replete with data which cannot fail to be of great interest to all who ever attended the schools of Burgettstown.

*D. B. McCain in
Literary Dept.
Pittsburg Press
July 31, 1898,*

A valuable contribution to the historical literature of this community has just been published by Prof. Wm. Melvin, the veteran teacher of Burgettstown. It is entitled "A Century of Education," and is a history of the school work in Smith township and Burgettstown for the past century, including the names of the teachers, with short biographical sketches, the names of the directors so far as obtainable, the graduating classes of later years, together with half-tone cuts of the different school buildings in Burgettstown, the various academic schools and normal classes, &c. The book contains 103 pages and is printed on heavy super-calendared paper with board covers. It is from the press of Melvin brothers, of Claysville, sons of Prof. Melvin, and is well printed. As stated before, the book is a valuable addition to local history. The author does not expect to benefit in a pecuniary sense from the publication of the book. It was compiled solely with a view of preserving to this and succeeding generations a record of the beginning and progress of the work of education in this community. Every household should have a copy of the work. It is sold on subscription at \$1.00 a copy and to anyone interested in the past, present or future of the community it is well worth the money.

July 15 1898.

William Moore Melvin
"A Century of Education"

The Pittsburg Press of July 31 had the following in its literary review: " 'A Century of Education' is a handsome volume giving the history of the schools of Burgettstown, Washington county, for 100 years written by William Melvin, who is a recognized authority on local history in Western Pennsylvania. The book is printed on heavy book paper, and aside from its historic and literary value is a good specimen of typographic art. The frontispiece is a full-page illustration showing the old log structure used as the first school house in the place, which, contrasted with the picture of the present school building, tells a striking story of progress. The volume is replete with data which cannot fail to be of interest to all who ever attended the schools of Burgettstown."

Prof. Wm. Melvin, the veteran teacher, has compiled and published a book entitled "A Century of Education," it being the history of the schools of Burgettstown for one hundred years. The book contains much interesting information and will be a valuable addition to local history. No one is better able to compile such a work than the author. See prospectus in another column.

"A Century of Education."

We are in receipt of a handsomely bound volume of over one hundred pages entitled, "A Century of Education," kindly presented us by its author, William Melvin, one of the pioneer teachers of the county. Prof. Melvin is fully competent to do a work of its character full justice, having also held the office of county auditor, school director of his town, and is likewise well known as being the efficient secretary of the Union Agricultural Association, of Burgettstown, for a number of years.

The work gives a succinct history of Smith township and Burgettstown schools. Although not as complete as its author would wish, it is nevertheless as much so as the circumstances would permit; and is a little book that should be in the hands of every citizen of that town and township who is in the least degree interested in the cause of education.

June 17, 1900

Prof. William Melvin, Burgettstown, is getting out a book entitled "A Century of Education." This ought to be a very interesting volume. We hope Mr. Melvin will show whether the "up-to-date" text books are any better than those of forty and fifty years ago, and determine in what respect the methods of today are preferable to those that have been discarded since he was a youth.

William Moore Melvin "A Century of Education"

Interviewed: Juanita Mendez

Interviewer: Renee Smith

"I, Juanita Garcia Mendez, was born on September 7, 1905, in San Francisco Gto. Delrican, Mexico. My father, Tomas Garcia was a carpenter. My mother, Elena was a housewife. Both of my parents were very religious; in fact, as a child I had wished to be a nun.

"In 1914 my father came to the United States to settle and find work. In 1916 my mother and we five children joined him in San Antonio, Texas. I could not read nor write English. I had only just completed the 4th grade. Work was very hard to find in the United States. My father was a laborer here; we had to travel a great deal. Neither I nor my family had ever been discriminated against, to my knowledge.

"In 1918 or 1919 we moved to St. Louis, Illinois, and there I met my husband, Jose Mendez. He, too, had come from Mexico. In 1921 my husband and I went back to Mexico to live. My husband bought a bar, hoping to get some profit from it; but we didn't really make anything from it. I can remember the time my husband was working in the bar, when two men got into a fight over some silly little thing. Well, one of the men got cut with a broken bottle or something. In Mexico the law was that the owner of the bar was responsible for the injured man's damages; so the police were after Jose. That was the end of the bar!

"We then came back to the United States in 1924. This time my husband got a good job with American Zinc. We found a house in Burgettstown, Pa., that same year. We then decided to raise a family. The times were hard, but we knew that we could manage. We had eleven children: Mary Bea, Christina, Juanita, Lucy, Santos, Carlos, Joseph, Thomas, Fernando, and the twins, Bob and Bill. We were very happy with our family.

"In 1971 Jose died in a hospital in Washington, Pa. Since then I have been residing in Langeloth, Pa. I still find enjoyment in life. I have 30 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Most of my family lives here in the Burgettstown area.

"In 1974 my daughter Juanita and I visited Mexico. The people were still the same except they had progressed a little. I was so thrilled with my visit, words could not explain. I took with me many American dollars. One American dollar was worth 12 pesos in Mexico. That's a lot of money! I went back again in June of 1975, and I am planning to go again in 1976. But, I'm only going to visit--my life, my home, my family is in the United States."

Juanita Mendez
Interviewed as Problems of Democracy class project
October 1975

Arrest Accomplice In Langeloth Robbery

Glenn Forgie, 28, sought by authorities as an accomplice of Mike Lee, 24, in an attack on Emelio Menendez, 50-year-old Langeloth zinc worker, who was robbed of \$1,080 in cash over a year ago, has been returned to Washington from Baltimore, Md., where the long search for him ended last week.

Forgie waived extradition and was returned here by private F. G. Palmer of the State Motor Police and County Detective John Penderville to face a charge of robbery.

Both Forgie and Lee, who was arrested in Pittsburgh last October 31, were employed at the American Zinc and Chemical Company plant at Langeloth at the time Menendez, also a plant employe, was slugged October 1 1941, on his way home from work and robbed of \$1,080, all in \$20 bills. None of the money was ever recovered police reported.

Lee admitted his participation in the robbery and divulged the name of his companion, police said. Lee is in the County Jail awaiting Court trial.

D. K. Mercer of Florence, is reported holding his own in the Ohio

Valley hospital, Steubenville, though a week has passed since he was critically injured in the Weirton Mill.

While at his work as carpenter, he was knocked from the scaffolding by a moving crane and fell 35 feet to the concrete floor, lighting on his head and shoulders. X-rays showed his left arm at the elbow, right shoulder and 6th vertabrae were broken and skull fractured.

He still remains in an unconscious condition, but brain specialists from Pittsburg held out the hope for his eventual recovery.

D.K. Mercer

Burgettstown Enterprise-December 4, 1941 Edition

MEREDITH REUNION

The Meredith family reunion was held Sunday, August 22, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Allen of Eldersville.

Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Meredith of Owensboro, Ky., Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robb, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Price, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lappan and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Allen and son, Mr. and Mrs. Durward Durst and daughter and Clarence Socha, all of Weirton, Mrs. Nellie Locke of South Negley avenue, Pittsburgh; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Luskow and son of Patterson's Mill, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meredith and sons of Steubenville, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. William Wiley and sons of East Springfield, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. James Harper and son, Mr. and Mrs. James Harper, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Alex Kennedy and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. George Gump and son and daughter all of Toronto, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bane, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davidson and son and daughter, Jeanie, Joan, Jackie, Donnie and Wesley Allen all of Eldersville.

Games were played including croquet.

Becomes Virginia State Trooper



Jeffrey Mermon, of Dinsmore avenue, Burgettstown, will become a Virginia State Trooper, effective April 18.

Mermon will begin his duties on a conditional basis, working with an experienced trooper, whose responsibility it is to instruct as to the problems and duties confronting the average trooper.

Jeff will remain in the field at least one month before he is eligible to attend the basic school. Upon completion of school, he will be sent to a field division and a permanent assignment. The assignment will be based upon existing vacancies and a study of motor vehicle traffic flow and accident frequency.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Mermon, Avella, R. D. 2, Jeff is a graduate of Union high school.

AIR MEDAL IS AWARDED TO Lt. C. R. MESTER

Lt. Cecil R. (Tip) Mester, US NR, husband of Marion Scott Mester, has been awarded the permanent citation for the Air Medal by Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal for the President.

During an attack against Japanese shipping at Palau, Caroline Islands, he scored a direct hit on a medium sized oil tanker, setting it afire.

Text of the citation is as follows:

"For meritorious achievement in aerial flight as pilot of a bombing plane in Bombing Squadron 10, during the attacks on the enemy Japanese base and shipping at Palau, Caroline Islands, March 30, 1944. Flying through intense and accurate antiaircraft fire, Lt. Mester pressed home his attack and scored a direct hit on a medium sized oil tanker, setting it afire. His courage, airmanship and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Mester attended Union high school where he was a member of the varsity football squad. He is now a student at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, where he resides with his wife. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mester, Sr., of Langeloth.

**Air Medal is Awarded to Lt. Cecil R. (Top) Mester
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 5, 1946 Edition**

Interviewed: Mary Mikco

Interviewer: Penny Parkin

In 1912, Miss Mary Casper came to the United States from Austria. It cost her \$40 American money but \$60 Austrian money. She came here to live with her father, who immigrated in 1910, and her mother, who immigrated in 1912. Miss Casper arrived in New York on May 30, 1913. After she came to Pittsburgh by train, they tried to locate where she was to go. Finally, a translator discovered she was to take a train that night to Burgettstown. For this trip, they supplied her with an adequate meal which cost a dollar. When she got to Burgettstown, she told them she wanted to go to Cherry Valley. In order to get to Cherry Valley, she helped a man sell ice cream until he came to Cherry Valley. When Miss Casper got to Cherry Valley, the postmaster told the vendor to take her to number five, which is a house for Polish immigrants. Finally, she was reunited with her mother and father.

When Miss Casper was young, she never attended school. She had to stay home to tend to her little brother and sister, and she also had to tend the livestock. A truant officer came to her home one time but after that, he never came again.

When Miss Casper was 21, she married and became Mrs. Mary Mikco. Her husband was a miner in Cherry Valley; thus he made enough money for their family to live on. They also had extra income coming in because Mary made and sold quilts and clothing.

Mary lived during World War I, World War II and the Depression. She said these times were very hard, but her husband made enough to live on. Even though there was rationing at this time, they were given enough on which to survive.

Mrs. Mikco went through a lot in her lifetime but she was happy because she had many good times, too. She remembers when scientific changes came about and most of the social problems in the world. I'm happy to say even though Mary's 78 years of age, she is living happily on a farm doing what she started out in life doing -- farming.

Mary Mikco
Interviewed as Problems of Democracy class project
October 1975

Noted Avella Boy Driver to Ride Sulky at Burgettstown

Oct 2 1934

Delvin Miller, aged 21, of Avella, one of the foremost young race drivers of the United States will participate in the harness racing at the Burgettstown Fair on Wednesday and Thursday.

He will drive Sibyl Direct, owned by W. V. "Pat" Walker, of Cross Creek, in a pacing event on Wednesday. He will also be up behind Colonel Drew, owned by the Bancroft Stables, on the same day. On Thursday he will drive Mary Victoria, a pacer. These horses have been consistent winners throughout Ohio and Pennsylvania this summer.

Young Miller, known as "the Kid Driver," is considered as skilful a reinsman as many of the best known veterans in the game. At a recent race meeting at Mercer he won four races in one day, an outstanding feat. Driving Napoleon Grant at the half-mile track at Painesville, O., recently, he forced Calumet Budalong to set a new track record of 2:03. Miller won the first heat in 2:05 and was a

close second the next two heats. The time of the third heat was 2:04 $\frac{3}{4}$. This was one of the fastest races ever staged in the history of half-mile track racing. Napoleon Grant was timed in 2:03 $\frac{3}{4}$ in the second heat.

Miller made his debut as a reinsman at a race meeting at Burgettstown several years ago. Since then he has raced throughout the middle western and eastern tracks, and upon the grand circuit. He raced and gave records to such well known performers as Avella Direct, 2:08 $\frac{1}{4}$ (winner of seven races in 1933); Rene Direct, 2:09; Slick Direct, 2:10; Sibyl Direct, 2:10 $\frac{1}{2}$; Mary Victoria, three-year-old, 2:11 $\frac{1}{4}$; Colonel Drew, three-year-old, 2:11, and many other well known performers.

Mr. Miller is a horseman by heredity, being a grandson of the late T. A. Miller, and a nephew of Alden Miller, owner of the Bancroft Farm. He is a graduate of the Hickory Vocational High School, and is well known throughout the county.

**Delvin Miller to Ride Sulky at Burgettstown Fair
Unknown Newspaper-October 2, 1934 Edition**

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

GOOD FAIR OPENS BURGETTSTOWN

With Exhibits of Unusual Size
and Quality, Management
Expects Best Crowds in
Years.

LIVESTOCK SHOW IS FINE

BURGETTSTOWN, ¹⁹³⁴ Oct. 2. —

With exhibits reported up to the standard of past years, the annual Burgettstown Fair opened today. The management expects, if the weather tomorrow and Thursday is good, to entertain the finest crowds in recent years and partially to recoup the deficits of recent years, when rain and depression hit hard.

A prominent figure attending the fair is "Sam" Moore, now 88 years of age, who has been prominent in horse racing in various sections since 1867, but who is no longer an active participant. His first race was on a quarter-mile track near Hickory, where he easily won a race on horseback. Three years later he won credit in a race in Illinois, and since then has driven in scores of exciting finishes. He has been "spilled" in five races, but never received serious injuries.

Plenty of entertainment is ready on the grounds for tomorrow's visitors. Patrons of the midway will find plenty of interest, and there are several rides in operation.

In the various livestock sheds there are plenty of exhibits of high class animals, and these were coming in at nearly all hours today.

A large group of entries will be ready for the inspection of tomorrow's crowds.

The committee in the sheep show reports an unusual number of owners showing here, the entries including Southdowns, Merinos, Dorsets, Shropshires, Hampshires and others. Similar reports are made from the horse and cattle departments, though the hog buildings are reported not quite as full as in some years.

For those interested in machinery or farm equipment of any kind there is a good showing, exhibited by various dealers from the entire area.

Good Fair Opens Burgettstown-1934

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

MILLER WINS CLASSIC



Flashing Victory Smile

Youthful Delvin Miller, Avella's brilliant contribution to the harness racing set, sky-rocked to national prominence recently by winning the rich Hambletonian classic. Handling his charge, Lusty Song, with all the cunning, courage and ability which has hailed him as one of the elite in harness racing circles, Miller copped the \$40,537 winner's end of the richest purse in Hambletonian's 25 year history, in two straight heats.

Born and reared in the sulky on the Bancroft farm just outside of Avella, Miller was put in the sulky before he could walk. With his grandad instructing him with all of his successful knowledge gained from a fine career of harness racing, young Del rapidly absorbed every lesson. Learning daily on the track on the farm, Delvin reached the tender age of sixteen when he was permitted to drive his first race. He made his debut during the Burgettstown Fair. Then he began his remarkable climb to his enviable position which he holds among the nation's elite harness racing drivers.

Miller still holds the world's record for a one-third mile track. He made the mark while driving Margaret Hennley during the final years of the Burgettstown Fair.

Married and the father of a son, Delvin has been under contract to ride and train for the W. N. Reynolds' Tanglewood Farm Stable in Winston-Salem, N. C., since 1942. In addition to racing and training the Reynolds trotters and pacers, Miller is associated with Charles Hughes in operating the Meadowlands Farm Stables in Meadowlands. The duo own Adious, one of the top sires in the nation.

Delvin is tremendously popular through out the entire harness racing circles over the nation, and is regarded as a hero among his many friends in this area who have followed his phenomenal success.

Youthful Delvin Miller

Still holds world's record for a one-third mile track-Burgettstown Fair

Burgettstown Enterprise-August 17, 1950 Edition

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SATURDAY, MAY 5, 1979 - 10:00 A.M.

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Estate Auction of Fred P. Miller
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 2, 1979 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



John Miller of Claysville removes the tray from his father's toolbox that was made by his grandfather but had been stolen years ago and ended up in Georgia.

Lost found

The long road home for a long-lost toolbox

By Karius Sivas
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In 1974, carpenter George Raymond Miller walked out to his garage in Dunn Station, near Prosperity, to find his toolbox and \$200 worth of tools missing. It wasn't just any toolbox, but a wooden one believed to have had been handmade by Miller's father.

He never found the person who took the news, but 40 years later, the toolbox was returned to his son, a carpenter like his father, by a man from Georgia.

Miller was a self-employed carpenter who attended Waynesburg College until he had to take over the family farm after his father died. He kept his toolbox in a '49 Ford until he got a Jeep, and it was from that Jeep that it was stolen.

"He wasn't a very happy carpenter (after it was stolen)," his son, John Miller, laughingly recalled. "He kept his hand saws and a lot of other tools in that box."

Miller's toolbox made it a long way from its home, going as far as Fayetteville, Ga.

Scott Johnson of Fayetteville first laid eyes on Miller's blue toolbox three months ago when he was helping his parents

move out of the home they had lived in for the past 17 years.

"She (my mom) and I have the same taste in decor, so when I saw it I really liked it," Johnson said. "It was the first time I'd ever seen it, so I called and asked her about it."

Johnson said his mother, Joy, was always going to flea markets and garage sales, and she told him she thinks she got the toolbox from a barn sale.

"I just liked it because it was blue," she told her son.

When Johnson saw the little copper plate on the side of the worn, blue toolbox, he grew intrigued. It read, "G.R. Miller Dunn Sta. PA." and when he did an online search of the name, it returned the subjects Waynesburg and Greene County.

Johnson said he wanted to track down the family that used to own the toolbox because if it was his relative that made it, he would want to have it as his coffee table.

After calling the Waynesburg Chamber of Commerce to try to find information on the toolbox's previous owners, Johnson said he waited three weeks before he heard any news.

"I got a phone call from Da-



The nameplate mounted on the front of the toolbox, reading G.R. Miller, remains intact even though the box had been stolen many years ago. Now it is back in the hands of John Miller of Claysville.



Scott Johnson of Fayetteville, Ga., found this toolbox in his mother's belongings when she was moving. Instead of selling it, he decided to track down its owners.

vid Cressey at the Cornerstone Genealogical Society," Johnson said. The Waynesburg Chamber of Commerce had contacted the organization for help. Cressey said he saw the request as a challenge and handed it to one of his volunteer researchers, Thelma Yeager.

Yeager said it was an un-

suspected request but that it was surprisingly simple to find the information.

"The first thing I did, I went onto the census records for the 1940s and tried to find people with that last name who lived at Dunn Station," she said. "I was able to find someone that had that last name, started googling

those initials, and the article about the toolbox that was stolen came up. It was a simple search.

"I told Dave it was almost like someone was leading me to the right places because it was so easy to find the person. I thought to myself, 'I wonder if this can be the same toolbox.'"

Yeager gave the information to Cressey, and he, in turn, sent it along to Johnson in Georgia.

"To me, it meant something special," Yeager said. "You know, the person that got (the toolbox) was also a carpenter. To me, that really touched my heart, especially around Christmas. I was happy that it went full circle."

George Miller had two sons, and because he had passed away, Johnson contacted one of them.

When Johnson contacted Miller's son George about the toolbox, he said he thought his brother John would like it because he was a carpenter like his father.

"So I called John, and he quickly put his wife on the phone," Johnson said. "I said, 'I have something that belongs to you. It's an old toolbox. Do you know what I mean by an old, turquoise toolbox?'"

The Millers, of Claysville, were in their car when they got the news, right around Thanksgiving.

"I just couldn't believe it," said John Miller. "If that box could only talk."

The Millers told Johnson that the toolbox had been stolen, and they asked him how much he wanted for it.

But Johnson said he didn't want anything. He just loved "the Americans of it."

"The story became much cooler at that point," Johnson said. "And the fact that it was taken from them and was now being sent back to them."

Miller's toolbox made its way home on Dec. 12, just in time for Christmas. It's now sitting in John Miller's den with a doily on it surrounded by family pictures.

"I feel like it was just meant to be back with our family," said Judy Miller, John's wife. "My husband and I are Christian people, and I believe God rewards you sometimes for things. My husband and I were just really excited about this. He has all of his dad's toolboxes."

**20th ANNIVERSARY
WITH WEST PENN CO.**

Joseph G. Miller, 407 S Main Street, Telephone Maintenance Man for the West Penn Power Company here, last week celebrated his 20-year anniversary date with the Company, having started January 5, 1925.

Miller's first job was that of Telephone Repairman in McDonauld, where he was made 2nd Class Lineman in 1937. Transferred here in 1939, he served as Truck driver until August of last year when he was promoted to his present position.

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**Joseph G. Miller-20th Anniversary with West Penn
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 25, 1945 Edition**

Joy Year Around At Local Home

Christmas is a season of joy. But at the home of J. R. Lee, Hindman Avenue, Burgettstown, "Joy" is there the year round.

This home's very special type of happiness stems from the daughter of the family, Mrs. Joyce Miller, whose personality bubbles over with enthusiasm for all aspects of life, in spite of the fact that she has been bedfast for the past 20 years.

Joyce's life is not empty, confined to her one room, but overflows into the neighborhood, especially in the lives of the nearby youngsters. Children come bouncing into her room almost daily, asking her to play games with them, teach them how to make a ceramic snowman, or sing songs with them.

It was this way that she began six years ago to hold a Christmas party at her bedside, with the eager youngsters listening as she taught them the skills of ceramics, arts and crafts, and creating items to hang upon their Christmas trees. The party has been repeated each Christmas since then.

One year Joyce made a church, from plywood, painted it, installed the stained glass windows, and completed it with a light that would shine from the inside, through the windows. She makes items from styrofoam, tinsels and many types of glittering materials, including the tiny ceramic angels that will dangle from the family Christmas tree.

Many hours are spent in reading, painting, crocheting, cor-

responding and visiting with friends over the telephone or with those who "drop by" to say hello. Much enjoyment she derives from watching and studying the birds from her bedroom window. Countless species of birds visit the feeder and flit through the tree branches in sight of her bed.

Once she was surprised when a screech owl paid a visit and stared at her through the window. Another time, a squirrel on the outside and her cat on the inside, presented her with a puppet show, as the cat playfully boxed at the squirrel through the glass, while the squirrel taunted and teased, knowing that he was perfectly safe from his natural enemy.

Chipmunks, field mice and even a lizard have paid her a visit through the window.

Bored? Not Joyce. "There is so much to do!" she exclaims. "Time really flies."

And if anyone enters her room with a heavy heart, that burden is soon lifted after a visit with Joyce. Her hearty laughter, her out-going light-hearted personality, her cheerful disposition, all combine to lift anyone's spirits, and perhaps cause them to whisper a prayer of thanks for their own blessings.

"I feel that when God takes away something, He always gives something else in return," Joyce says solemnly. "This is the life He gave me, and I try to make the best of it."

Joyce Miller-Joy Year Around at Local Home
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 29, 1976 Edition

**GAS CO. EMPLOYEE
TO BE HONORED
AT DINNER TONIGHT**

Mrs. Fred Miller of the Steubenville Pike, who is retiring after twenty years active service as a clerk in the local office of the People's Natural Gas Company will be guest of honor at a testimonial dinner in the Pompe Dining room on Thursday evening. Thirty seven associates of Mrs. Miller and employes of the Gas Company from Burgettstown, Pittsburgh and Aliquippa will be present to felicitate her on this occasion. Mrs. Miller will be retired with a pension from the Company.

Leroy Buckwalter of Derry, who succeeds Mrs. Miller as clerk in the local office will preside as Toastmaster.

**Mrs. Fred Miller
Burgettstown Enterprise-October 31, 1940 Edition**

Abstracts of the Washington Reporter 1817-1820

Monday, February 10, 1817

42. Four Stray Sheep. Was taken up the subscriber; living in Mountpleasant township, MILLERS run, four sheep-two ewes with long horns, marked with a small nick in the underside of the ngh ear and slit in the off ear. Entered on the township clerks book on the 11th of January last agreeable to law. The owner is requested to come prove property pay charges and take them away.

/s/ James HOGSEED

Going over the top, striking out beyond our objective is just a habit with the people of Greater Burgettstown Community.

Burgettstown again, or shall I say as usual, is way out front in the Red Cross War Fund Drive. Latest reports from straggling solicitors indicate that we have not only reached our quota, \$5000, but will top it with \$1500, a \$6500 total in gifts.

Outstanding in his work as District Chairman for the Burgettstown Red



Cross, William P. Miller proudly points today to the people of Francis Mine. Now this little Community at the edge of Burgettstown has been hit harder by the war than most of us realize. Several "missing in action" telegrams have been delivered to sorrowful families. Francis Mine also boasts a Distinguished Flying Cross, which has been awarded to Athlete Benny Navage, who is still reported missing.

On Tuesday, John Palin, Super of the G. C. C. & C. Mine whose son Jack left his work with "black diamonds" to try for his wings with Uncle Sam, has done a fine job as Red Cross chairman at Francis Mine. He reports total gifts of, I quote correctly, ladies and gentlemen

EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS!

The Francis Mine Local Union No. 595, with Dennis Harshall, the new U. M. W. Field Representative as President, gave a cash gift of \$100 to the War Fund. Now Mr. Palin reports that employes of his Company have pledged \$700. This will be collected in installments on pay days.

The Red Cross is moving into Burgettstown to give active aid to indigent families in the District, whose bread winners have gone to war. An examiner is in our midsts who will investigate cases, and offer aid until compensation checks come through to those families.

Bill Miller talked to me today about bringing the Red Cross Mobile Unit here early in May to give the people of this Community an opportunity to donate their blood. While plans are indefinite at the present time, it is believed that the Burgettstown Firemen will work with Mr. Miller in Burgettstown and that District Red Cross Committees will make the contacts in other Communities to secure 350 applications prior to the day that the Mobile Unit will be in town. There will be duties of responsibility for many people. If Mr. Miller is successful in securing the Unit which I believe is to be in Washington County for one week only, a canteen will have to be set up, food will have to be served to blood donors, and there will be much detail work to be cleared before the Unit arrives.

Of course, Burgettstown, an "example community" for its splendid record in the December War Bond Drive and for its Red Cross War Fund quota, will no doubt find many more than the required 350 blood donors needed to bring the Unit here.

Stella Culley, who gives generously of her Welsh singing talents at public affairs, is all bound up in her duties as assistant chief observer to husband Wayne, these days. Stella mans the Culley telephone, which clears literally hundreds of calls, in her effort to keep the Legion post manned: 24 hours a day. Stella knows of many unsung "little" people who are serving in silence at these posts in the "wee sma" hours.

She cites B. J. Kenny, the West Penn's front man here and Buzzie Farner as two volunteer spotters who really take their work seriously. Again last week on "dog watch," no relief came at 4 a. m. so they worked an 8 hour trick.

The Gardiner Post received a "spot check for efficiency" on March 18 at 2:28 a. m. from the Filter Center. The report stated the Observers were alert and satisfactory. Stella says, "Call your chief observer, if you have not already done so and give him the help he needs for after midnight tricks. Inspections come after midnight and so will Olseoff rrrrwd night and SO WILL THE ENEMY.—mly.

**William P. Miller, District Chairman for the Burgettstown Red Cross
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 25, 1943 Edition**

Dr. Miller Promoted At Muskingum



Dr. William P. Miller, well-known educator in the Burgettstown-Smith Township schools for 25 years, has been named head of the Department of Education and Chairman of the Division of Education at Muskingum College. He succeeds Dr. Lorin E. Bixler in the college's top education post. The appointment was effective September 1.

Dr. Miller had served as Supervising Principal of the Burgettstown Area School District, and had served the local schools in various capacities for more than 25 years.

During the 1959-60 school year, he served as the superintendent of the Canon-McMillan Joint School System before submitting his resignation in June, 1960, to accept a full professorship at the New Concord, Ohio, college.

In addition to his duties as head of the Department of Education at Muskingum, Dr. Miller will serve as director of the Student Placement Bureau, director of the Summer School and coordinator for the off-campus programs at Cambridge, Coshocton and Dover-New Philadelphia.

Local Hunters Bag Prize 14 Pt. Buck



The local boys pictured above year and came home with this Paul Miller, left Chuck Gareis, prize 14 point buck caught in Warren County. It is believed that and Bindo Adamson and Bill Robinson (not pictured) went deer hunting for the first time this the deer was one of the largest caught in that county this year.

Local Hunters Bag Prize 14 pt. Buck
Burgettstown Enterprise- January 18, 1945

Apple Pan Dowdy Princess Helen



Miss Helen Mis was designated a Princess of the Queen's Court when state finals were held for the Apple Pan Dowdy Queen at West Shore high school, Lemoyne, near Harrisburg, Saturday afternoon.

Crowned Apple Pan Dowdy for this year was Carolyn Segear of Huntington high school. In a former contest held at Somerset when Helen was named regional winner, she received a Betty Crocker picture cook book, a red and white compact and was presented a coat style dress designed with appliqued apples on the pockets from the Appalachian Growers' Association, plus an expense paid trip for the state finals at the Harrisburger hotel. Accompanying Helen was Mrs. George Hanna, home economics head at Union high school.

Apple Pan Dowdy Princess Helen Mis
Burgettstown Enterprise-October 23, 1952 Edition

**"MONK" BERNOLA WANTS
ALL TO SEE THE FILM
"HITLER'S CHILDREN"**

Keith Chambers, manager of the Keith Theatre is in receipt of a letter from Elmo Bernola, a local boy who is serving with Uncle Sam's forces at Atlanta, Ga., in which he urges all persons who can to see "Hitler's Children," the attraction at the Keith Theatre this Friday, Saturday and Sunday. This film based on Gregor Ziemer's book, "Education for Death" is a daring expose of conditions imposed upon German youth by the Nazi Regime.

Elmo in his letter says, "Hello Keith—As you know, I am a Motion Picture Projectionist in one of the

War Department's Theatres at this post (Atlanta Ordnance Motor Base.) I am enjoying my work as much as I did in civilian life, if not more. I'm writing this letter to tell you to advertise "HITLER'S CHILDREN" ONE HUNDRED PER CENT. In this picture you see and hear why every American citizen should strain a point to buy as many UNITED STATES SAVINGS BONDS AND STAMPS AS THEY POSSIBLY CAN I have run this picture at camp and the thousands of service men who have seen the picture, insist that everyone on the home front should see it too. I sincerely hope that every one in Burgettstown will see the picture.

Elmo (Monk) Bernola.

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'A Girl, A Guy & A Gob'

"PRISON MUTINY"

Keith Theatre-Hitler's Children
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 13, 1943 Edition

MONTEQUIN—GRUBER WEDDING

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic church was the scene of a pretty summer wedding, Wednesday, June 25, when Miss Virginia Gruber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gruber of Burgettstown and Joseph Montequin, son of Joseph and the late Consuela Montequin of Langeloth, were united in marriage at nuptial high mass at nine o'clock by the Rev. Father W. J. McCashin. The bride wore a beautiful white wedding gown.

She was attended by her sister, Mary Gruber as bridesmaid and Pansy Montequin as flower girl. Best man was Walter Ozimek and Edward Lounder served as usher.

Following the ceremony, a reception for friends and members of the family was held at the Gruber home.

George Mooney Family

**Leaves of History-Cross Creek, Brooke County-Part II
Online use, Refer to Obituaries**

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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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Howard Standish
Jim and Alice Stevens
Dominic and Pat Stillson
Carlton and Betty Stewart
Rae McFarland Sucermaster
Jim Schweizer

Fred and Florence Moore Thomas
Julia Tisik
Lou and Heien 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
Millie Fisher Zambarda
Sarah M. Zang
Mary Martino Zwierchowski

DECEASED, WHOSE WORK IN WORDS AND PICTURES IS STILL APPRECIATED

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
Elza Scott
Harold Scott
Ed Taylor
Helen V. Saunders
A.D. White
Rudy Zambarda

Terry and Lois Saunders Dami
Russell DeGarmo
Arthur Deuley
Matilda Rotunda Dorisio
Freda Saunders Dunn

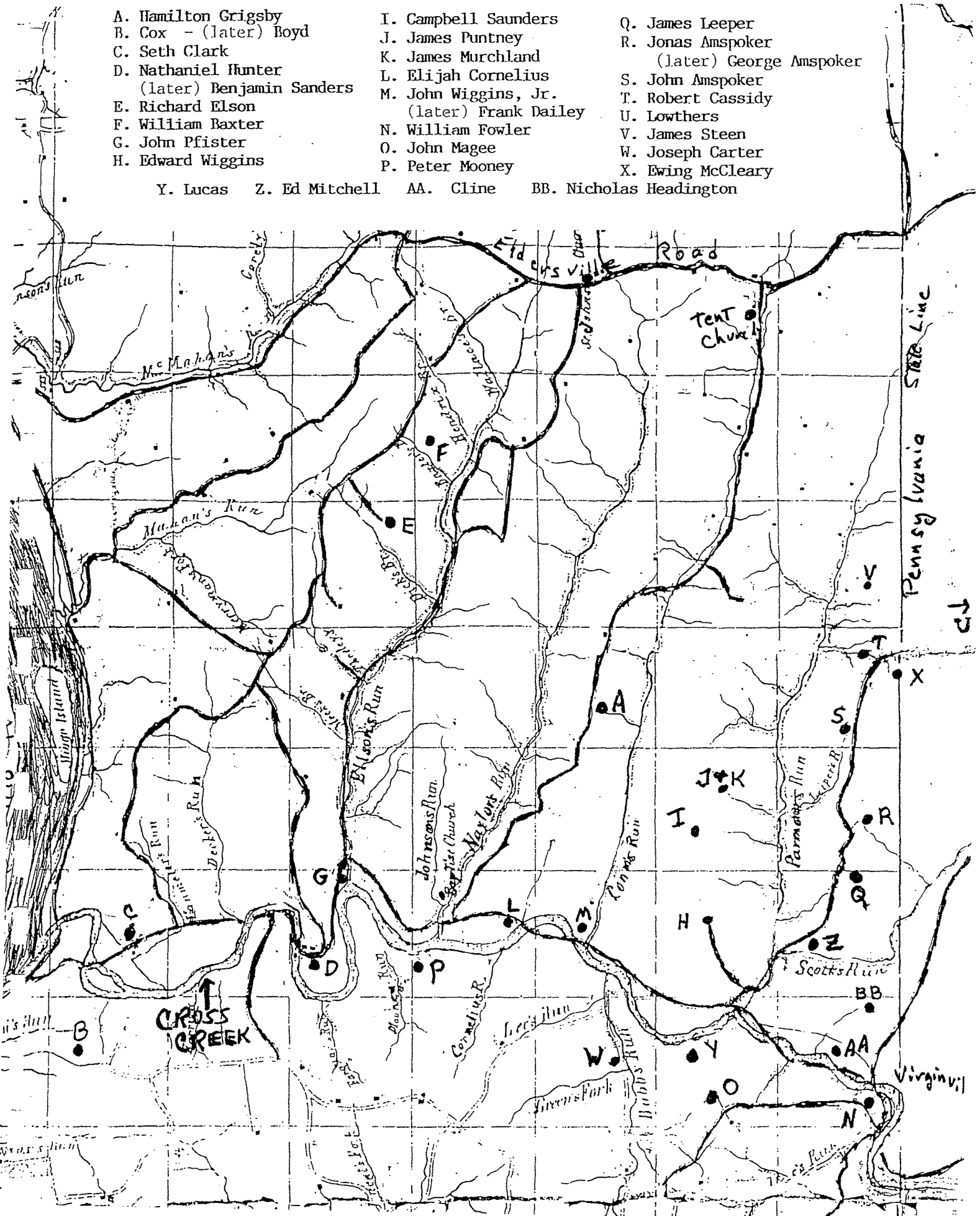
THE EARLY FAMILIES

- 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



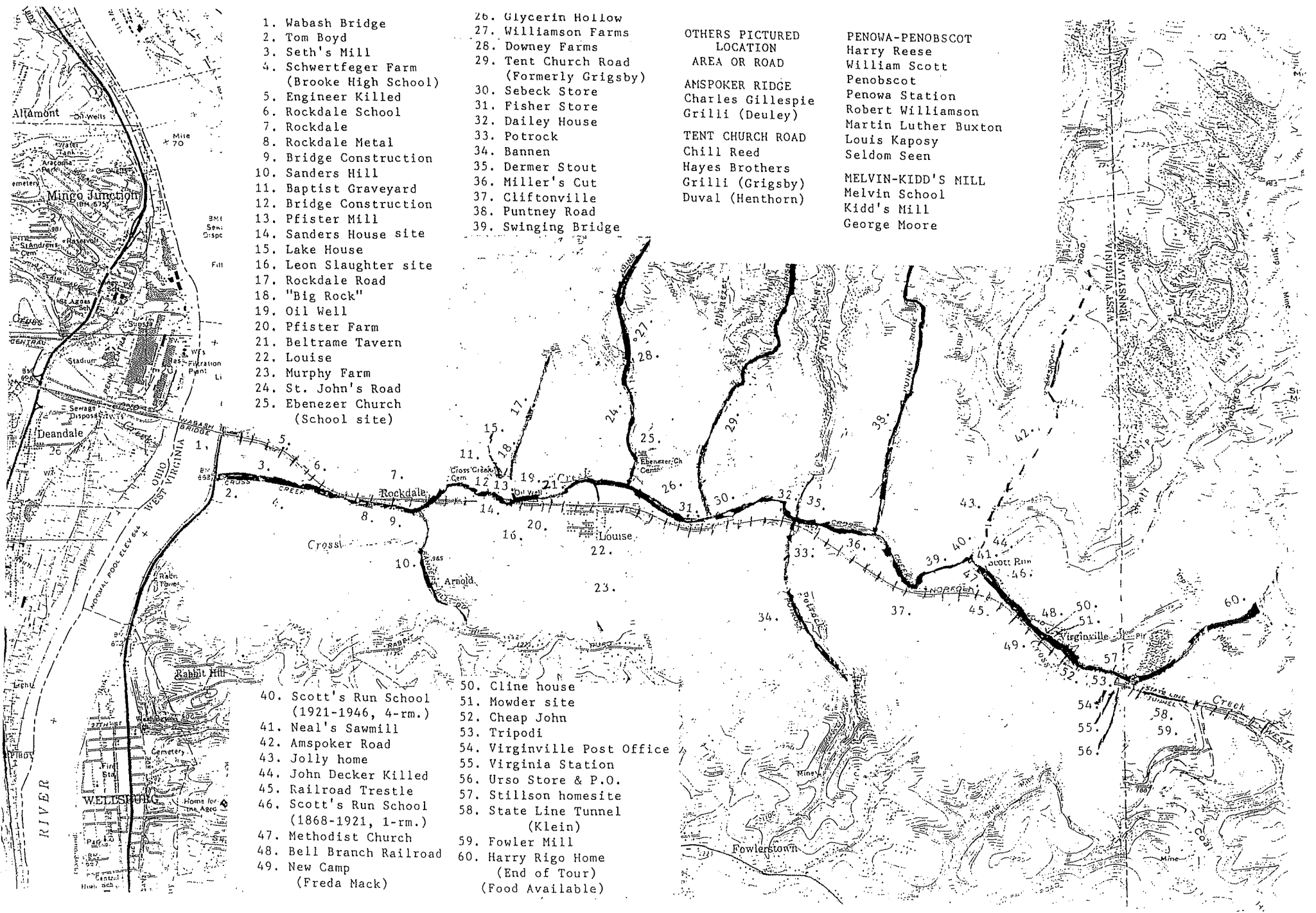
1. Wabash Bridge
2. Tom Boyd
3. Seth's Mill
4. Schwertfeger Farm
(Brooke High School)
5. Engineer Killed
6. Rockdale School
7. Rockdale
8. Rockdale Metal
9. Bridge Construction
10. Sanders Hill
11. Baptist Graveyard
12. Bridge Construction
13. Pfister Mill
14. Sanders House site
15. Lake House
16. Leon 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)



GEORGE MOONEY

In the little village of Louise on the south side of Cross Creek are many attractive homes, some of which were mining houses when the Louise Mine was in its heyday. Just left of the road leading into town and across the tracks is the two story home of the Alan Campbells. It would take a careful observer to see past the white siding and well-kept exterior to the actual construction of the house itself. This house was, at one time, the only home on the site of what is now the thriving village of Louise. It is a log house and was built in 1815. A man named George Mooney once lived there, being the owner of both it and most of the surrounding land.

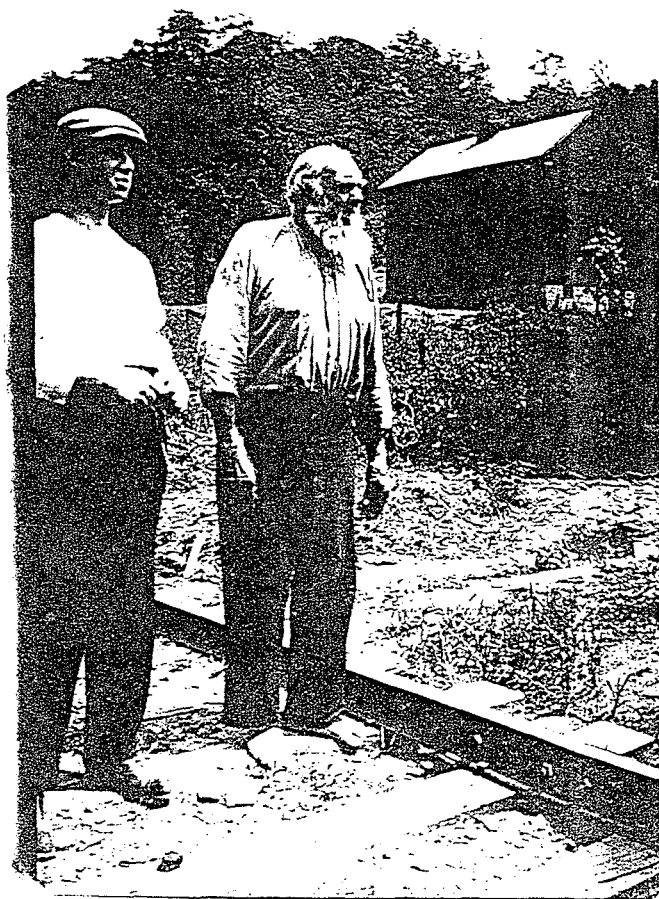
George Mooney was a descendant of Peter Mooney, who came to Cross Creek in 1805 and bought 132 acres from the Fowler family. The heirs of Peter Mooney are mentioned a number of times in the Brooke County Grantor-Grantee Indexes. It would appear that a Jacob Mooney who sold his 1/5 share of 132 acres to Elizabeth and Christiana Mooney was one of Peter's direct heirs. Other Mooneys mentioned are Mary, John, and Abraham, but George Mooney is not named. This might indicate that he did not purchase the land but rather inherited it. Therefore, an account of the transfer of property might never have been listed in the records.

George Mooney's tombstone at old Ebenezer Cemetery gives his birth year as 1831, and his death record in Book 2 page 202, Brooke County states emphatically on line 8 that he was single, was 82 years of age, that he died 1 December 1913 of "Gunshot-MURDERED". He died intestate, and in April of 1914, a jury ruled that his estate went to his half-sister, Isabelle J. Hissony.

Not many people alive today would remember the man, George Mooney, or his tragic ending. Only one person consulted had even heard the story. But Virginia Pfister Young, who is "young" indeed in mind and spirit, related the following account of the incident. (And it is to Virginia Young that we are indebted for the picture above.)

It seems that Mooney's property had been chosen as the site of the mining town of Louise and as such, was worth " a pretty penny" in comparison with the going price of land on Cross Creek. Somehow the word got around that Mooney had made the sale. And as fate would have it, a man, handicapped by the loss of a leg, robbed him, killed him, and threw his body under his porch. The murderer then made his way down the railroad tracks, but unfortunately for him, the peg-leg which he wore left an indelible trail for the sheriff to follow. The man was apprehended, tried, and convicted to life in prison.

As an after-thought, Virginia added the following comment. Years later, from his cell in the penitentiary, he was able to bring the case once more to the public eye, and it became known to the persons living here that he was very remorseful and regretted



Pictured above on the right, is George Mooney. Notice his log home in the background.

sincerely the terrible crime he had committed. A judge, ruling on his appeal, determined that if persons in the Cross Creek area would forgive him, then he, having already served many years, would have his sentence reduced and be freed. Virginia paused in her story, and I, realizing it had been 85 years since the murder, anxiously asked, "Well, did you people forgive him? Did he have to stay in jail or was he freed?"

Virginia's bright eyes were shining as she resumed the task she had been doing. "As far as I know, she said jubilantly, "he is still there!"

A. P. MOORE RETURNING.

Ambassador to Peru in Ill Health
According to White House.

WASHINGTON, June 29 (AP).—Reports that Alexander P. Moore was to retire as Ambassador to Peru were received today when it was learned that Mr. Moore is on his way to the United States.

At the White House it was said that Mr. Moore's return was due to poor health. There was no comment as to a possible successor.

Red-Winged Hawk Shot By Local Farmer



Pictured above is Clarence L. Moore of Burgettstown, R. D. 1, who shot the big red-winged hawk he is holding Friday morning.

Moore, owner of Hideaway Lakes a mile north of Florence, has about 500 chickens on his five-acre spread. He told an Enterprise reporter he had constantly been bothered by hawks, to the extent a great number of chickens had been killed. He said he had 12 turkeys on the farm, all of which were killed by hawks.

Friday morning, Moore was feeding his chickens when a hawk came flying overhead. Moore brought the hawk down with the first blast from his 12 gauge shotgun.

The huge predator weighed 3½ pounds and had a 50 inch wing spread.

**Clarence L. Moore Shot Red-Winged Hawk
Burgettstown Enterprise-October 31, 1957 Edition**

Moore Reunion Held At Oakdale

The reunion of the John Arnold Moore descendants was held at the home of Stewart Campbell of Oakdale, R. D. 1 on Labor Day, September 1, Mr. Campbell resides at the family homestead.

More than 100 relatives were present to enjoy swimming, games and visiting. Most of the boys in the clan who were in the service have returned and were present at the reunion. Harry Moore, 82, was the oldest relative in the group and Donna Lee Campbell, two weeks old, the youngest. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Campbell, Jim, Don, Joy Lee, and Larry; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cochran, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cochran and Larry, Mrs. Peggy Hartley and Connie Jean and Billy Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Moore and children Harry, Dean, Don, Jim and Tom, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Campbell, Kenneth, Sammie, John, Hugh and Jane, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Campbell, Jr., Carol Ann and Donna Lee, Mr. and Mrs. William Campbell, Margaret Ann, Duane, Jerry, Norma Lou and David, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Moore, Preston Moore, Mrs. Martha Moore, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hookey, Alvin, Joseph and Jim, Mrs. A. C. Nevergall, George Nevergall, Clyde Cochran, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moore, Mrs. W. B. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ziegler, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Moore, Dorothy, Henry, Sandy, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Campbell, Stewart, Jr., Betty, Jake, Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Moore, Patty and Keith, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Campbell, Edward Jr., Bill, Bob, Dorothy, Darlene, Reatha Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stewart, Jimmie, John Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Linn Stover, Linda Lee, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Phillis, Lawrence, Wayne, Irvan, Earl, Susan, Roy. Visitors were: Clark McConnell, Mildred Zimmerman, Margie Lowar, Dorothy Stechnia, Gloria Caleffie, Dee Barbush, H. W. Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Campbell.



THE MOORE FARM

History of Moore farm

The Moore farm was located on the Scott Run Road, three miles south east of Eldersville, in Jefferson Township.

The Moore farm was built by James Thomas Boles. George Moore had a productive farm from 1907-1921. Later, his son, Gould, received possession of the farm but, due to health reasons, it was sold to a coal company.

At the age of 17, Gould taught at the Miller School. The money he earned allowed him to attend the Penn State Agriculture School.

The fields were fenced, possibly to rotate pasture and tillage. There was a small orchard and a variety of fruit trees were planted along fence rows. Part way to the house stood a large oak tree. In the fall, the ground was covered with acorns.

A number of large trees such as hickory, walnut, oak, locust and maple were in sections of the farm. Maple trees were mainly planted for their sap,

then, made into syrup. In one of the hollowed stumps, a goose laid and hatched her eggs.

The buildings were painted white. The most unusual building was the smokehouse. Its purpose was to smoke and cure pork meat. A small fire pit was built a short distance from the smokehouse and a large pipe was placed between the fire pit and the smoke-house.

The smoke-house was vented and the smoke would fill the building and exit through the vents. The meat was hung high on rafters. It usually took about two weeks to cure the meat.

After the farm was sold, the Moore families moved to Ohio.

Other families who lived on the Moore farm were Campbell, Chilensky, Puskarich and Gillespie. Due to strip mining, the buildings were sold and razed. Lumber from the house was used to build another home near Eldersville. The barn was dismantled and reconstructed near



George and Betty Moore

Rea Station.

This was submitted by Paul A. Chilensky of Steubenville, formerly of Burgettstown.

History of Moore Farm

The Record-Enterprise-March 5, 1997 Edition

Margaret Jane Moore led a simple life

By Kathryn Campbell Siasor
for The Record-Enterprise

Little is known or can be documented accurately of some of the most interesting personalities of more than a century ago. Much of what has been handed down through the generations is from memory alone. Dates become garbled through word-of-mouth accounts, resulting in inconsistencies in ages and sequence of events. However, many persons who have colored our past history have left legacies that should be recorded and remembered, not cast aside and forgotten because information is scant concerning their struggles in the primitive living of their day.

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An example is that of a school teacher named Margaret Jane Moore. From the bits and pieces that have been handed down since the date of her birth, May 10, 1823, Margaret Jane must have been loved by all whose lives she touched. This was evidenced by the fact that such a large crowd of friends and neighbors gathered to surprise her at her little log-and-shingle house on her 74th birthday in 1897.

Jefferson Township's older residents today remember Margaret Jane in her old age. Ilah Robertson McCaffery recalls that her little shack-like house was located on 15 acres of the Robertson farm, near Eldersville. No road led to it, as Margaret Jane's only mode of travel was on foot. She walked everywhere she went, including the three miles every Sunday to worship at Tent Presbyterian Church just over the West Virginia state line in Brooke County. She remembers that the little house had an upstairs, a living room, a kitchen



MARGARET JANE MOORE, a Jefferson Township native, was honored guest at an 1897. She is seated sixth from left in a long row of ladies.

and a bedroom. Her favorite memory is that of seeing Margaret Jane as a little old woman, sitting in her rocking chair before the grate fire, smoking her corncob pipe.

When Gaylord Martin was a small boy, he believes it was Margaret Jane who lived two houses from the Eldersville Church.

"Her house was long and black," Gaylord said. "Her front yard was full of flowers. When I was very small and walking to children's day practice, I had to pass her house. She always came

out and picked a flower for me."

One of Margaret Jane's claims to fame was that she "taught school for 50 years." Except for the terms 1853-54 at Miller's school, and 1855-1856 at Eldersville, no record has been left of her lifetime work of teaching. Her salary in 1853-54 was \$15 per month. Other salaries noted for her were \$13 and \$19 per month.

In 1909, when Jefferson Township observed the 75th anniversary of the passing of the Public School Law of 1834, Margaret Jane along with a fellow teacher,

W.W. Knight, were honor guests. "Both were advanced in years," read the report of the celebration.

Beers County History gives the pioneer background of Margaret Jane's family. Her grandfather was Thomas McCarrell, whose daughter, Jane, married James Moore. Jane died when Margaret Jane was born. The baby was raised by her grandparents.

Sketches of Margaret Jane Moore were sent from Morgan Hill, Calif., in 1943, to Mrs. Harry Hall, from the Rev. W.W. Reid, pastor at Tent Church

from 1897-1899. Mrs. Hall's daughter, Edna Hall Freshwater, shares these sketches.

Rev. Reid recalled that Margaret Jane "lived all by herself and used nothing but maple sugar, tapping her own trees and boiling down the sap in her own fireplace. She had taught for 50 years in the local schools before retiring. She never missed church, summer or winter, snow, rain or sunshine, walking the three miles back and forth. Sometimes I picked her up in my buggy."

One Sunday Rev. Reid

announced the text from which he would preach the following week with the sermon titled, "How to Get Rich." Margaret Jane decided, "I will not be here next Sabbath," saying she didn't want to be rich. It was then explained that "the Blessing of the Lord" was the wealth to which Rev. Reid had referred. Margaret Jane attended church the following week.

One day, Rev. Reid accompanied Dr. Charles F. Wishart, retired president of Wooster College, on a call to Margaret Jane's little hut.

They found her with her skirts tucked up, wearing big felt boots, grubbing out locust trees with a mattock. She was spattered with mud, and was ashamed to have the minister catch her in such a condition. She invited them in little hut.

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Margaret Janet was opposed when the young people of Tent Church asked for an organ to provide music for their choir. But she compromised, saying she would go as far as the door and listen to the organ from outside. If she liked it she would come in. If not, she would go home. She found the music very pleasing, and to this day, Tent Church has an organ.

Margaret Jane Moore is buried in the graveyard of the Tent Church. As with other events of her life, the date of her death remains uncertain.

Margaret Jane Moore Lead a Simple Life
The Record Enterprise-September 27, 1995 Edition

Fort Vance Historical Society

Celebrate 85th Anniversary.

Tuesday evening, April 7th, 55 guests gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Moore to celebrate the 85th birthday anniversary of their father, Samuel Moore. The evening was spent in a social way and a delicious lunch was served.

**Samuel D. Moore Celebrates 85th Birthday
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 9, 1931 Edition**

Little Boy Lost In Area Strip Pits

A little lost boy who saw "fire, rocks, and Humpty-Dumpty's house" was safe in the arms of his mother late Monday afternoon, after a three-hour search by friends, neighbors, high school students, the Burgettstown firemen, and other volunteers. Little Brian Moran, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Augustine Moran, of 24 Tenan street, was found near the strip mine pits, after wandering from his home while at play.

R.L. Kum, foreman for the Penn-Weir Strip Operators, unaware that the child was missing, looked up from his work and saw the tot standing along the road to the Goodwill Hunting and Fishing Club, in the strip mine area near Florence. He had wandered nearly three miles from his home. Upon his return, little Brian related that he had seen fire and rocks and Humpty's-Dumpty's house. The fire could have been the mine fire that is burning in the area, and the rocks were undoubtedly the high walls and spoil piles of the strip operations. Humpty-Dumpty's house remains a mystery.

Brian and his brother, Shawn, who is almost six years old, and a little neighborhood playmate, Michael Kowalski, also six, were playing near their home on Tenan street about 1 o'clock Monday afternoon. Michael, whose mother is a patient in Mercy hospital, was a luncheon guest of the two Moran boys. When Mrs. Moran called to them about 1:45, the two older boys explained that they had "sent Brian home."

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Brian, who was too young to be familiar with the surroundings at the end of the street, had apparently started home in the wrong direction, and became lost. When neighbors failed to locate the boy, Mrs. Moran, whose husband was also a patient in Mercy hospital, called Burgettstown firemen, and the search was on.

Mr. Kum brought the boy to Burgettstown, where police and firemen called the distraught mother. A reunion of mother and son took place in front of the Burgettstown Enterprise office at about 4:30 p.m. three hours after the boy disappeared.

**Brian Moran Lost in Area Strip Pits
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 11, 1963 Edition**

**CELEBRATE MR. MORGAN'S
SEVENTY-NINTH BIRTHDAY**

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Morgan of Dinsmore avenue, held a dinner, Sunday, May 11, in honor of the former's father, Henry Morgan, Sr., who celebrated his 79th birthday. Twenty-two friends and relatives gathered for this happy occasion. The table was decorated with colorful spring flowers.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Morgan and son William, and Henry Morgan, Sr., of Millsboro; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Truhan and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Cullen and son, of Youngstown, O.; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cullen and daughter of Mt. Union, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mastic and son of Midway, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Morgan and sons, Robert and Eugene; and Mrs. Robert Kernohan and son Jack, of Burgettstown.

**Celebrate Mr. Morgan's Seventy-Ninth Birthday
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 15, 1941 Edition**

Smith--Morgan

Hickory, March 22.—This afternoon at 1 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother, near this place, Miss Jane M. Morgan became the bride of Vance McClelland Smith in the presence of about 50 relatives and friends. The ring ceremony was used, the Rev. Charles Stunkard, the bride's pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. C. T. Littell, pastor of the Venice United Presbyterian church. The wedding march from Lohengrin was played by Miss Olive Irwine, of Steubenville, a cousin of the bride, who also rendered other selections during the ceremony and afterwards. The ushers were James Smith, a brother of the bridegroom, and Robert Morgan, a brother of the bride. The ribbon bearers were Janet McCalmont, Edith Simpson, Margaret Brown, Margaret McIlvaine, Grace Shelly and Edna McConnell. The couple were unattended. Following the wedding a four-course dinner was served. Later in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Smith left for an Eastern wedding tour. After May 1 they will be at home on the Weaver farm near Canonsburg. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Minerva J. Morgan, of near Hickory, and the bridegroom a son of Mrs. Emma Smith, of Washington. Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith are graduates of Hickory High school in the class of 1911.

Jane M. Morgan Weds Vance McClelland Smith
The Burgettstown Call-March 29, 1917 Edition

Juanita Mroczkowski Retires

Juanita Mroczkowski, who has served as a volunteer librarian and cafeteria aide, retired at the end of the 1989-90 school term after over 25 years of service to Our Lady of Lourdes School.

On Monday, June 4, students at Our Lady of Lourdes School honored Mrs. Mroczkowski with a special farewell party. Each class presented her with cards and a gift. Students wrote poems and sang in her honor. The school cheerleaders performed a special cheer in honor of her years of dedication.

The students were served cake and ice cream by the cafeteria staff and School Association.



JUANITA MROCKOWSKI

Juanita Mroczkowski
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 27, 1990 Edition

AT WORK: Rebekah Mroczkowski

Why I like my job:

“ I’m so thankful for my job everyday. I’ve loved working with children for as long as I can remember. Working with children has to be so much more than just a job - it has to be a calling. ”

COMPANY NAME:	JOB TITLE:	PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT:	YEARS ON THE JOB:
Storybook Village Child Development Center	Floor Supervisor	145 McGovern Road Houston, PA 15342 724-746-4901	3 Years

DESCRIPTION OF JOB: Oversee the day to day operations of the child care center.



Rebekah Mroczkowski, Floor Supervisor at Storybook Village Child Development Center

Rebekah Mroczkowski
Observer-Reporter-November 22, 2015 Edition

Wilfred Mull's 74th Birthday Observed

Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson and family entertained at a birthday party for Mrs. Anderson's father, Wilfred Mull of Newell, W. Va. Saturday, June 23. Mr. Mull was 74 years old June 27. He was presented with gifts and a pink and white two-tiered cake inscribed "Happy Birthday Dad". Music, singing, and games were the diversions of the afternoon.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mull and family and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mull and family, Alliance, O.; Mr. and Mrs. Everett Mull and family, Weirton; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Mull and family, and Mrs. Garnetta Hildridge, Newell. An outdoor barbecue was enjoyed.



Profile on the Maryann Theater - Anthony Mungello

1999

Images of picture show reeling in his memory

By David Pinchot
The Record-Enterprise

Anthony Mungello often thinks fondly of his old friend Maryann.

She took care of him as a child, kept food on the table, kept him out of trouble and gave him a lifelong love of photography. Maryann is the name of the movie theater his father Tony Sr. owned in Burgettstown.

Mungello's family love of the theater began when his grandfather, Ralph, opened the Penn Theater in Slovan.

In 1926, 13 years before Anthony was born, his grandmother, Maryann, died of a heart attack while working in the ticket booth of the old theater. In 1936, Tony Sr. opened the Maryann Theater on Main Street in Burgettstown in her memory.

"The first movie was a Janet Gaynor movie," Mungello said, unable to remember the movie's title.

He does remember when he was 6-years-old he would sneak down to the theater to turn on the marquee.

"I thought it was a big thing to turn it

on," he laughed. "If my mother would have found out, oh boy!"

Mungello's first 'legitimate' job at his father's theater was in charge of pouring drinks into a cup. No bottles were allowed in the theater, and the empties were taken back to the distributor for a refund, he said.

Early on, he learned how to play the organ from Celestine Stevenhart. Before there was sound in the movies, she played the Wurlitzer organ in the theater, he said.

Mungello worked at many jobs in the

theater including usher, custodian, marquee changer, projectionist and manager. His fondest memories, however, are of the movies and the talent.

"My dad and I wouldn't always watch movies for the movies," he said. "We had a system. First time we would watch the overall piece, then we would watch for the cinematography, and then for the direction."

Watching Alfred Hitchcock movies with his father, they would challenge each other as to who would first find

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the legendary director in the film. Hitchcock always included himself as a cameo appearance in his films.

Mungello remembers fondly entertainers who would come in during intermission, including Patsy Cline, Hopalong Cassidy and the Cisco Kid.

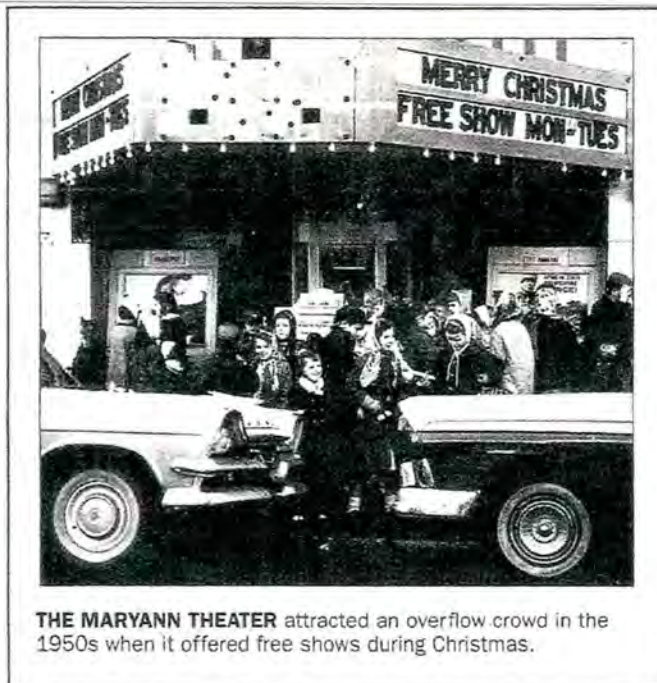
When the theater had 3-D movies, an intermission would be necessary every 20 minutes.

"A 3-D movie would require two projectors to run together and, since we only had two, and automatic changeovers hadn't been invented yet, we have to stop the movie often," Mungello said.

In 1953, a big change occurred in the theater when intermission shows ended and cinemascope was introduced. At the time, the theater had a 10-by-20-foot screen. Cinemascope was a new invention that improved visual and sound dynamics. The new screen was a 15 1/2-by-32-foot metallic material that included a surround sound system.

"My dad wouldn't let me clean the screen because it would bend and dent so easily," Mungello said. "People would come from all around because they thought the sound was so great."

Mungello said his father was hesitant to open the Tri-State Drive-In Theater in Slovan. The senior Mungello bought the drive-in so he could show first-run movies while still maintaining a variety at the indoor the-



THE MARYANN THEATER attracted an overflow crowd in the 1950s when it offered free shows during Christmas.

ater.

"He did it for economics," the younger Mungello said. "Movie companies would want us to run movies for 7 to 14 days but we couldn't afford it. We would have to run something else to make money."

"My father wouldn't run movies at the Maryann that had been shown at drive-ins. The hotter bulb would weaken the film and diminish the enjoyment of the movie."

Mungello's love of photography spilled into high school when he was photo editor of the 1957 yearbook and when he joined the Navy in 1963. He was involved in photography pro-

grams as well as motion picture production. He also served in photo reconnaissance and assisted in making military shorts where he discovered that making movies was not as much fun as watching them.

"We were filming 'The Making of a Marine' on Parris Island," he recalls. "We filmed over two hours and they cut it to 20 minutes for filler on TV."

He decided then he enjoyed still photography more. He planned on shooting weddings and portraits but economics turned him in another direction when he took a job at Chrysler in Ohio.

Mungello would, however,

return often to assist his father in running the theater.

One time, during the 60s, his dad refused to speak to him for a week. Nothing knowing the Beatles' "A Hard Days Night" had not drawn an expected crowd earlier, the younger Mungello ordered that movies, as well as "Help,"

"He ranted and raved," Mungello laughed. "He didn't want me in the house. When we ran it, every seat was full. Kids were sitting on the floor and we couldn't pop the popcorn fast enough. My father's desk was just mounting with change after the show."

Following the run of John Wayne's "The Trainrobbers" in 1975, the theater was demolished to make way for the Route 18 bypass through Burgettstown.

Mungello retired from Chrysler in 1996, returning to Burgettstown to care for his ailing mother, who died that year. His father passed away in 1994.

Mungello now lives in the house his father built in 1945 where he is embarking on a new journey. He has discovered numerous slides and 16 millimeter films his father had taken.

"There are films of Franklin D. Roosevelt's motorcade and Gene Autry and his wife at the airport," he said. "I have thousands of my father's slides that I have no idea who the people are in them."

He plans to transfer the films to video. He is also remodeling the home and plans to build a darkroom to continue his love of photography.

Anthony Mungello-Mary Ann Theatre Profile
The Record-Enterprise-Unknown 1999 Edition

Fort Vance Historical Society

Murchland Family

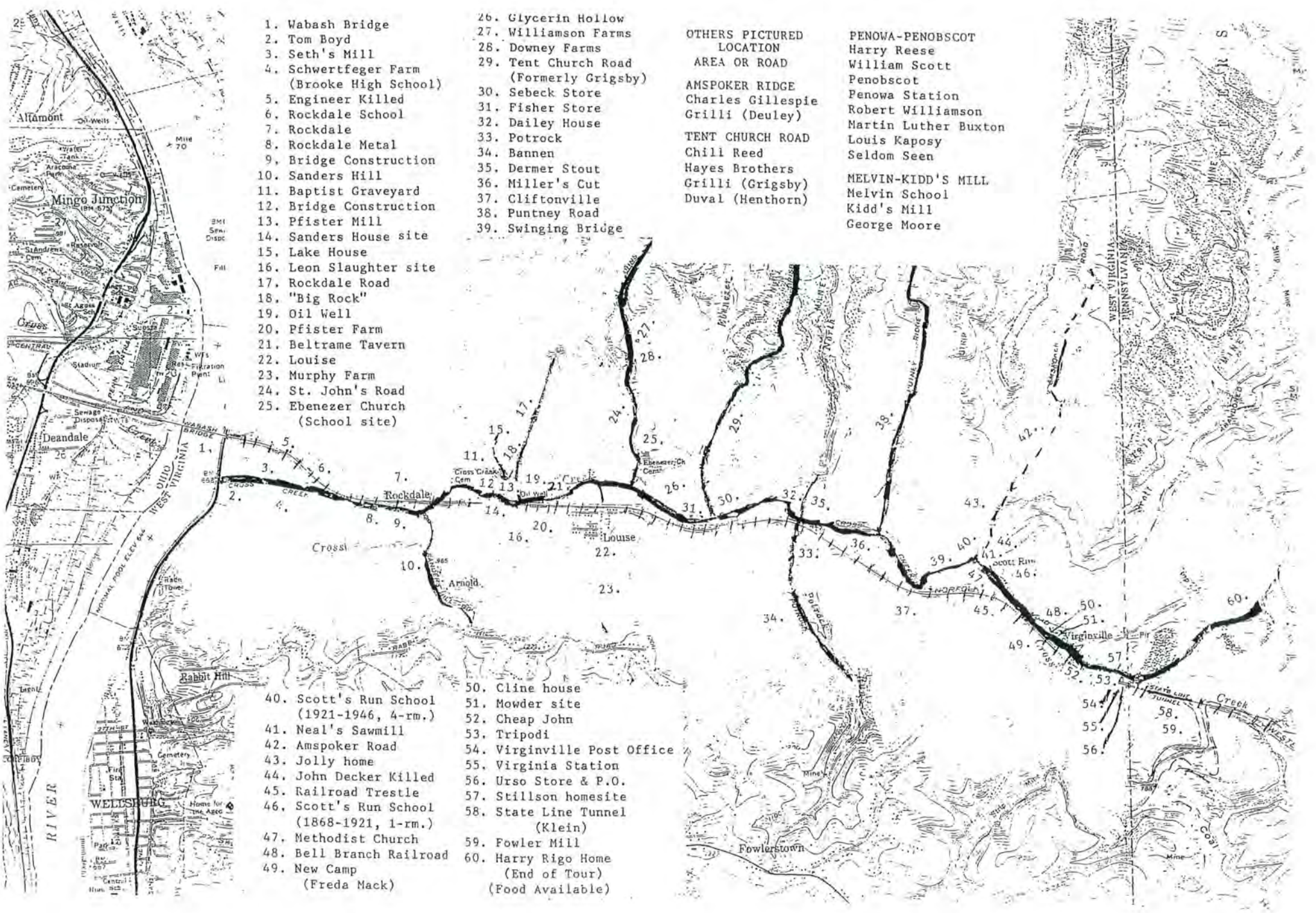
**Leaves of History-Cross Creek, Brooke County-Part II
Online use, Refer to Obituaries**

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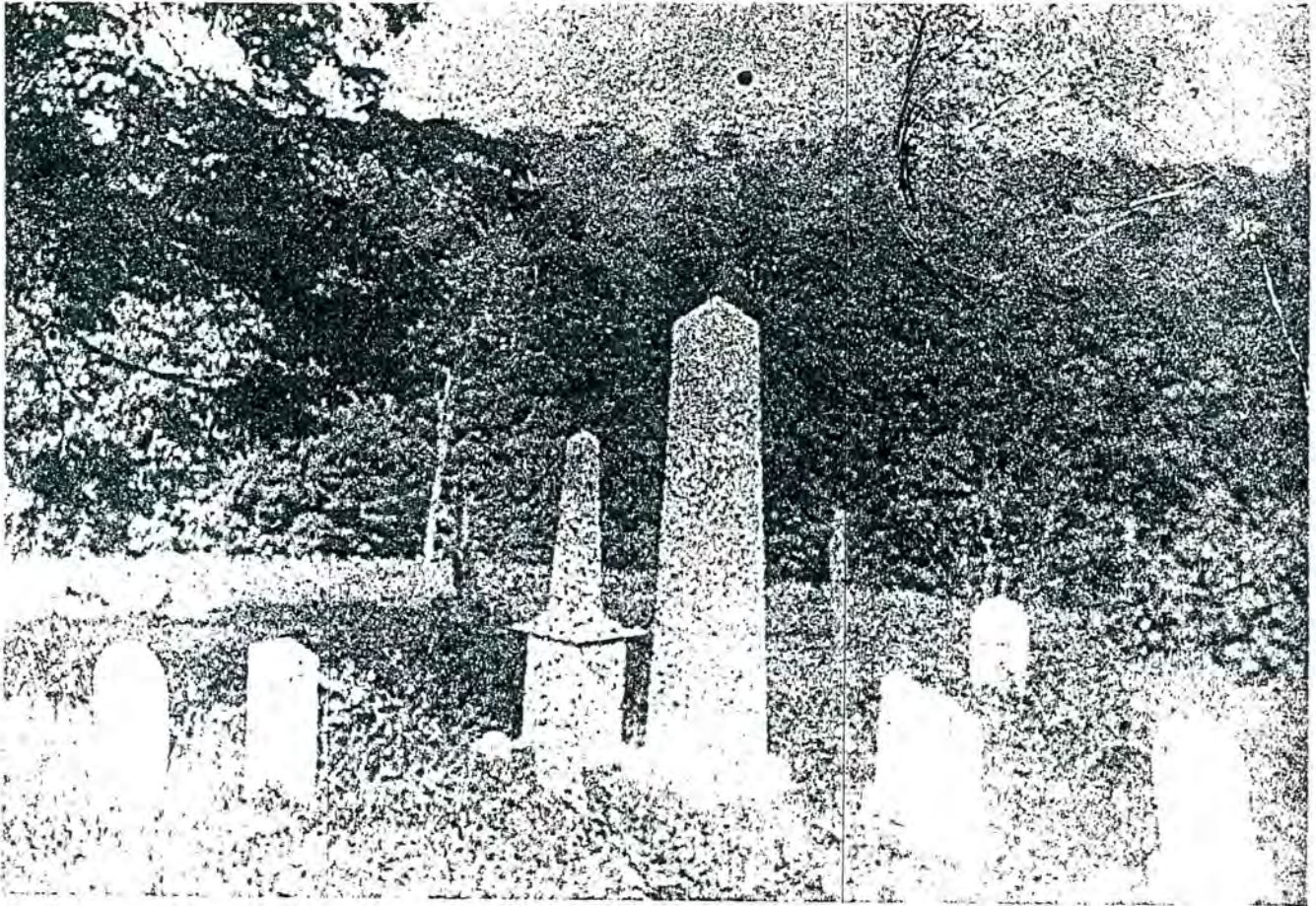
- PENOWA-PENOBSCOT
Harry Reese
William Scott
Penobscot
Penowa Station
Robert Williamson
Martin Luther Buxton
Louis Kaposy
Seldom Seen
- MELVIN-KIDD'S MILL
Melvin School
Kidd's Mill
George Moore



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)

MURCHLAND

One of the first settlers in the Cross Creek area was Robert Murchland. Robert landed at Philadelphia on 13 June 1773 after a seven week journey from Belfast, Ireland, on the ship "Peggy". He was followed by his brother, William, sometime after 1782. His sister, Christin, who married a Lowthers, emigrated to this country as well. Robert did not marry, so upon his death in 1797, he left most of his vast land holdings to the children of his brother, William, and the remainder to the children of Alexander Lowthers and James Steen. It is not certain what relation the Steens were to the Murchlands, but legend has it that they were cousins back in Ireland. At any rate, Robert took up large land grants which extended from the Tent Church area, across what was later known as Puntney Ridge, down over the steep hills to Cross Creek. Part of this land was later bounded by James Leeper, Jonas Amspoker, and Edward Wiggins.



Jane, wife of William Murchland, died in 1804, followed by her husband in 1813. According to Murchland wills, Jane and William were the parents of four sons and three daughters. Mary and Susannah died unmarried while nothing is known of their sister, Elizabeth. William, Jr. died in 1818, probably unmarried, while his brother, John, affectionately known as "Bossy", died in 1866 in his 91st year. Those named above, including the pioneer, Robert, are buried in the private Murchland graveyard pictured above. It still stands today, greatly in disarray, on what was later known as the Parkinson Boles property. It was part of Robert Murchland's original holdings.

From an old family album comes the picture on the right. It is clearly labeled " Robert Murchland". The question is. WHICH Robert Murchland ??? It is probably one of the grandsons of Robert, brother of James and son of William. However, in that generation of the grandchildren of Robert, there are at least 3 and possibly 4 with the given name Robert. It is presented here in the hopes that someone will be able to make a positive identification.



BELOW: An old Murchland stone house, once located on the road between the James Steen place on Ampoker Ridge and the Joe Campbell home north of Kidds Mill. It sat on the south side of that road, but west of the large brick house known as the John H. Murchland property, later, Graf. It was reduced to a pile of stones by 1929, but was still standing when this picture was taken, date unknown. However, it is known that two of the persons in the picture are Ann MCFarland, mother of James MCFarland from the old Lowthers homestead in Jefferson Township, and Sabina Burris, mother of James MCFarland's wife, Mary Burris MCFarland. Mary is also pictured and is one of the persons in the upstairs window.



The attractive young ladies pictured below are Murchland sisters. They are labeled thus in the ancient family album in which these photos were found. The only distinguishing characteristic added to the scant information is a small hand-written phrase "Puntney's cousins". Although this does not tell their given names, it does assure that they are daughters of either James Murchland, Jr. and his wife, Martha, or of Alexander Murchland and his wife, Amy Carman Murchland. These are the only sons of James Murchland to have produced daughters. The fact that they are cousins of the Puntneys guarantees that they are grandchildren of James and NOT of his brother, Robert.



Some of the descendants of the seven Murchland girls who married, still live in the greater Cross Creek area. But the names of Johnston, Boles, Dimit, Neal, Headington, and Puntney, which once abounded in the Brooke County census records, are all but forgotten. Yet, in the old Ebenezer Cemetery and its forerunner, the old Baptist Graveyard, as well as in the ill-kept Murchland Private Burial Ground on the hill, are the names of many members of one of Brooke County's earliest families - the Murchlands. They are a credit to the first pioneer, Robert, who came to the land over two centuries ago when it was a howling wilderness where bears, panthers, snakes and savages abounded. Having no children of his own, he forged a home in the forest and cleared the land for his nieces and nephews. It is fitting that his will is the first probated when Brooke County was formed in 1797.

John H. Murchland

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

John H. Murchland

My name was John H. Murchland, and I was the second of my parents' ten children. My father, Robert Murchland, had been born in Killyleigh, County Down, Ireland, and had come to America at eight years of age with his parents, six siblings, and a large number of other Murchland relatives, including his eighty year old grandmother. After a journey of seven weeks on the ocean, they arrived in Baltimore, Maryland, where they rested three months. My Great Uncle Robert Murchland had already been in this country for 18 years, and had sent for the whole family to come. He brought a large train of pack horses and took them across the Allegheny Mountains to his home in what was to become Brooke County, Virginia.

You must remember that it had been 18 years since Robert had seen his mother, and I have heard so many tales of that wonderful reunion when she first laid eyes on him in that eventful year of 1790. But the long ocean voyage must have taken its toll, for I believe that her grave was the first in the little plot of land on Great Uncle Robert's farm that he set aside as a burial ground. He, himself, lived less than seven years after he achieved his goal of bringing the Murchlands to America. He died on St. Patrick's Day in 1797 and his will was the first to be registered in the newly formed Brooke County, Virginia. In that will, he bequeathed half of his property to my father, Robert, and half to my father's brother, James. It was on my father's half of that original Murchland land that I was born on the 26th day of May in the year 1815.

In March of 1842, at the age 27, I married Sarah Jane Dever from across the state line in Pennsylvania. We lived our lives out just across that state line in Jefferson Township on a farm near my cousin, Alexander Lawther, which was not too far from Kidds Mill. The house we lived in was a large, two-story affair made of small field stones.

*John H. Murchland Stone House
North of Kidds Mill-near brooke Co line
Jefferson Township*



In that house, Sarah and I became the parents of 7 daughters and 2 sons. It was there that Sarah died in 1862 at the age of 42. And there it was that I lost my two littlest daughters at the ages of 2 and 11 in the years that followed Sarah's passing. I buried them beside her, here on the hilltop at Bethel Church. I raised the rest of them to adulthood with the help of the older ones.

Our first born, Robert, helped a lot after his mother's death, but he had somewhat of a wanderlust about him. And eventually, when the others began to make lives of their own, he moved to Iowa where he raised his children. For me, it was like a death in the family when he left. My other son, John H., Jr., stayed close to home all of his life. His daughter, Lillian Murchland, became a prominent teacher in the Jefferson Township Schools, and served a number of years as an assistant instructor at the Eldersville Normal School. John's son, Floyd, never married. So that was the end of the Murchland name from my line in the area.

Two of my daughters did not marry, but the other three did. Lydia married her first cousin, George Chalmers Miller, but she died at the age of 24. Her little daughter, Jessie, died at the age of 8 on Bancroft Farm as a result of tuberculosis. Thus, I lived to bury three of my daughters. Believe me, it is a loss from which one does not recover. My oldest daughter, Caroline, married John Cooper from Eldersville. They had six daughters, and two grandsons: Lorin Brown from McDonald, and Sam Campbell from Avella. But neither of these had children. So my line through Caroline came to an end. My last daughter, Martha Ann, married W.S. Moore from West Middletown. Two of her daughters, Artie and Monty, never married. Some of you will remember that in the terrible tornado of 1944 which passed through Independence Township, Monty was blown out the upstairs window of their home and killed. The home was totally demolished in that storm.



Remains of the Moore home after the Tornado

Martha's only son was killed as a child in an accident with a horse. So except for the three daughters of her daughter, Lydia, my entire blood line came to an end after the deaths of my grandchildren. The only exception was the son of my Robert who went to Iowa. And I did not live to see if his son, John, ever had a child.

Being the parents of nine children does not guarantee a line of descendants. But since I have crossed to this other land, I am aware that it really does not matter anyway. The only thing that matters in the end is what kind of a person we were when we were here.

Birthdya Party For Joseph Murray

The 13th birthday of Joseph Thomas Murray, Jr., of Slovan, was celebrated July 31, with a wiener roast held in the yard of the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Murray.

Present were Linda and Shirley Grabski, Jay Koraido, Joe and Ricky Vladich, Deany Lonick, Charlotte Bailey, Nancy and Dolores Dubich, Michael McKee and Mrs. Tony Durzo and children, Felicetta and Nato, of Slovan; David Strobe, of Slovan; Ed Bongiorno and Annette and John Bongiorno, and Anna Marie McKee, of Atlasburg; Dee Dee Janulewicz, of Slovan; Blanche and Phyllis Pensak, of Slovan; Mary Mann, of California; David Thomas, of Burgettstown; Frank Yukevich, Daniel and David McGraw, Joe O' Shanka, Richard Freese, Rudy Vajentic, Bob Bruce, Fred Fletcher, Moe Stetar and Debbie Hartman, all of Burgettstown; and John Majernik, Chester Rakowski and Jimmy Murray, of Slovan.

Extortionist is Paroled.

A plea of guilty to an extortion charge was entered in the Washington county court by Russell Myers who admitted he had endeavored to obtain \$25 from the Dunbar brothers of Cross Creek township recently. The youth told the court he wanted the money to help his father meet a note, but his courage failed and he did not attempt to take the money when it was placed in a match box for him. He was granted a parole for one year from a jail sentence of eight months.

Russell Myers
Extortionist is Paroled
Burgettstown Enterprise- September 10, 1931 Edition

STAR ATHLETE



STANLEY NAVAGE

A double no-hit no-run game pitched by young Stanley Navage for Union this spring has attracted talent scouts from the Pittsburgh Pirates to the local Diamond. Although he will graduate next month from Union with the record of out-standing athlete of his class, Stanley is taking his time to make up his mind about his future career and the tempting bits that are coming his way.

Navage at this time seems to be thinking seriously of college and is undetermined about a pro career on Pirate sandlots.

He played end in football, was captain and center of basketball and last season was high scorer for the Varsity and ended his high school athletic career in a blaze of glory as one of the most out-standing pitchers Union has turned out in many a season.

Navage is from Francis Mine.

Stanley Navage

*Fort Vance receives McNary Family Sampler from
Mr. and Mrs. Kuhn of Louisville, Kentucky*

Obituaries

Died on Saturday January 31st AD 1857

Margaret Jane, daughter of James and Jane R. McNary of Smith Township Washington Co Pa. aged two years and six months, of scarlet fever after only two days illness.

Also on Tuesday February 3d of the same. Her little brother Joseph Hammond McNary aged six months and fourteen days.

Thus in a few short days were these parents bereaved of two of out of three children, the oldest one just recovering from severe attack of the same. They were taken from the midst of the most promising health. Their little bodies were laid side by side in the little grave. But the stricken parents may be comforted by the hope that their ransomed spirits have gone to mingle with the blest. As the flower of the field so we flourish. And many a pleasant little one that blooms in our earthly gardens and delights us with its beauty and fragrance is plucked by the hand of death. But how comforting the hope that is only to bloom in Paradise above. How impressively such little graves tell us of lifes uncertainty and remind us of the importance of being ready for our last change for the day or hour in which the son of man cometh we know not.

Died on Monday March 8th AD 1858 infant son aged two days. About one year ago these parents buried their two youngest children leaving only one. This Little infant promised some measure to fill the place of those that were gone. But another affliction awaited them. After a short stay with them its remains were laid to beside those of its little brother and sister. But those bereaved parents mourn not as those who have no hope. They trust their little one have gone to be with him who gathers the lambs in his arm and carries them in his bosom who said suffer little children to come unto me for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

R.J.H.

August 8, 2013



James, Ada, and George Neely-About 1908
Right side of Rt. 18N-Florence, PA

Fort Vance Historical Society



James, Ada, and George Neely-About 1908
Right side of Rt. 18N-Florence, PA

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Bonnie Nemeth Makes Quick Recovery From Attack Of Polio



Five-year old Bonnie Jean Nemeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Nemeth of Maple ave., appeared on a television broadcast over WDTV Sunday morning in connection with the polio drive. Bonnie, who has recovered from the disease, was interviewed with other polio patients by William Bendix.

The youngster contracted polio Nov. 24 and has been at Municipal Hospital, Pittsburgh, two months. Bonnie was very fortunate that her physician diagnosed her symptoms in the early stages. The disease resulted in a weakening of the leg muscles, below the knee.

Since Bonnie has been in the hospital, her condition has steadily improved. The past two months of careful treatment will enable her to return home within a month. She will wear braces on her legs temporarily until they regain their strength. This is a perfect example of how much the March of Dimes can do to prevent polio from ruining a youngster's entire future.

Mrs. Vance Lee, area chairman, announces that \$963.91 has been turned over to Treasurer William Farner, for the March of Dimes as a result of the "Mothers March" conducted in the Borough and Smith township last Wednesday evening, Jan. 27, from 7 to 8 o'clock.

Despite cold winter conditions which prevailed that evening, the volunteers staged their march in each town and turned in the following contributions:

Burgettstown, \$465.25; Langeloth, \$136.40; Slovan, \$110.86; Raccoon \$89.32; Cherry Valley \$59.25; Atlasburg \$57.50; Bulger \$45.33.

Mrs. Lee wishes to express her sincere thanks to everyone who participated in the Mothers March and especially the following children who canvassed Bulger: Marilee Schumaker, Winnie Daley, Janet Penderville, Donald Bianchi, Mickey LaRocka, Marius Dalverny, Joe Antonetti and John Bianchi.

Nicholls to Celebrate Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Nicholls of Main street, will observe the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage by holding open house for their many friends on Saturday and Sunday, September 20 and 21. Mr. and Mrs. Nicholls will be at home to their friends on Saturday, September 20, from 2 to 5 o'clock and from 7 to 10 P.M. On Sunday, September 21, they will entertain members of the immediate family at a buffet dinner in their home.

Many friends will gather to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Nicholls on the occasion of their Golden Anniversary for they have been life long residents of Burgettstown and are well respected in the Community. Mr. Nicholls was engaged in building and contracting until a few years ago when he retired. He and Mrs. Nicholls are enjoying good health and take pleasure in cultivating many varieties of beautiful flowers in their garden.

Flora May Scott and Thomas F. Nicholls were united in marriage on September 23, 1891, at her

father's home, the R. K. Scott farm at the edge of Burgettstown, where the Berry family now reside. The officiating minister was the late Dr. D.W. Carson of the United Presbyterian church. Three years after they were married they built

the home where they now reside, and have lived in continuously for 47 years.

To this union was born five children, 4 daughters and one son, Glene Nicholls, Mrs. William A. Stewart of Burgettstown, Mrs. John Redick of McDonald, Mrs. Joseph Morrissey of London, Ohio, and Mrs. George Kuhns of Lisbon, Ohio. They have five grandchildren, Austin Kuhns, teacher of music at Findlay, Ohio, Mrs. Donald Scoutten of Columbus, Ohio, Paul Kuhns, in aviation at the Columbus airport; Glene Nicholls, Jr., and Mildred Jean Stewart of Burgettstown.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholls have been members of the First Presbyterian church of Burgettstown for many years and have entered actively into the religious and social life of the Community.

Mrs. Nicholls expects to receive her brother, W. F. Scott of Hickory and a sister, Mrs. Agnes Russell of Burgettstown at the celebration. Another brother, twin of W. F., M. W., who resides in Los Angeles, Cal., will be unable to attend.



FLORA SCOTT NICHOLLS



T. F. NICHOLLS

Nicholls to Celebrate Golden Wedding
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 11, 1941 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Honors

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this Eastland County community had upward of 50,000 residents and every major U.S. oil producer was drilling wells all over its territory.

Then, the black gold rush blew its top. There was so much gas beneath the Ranger field, it spewed oil all over the map.

In those days there was no known way of controlling such a phenomenon. The big companies gave up and moved out. So did most of the inhabitants.

Today, there are only about 3,000 people left in Ranger proper--some 5,000 counting the area school district.

Yet, just 25 months ago, approximately 1,800 voters of that district went to the polls and approved, by a comfortable margin, a bond issue of \$336,000 for their proudest local institution: Vigorous, growing Ranger Junior College.

This means, in per capita terms, an obligation of around \$70 for every individual in the district.

No one was really surprised by the Ranger action. The townsfolk's resounding support for the college only carried on a tradition that began 38 years ago--when nothing

of the sort should have been expected.

The institution was established in 1926, three years after the oil bubble had burst. At first, it occupied the two top floors of the old high school building downtown.

But enrollment increased, even as the town's populace continued dwindling. It was 11 years later before RJC acquired a home of its own: An elementary school building put up in the fine flush of the boom and abandoned as the demand for classroom space dropped.

Today, dotted around the college's 37-acre campus (plus another tract of almost 12 acres just donated by Ranger city authorities), a complex of attractive new facilities stand completed or in construction--fruits of that 1962 vote of confidence by the citizenry.

And, under the leadership of RJC's dynamic young president, Dr. Theodore Nicksick, Jr., the student body now numbers more than 200, drawn from nine states.

A Pennsylvania native who came to Texas after World War II, Dr. Nicksick earned his bachelor

of science degree at Fort Worth's Texas Wesleyan College in 1948.

(Burgettstown residents probably remember well the basketball game against Duquesne played at Pittsburgh in 1948, when Texas Wesleyan, led by Ted Nicksick, upset the highly-favored Dukes.)

Three years later he received a master's at North Texas State, where he was awarded a doctorate in 1957. From that time until 1959 he taught at Austin College in Sherman, then came to Ranger.

"Our programs in music and athletics have probably done most to make the college known outside this immediate area," Dr. Nicksick said. The RJC 50-piece band and choir of 30 voices recently completed a 1,000-mile tour around West Central and North Texas.

There is no over-emphasis on sports, Dr. Nicksick stressed. "But we do have a well-rounded program and some of the best athletic facilities of any junior college in the state. That is chiefly why the Texas Junior College Athletic Conference will be held here for the third consecutive year."

"We believe in athletics within its proper framework," Dr. Nicksick said. "It helps give a chance for an education to some students who wouldn't otherwise get it."

The college library, enlarged by 1,500 square feet, is part of the renovation program begun in 1961. The library is open to everyone in the community, as is the spacious, well-appointed cafeteria.

"That will be our policy, too, when the new gymnasium is finished," Dr. Nicksick said. "We hope to make it a small convention center."

The framework of that building dominates the campus skyline as one approaches RJC. It features six arches of laminated wood, each 139 feet long, that will support the gymnasium roof.

The arches, fabricated by a firm in Magnolia, Arkansas, were trucked to Ranger on specially equipped vehicles, over a pre-arranged route, with police escort.

Until the ambitious structure is completed, the school leases a National Guard armory at a nominal rental.

The armory on land ad-

joining the campus serves not only as a temporary gym but as the music department's headquarters, too.

Not far away is the handsome new boys' dormitory, housing 106 students.

Half the building was erected during summer vacation two years ago, the second section last summer.

Now the girls are due for an equal modern dormitory scheduled to be ready in the fall.

But the real apple of faculty eyes is the streamlined new administration building with its advanced design, flaring field-rock facade and separate wings linked to the central building by covered walks.

This, too, should be ready when the next academic year begins.

"Then, perhaps, we can start thinking about landscaping," a staff member said hopefully.

When that time comes, it's a fair guess they'll get a lot of outside help.

That's how it was when they laid out the professional-looking track those junior college athletes will be competing on next year.

"All we had to supply was the land," Dr. Nicksick said. Both the materials and the labor were donated by friends of RJC.

And this is what the people at this unusual school prize above all--even more than their known band, the flourishing fine arts courses or the planned new science laboratory.

"It's the close rapport we have with the community here that's our greatest asset," Dr. Nicksick declared.

Unmistakably, that sentiment is reciprocal.

**Dr. Theodore Nicksick Receives Honors
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 29, 1964 Edition**

Teddy Nicksick Is Presented With Top Athletic Award

Slovan's Teddy Nicksick, rated as the hottest basketball player of the Southwest, was recently awarded the Texas Wesleyan College's Jack Dempsey trophy for being chosen the "Most Outstanding Athlete" of the campus. The trophy, sponsored by the Adam Hat Company, is presented annually to the athlete winning in a secret poll of all students on the campus.

Touted by all that have seen him perform on the hardwoods, as one of the better ball hawks of modern times, Teddy was chosen for the award over about the best group of athletes to come out of TWC. Possessing amazing basketball artistry, Nicksick was a true sportsman, as was proven by his willingness to be content with feeding his teammates and letting them rack up the points. An excellent representative of the type of athlete that TWC produces, Nicksick highlighted many a game with his dart-like movement and accurate bullet passes to propel his club towards victory over the stiffest competition in the Southwest. It was Teddy's play that spearheaded TWC to one of their finest basketball seasons on record.

As a further evidence of his great popularity, Teddy Nicksick was unanimously elected to the presidency of his senior class. A great tribute to a fine athlete, and all around, swell guy! (Pittsburgh writers--aren't your faces red? what scoops you missed on this one! He was hot copy all season.)

Teddy Nicksick is Presented with Top Athletic Award
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 5, 1947 Edition

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 Greta 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**

Airlines Trainee



Barbara Jean Nokovich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Nokovich, of Burgettstown, R.D. 3, has started her career as an Eastern Airline stewardess.

She graduated from Eastern's In-Flight Training Center at Miami, Florida, where her schooling included grooming, makeup and the gracious presentation of dining services in addition to other flight crew duties.

Miss Nokovich graduated from Burgettstown Union high school and prior to joining Eastern, she was employed in Atlasburg.

Upon completion of the training course, in Miami, Miss Nokovich reported to Washington, D.C., where she will be based. From there she will fly to many of the 104 cities Eastern serves in 26 states, the District of Columbia, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico and Bermuda.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Novak

Richard and Patricia Novak of 11 Dire Drive, Hickory, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary at a dinner with their children.

They were married Feb. 8, 1964, in Carmichaels by the Rev. Ignatius Kohler.

Mr. Novak is the son of Ann Novak of Bobtown and the late Andrew Novak.

Mrs. Novak is the daughter of Stella Smalsky of Carmichaels and the late William Jordan.

Their children are Carolyn Whoolery of Gainesville, Va.; Susan Faieta of Vestaburg; Cindy Spencer of Fredericktown; Rich Novak of Centreville, Va.; and Denise Novak of Hickory.

Their grandchildren are Brittany Cole, Jessica Spencer and Kayla Whoolery.

Mr. Novak is a teacher in the Avella Area School District and Mrs. Novak is a waitress at The Meadows racetrack.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Novak Celebrate 30th Anniversary
The Enterprise-March 2, 1994 Edition



Novak - 50 years

Richard and Patricia Novak of Hickory will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary with a dinner for family and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Novak were married February 8, 1964, in St. Hugh Catholic Church, Carmichaels.

The couple have five children, Carolyn (Dave) Whoolery of Leesburg, Va., Susan (Scott) Faieta of Brownsville, Rich (Jennifer) Novak of Leesburg, Va., Cindy (Ken) Spencer of Haymarket, Va., and

Denise (Kevin) Kimberling of Venetia.

Their grandchildren are Brittany Cole, Jessica Spencer, Kayla Whoolery, Dominic Faieta, Gino Faieta, Alexa Novak, Colin Kimberling, Ty Spencer, Samantha Novak, Jordan Spencer, Gavin Kimberling and Sid Spencer.

Mr. Novak is a retired teacher from the Avella School District, and Mrs. Novak is retired from the Meadows Race-track.

Primrose Couple Dies In Triple Crash With Diesel Freight Train At McDonald Crossing

Louis Orben, 49, of Primrose, and his wife, Helen, 44, met death Saturday morning when their car struck a Pennsylvania Railroad diesel freight train at the McDonald street crossing in McDonald. Mrs. Orben was killed instantly when she drove her car into the path of an eastbound freight train. Her husband was taken to Mercy hospital where he died Sunday at 11 a. m. of injuries suffered in the crash. Another auto driven by Mrs. Joseph Dewey, traveling north on McDonald street, had crossed the tracks in front of the diesel and was clipped in the rear and bounced away. Mrs. Dewey and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Calvin J. Dewey, both of McDonald, were thrown from the vehicle and

injured. They were taken to Mercy hospital.

The Pennsylvania Railroad began an investigation Monday to determine the cause of the triple crash. The railroad said that the watchman, Carl Boynes, of Noblestown, had been suspended from duty pending outcome of the investigation. Although the watchman was on duty, warning gates at the crossing had not been lowered to stop motor traffic. Boynes denied blame for the tragedy. He said there was no whistle blown, explaining why he had not let down the gates. The train's engineer, M. D. Baker, of Columbus, Ohio, admitted there was no whistle. It was frozen, he said.

**Louis and Helen Orben Die in Triple Crash with Diesel Freight Train
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 29, 1956 Edition**

Oritay announces representative run

An Avella Area High School alumnus has announced his candidacy for state representative in the 46th District. Jason Oritay, of Bridgeville, will be running on the Republican side in next year's primary election.

Oritay formerly worked in management at PNC Bank and is now the owner and president of Jason's Cheese-cake Co., which provides fund-raising opportunities throughout Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Oritay said he believes there are many opportunities in the 46th District for education, business, career

training and development.

"We all have an important role to play in the development of these opportunities," Oritay said in a news release. "I will ensure that your voices, interests and concerns are heard and addressed."

Oritay earned a business administration degree from Robert Morris University in 2004 and an MBA from Stetson University in 2005. He is a board member of Burgettstown Area Community Development Corp. and a committee member of Project Bundle Up. He also is founder of the "Speaker Survivor Series," which promotes charitable

causes, and the John J. Oritay Entrepreneur Scholarship for high school seniors interested in business.

On the Democratic side, Burgettstown attorney Paul Walsh and Cecil Township Supervisor Tom Casciola are running against incumbent Jesse White.

The reapportioned 46th District will include Canton, Mt. Pleasant, Robinson and Smith townships in Washington County, plus Burgettstown and Midway. The 46th District's territory expands into Collier and South Fayette townships in Allegheny County, along with Bridgeville,



Jason Oritay

Heidelberg, Oakdale and all of McDonald Borough.

Kickstarting an expansion

Avella native turns to crowdsourcing site for his growing cheesecake business

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Jason Ortity is having success shrinking the traditional cheesecake into a 2-inch-diameter "Teasecake," a miniature version that offers people an opportunity to indulge in a somewhat less guilty pleasure.

The small-is-beautiful dessert idea, which is taking root at area school and church fundraisers, as well as weddings, is creating a need for more baking space for Jason's Cheesecake Co.

Ortity, 29, an Avella native who lives in Bridgeville, is seeking financial assistance from Kickstarter, a Web-based company that is the world's largest funding platform for creative projects. Kickstarter is one of several sites specializing in "crowdsourcing," or raising funds online.

Currently, Jason's Cheesecakes – he also offers several full-sized versions in multiple flavors – are made in rented space in Ambridge, where the company has been based since its founding in April 2012.

The business, which includes Ortity and another baker, also has a staff of seven contracted salespeople who sell the Teasecakes to groups holding fundraisers.

The sales staff has been plying a 200-mile area in Pennsylvania and West Virginia with growing success.



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Margaret Ortity and her grandson, Jason Ortity, owner of Jason's Cheesecake Co., pose in front of the former gas station owned by his late grandfather, John Ortity, on Cross Creek Road near Avella. Jason hopes to convert the vacant building into a commercial bakery for his growing business.

"It's a great little market," Ortity said. "The whole idea is to grow the business and bring more people on."

After earning a degree in sports management from Robert Morris University and a master's degree in business administration from Stetson University in Florida, he worked in financial services and for a small consulting firm before spending more than four years in relationship banking and treasury func-

tions at PNC Bank.

But he heeded a calling to start a business that involved food for a couple of reasons.

"To me, baking and cooking is very therapeutic," Ortity said.

The urge to create with food also runs in his family, he added, noting that his grandparents Joe and Candy Caruso owned and operated Caruso's, an Italian restaurant in Wellsburg, W.Va., for many years.

It was there that as a boy he cut his teeth in the restaurant

business, helping out in the kitchen.

The other side of his family had a small business, as well.

The gas station where he hopes to relocate the cheesecake business, at 97 Cross Creek Road near Avella, was owned and operated for 30 years by his paternal grandfather, the late John Ortity.

"The entrepreneurial spirit is in the blood," Ortity said.

While acknowledging that he needs more space for baking, he also likes the fact that,

unlike a restaurant, where ingredients have to be kept in inventory at all times, the cheesecake business, based on pre-sales, doesn't require long-term storage.

"I don't have to store anything," he said, explaining that he only purchases ingredients for orders that will be baked from scratch and delivered immediately.

Like a lot of small business owners, Ortity acknowledged that it's difficult, particularly in the slowly recovering economy, to raise money to expand an operation.

The project was set in motion to help keep the legacy of Jason's grandfather alive by using the building where he started his business in the early 1960s.

Ortity said his long-term vision for the business is to launch Jason's Cheesecake operations across the Midwest.

While his plans for expansion are definitely skewed toward increasing production efficiency, he also plans to include a small retail operation that he said will encourage people to drop by, listen to music and enjoy cheesecake and coffee.

The bulk of the project is construction related to converting the building into a bakery.

His Kickstarter campaign, which has a video explaining his business, seeks \$45,000, including \$10,000 in equipment such as ovens, sinks, re-

frigeration, food processors, prep tables and a cash register; \$7,000 for permits and tap-in fees; and \$25,000 in construction and renovations, including a new exterior facade, paint, ceiling, HVAC, bathrooms and glass doors.

As of Friday, just nine supporters had contributed a total of \$655 to the project, which was launched Oct. 30 and ends Nov. 30, but Ortity remains optimistic.

"A lot of projects don't get funded until the last week," he said.

But like any good business owner, he has a Plan B and Plan C if the Kickstarter funding isn't met.

He's talked with a building owner in Avella about the possibility of moving to a 2,500- to 3,000-square-foot space.

He also has an option of relaunching the Kickstarter campaign after a brief hiatus, or contacting the U.S. Small Business Administration for a loan if his revenue continues to grow.

He may pursue yet another avenue for growth, Ortity said.

"I've been looking for investors if all else fails," he said.

For more information on Jason's Cheesecake Co., including videos, access www.jasonscheesecakecompany.com. For information about ordering, call 724-252-BAKE (2253).

Kickstarting an Expansion
Observer Reporter-November 18, 2013

VIOLATION OF PAROLE SENDS MAN TO PRISON

**Bulger Man Implicated in Shooting
of Local Officer Returned
to Pen to Finish Time**

Herman Orris, 38 years, is back in the Western Penitentiary, taken there last Wednesday from the county jail to complete a sentence of from four and a half to nine years. He was convicted of participation in a shooting affray near Bulger about six years ago, in which Constable W. F. Core of Burgettstown was blinded.

Orris was claimed by prison authorities on the grounds that he had violated the parole under which he was released some weeks ago. He was implicated in a hit and run accident at Steubenville, O., and after he abandoned his machine at Holliday's Cove, W. Va., after it had wrecked in a creek. He was arrested at Burgettstown and had been confined in the county jail since.

The shooting affray at the Orris farm followed attempts of officers to get possession of two cows, which members of the family purchased at a public sale near Canonsburg. They left the sale hurriedly without making payment, it is said.

Officers went to the farm but were unable to gain entrance on account of the belligerent attitude of the family. Later an augmented force returned only to find the house deserted. Core and others were in the house awaiting return of the members when they were fired upon through the windows, and Core was wounded so seriously he lost his eyesight.

Later a brother, Henry Orris, was cornered in a house in Raccoon and when he attempted to draw a weapon was shot to death by a state policeman.

**Herman Orris-Violation of Parole
Burgettstown Enterprise—October 9, 1935 Edition**

American Zinc Sells Farm To John Ostop

John and Evelyn Ostop of Slovan purchased at public auction last week the 89 acre farm known locally as the "Shillito Farm" but recently owned by the American Zinc and Chemical Company.

Machinery and stock owned by the company was also sold to various individuals at auction.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cowden and family, who lived on the farm recently, have moved to Route 31 near Washington.

**COUPLE RESIDING NEAR
HICKORY WED 50 YEARS;**

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ott, Hickory, R. D. 1, will celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary Thursday, August 26, in their home with an open house for friends and neighbors. Open house will be observed from 2 to 4 and 7 to 12 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Ott were married August 26 at Benwood, W. Va., and have spent most of their married life in Pennsylvania where Mr. Ott has been employed by the State Highway Department the last 26 years.

They have one daughter, Mrs. Glen R. Ashbrook, four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

**Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Ott Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 26, 1948 Edition**

Centenarian on quite an expedition

*Descendant of
Washington man
is linked to
Lewis and Clark*

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"The secret to a long life," Eugene Gass Painter said jovially, "is hard work and fresh air."

Painter, of Washington, should know.

He celebrates his 100th birthday today.

Painter is the great-grandson of Patrick Gass, a sergeant in the Lewis and Clark Expedition whose journal of the trip was published in 1807.

The pair share a June 12 birthday, 144 years apart.

The centenarian also shares his great-grandfather's hardiness (during the Civil War at the age of 91, Gass was turned away from a recruiting station where he wanted to enlist to fight) and quick wit.

Painter walks every day and still drives on Sundays to Lower Buffalo Presbyterian Church, where he serves as a church elder.

He is a member of Sons of the American Revolution, where he attends meetings regularly, and Buffalo Grange.

Painter grew up in Independence, the fifth of eight children. When he turned 8, Painter started working on his uncle's dairy farm during the summer, and he graduated from Avella High School.

He attended University of Cincinnati and studied engineering for two years, but dropped out because he and his family had no money to pay for his education during the Great Depression.

Instead, he took a factory job.

"I worked all the way up from factory to management, then I got a job in production control at Westinghouse in



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Eugene Gass Painter, 100, holds a prairie dog he bought while in South Dakota, where his great-grandfather, Patrick Gass, a member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, camped.

Pittsburgh," said Painter. "So, I guess I didn't do too badly."

In 1962, at the age of 47, Painter took over his uncle's farm.

He and his sons, Eugene Jr. and the late Stanley Painter, operated the farm for 40 years, milking 45 cows "twice a day, seven days a week, come rain or shine," Painter said.

"I always liked being a

farmer. When I started farming, we did everything with horse and horse power," said Painter. "When we took over the farm, we had a tractor."

What Painter most enjoyed talking about, though, was Patrick Gass.

"I've always known I was a descendant of Patrick Gass. My mother was proud of the fact that he was her grandfa-

ther, and she talked about him frequently," said Painter.

In 1999, Painter traveled to Elk Point, S.D., to participate in a re-enactment of Gass' promotion to sergeant in Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery. From 2003 to 2006, ceremonies were held on the Lewis and Clark Trail in Elk Point to commemorate

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Lewis & Clark Heritage Days - August 21 and 22
Elk Point, South Dakota

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In a photograph, Eugene Painter, 100, left, poses with kin around the statue of his great-grandfather, Patrick Gass, at Elk Point, S.D.

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EUGENE GASS PAINTER



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A replica of a razor box given to Eugene Gass Painter’s great-grandfather while with the Lewis and Clark Expedition

the 200th anniversary of the expedition, and Painter attended.

He also traveled to other points along the trail over the years.

Gass, a master carpenter, led construction of forts the men wintered in at Camp Dubois in Illinois, Fort Mandan in North Dakota and Fort Clatsop in Oregon. He also hewed dugout canoes and built wagons to carry the canoes 18 miles over land around a series of waterfalls in Montana.

In 2002, Painter and 28 other direct descendants of Gass attended the unveiling of a bust of Gass, which stands near the Sixth Street Wharf in Wellsburg, W.Va., where the explorer is buried. He died three months short of his 99th birthday.

A seamstress from Meadowcroft Village made Painter replicas of the uniforms Gass, who was serving in the Army when Lewis got dispensation from Thomas

Jefferson to bring him on the journey, wore during the expedition.

Painter wore the uniforms when he spoke at various schools, historical societies and other organizations in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and New York that invited him to talk about Gass and the expedition.

Painter was married to his first wife, Shirley, for 60 years. She died in March 1999.

They had four children, Eugene Jr., Stanley, Sue Strunk of McKees Rocks and Nancy Painter. Painter passed along his family history to his children. He also has 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

“Do I have a choice?” said Sue Strunk, laughing. “Dad’s passed along everything he knows to us, and we’ll pass it on, too.”

In November 1999, Painter married Rita Miller, who also attended Buffalo

Church. She died in 2014.

In 2010, Painter obtained a descendants’ certificate, certifying Gass was his ancestor. In 2005, there were 157 known direct descendants of Gass, Painter said.

“You could say Patrick Gass is my hobby,” said Painter. “He led an interesting life, and I’ve enjoyed learning about him and sharing what I know.”

Painter will celebrate his birthday Saturday among family and friends at a local restaurant.

After his party, he will attend his great-grandson’s graduation party, which will be held at the same restaurant.

“I’m looking forward to my birthday. It’s going to be a fun day, a dual party,” said Painter. “His party goes until 10 o’clock, so I don’t think I’m going to be able to stay the whole time. I’ll leave when it gets dark. I’ll have cake, though.”

Marasco - Palumbo

Angela Palumbo and Christopher Marasco, both of Washington, were united in marriage December 27, 2013, at Washington Christian and Missionary Alliance, with Pastor Brian Greenleaf officiating the 2:30 p.m. ceremony.

The bride's parents are Francine Palumbo of Washington and the late Michael Palumbo. Her grandparents are Rose Palumbo of Burgettstown, the late Dominic Palumbo and the late Walter and Anne Lipnicky.

Parents of the bridegroom are Dr. and Mrs. Duane Marasco of Washington. His grandparents are Georgia Nicholson of Washington, the late Dorwin Nicholson and the late Eugene and Mary Marasco.

The bride was given in marriage by her mother.

Matrons of honor were Marla Liptak and Michele McKenzie, sisters of the bride. Bridesmaids were Brittany Byer, cousin of the bride, Caroline Simmons and Olivia Forish.

Best men were Brendan, Benjamin and Matthew Marasco, brothers of the groom. Ushers were Brent McAuliffe of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Mat-



thew Leonard of San Antonio, Texas, and John Michalko of Houston.

Vocalists were Ruth-Ann Jones, Sheri Scears and Dr. Tuan Ung.

The bride is a 2009 graduate of Trinity High School and a 2013 graduate of Grove City College. She is an eighth-grade math teacher at Canonsburg Middle School.

Mr. Marasco is a 2007 graduate of Washington High School and a 2011 graduate of Grove City College. He works in sales and trading at PNC Capital Markets.

A reception was held at the George Washington Hotel.

The couple honeymooned in the Bahamas.

Surprise Party Honors Mrs. Panconi On Her Birthday

Mrs. John Panconi of Center avenue was pleasantly feted, Sunday, October 29, when 26 members of her family and friends gave a surprise birthday party in her honor at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Bertovich of Youngstown, O. Only absent members were Captain and Mrs. Henry A. Bruno and family, who could not be present, because they are stationed at Camp Polk, La. They wired flowers as a token of remembrance.

A beautiful five tiered birthday cake centered the dining table, surrounded by a colorful display of chrysanthemums. A delectable turkey dinner was served. Entertainment and dancing was featured with music being furnished by the Youngstown Polka trio.

Families present were: Mr. and Mrs. Dante Marcucci, Mr. and Mrs. Darfo Panconi, Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Panconi, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bihum, Mr. and Mrs. John Bertovich, Misses Mary Louise and Rita Panconi.

Grandchildren: Johnny, Al and Evelyn Marcucci, Carol and John Panconi, Peggy Jean Williams, Michael and Marlene Bihum, Madeline and Kathy Bertovich, Emma and Lorraine DelTozzotto.

Friends: Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hermann and family, Mr. and Mrs. I. Bradlyn, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Marsh and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin and sons.

**Surprise Party Honors Mrs. Panconi on her 80th Birthday
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 2, 1950 Edition**

Surprise Farewell Party.

A surprise farewell party was held on Thursday evening, April 16th, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. Panzica, Main street, in honor of their daughter, Mrs. Marina Basile and small daughter Louise, by the Briscoli Club, of which Mrs. Basile is a member. There were 35 guests present. Out of town guests were: Mrs. A. Rinella, Cleveland, O.; Mrs. S. Leonardi, Mingo, O.; Miss Ida Callery, Finleyville. The club presented Mrs. Basile with a beautiful leather purse. The evening was spent in games and impersonations. At a late hour a bountiful lunch was served by Mrs. J. S. Hogue, Mrs. S. Shearson, Mrs. I. Panzica and Mrs. J. Schneider. Mrs. Basile and daughter left on Saturday for San Diego, Calif., where they will join Mr. Basile who is employed there. They will reside in San Diego.

**Surprise Farewell Party for Panzica Family by Briscoli Club
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 23, 1936 Edition**

Dr. George Pappas Honored At Mayo

Dr. George Pappas, formerly of Burgettstown, has been honored for outstanding performance in the postgraduate of the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine at Rochester, Minnesota.

Dr. Pappas received the Allen Welkind Award for outstanding performance in a research project related to cardiovascular surgery. The son of Mrs. Frank Pappas and the late Mr. Pappas, of Burgettstown, he is a fellow in surgery at the Mayo Clinic.

Dr. Pappas is one of 29 award winners selected from 650 doctors currently or recently enrolled as Mayo Graduate School fellows.

Part of the University of Minnesota Graduate School, the Mayo Graduate School conducts residency-level training at the Mayo Clinic and its affiliated hospitals in Rochester.

Dr. Pappas received his M.D. degree from Jefferson Medical College in 1959.



FRANK PAPPAS

Frank Pappas was a native of Crete. He came to Burgettstown in 1912 and was engaged in various businesses including the selling of groceries and clothing. In 1936 he went into the lumber business which today continues under the management of his two sons: Harry and Bill. Mr. and Mrs. Pappas had eight children, seven of which survive. Frank Pappas died in January of 1958.

Frank Pappas
Burgettstown Enterprise-Centennial Edition, May 20, 1981

Local Business Man Meets Jack Dempsey



Frank Pappas, local lumber dealer and Mrs. Pappas on a recent visit to New York entertained a party of friends in Jack Dempsey's restaurant. Mr. Pappas is shown above shaking hands with the former World's Heavyweight Champion. Frank thinks Jack is a great fellow.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pappas
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 16, 1940

Tony Pappas Receives Promotion



U.S. Plywood Corporation has promoted Tony Pappas to the newly created position of division operations manager for the Southwest Division, it was announced by Wallace E. Williams, vice-president-branch administration.

Pappas, who had been branch manager at the Tampa branch, will operate out of the division's headquarters at Dallas.

Pappas joined U.S. Plywood as a trainee at the Dallas Branch in 1950 and moved to Tampa as a salesman the same year. He was promoted to sales manager at Tampa in 1953 and assistant branch manager in 1954. He had been the Tampa branch manager since 1959. Pappas graduated from Texas Wesleyan College with a B.S. degree in business administration and did graduate work at the University of Pittsburgh. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. He and his wife, Marcille, reside in Dallas with their four daughters.



The Washington County Community Foundation recently presented trustee E. Alex Paris III with the Richard L. White Excellence Award for Board Service. Created by the WCCF board of trustees in 2012, the award recognizes an individual who serves as an exemplary member of the board, wholeheartedly sharing his or her time and talent to support the foundation and its mission. The award is named in honor of the founding trustee and former chairman of the board. Paris is president of Alex E. Paris Contracting. During the award presentation at the foundation's Legacy Celebration, White said, "When you are considering individuals in this community who are extraordinarily giving, it should be no surprise when the name Alex Paris comes to mind. ... Alex has served on numerous committees, including executive, development and personnel." Paris also served as project manager of the Brownlee House rehabilitation project. In April, the foundation relocated its offices to the historic Samuel T. Brownlee House in Eighty Four, which was donated to WCCF by William and Sandra Stout in 2013.

E. Alex Paris III
Observer-Reporter-June 20, 2015 Edition

Miss Carrie Park, of Burgettstown, and James P. Shillito, of Smith township, were united in marriage by Rev. Morris Watson, at the parsonage in Burgettstown, Tuesday evening, Nov. 21. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a few intimate friends. The young couple left immediately after the ceremony for a short wedding trip. They were accompanied to the depot by the Klahowya club, of which the bride was a member, and a number of friends. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Park, the groom a son of ex-Commissioner and Mrs. W. G. Shillito.

A Burgettstown Wedding.

The marriage of James Shillito and Carrie M. Park, of Burgettstown, occurred last Tuesday at 4:30 p. m. The wedding was a quiet affair, only a few relatives and friends being present. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Shillito left on an extended eastern trip.

**Wedding of Carrie Park and James P. Shillito
November 21, 1903**



**Partozoti
- 90 years**

Albert Partozoti of McDonald will celebrate his 90th birthday with a dinner and family gathering:

Mr. Partozoti was born June 5, 1926, in Cherry Valley.

He has four children, 16 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Mr. Partozoti is a member of First United Methodist Church in McDonald and Operating Engineers Local Union 66. He enjoys life, gardening and mowing the grass.

**Albert Partozoti Celebrates 90th Birthday
Observer-Reporter-June 3, 2016 Edition**

THE AVELLA NEWS

DAVID F. PATTERSON

EDITOR

AVELLA, PA.

David F. Patterson-Editor
The Avella News-April 4, 1929 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Miss Elizabeth K. Patterson will sing with Miss Jean Wilson in an "Afternoon of Song and Story" in the Arlington ball room, Washington, D. C., on Feb. 25th. These "Afternoons of Song and Story" are popular and are patronized by such people as Mesdames John Hay, John D. Long, Griggs, Charles Emory Smith, Miss Wilson, Mesdames Bayne, Brosius, Burrows, Blount, Miss Cockrell, Mesdames Connell, Cortelyou, J. Heron Crossman, Dolph, Dalzell, Elkins, Fairbanks, Foraker, Fleming, Foulke, Gray, Hutchins, Hanna, Hansborough, David Jayne Hill, Huff, A. K. Jones, Minot Jones, Kellogg, De B. Keim, Leiter, Henry Cabot Lodge, Mackaye-Smith, Miles, Michler, Macfarland, Munn, Olmstead, Parrish, Pettigrew, J. W. Pilling, Quay, J. V. Quarles, Arthur Randle, Shiras, Phil. Sheridan, Geo. W. Smith, Spooner, Shattuc, Somers, De Witt Talmadge, Teller, Thropp, Scott Townsend, Vance, Wallach, B. H. Warner, Wetmore, Whittemore, the German Ambassador, Rev. D. G. Stafford, D. D.

Elizabeth K. Patterson

This is the obituary of JAMES PATTERSON born in Ireland in 1777. It was found in the family Bible of the William Hutchinson Patterson family. It has been retyped and also appears on page H.

James Patterson
James Patterson

Died, Jan. 4th, 1869, in the 92d year of his age, JAMES PATTERSON, a ruling elder in the U. P. congregation of North Buffalo, and the oldest ruling elder in Chartiers Presbytery, and may be in the Church.

Father Patterson was born in County Down, Ireland, in 1777. He emigrated with his father and family to this county in 1791. In 1810 he married and settled in Hopewell tp., Washington co., Pa., on the farm upon which he died. He early united with the congregation of N. B., of which he was in 1811 chosen a ruling elder, the duties of which he discharged with ability and acceptance until within a few years of the termination of a long and well spent life. As a member of civil society he was active, useful and a correct business man. As a member of church and church courts he was ever attentive and faithful, warmly attached to her principles and order, as set forth in her standards, and was ever willing and creditably able to defend them when assailed. As an office-bearer in the house of his God he was able and zealous, and as a counselor wise and judicious. As a father and husbandman "he looked well to the ways of his household, eating not the bread of idleness; hence his children rise up to call him blessed." He was the father of eleven children, nine of whom survive him, and all members of the U. P. Church. His grandchildren number sixty-five, fifty-one of whom are living, and his great-grandchildren forty-one, thirty-five yet living. "Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon the earth, the generation of the upright shall be blessed."

The following action was taken by the Session of N. B.:

WHEREAS, The Master has called to his reward the last of the pioneer members of this Session; therefore,

Resolved, That in looking back through the years of our acquaintance with our deceased, venerated father Patterson, we see and remember only a life largely dedicated to the cause of his Master, energies devoted to the church's peace and prosperity, and a kindly interest in the welfare of all the brethren.

Resolved, That in this dispensation we are again admonished to work while the merciful day of our visitation lasts—admonished to greater diligence, earnestness and faithfulness in the work to which we are called, that we too, "when we shall have put off mortality, may put on immortality, eternal life."

Resolved, That a minute of the foregoing be made upon our church record and published in the *United Presbyterian*.

By order of Session. CLERK

Armstrong—Jan. 15, 1885, in Harshaville, Beaver co., Pa., Mrs. Jane Armstrong, aged 76 years.

Her maiden name was Patterson. She was born near West Middletown, Washington co., Pa. About sixty years ago she united with the Associate Reformed Church. She was at the time of her death a consistent member of the United Presbyterian congregation of Hanover.

She was united in marriage with Mr. James Armstrong Dec. 23, 1828. The fruit of this union was six sons and three daughters. Her six sons were present at her funeral, and acted as pall-bearers. Her two living daughters, Mrs. Legget and Mrs. Dever, were also present.

She was a widow about twenty years, and during that time made her home with her son, M. L. Armstrong, who resides in Hanover. She was a woman of unmistakable piety. Her life was one of activity and thrift. But for some months she was confined to her "upper chamber," and during that time her Bible and other good books were her daily study. In her lips was the law of kindness, speaking harshly of no one. She enjoyed religious conversation, and seemed to live in communion with God. She was a most excellent woman, an affectionate mother, a kind neighbor, and a devoted Christian.

Her funeral exercises were conducted in the church on the Saturday preceding, the communion. Rev. W. H. Millen preached an impressive sermon from the words of the Apostle, "I am now to be offered," etc., after which the pastor read a short address and offered prayer.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the L. of Christ."

Patterson—On Monday, Oct. 16, at Alliance, O., Miss Mary M. Patterson, second daughter of David Patterson, of Alliance, O.

The deceased was born April 7, 1851, in Washington co., Pa. At the age of fifteen she made a profession of religion in the church at Scio, in connection with the U. P. Church. In 1878 the family came to Alliance and connected themselves with the Presbyterian church under the pastoral care of Rev. Dr. Grimes. During her sojourn here she has been faithful and devoted to the cause of Christ—blameless in her life and every way consistent in her walk and conversation. Six months ago she was taken down with an acute pulmonary disease which has ended her life. She knew from the first attack that it was only a question of time, and told her pastor that she had no fears in the matter, for she had settled her peace with God. Though she suffered intensely during her long sickness, she endured it with great patience, without a murmur. A month before her death she said to her pastor on one occasion, "I am going to-day of the communion, and I know that this earthly moment of communion is precious, what must it be to me, and I know nothing can interrupt it; nor regret that I must meet all my friends and each other there. I know he died for me, and he lived so she could live."

This is a copy of authentic records found in the Bible of the WILLIAM PATTERSON family.

Died, Jan. 4th, 1869, in the 92d year of his age, JAMES PATTERSON, a ruling elder in the U.P. congregation of North Buffalo, and the oldest ruling elder in Chartiers Presbytery, and may be in the Church.

Father Patterson was born in County Down, Ireland, in 1777. He emigrated with his father and family to this county in 1791. In 1810 he married and settled in Hopewell tp., Washington Co., Pa., on the farm upon which he died. He early united with the congregation of N. B. of which he was in 1811 chosen a ruling elder, the duties of which he discharged with ability and acceptance until within a few years of the termination of a long and well spent life. As a member of civil society he was active, useful and a correct business man. As a member of church and church courts he was ever attentive and faithful, warmly attached to her principles and order, as set forth in her standards, and was ever willing and creditably able to defend them when assailed. As an office-bearer in the house of his God he was able and zealous, and as a counselor wise and judicious. As a father and husband-man "he looked well to the ways of his household, eating not the bread of idleness; hence his children rise up to call him blessed." He was the father of eleven children, nine of whom survive him, and all members of the U. P. Church. His grandchildren number sixty-five, fifty-one of whom are living, and his great-grandchildren forty-one, thirty-five yet living. "Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon the earth, the generation of the upright shall be blessed."

The following action was taken by the Session of N. B.:
Whereas, the Master has called to his reward the last of the pioneer members of this Session; therefore,

Resolved, That in looking back through the years of our acquaintance with our deceased, venerated father Patterson, we see and remember only a life largely dedicated to the cause of his Master, energies devoted to the church's peace and prosperity, and a kindly interest in the welfare of all the brethren.

Resolved, That in this dispensation we are again admonished to work while the merciful day of our visitation lasts—admonished to greater diligence, earnestness and faithfulness in the work to which we are called, that we, too, "when we shall have put off mortality, may put on immortality, eternal life."

Resolved, That a minute of the foregoing be made upon our church record and published in the *United Presbyterian*.

By order of Session.

CLERK.

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Patterson — At his residence near West Middletown, Washington Co., Pa., on the 16th day of May, 1881, Mr. John Patterson, in the 59th year of his age.

Mr. Patterson was the youngest son of James Patterson, once ruling elder of North Buffalo U.P. congregation. For about 40 years the deceased was identified with the congregation to which his father belonged and having been an earnest and devout student of Scripture he was no doubt rooted and grounded in the faith, although for the last few years of his life, on account of feeble health, he was not able

to attend public worship regularly nor take an active part in the work of the church, yet he did what he could. On his dying bed he expressed his resignation to the will of God, and departed "looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of his faith." While a pilgrim here he was much afflicted, but now, we trust, he has reached his long, long home, where there is no sickness, pain, nor death; where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest." May God who comforteth those that are cast down comfort those who mourn his absence.

This is a copy of authentic records found in the Bible of the JAMES M. PATTERSON Family

JOHN L. PATTERSON

J. L. Patterson, 84, well-known farmer of Buffalo Township, died at his home near North Buffalo U.P. Church, Tuesday, Dec. 14, 1943, at 10:15 p.m., following an extended illness. Mr. Patterson was a prominent member of the North Buffalo United Presbyterian Church and was a trustee for a number of years. At the time of his death he was an elder in the church.

Mr. Patterson was born in Hopewell Township, May 30, 1859, a son of John and Jane McClelland Patterson. He resided his entire life in Hopewell and Buffalo Townships. On June 3, 1886, he was married to Mary L. McElroy who died April 22, 1935. He was the last member of his family.

He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Harry Knox, Washington, R.D. 5; Mrs. John A. Hamilton, and Mrs. Leroy Taggart, of Rea, R.D. 1; and Mrs. J. Harley Stewart, Washington; three sons, James M. Patterson, of Lakewood, O., Robert, at home, and Hugh D. Patterson, of Rea, R. D. 1; and 16 grandchildren.

Hugh Patterson

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

Hugh Patterson

My name was Hugh Patterson. I was born in 1807 in a two-story log house on my father's farm just off what is known today as Cole School Road in Jefferson Township. My parents were James and Sarah Givens Patterson. My father, James, and his brother, John, along with three sisters, came to America from Ireland. For some time, they lived near Philadelphia where the brothers worked at flailing wheat for 33 1/3 cents per day. Later, they moved here and purchased from Richard Wells a farm which in later years was known as the Patterson place.



My father's brother, John, also lived in the log house, at least for a time. In fact, they never lived very far apart. Both were active in the establishment and perpetuation of this Bethel Methodist Church all of their lives. And when my father died at the age of 92, his brother died two months later at the age of 87.

I was the sixth of my parents' seven children. I never married, but remained on the home farm, caring for my elderly parents until their deaths at advanced ages. At one point during these years, I built a new frame dwelling which stands today. The old log house stood for at least 150 years but began to deteriorate. A later owner eventually was forced to take it down.

Shortly after the death of my father, I moved to Eldersville, where, in company with William Wilson, I carried on a thriving mercantile business. This operation was conducted in the building which later residents knew as "Gourley and Boles Store". In 1867, I sold the business to my nephews, John and Henry C. Cooper.

I was very fortunate in life. I was a well built man, nearly six feet in height, and was held in the highest regard by those who knew me. I served as a school director and as treasurer of the Jefferson Township School Board. I was an anti-slavery

advocate and a staunch Methodist by faith. I was petitioned by my neighbors to become Justice of the Peace and County Commissioner, both of which I declined. Beginning in 1842, I served a number of terms as Post Master at Eldersville and for many years was class leader of the church.

During my 15 year engagement in the store business, I built the large house on the hilltop behind the store.



Hugh Patterson Home in Eldersville

It is generally known today as the George Cunningham house or the Bane home. As years went by, I purchased other pieces of property in the village, and people said I was a well-to-do gentleman. They did not seem to realize it was all the result of a lifetime of hard work and thrift.

When my father was still living, I was suddenly afflicted with a great burden. My sister, Elizabeth, who had married Erasmus Cooper, died leaving four little boys. We Pattersons united to raise these children, farming them out among members of the family. It was to two of these boys when they grew up, John and Henry Cooper, that I sold my entire operation in Eldersville in May of 1867. They formed a partnership, and the Cooper brothers became one of the best known business operating firms in the western part of Washington County. The store was well filled with various articles needed in a farming community and their patrons were scattered throughout the entire county as well as in neighboring West Virginia.

Most Eldersville residents of today have never heard the names of Hugh Patterson or Henry Cooper. To many, even Gourley and Boles Store, which grew out of the Patterson and Cooper businesses, only exists on old postcards lying face down in the attic dust. Like most things earthly, the business, the building that housed it, the faithful patrons, and the hard work and planning which made it a success, have all passed away. But once upon a time, over 200 years ago, a man named James Patterson had a dream of a better life. He came to Jefferson Township off Cole School Road before 1800 to live in a small log house of his very own with the hope of making his dreams come true. He was my father. And he came to stay.

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Fairview Cemetery Association.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the Fairview Cemetery, in consideration of One Thousand Dollars, paid to them by J. L. Patterson of Burgessstown, Pa the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey to the said J. L. Patterson his heirs and assigns, the lot of land in the Cemetery of the said corporation called "The Fairview Cemetery," situate in Smith township, Washington county, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which lots are delineated and laid down on the map or plan of the said Cemetery, as laid out by R. L. McCully, Esq., in the possession of the said corporation, and are therein designated by the number 37-38-39-40 containing 10 1/4 superficial feet. To have and to hold the hereinabove granted premises to the said J. L. Patterson his heirs and assigns, forever; subject, however, to the conditions and limitations, and with the privileges specified in the rules and regulations of said corporation. And the said The Fairview Cemetery do hereby covenant to and with the said J. L. Patterson and his heirs and assigns, that they are lawfully seized of the hereinabove granted premises in fee simple; that they have a right to sell and convey the same for the purposes above expressed; that the said premises are free and clear of all charges and incumbrances; and that they will warrant and defend the same unto the said J. L. Patterson and his heirs and assigns, forever.

In testimony whereof, the said The Fairview Cemetery have caused this instrument to be signed by their President, and their common seal to be hereunto affixed, the first day of October in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and 99.

Countersigned and registered.
J. L. Patterson Secretary. J. C. Nesbit President.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 1st day of October A. D. / 1898, before me, the undersigned, J. K. M. Farland, Notary Public in and for Washington County, Pennsylvania, personally came J. C. Nesbit and J. L. Patterson, President and Secretary for Fairview Cemetery Association, who are to me personally known to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument of writing as parties thereto, and they acknowledged the same to be their act and deed for the purpose therein mentioned.

J. K. M. Farland
 NOTARY PUBLIC.

WILLIAM Patterson

Notes

William, son of James S. Patterson, married Rosanna Scott, in 1758 at the age of 23. Around 1779 he moved his family to Washington County, Pennsylvania crossing the Allegheny Mountains on pack horses. He settled on a tract of heavily timbered land, which at the time was considered the far west. Shortly after arriving in Washington County, he made a journey on horseback to Philadelphia, where he obtained a patent to his land bearing the signature of Benjamin Franklin, and in 1794 erected a substantial stone house which still stands today. He also served as a Captain in the Revolutionary War (this is unconfirmed) however as the British did take and occupy Philadelphia for a short period of time it is safe to assume he was a soldier of the Revolution. There is also information that he may have been married a third time, but this is also unconfirmed.

William Patterson was born on March 4, 1733 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He married his first wife Rosanna Scott on March 16, 1758 in Cecil County, Maryland. When they were married Rosanna lived by the "Blue Ball Tavern". During the marriage of William and Rosanna there were five children born. One of which became a Congressman from Washington County, Pennsylvania. Rosanna died on August 05, 1769 and then on April 10, 1770 he married his second wife Elizabeth Brown of Colerain Township, of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

William and Elizabeth Patterson settled in Washington County, Pennsylvania in 1779; in a township named Cross Creek Township. He was among the earlier settlers in that part of the state. The Indians made frequent excursions in the neighborhood from Ohio, until Wayne defeated them and destroyed their towns. On these occasions when the alarm was given, the settlers fled to a place of refuge; called "Block Houses"; in which they were often besieged and vigorously assaulted. They were compelled in some instances to succumb to the rifle, tomahawk, and scalping knife of their murderous assailants. It occasionally happened however, that a part, or perhaps a whole family would fail to reach these places of security until overtaken by their enemies. Either taken prisoners or pitiless slain. This neighborhood in fact, experienced all the horrors and hardships of a border warfare with the Indians. The Patterson family was not exempt from participation in both horrors and hardships. The Patterson family has been a prominent one in that part of the state. William is buried in Cross Creek Cemetery.

The above statements are made from notes from some of William and Elizabeth Brown. Patterson's grandchildren of which have been handed down through the generations.

William's son, Thomas was a member of Congress from 1817-1825 during the contest which resulted in the election of John Q. Adams to the President, by the House of Representatives. He was steadily and invariably voted for Jackson, while his brother John was invariably voting for Adams.

William's son John was in Congress for Ohio from 1823-1825.

Husband: William Vance, Capt.

Born: November 30, 1775 in: Smith Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania
Married: December 24, 1799 in: Cross Creek Township, Washington County ,
Pennsylvania
Died: April 18, 1856 in: Cross Creek , Washington County, Pennsylvania
Father: Joseph Vance
Mother: Anna Vance
Other Spouses: Hannah Patterson, Hannah Patterson

Wife: Rachel Patterson

Born: June 03, 1778 in: Little Britain Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania
Died: January 09, 1817 in: Cross Creek Township, Washington County ,
Pennsylvania
Father: WILLIAM Patterson
Mother: Elizabeth Brown
Other Spouses:

CHILDREN

1 F	Name: Cynthia Vance Born: March 08, 1801 in: Married: in: Died: 1884 in: Spouse: William Vanordstrand
2 M	Name: Joseph Vance Born: September 18, 1802 in: Smith Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania Married: in: Died: March 26, 1866 in: Cross Creek , Washington County, Pennsylvania Spouse: Hannah Jane Cooke
3 M	Name: James Vance, Capt. Born: July 23, 1804 in: Smith Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania Married: March 22, 1827 in: Cross Creek , Washington County, Pennsylvania Died: August 26, 1881 in: Cross Creek , Washington County, Pennsylvania Spouse: Susan Walker
4 M	Name: William Patterson Vance Born: September 14, 1806 in: Smith Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania Married: March 10, 1883 in: Died: April 30, 1899 in: Caldwell Coounty, Missouri Spouse: Mary Stevenson
5 M	Name: Allison Vance Born: December 14, 1808 in: Cross Creek , Washington County, Pennsylvania Married: May 30, 1839 in: Cross Creek , Washington County, Pennsylvania Died: March 08, 1890 in: Cross Creek , Washington County, Pennsylvania Spouse: Margaret Campbell
6 F	Name: Elizabeth G "Elixa" Vance Born: February 17, 1811 in: Married: in: Died: 1896 in: Spouse: David S Walker

Pretty Allegheny Wedding.

June's unprecedented record of weddings had a brilliant finish in the marriage, last evening, of Miss Edna Violet Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Leslie Patterson, of Franklin street, Allegheny, to Preston Cooke Farrar, of New York, which took place at 8:30 o'clock, in the Sixth United Presbyterian Church. Rev. D. F. McGill, pastor of the church, officiated, assisted by Rev. Henry D. Lindsay, of the North Presbyterian Church, of Allegheny. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by her sister, Miss Agnes Patterson, as maid of honor, and Miss Mabel Bowman, of Boston; Miss Maude Moore and Miss Elizabeth Sullivan, of Brooklyn, and Miss Florence Harlow, of Edgewood, all of whom were Miss Patterson's former classmates at Wellesley, as bridesmaids. Mr. Farrar's best man was Arthur French Poole, of Wheeling, and the ushers included Clarke Farrar and Cooke G. Farrar, brothers of the bridegroom; Alexander Patterson and David Leslie Patterson, Jr., the bride's brothers; Mr. Orr and Samuel Nolin, also of Pittsburg.

The bride wore an imported Paris gown of white chiffon over white glace silk with full court train and trimmings of rose points and duchesse lace. Her veil

was caught with a cluster of natural flowers, and she carried a shower bouquet of white roses and white sweet peas. The maid of honor was gowned in white silk mousseline and she carried white sweet peas, while the bridesmaids in white gowns all wore fichus of white tulle with long ends and carried bouquets of pink sweet peas.

The floral decorations of the church were unusually elaborate, a great many cut flowers and tropical plants being used in addition to the palms, which filled the chancel. Green and white were the prevailing colors also at the home, where white sweet peas and maiden hair fern were profusely used. The bride's table which was in pink and white sweet peas, occupied a foliage-lined white marquee erected on the lawn for that purpose, while the guests were served at small tables in the dining room and library.

There were about 150 guests present at the reception. Mr. and Mrs. Farrar will take an extended wedding trip and will spend a portion of the summer at the Eastern coast resorts. After September they will be at home in New York. Mr. Farrar is a former Allegheny man, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel C. Farrar, of Observatory hill. He is a graduate of Washington & Jefferson college. The bride was graduated from Wellesley a few years ago, and has since been an active member of the Wellesley club and Collegiate Alumnae association, of this city.

**Wedding of Edna Violet Patterson and Preston Cooke Farrar
June 30, 1902**

FIRST FAMILIES

OF THE CROSS CREEK COUNTRY
THE PATTERSONS

by A.D. White

The order in which we are presenting these First Families is not that of their relative importance in the Cross Creek Country, but only approximately in the order of their arrival here. In many cases, one or more of the family would come here on a scouting expedition to look the country over and would then return east and come back at a later time. Thus dates of arrival here are not always too exact.

The Pattersons were a Lancaster County family which was established there by one James Patterson, who left his home in northern Ireland and set sail for America. The reason for his leaving his home there was because his father opposed his marrying a girl whom he considered beneath the dignity of the Patterson Family, since her family could not "measure guinea for guinea," they being poor, while the Pattersons were well off. According to the tradition, Young Jamie left home so hastily that he didn't bring along even his overcoat. His father, sensing the young man's purpose, followed him to the boat and begged him to take his great-coat, which Jamie obstinately refused. As the boat pulled away from the shore, the desperate father threw a purse full of money to his son, which Jamie promptly threw back. Thus the progenitor of our Pattersons came to this new land to make his own way and seek a home here.

William Patterson, oldest son of this James Patterson, was the pioneer of the family who migrated to the Cross Creek Country. He had been a soldier in the Revolutionary Army for the first year or two of that conflict, having been mustered into service on August 13, 1776. However, before that War had been concluded, William Patterson, perhaps also somewhat independently, came to this "western" country in 1778. On this trip he brought two of his sons, Samuel and Thomas, and they located on the land which for many years was to be known as the Patterson Homestead. Leaving his son, Thomas, over the winter in charge of the improvements, which they had made this first year, Mr. Patterson and his other son, Samuel, returned to Lancaster County, and the following year, 1779, came back to the Cross Creek Country with the rest of the family. Their tract of land, which was patented as "Oddity," so-called from its irregular shape, was not recorded until 1787, and in order to secure title to it, Mr. Patterson rode on horseback to Philadelphia and return.

The first improvement on this land consisted of a log cabin, which became the first home of the family when they arrived here. Because of the constant danger of Indian raids, it is related that before any other member was permitted to leave the cabin in the morning, the father

went out to see if any Indians were near. In his History of Cross Creek Graveyard, James Simpson states that Mr. Patterson "defended his home from the savages until 1783." Actually, danger from the red men existed much beyond that time, since Indian raids, did not cease entirely until Gen. "Mad" Anthony Wayne defeated them at Fallen Timbers in 1794.

In the course of time, other improvements were made to the Patterson Homestead, notably two immense log barns, and more conspicuously and important the Old Stone House. In building this home, Mr. Patterson made sure of its sturdiness and permanence. It was built in 1794 and its cornerstone bore the inscription: W.P. 1794, which was clear on the day when it was torn down as it was when first made. The house itself was constructed of uncut stone, or field stone as we would say today, and its walls were about two and one-half feet thick. It was two stories high and there were four rooms and a wide hall on each floor. A large attic and a basement kitchen completed the house, with a wide fireplace in the kitchen, long enough to hold a ten-foot log. The inside partitions and the ceilings were of plain wide boards, possibly from the old Wells Saw-mill, and most of the doors were home-made. The windows were small-paned, those on the lower floor having fifteen panes each. The steps to the front porch, added later, were of cut stone and were so placed as to support the front wall of the house. This house stood for 170 years, and was torn down and the stone was hauled away in 1964. Although so sturdily built, it was necessary in later years to brace the walls with great iron rods running through the house, and also to use props against the outside walls. Finally, about January 1, 1948, the east wall let go with a great bang and clatter, leaving a great gaping hole in that side of the house, which took several weeks of patient repair to restore to a good, safe condition. This repair work was done under the direction of William Huber, of Rea, the last of a family of stone masons of this area who bore that family name.

As he had done in Lancaster County, so William Patterson followed the vocation of farming here, clearing his land and raising fine crops, at the same time breeding and raising fine livestock of all kinds. And this was the pattern followed by most of his descendants here and in lands farther west in which they migrated. Speaking of the family occupation in her excellent History of the Patterson Family, Miss Mary Patterson said, "They did not preach the gospel, they lived it. They did not read law to settle their neighbors' quarrels, they helped make just laws. (And this is literally true, for several members of the family served with distinction in the state legislature.) They did not become doctors to cure bodily ills, they lived well and strong. They were farmers, men of the land."

William Patterson, the pioneer, had a family of fifteen children: By his first wife, Rosanna Scott, four sons and one daughter; by his second wife, Elizabeth Brown, five sons and five daughters. We have mentioned two of his daughters, Rachel and Hannah, and of their marriages in our story of the Vance Family. Another daughter, Rosanna, had an unusual experience in her marriage: She was married to a Mr. McElroy, but her marriage proved unhappy, which she assigned to the following facts: She was married in the Old Stone House in a room at the foot of the stairs and in order to make a more effective entrance to that room, the couple went down the hall and through another room, and so many turns, so she claimed, was bad luck. Actually, records show that this marriage was performed by the Rev. Thomas Allison, then pastor of the Mt. Hope Associate Presbyterian Church, on September 14, 1818, and that the

bride was aged 46 years while the groom was only 22, a real December and June romance. Also, the Pattersons were Presbyterians, while the McElroys were of the so-called Campbellite faith, which might also help explain the "incompatibility" of this couple's marriage.

Perhaps the most prominent of William Patterson's sons was Thomas, the "General" as he was known, because of his military activities on the frontier. He early became interested in the milling industry, for in 1794 he purchased land from his father and established Patterson's Mill on the North Fork of Cross Creek and about a mile and one-half upstream from the Well's Mill. At this point, water could be gathered into the mill races from two branches of the stream, which made it an ideal location from the stand-point of good water-power. At this point, eventually a small village grew up, and this hamlet is still known as Patterson Mills. In addition

to its importance as a milling center, this small place became a community center, having at one time a store and post office. At this place in the Civil War years, the Patterson Mill Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church was established, and adjoining it was the West Point Graveyard, now a modern cemetery having both Protestant and Catholic sections. Here also was located the three-room building of the Patterson Mills School, long a part of the Cross Creek Township School system until closed by merger just a few years ago.

While the old Patterson Homestead stood on a high hill far from the village and where the "highway never ran," yet much of the land near the mill in time became the property of various members of the Patterson Family. Thomas Patterson established a "fulling-mill" on a property several hundred yards up stream from his other mill, and this he placed in charge of his son, William, who established his own home on this same property. The grist mill was conducted successively by members of the Patterson Family for a full hundred years, until the death on March 18, 1896, of John S. Patterson, when the ownership of the mill passed into other hands. The mill ceased operations many years ago and the old building which housed the mill was torn down about 1925. This mill was steam-powered during the latter years of its operation.

The Old Stone House and the farm which surround it remained the property of the family of Robert M. Patterson until only one was left. This was Miss Mary Patterson, the last of the family of eight children, none of whom ever married. After the deaths of all of her brothers and sisters, she found that she could carry on the work of the farm no longer. Consequently she regretfully sold the Stone House and all that went with the beloved homestead in August, 1955, and moved to Washington, Pa., where her death occurred on July 6, 1965.

In their early years here, the Pattersons were members of the Cross Creek Church, and the older Pattersons are buried in the graveyard there. Probably following the death of William Patterson in 1818, and because of the controversy in the Cross Creek Church over the Vance-Patterson marriage, the Pattersons transferred to the new A.R.P. Church at West Middletown, in which "General" Thomas Patterson served as an elder. He and his wife and many of their descendants are buried in the old and new cemeteries at West Mid-

dletown. During the Civil War, the Rev. Samuel Taggart, pastor of the West Middletown Church, is said to have preached a sermon against the "Democrats" and to have denied the sacraments to those favoring the southern cause in the War. The Pattersons and others took offense at this action and withdrew from that congregation. They are said to have sent to the "South" for a minister, and they then organized the Patterson Mills A.R.P. Church.

The Pattersons have even been valuable members of the various communities where they have lived. As previously noted, many of them were successful farmers, but despite the statement already referred to with regard to this matter, some of the Pattersons were successful in other pursuits, as well. Several were distinguished statesmen and educators. One, the late Lysander Patterson, was widely known as a land surveyor, and he probably surveyed more farms in the northern section of Washington County than any other man. He also was appointed to survey the lines between Washington and Beaver Counties and between Beaver and Lawrence Counties in Pennsylvania. One of his sons, D. Wallace Patterson, was a noted school-teacher in his home area, being engaged in teaching his 50th term of school when he was drowned while on his way from school on October 16, 1919.

While not many of the Pattersons were lawyers, one, David F. Patterson, of the Allegheny County Bar, was a noted criminal lawyer and served as counsel in many noted cases, including the Allingham Murder Case from Eldersville and the famous McNutt-Dukes case of Fayette County. Among the good farmers in the family were the brothers, Frank and Charley, on the Stone House farm, and Thomas M. Patterson, who owned the farm near Cedar Grove, now the home of the Mueller family.

The proud name of Patterson still exists in the Cross Creek Country. Miss Alva Patterson and her sister, Mrs. Lena P. McConnell, live at Avella, while David E. Patterson and his family reside on a farm in southern Cross Creek Township. And by marriages with other prominent families of this and many other areas, the blood of the Pattersons flows in the veins of many people of this area.

Next - The Reed Family.



CAPT. LYSANDER PATTERSON, CROSS CREEK, WASHINGTON COUNTY

The Patterson's
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Fort Vance Historical Society

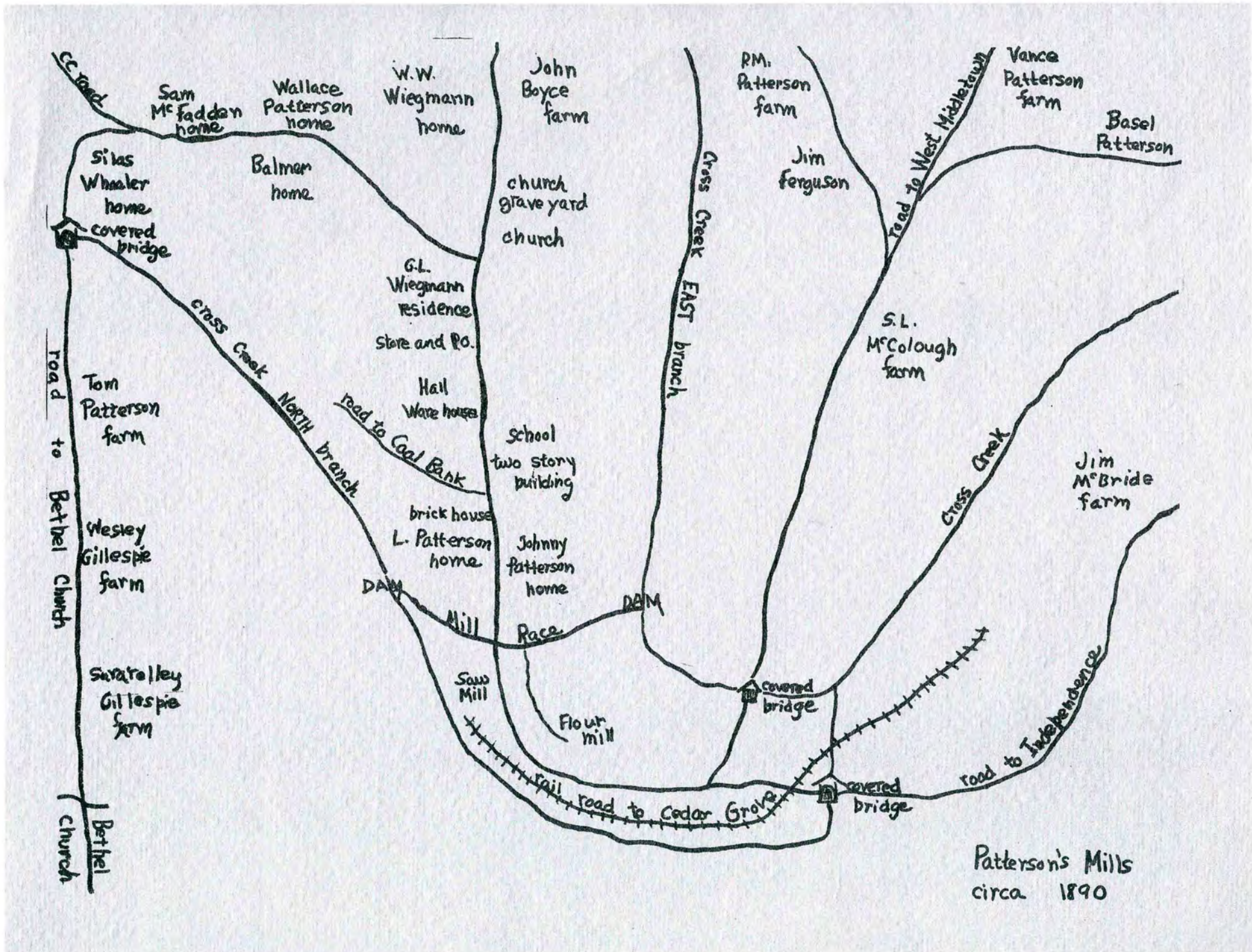
Burgettstown People Wed

PATTERSON-GILBERT

John W. Gilbert and Miss Jennie Estelle Patterson, two of Burgettstown's most popular young people, were quietly married this morning at eight o'clock, at the parsonage, by Rev. Morris Watson, pastor of the First United Presbyterian church. Immediately after the ceremony the young couple left on the 8:36 train for a wedding trip in the east. On their return they will board for some time at Hollidays Cove, W. Va., where Mr. Gilbert is employed in the oil field, and later go to house-keeping in Steubenville, Ohio.

The bride is a daughter of Mrs. J. T. Patterson, of Burgettstown, and is a most estimable young lady. For some time she has been employed in the local office of the Bell telephone company, and by her marriage that office loses one of the best operators it ever had. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Gilbert, and is a fine young man. Both are extremely popular, and the best wishes of a host of friends go with them. THE HERALD, as one of these friends, congratulates "Blinky" and his bride and wishes them all kinds of happiness.

Patterson-Gilbert Wedding



Patterson's Mills
circa 1890

Patterson's Mills-Circa 1890

50th Anniversary For Avella Couple



Mr. and Mrs. Paul F. Patton, of R.D. 1, Avella, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, April 9. An "open house" will be held in the Grove United Presbyterian Church, West Middletown, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Patton were united in marriage on April 14, 1916, at Wheeling, West Virginia. Mr. Patton is the son of the late Fred and Annette Patton, of Jewett, Ohio. Mrs. Patton is the daughter of the late Robert C. and Cora Denny Buchanan, of Washington.

After their marriage, the Pattons resided at Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, and then moved to the Mt. Hope area of Washington County, and in 1919 they moved to their present home. Mr. Patton farmed for many years and was also an agent for the Nationwide Insurance Company for 25 years, retiring in 1959. He served on the school boards of Independence and later Hopewell Township for 32 years.

Both are members of the Grove U.P. Church, West Middletown. In their earlier

years, they had been active in many community affairs. At the present time, Mr. Patton is serving his second term as Justice of the Peace of Hopewell Township.

They are the parents of three children, Robert Patton of West Middletown; Dorothy Agnes Graham, of Dallas, Texas; and Jane Lenora Adams, of Follansbee, West Virginia. They have ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

No invitations have been issued, but all relatives and friends are cordially invited to call at the church on the anniversary date.

A dinner for the immediate members of the family will be held on Easter Sunday at the Mansion House

Largest Holstein Bull Raised In Area

Robert Patton, owner of Fairlane Farm, near West Middletown, has the distinction of having owned the largest Holstein bull raised in this area for a number of years. The butcher from Claysville, who bought the bull, said it was the largest he had ever handled. The bull, a 3.5 year old Holstein, tipped the scales at 2280 lbs. last Saturday, just before being slaughtered.

Mr. Patton bought the animal in Ohio when he was nine months old. He was dehorned and was always considered very quiet.

**Robert Patton Raised Largest Holstein Bull in Area
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 10, 1963 Edition**

60th Anniversary For Atlasburg Couple



McCrerey photo

A papal blessing was bestowed upon Mr. and Mrs. Michael Pauchnik of Atlasburg when they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Sunday, July 15. A mass in Our Lady of Lourdes church at 7.30 a.m. was celebrated in their honor with all their children and most of their grandchildren attending.

They received many lovely gifts and blessings from their friends and relatives at a reception held in the evening at the Slovan V.F.W.

Mrs. Pauchnik is the former Frances Erzen and was born in Austria March 8, 1884. Her husband was also born in Austria, September 13, 1876. They resided in the same town for a number of years and were married at nearby Horst-Emszher, Germany, on July 15, 1902.

Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Pauchnik resided in Austria for some time and moved to the United States in 1907 and located in Arkansas.

There they resided for nearly 10 years then moved to Atlasburg where they have lived ever since.

They are the parents of eight living children: Mrs. Anthony (Mary) Dvorsak, Slovan; Joseph, Weirton; John, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Mrs. Frances Selzer, Pittsburgh; Mrs. Rudy (Ann) Louder, Burgettstown; Mrs. Victoria Steiminger, Mrs. Dan (Margaret) Matejevich and Tony, all of Atlasburg. They also have 39 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Pauchnik is a retired coal miner. Both are faithful members of Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic church, attending services each Sunday. She is a member of the Christian Mothers and he belongs to the Holy Name Society.

Both enjoy good health and spend their spare time in the evenings playing cards together. Mr. Pauchnik also enjoys raising vegetables in his garden.

**Mr. and Mrs. Michael Pauchnik Celebrate 60th Anniversary
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 5, 1962 Edition**

Ding-A-Ling

By CHARLOTTE LAMBDIN
Staff Writer

"If you're going to keep bringing 'em home, why don't you build a place for 'em?"

This query many years ago from the distaff side was the inspiration for Vincent M. Paul, Hickory, to build a shop and showroom which today houses one of the nation's outstanding collections of rare and antique telephones.

Unlike many wives, Mrs. Paul, the former Edna Alritz, is as interested in her husband's hobby as he is. She also is chief varnisher after her husband has restored the ancient pieces.

Mr. Paul began his collection soon after starting to work in 1904 for his father who was the founder of the Hickory Telephone Company.

His interest continued during his six-year employment with the General Telephone Company in New Philadelphia and Dover, Ohio; 21 years with Western Union Telegraph and as maintainer for the Pittsburgh and West Virginia Railroad (the old Wabash) and 10 years with the Buffalo and Taylorstown Telephone Companies from which he retired as president in 1963.

In his display room, Mr. Paul has 211 telephones, both wall and table models, no two alike and made by 18 different manufacturers. "I can put in working order as an intercom any telephone ever made," he said. He's done it very efficiently between his home, showroom and shop. It's a nostalgic experience to hear the bell on one of those old telephones ring, pick up the receiver and carry on a conversation with Mrs. Paul who is calling from the house.

The oldest pieces in the collection are two 1878 telephones, one American made, the other Canadian. This date is significant because in May, 1877, the first money was paid for the lease of a telephone; by August 800 telephones were in use; the first switchboard was installed in a Boston office in that year and the first telephone line was installed between Boston and Summersville, Mass.

The first commercial telephone exchange was opened in 1878 in New Haven, Conn.; the American Bell Telephone Company was founded in 1880 and the American Telephone and Telegraph Company was founded in 1885 to handle long

distance lines for regional companies.

Incidentally, it was on March 10, 1876, that Alexander Graham Bell spilled battery solution on his clothing and the first telephone message, "Mr. Watson, come here, I want you," was heard over a crude transmitter.

Several old French-made phones in Mr. Paul's collection might possibly be considered the forerunners of today's wire tapping devices. An ear piece on one side of the box could be lifted in the case of a party line, supposedly to make sure the line was clear. The monitor made no sound when taken off the hook. If the line was open, then the combined ear piece and speaking tube on the opposite side of the box was lifted to make the call. The monitor must have been dear to the hearts of eavesdroppers.

Parent's of today's teenagers would delight in the German and Danish wall phones which feature detachable receiver-transmitters. This would reduce endless conversations and stealthy toll calls.

Among the first coin boxes made is an 1898 model made by the Pittsburgh-Allegheny Telephone Company.

One piece, of particular significance to Mr. Paul, is the first telephone ever used in Hickory. It was installed in a grocery store and those who wished to use it had to pay for the privilege.

Mr. Paul tried for three years to acquire his antique Japanese telephone. Some foreign countries own the telephone companies. They are not privately owned as in the United States. So, to get the instrument out of Japan, it had to be officially declared worthless. Finally Mr. Paul contacted the American Consulate in Japan. The matter was accomplished and Mr. Paul received his treasure in two weeks.

These are just a few of the interesting pieces in the collection which includes telephones from six countries. Mr. Paul would like to have an antique Italian phone, but no luck so far.

The showroom also boasts several primitive switchboards, including the one taken out of service in Buffalo in 1904. The tone of the bell told the operator which line to answer. According to the late Mrs. Ida Couiter, who used to operate the board,

some of the lines had 28 to 32 subscribers and they all got along fine. Now a two-party line isn't very satisfactory.

Mr. Paul pointed out that about the 1880's and 1890's, people would buy mail order telephones from such companies as Sears-Roebuck and Montgomery-Ward. When enough people had the instruments, then an exchange would be opened in the community.

Through the years, Mr. Paul has acquired his treasures in various ways. Many had been discarded in barns or chicken houses; one especially attractive piece was washed up on the shore during an Ohio River flood a few years ago. In many cases, acquaintances who are antique collectors themselves will find choice telephones for Mr. Paul as they roam the world.

At present, Mr. Paul spends most of his time restoring old telephones which are brought in or sent to him, sometimes from as far away as the New England states, Florida and Utah. Some of the parts needed for replacement must be obtained in Canada, since originals are no longer available in the United States.

The Pauls' celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1967. They are now aiming for 75, and with their many interests to keep them young in heart, they may very well make it. Incidentally, they both belong to the Western Region Antique Car Association. They own a beautiful 1915 Model T Ford which still is very much in service.

Vincent M. Paul-Telephone Collection
Observer-Reporter-Unknown Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Interviewed: Betty Peach

Interviewer: Suellen Robertson

In 1919 in an old English town of Northampton, a woman by the name of Betty Peach was born.

Her education began when she was a small child and finished at age 14. In England, your schooling was over at age 14, as opposed to age 17 and 18 here in America. If you wanted to go and get more schooling, you had to go to a special school.

After her high school years, she got a job in a grocery store where she traveled back and forth everyday on her bicycle. In those days it was very prominent to ride a bicycle. Her job was about a mile from her home. She liked her job working under the manager as a salesperson; checking out the customers' purchases. She kept the same job until her arrival in America.

During World War II her town of Northampton was bombed several times. Even though the town was bombed, it didn't seem to bother them in the least, for they considered it as an everyday occurrence. During one heavy bombing, she could see from her window the neighboring town of Coventry burning to the ground. They learned that as long as the planes carrying the bombs were making noise they were all right, but when they stopped making noise it was time to hurry and run.

While attending a dance with a girlfriend, they met two American soldiers. One of them was Bill Pesta, who was interested in Betty. They dated for a period of three months. After about three months they decided to get married. After they got married, Bill was called back to America. Betty was then carrying her first child. She stayed in England until she had her baby, and when the child was 13 weeks old, she decided to come to America. They entered New York Harbor on the John Erickson. Everything on the boat was nice, the food was good and she was treated nicely.

She then took a train to Steubenville where she was met by her husband and his family. She had another child several years later. She visits England about every other year. Mr. and Mrs. Pesta now reside in Mingo Junction, Ohio.

Betty Peach
Interviewed as Problems of Democracy class project
October 1975

HOUSTON MAN IN REPUBLICAN RACE, ASSEMBLY

Vance D. Peacock, Houston merchant entered the political arena in the final days of the pre-primary campaign as a strong contender for the Republican nomination for General Assembly from the First District.

This decision has been reached, he states, after much deliberation and after many urgings by his friends throughout the assembly district.

Mr. Peacock is a descendant of one of the oldest families in the county. He has been in business for 35 years in Houston and, is a director of the First National Bank there, a director of the Chartiers Building & Loan Association, past president of the Rotary Club and a churchman, business man and civic leader. He has been burgess of Houston for two terms and has served on committees, boards and groups for community advancement and good citizenship.

He hopes to be nominated and elected and if so, he pledges a term in office in which every action will be dictated by the desire to advance the commonwealth and the best program of legislative, governmental and business ethics that is possible.

Vance D. Peacock
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 12, 1938 Edition

Attended Reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Dena Taucher and family attended the Pease family picnic at Mineral Springs, Pughtown, W. Va. It was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Pease and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pease and family, Mrs. Lottie Pease and son Louis, all of Canonsburg, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith and family of Weirton, W. Va., Mr. and Mrs. Archey Pinkerton and family, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pinkerton and family and Mrs. Maude Pinkerton, all of East Liverpool, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Pease of Pughtown. Arrangements have been made to hold a reunion at the same place every year hereafter, on the Sunday before Labor Day.

Bulger Couple Have 55th Wedding Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. John Penderville of Bulger, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary at their home on Sunday, September 22. A lunch was served and Mr. and Mrs. Penderville were presented with a purse.

They were united in marriage in Noblestown by Father Caren.

They are the parents of nine living children who were all present to help celebrate the occasion. They are: Mr and Mrs. Gus Leunis, Mr. and Mrs. William Sabo, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Clark, Mr.

and Mrs. Phil Penderville, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Penderville, and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Penderville of Bulger, Mr. and Mrs. John Penderville of McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. William Clark of Washington, and Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Brown of Weirton. There are 25 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Welsh and sons of Carnegie were also present and in the evening Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Dodds of Langeloth, visited in the Penderville home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Penderville
Burgettstown Enterprise-October 3, 1946

Family Dinner Held In Honor Of 31st Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perkins of Hindman ave., observed their 31st wedding anniversary with a family dinner in their home, Sunday, April 12. Their six children, including three daughters and three sons attended.

Present were: Mr. and Mrs. James Perkins and children Freddie and Marie, Greentree, Pittsburgh; Joseph Perkins and fiancée Miss Iona Montgomery, Washington; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pulver and son David, R. D. 1, Burgettstown; Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Robinson and children Wayne and Diane Denise, Colliers, W. Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Glass and son, R. D. 1, Bulger; Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Welshans, R. D. 1, Burgettstown; Edward Miles and children, Pittsburgh; also Mrs. Joseph Pascarella and children of Hindman ave.

**Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perkins -31st Anniversary Dinner
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 23, 1953 Edition**

Slovan Girl Studies To Be Fashion Artist

Miss Adelene Perko, daughter
of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perko of



Slovan, is
attending
Art Institute,
Pittsburgh,
where she
is taking a
two year
course in
Fashion
Illustration.
Upon
completion
of this

course Adelene plans to work in
a large department store as a
fashion artist. She is a graduate
of Union High School, class of '46.
During her Senior year at U.H.S.
she attended the Institute on Sat-
urdays. She also attended sum-
mer school five days a week in
'45.

Adelene Perko
Studies to be Fashion Artist
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 28, 1946 Edition

RACCOON MAN IS SHOT BY CRAZED AUSTRIAN

Weak-Minded Austrian Being Held in
Jail Charged With Firing
Shots from Pistol

Shot twice through a cellar window in his home at Raccoon, about 5 o'clock Saturday morning of last week, Albert Petrosky, Polish, aged 48 years, is a patient in the Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh, in a critical condition. At the time of this report it is thought he will recover.

Shortly after the shooting Joseph Sperich, an Austrian, aged about 40 years, was arrested by Constable Mike Robb, charged with the crime. The man was lodged in the County jail at Washington where he will be held pending the outcome of Petrosky's injuries. He is scheduled for a hearing before Squire W. B. Culley of Burgettstown.

Very little information can be secured on the shooting. Sperich made no attempt to escape, and after he was taken to Washington was questioned by Chief County Detective W. F. Dinsmore, but without results. He seemed to be wandering in his mind and when he talked at all it was after a rambling fashion.

The evidence on the ground showed that the assailant had evidently waited outside the cellar window, watching for Petrosky to go down the cellar steps. Two shots were fired through the glass from a .32 caliber revolver, one bullet striking Petrosky in the left hip and the other in the right shoulder. Dr. A. O. Hindman was called, and after administering first aid had the wounded man taken to the hospital. No reason whatever is known for the shooting.

Albert Petrosky, Raccoon Man is Shot by Crazy Austrian
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 5, 1931 Edition

D. Petrucci Is In Who's Who

Dominick Petrucci, the "father" of Petrucci's Foodland is listed in the 1945 edition of the Italian-American "Who's Who" published by the Vigo Press of New York City. This volume gives biographical facts about Italian-American Leaders and Distinguished Italian Residents of the United States and the Dominion of Canada.

Who's Who says of Mr. Petrucci-

"PETRUCCI, Domenico

Business man. Born in Viareggio, Lucca, Italy, August 19, 1881, the son of Eugenio and Rosa (Agostini) Petrucci. In America since 1904, U. S. Citizen, 1922. Married Maria Ciabattari, 1907. Three children: Ario, (in business for himself); Eugene, (Sergeant, U.S. Army, overseas); and Lido, (associated with father in business). From 1905 to 1915 was chef at the Fort Pitt hotel in Pittsburgh, Pa. Owner, since 1915, Petrucci's Complete Food Market. Is also engaged in manufacture of sausage and pickles. Venerable, since 1933, Cesare Battisti Lodge No. 920, Order Sons of Italy in America. Trustee Burgettstown Italian Club. Member Business Men's Association and Italian Mutual Aid Society, Slovan, Pa. Trustee, Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church, Burgettstown."

Dominick Petrucci is In Who's Who
Burgettstown Enterprise- September 23, 1948 Edition

A SALUTE TO D. PETRUCCI

One of the proudest and happiest men in Burgettstown today is our friend, Domenick Petrucci. The Burgettstown Enterprise takes this opportunity to extend congratulations, and sincere good wishes to Mr. Petrucci on the occasion of the fulfillment of a dream he has long cherished.

Tonight, Petrucci's will welcome their customers at the gala-opening of their new Food Market, said to be one of the most modern in Western Pennsylvania. The new Market is a gleam with fresh bright paint, fluorescent lights, sparkling white meat cases, and equipment that is everything housewives of today demand.

Today's event marks the high spot in Mr. Petrucci's long career as a Burgettstown merchant. He was born at Viareggio, Italy and came to the United States when 21 years of age. His first job was a chef in the Fort Pitt Hotel, where he prepared meals for three presidents of the United States; President William McKinley, President Theodore Roosevelt, and President William Taft.

Twenty-five years ago he came to Burgettstown to engage in the grocery business in partnership with Mr. Pançoni and ten years ago entered the field for himself in a location in the Bloom building. Mr. and Mrs. Petrucci are parents of three sons, Eugene and Lido, who are associated with their father in the Petrucci Market, and Earl, proprietor of the Petrucci News Store.

Salute to Domenick Petrucci
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 5, 1940 Edition

Golden Anniversay For Slovan Couple

Mr. and Mrs. John Petrus, of Slovan, observed their 50th wedding anniversary Monday, May 16. They were married in 1916 at Braidville, Pa., in St. Rose Roman Catholic church. Mrs. Petrus is the former Mary Putkovich.

The Petrus are the parents of four children, John, Slovan; Mrs. Sam, (Mary) Pozniko, of South Carolina; Andrew (Babe) Petrus, of Detroit, Michigan; and Mrs. Frank (Emma Mae) Doro-how, of Brentwood, New York.

They have lived in Slovan for the past 35 years. Mrs. Petrus is a retired coal miner.

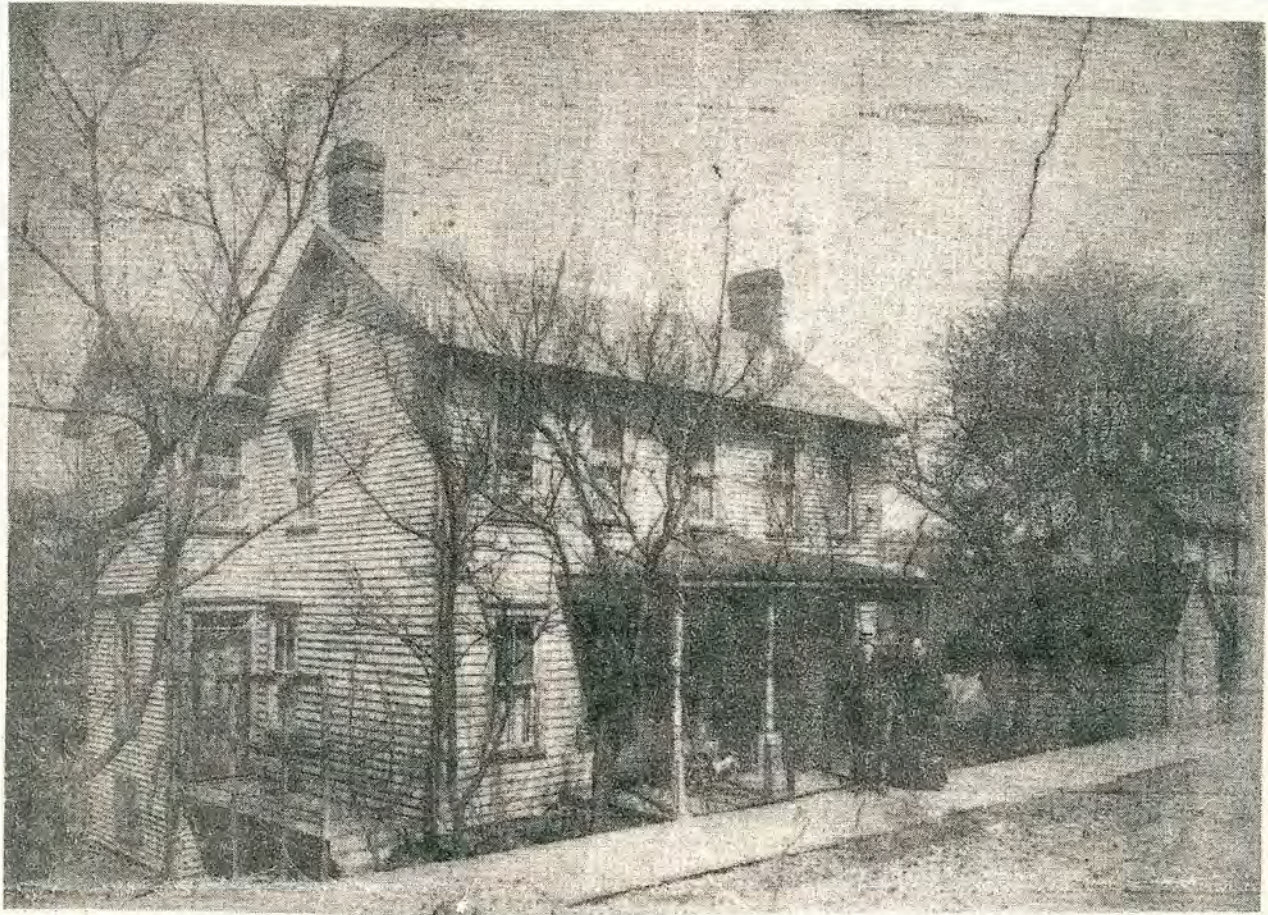
Pettibon Reunion Held At Local Park

Over 100 members of the Pettibon clan gathered at the Burgettstown Community Park Saturday, July 27, for the annual family reunion. The day was spent in visiting and conversation, and in games and swimming for the children.

T.A. Pettibon, 92, was listed as the oldest present. He was re-elected president of the clan. Tolly Pettibon, 11 month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pettibon, of Beaver Falls, was the youngest.

Elected vice-president was Al Pettibon, with Mrs. Ralph Newman as Secretary-treasurer. Guests were present from Brilliant and Uniontown, Ohio, Hooverson Heights, and Bethany Pike, West Virginia, and Washington, Monaca, Rochester, Aliquippa, Allison Park, Oakdale, Beaver Falls, Cross Creek and Eldersville.

A reunion will be held next year, at the same time and place.



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Center Avenue, Burgettstown, PA

Fort Vance Historical Society



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Center Avenue, Burgettstown, PA

Fort Vance Historical Society

Pettibon Clan Holds Reunion

by Kathryn Slasor

I found myself at the Pettibon reunion last Saturday, and I am not even distantly related to the clan. But just knowing that so many of my closest friends were to be gathered at the Eldersville Fire Hall prompted my "dropping in" just at the close of a bountiful covered dish feast.

These descendants of William and Nancy Metcalf Pettibon are numerous but scattered into wide areas. They have married into many other prominent families whose roots also go back to the days of hardship and struggle, when life was simple yet difficult to maintain. In carving their living out of the wilderness, a natural by-product of their sweat and toil was the building of good character. And whatever locale they choose to call home, the Pettibons are known among their neighbors and friends as good and upstanding citizens, serving their communities in their chosen fields to the best of their knowledge and ability.

President of the clan, P.A. (Alvin) Pettibon, of Aliquippa, called the business meeting to order shortly after the dinner was completed. Secretary Viva Wiegmann Newman read the minutes of the last meeting. Al then read a poem concerning "those of us who are growing old," then announced that he and his wife, Katherine, would be observing their 60th wedding anniversary on July 28.

Sara Pettibon Cassidy, of Coraopolis, announced that the family tree which had been prepared by her sister, Ina Pettibon Meneely, of Washington, in conjunction with several others of the clan who had provided her with information, was still available in limited numbers. (We missed Ina, who was unable to be present due to illness in her family.)

Another sister, Ruth Pettibon LaPosta, of Flushing, Ohio, was happy to again visit her "hometown" of Eldersville, and meet her cousins and former neighbors. And a sister-in-law of Al, Sara, Ina, and Ruth, Hazel Sutherland Pettibon, of Monaca, was present to represent not only the family of her late husband, Arthur, but also the Sutherland clan, whose descendants will meet at the same place on Saturday, August 9. The five Pettibons named above were the children of Thomas and Minnie Wiegmann Pettibon, whose lives touched those in a wide area of the Eldersville vicinity. "Tom" served as school director for nearly fifty years, while working a farm and raising both cattle and sheep. The three girls, who spent most of their childhood walking miles to attend the one-room country schools, all became teachers both in and out of their areas.

One of my most vivid memories of Tom Pettibon was his ability to play the violin. His toe-tapping fiddle music has livened many a country dance back in the days of the old fashioned hoe-downs. Following in his father's footsteps with the fiddle and bow is Al, who, along with a number of his kinfolks, entertained the group with some lively music throughout the afternoon.

Yes, I attended the Pettibon reunion, yet I am not a Pettibon. But it is good, down-to-earth folks such as these that I am happy to call my friends. They can tell me of the days they drove their flocks of sheep to the Shades of Death to wash them in Hollow Rock Run before shearing them. They have reminded me that they drove a surrey with a fringe on top to Cross Creek High School. They remember the nostalgic days of the amateur plays and the Sunday School picnics at Bethel, the church that will always remain dear to our childhood. They reminisce on the Sundays long ago that at least four members of the family sang in the Eldersville Church choir. And they recall their school days at Cole's one-room schoolhouse where they were classmates of my Mom. When you can share such treasured common bonds, you feel very much akin to them, and are proud!

**Pettibon Clan holds Reunion
Leaves-Unknown Edition**

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Phillips

Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Phillips of Hickory celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary during an open house in the fellowship hall of First Christian Church, 615 East Beau Street, Washington, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 26.

The couple were married Dec. 26, 1953, at Park Baptist Church, McKeesport, by Dr. W.J. Clawson.

Mr. Phillips is the son of the late Howard and Ruby Vogel Phillips. He is a retired long-distance motor

coach operator. He is a member of the Hickory Lions Club and is district governor of District 14-M Lions Clubs International.

Mrs. Phillips is the daughter of the late Robert F. and Mabel Brady. She is retired from United Engineering Company, Pittsburgh, after 33 years of service, and she is a member of the Hickory Lioness Club.

Both are active members of First Christian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Phillips Celebrate 40th Anniversary
The Enterprise-December 29, 1993 Edition

Courtesy of For Vance Historical Society

William Crawford
Henry Hougland
to
Joseph Phillis

Known all men by these presents that We William Crawford and Henry Hougland, of West Augusta for and in the consideration of Twenty Pounds Current money of Pennsylvania to them in hand paid the Receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge have bargained and sold and by these presents do bargain and sell unto Joseph

Phillis of the same place A Tract of Land Containing one Hundred and Eighty-six acres situated and lying on the Waters of Raccoon Creek. Joining land of George McCormick & Amos Wood which land the said William Crawford & Hougland is entitled to by improvement According to the Custom of the Country and do by these presents assign set over transmit and confirm all our Right Title Interest Claim Property, or Demand whatsoever unto the said Land to the only proper use of the said Joseph Phillis with all the property thereunto belonging which Land the said William Crawford & Henry Hougland do warrent and defend against all persons Claiming any Right to said Land by a prior right or older improvement.

In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 10th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-Si

Signed and Sealed in the presence of:

Rich Miller
Dan Leet

William Crawford (SEAL)
Harry Hougland (SEAL)

Washington County sst.

Personally appeared before me John Marshall one of Commonwealths Justices in & for said County Daniel Leet one of the subscribing witnesses to the within deed and being first sworn according to law sayeth that he with the other subscribing evidence Richard Miller whom he personally saw him evidence the aforesaid annexed Instrument of writing saw William Crawford & Harry Hougland sign, seal and deliver this said instrument in writing as their act and deed and Desired that same might be Recorded as such.

Witness my hand April 2nd 1783

(S) J. Marshall

Recorded April 4th 1783

(S) James Marshel Recorder

The above copied from the records in the Recorder of Deeds Office in Washington, Pa., on March 17, 1966 - Chas. E. Stewart Deed Bk 1A, pg 80

On a map in the Recorder's Office of land grants in Smith Township, Washington County, Pa., the following information was inscribed on the sketch of this tract of land:

"Green Castle"

Joseph Phillis 182 3/4 As. Strict

Sur. June 10, 1787 on Virginia Certificate

Pat. Feb. 21, 1824 to Joseph Phillis on Wt.

Dated Feb. 21, 1821 H21-346

William Crawford
Henry Hougland
to
Joseph Phillis

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James Marshall, Recorder

Deed from William Crawford and Henry Hougland to Joseph Phillis.
Purchased for Twenty Pounds-May 10, 1776. Recorded, April 4, 1783.

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

**MR. AND MRS. PHILLIS OF CHERRY VALLEY
CELEBRATE 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**



Mr. and Mrs. John L. Phillis, esteemed residents of Cherry Valley quietly celebrated their golden Wedding anniversary at their home on Wednesday, January 24. The day was quietly observed with immediate members of the family, because Mrs. Phillis has been seriously ill.

The Phillis' were married in Pittsburgh, January 24, 1895 and have lived ever since in Cherry Valley, Burgettstown, R. D. 3. Mrs. Phillis is the former Susie Bell, daughter of the late John and Mary Scott and was born in Smith township, Oct. 5, 1874. John Logan Phillis is the son of the late Mary Ann and Andrew Phillis and he too, was born in Smith township, March 24, 1871. Mr. Phillis is a farmer by occupa-

tion.

They are parents of three children, Carlisle S. of Burgettstown, R. D. 3, Mrs. Edna Allison of Archer Lane and John A. of Burgettstown, R. D. 3, eight grandsons, including Sgt. Willard E. Allison who is with the United States Air Corps at Ft. Worth, Tex., and 2 granddaughters and one great granddaughter, Donna Lee Allison.

Mrs. Phillis has been a member of the First Presbyterian church for over 53 years and a faithful member of the Ladies' Bible class and the Womens Missionary Society. Mr. Phillis is a member of the First Presbyterian church and the Men's Bible class. He has served as a Director for the Smith Township School District.

**Mr. and Mrs. Phillis of Cherry Valley
Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 25, 1945 Edition**

Received Art Degree.

Ruth Dell Piersol of Burgettstown was among those who received a degree, at the commencement exercises of the Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, on Monday morning in Syria Mosque. Miss Piersol, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Piersol, was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Illustration by the College of Fine Arts.



For those who served

Joseph A. Pikulski of Washington bows his head in prayer as he holds his garrison-style American Legion hat over his heart and clutches a plaque he received Wednesday night as one of 29 veterans of multiple wars recognized by members of American Legion Post 175 of Washington. Pikulski served in the Army during World War II, and the Korean and Vietnam wars.

At right, with his plaque resting on his lap, Walter B. Fowler, 90, of South Strabane Township, an Army veteran of both World War II and the Korean War, applauds as another multiple war veteran's name is announced.



Photos by Stan Diamond

PHOTO BY STAN DIAMOND

Post-Humous Award of Congressional Medal of Honor To T. Sgt. John J. Pinder To Be Accepted By Father At Baltimore Ceremonies

BALTIMORE, Jan. 25—The nation's highest military decoration—The Congressional Medal of Honor—will be presented here Friday to a Burgettstown father, whose son established vital radio communications on a beachhead in France on D-Day, last June 6, despite severe wounds which caused his death.

John Pinder, of R. F. D. 1, Burgettstown, will receive the Medal of Honor from Major General Philip Hayes, Commanding General of the Third Service Command, at a retreat ceremony and review of headquarters troops at the Fifth Regiment Armory. The ceremony is scheduled for 5:15 P. M.

Pinder's son, Technician Fifth Grade John J. Pinder, Jr., was torn and mutilated by machine-gun fire and shell fragments, but he lived long enough to see radio parts he had salvaged from the battle-churned water set up to summon air and sea support. He died in a final effort to obtain other parts that would insure continued communications.

According to an officer who witnessed Pinder's 'conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty,' the infantryman crouched over his precious radio equipment when the landing craft in which he was riding stormed the shore at Colleville sur Mer, France. Men fell all around him from the concentration of fire from the bluffs along the shore. He still clutched a radio when men and equipment were plunged into the waist-deep water.

'Almost immediately on hitting the water he was hit by Schrapnel,' Second Lieutenant Leeward W. Stockwell, of Warrenburg, N. Y., said. 'He was hit several times and the worst wound was the left side of his face, which was cut off and hanging by a piece of flesh. Holding the flesh with one hand he carried the set to shore.

'He immediately returned to the fire-swept water to retrieve equipment dropped by other wounded men. He set up the radio and went back into the water for other equipment. There he was again wounded by a machinegun burst but he kept on and refused treatment. He continued on until he was killed,' Lieutenant Stockwell said.

Pinder's commander, Captain Stephen V. Ralph, of Springfield, Mass., said Pinder knew the equipment was sorely needed. 'Three times he made trips into the water and each time drew a deadly hail of fire from the cliffs above. He knew he was critically wounded. The left side of his face was shot completely away.'

The soldier was a professional baseball player before he entered the Army. Thirty-two years of age, he was a member of the 16th Infantry Regiment, First Division. He participated in the Algerian-French Moroccan, Tunisian and Sicilian campaigns and had been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge on March 24, 1944. The Purple Heart was presented to his mother, Mrs. Laura Pinderr, on August 4, 1944.

Following retreat, the 1300th Service Unit—including Service Command headquarters detachment, military police detachment and WAC detachment—will be reviewed by Mr. Pinder and General Hayes. The 302nd Army Service Forces Band from Edgewood Arsenal will play for the exercise.

Major Edward J. Vinnicombe, headquarters commandant, will command the service battalion.

**Post-Humous Award of Congressional Medal of Honor to Sgt. John J. Pinder
To be accepted at Baltimore Ceremonies
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 25, 1945 Edition**

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**JOHN PIRIH JOINS
HOLSTEIN ASSOCIATION**

Brattleboro, Vt. January 8—John Pirih, Burgettstown is one of 56 Pennsylvania Holstein breeders recently admitted to membership in The Holstein-Friesian Association of America by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors. Applications from 601 were approved. This National Association is the largest cattle recording organization in the world. It's total membership now numbers more than 33,550 cattle breeders.

**John Pirih Joins Holstein Association
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 13, 1944 Edition**

ANNIVERSARIES

Pleska - 50 years

Pete and Jean Pleska of Avella celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a family dinner. They also are planning to take a trip to Hawaii.

The Pleskas were married May 9, 1964, in St. Michael Catholic Church in Avella with the Rev. George Benton officiating.

They are the parents of Peter Alan (Jacqueline Sue) Pleska of Avella and Robin Ann Pleska of Pittsburgh.

They have three grandchildren, Kira Dominique, Catherine Grace and Michael Peter Pleska.

Mr. Pleska retired from J&L Steel Corp. in 1986.

Mrs. Pleska graduated



in 1959 from Avella High School and worked for J.G. Appliances and Cleaners and DeFilippis Restaurant.

Both are members of St. Michael Catholic Church.

**Pete and Jean Pleska celebrate 50th Anniversary
Observer-Reporter-March 16, 2014 Edition**



Katherine Pyle
November 15, 1915-March 23, 2001

Union
High School



This Certifies that

Katherine A. Hyle

Having completed the Course of Study prescribed by the Board of Education,
is hereby declared a Graduate of Union High School,
and is entitled to this

Diploma



Given at Burgettstown, Pennsylvania, this twenty-sixth day of May, A. D., One thousand nine hundred thirty-three.

C. G. Barr

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Arlington caretaker Pollard: It was 'an honor' preparing Kennedy's grave

By T. Rees Shapiro
and Emily Langer
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Clifton Pollard is buried on the gentle slope of a hillock, beneath the shade of a maple tree, at Arlington National Cemetery. His white headstone likely went unnoticed in recent days as tourists filed past it to visit another grave about 100 steps away — the one belonging to President John F. Kennedy.

In the days after Kennedy's assassination 50 years ago, few people did more to honor him than Pollard, a Pittsburgh native. The son of a coal miner and a domestic worker, Pollard helped lay to rest the 35th president of the United States — along with countless soldiers, statesmen and generals during his more than 30 years as a gravedigger at Arlington.

Thousands of people learned of Pollard's role in the national tragedy when Jimmy Breslin, the celebrated newspaperman, featured him in a column in the New York Herald Tribune.

Reached by phone at his New York home, Mr. Breslin recalled the moment when he arrived at Pollard's house on Corcoran Street in Washington on the morning of Nov. 24, 1963, two days after Kennedy was shot. Pollard, dressed in his khaki overalls, greeted Mr. Breslin at the door.

"He had a strong hand-shake, you could say that," Mr. Breslin said. "It's diggin' the ground up that's what he did. He was strong."

Mr. Breslin waited, drinking coffee, while the gravedigger ate the bacon and eggs his wife, Nettie, had prepared. Then, the two men headed to the cemetery, where Mr. Breslin watched Pollard prepare the grave of a president.

at Arlington Cemetery. He began his job there shortly after the war.

The number of graves Pollard prepared could not be determined. Based on the published estimate of a co-worker, the figure could reach into the tens of thousands. He dug as many as 10 graves a shift. During the Vietnam War, the Miami Herald once reported, that number sometimes doubled.

One of his stepson's closest boyhood friends, Lance Cpl. Richard W.B. Fox Jr., died in 1968 at age 20 while serving in the Marine Corps in Vietnam.

"I made sure he had a good location," Pollard told the Pulaski Southwest Times of Virginia in 1973.

Pollard was reported to have worked on the Tomb of the Unknowns and to have helped prepare the burial places of Gen. Henry "Hap" Arnold, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Gen. George Marshall, among other dignitaries. Kennedy's grave remains the most visited site in the cemetery.

According to an Arlington Cemetery representative, none of the caretakers who worked on the Kennedy site is believed to be alive. Metro Kowalchick, who supervised the burial, died in 2008.

"Pollard was his right-hand guy," his daughter, Diane Kowalchick Waltrip, said in an interview. "He was one of his best men."

Pollard admired Kennedy, he once told a wire service reporter, because the president was "against discrimination." He took his stepson to the inauguration in 1961.

He was "happy about being able to dig his grave," said his sister. "but otherwise I guess he was sad, like everybody else."

"When the yellow teeth of the reverse hoe first bit into the ground," Breslin wrote, "the leaves made a threshing sound which could be heard above the motor of the machine."

"Now they're going to come and put him right here in this grave I'm making up," Pollard told the columnist, who recorded his words in an article that would become a classic in journalism. "You know, it's an honor just for me to do this."

Every so often through the years, a reporter would contact Pollard to inquire about his part in history. But mostly, he was forgotten. He rose to a supervisory foreman's role before retiring from the cemetery in 1980. On April 5, 1992, he died after a series of strokes. He was 70.

Over the next five years, his wife and family placed memorial advertisements in The Washington Post to commemorate the anniversaries of his passing. The ad in 1994 noted his "hardworking hands at rest."

He was born Clifton Leon Pollard on June 16, 1921, in Pittsburgh, one of six children. Pollard was young when the family moved to Arlington County in Virginia, said his sister, Helen Patton.

Pollard graduated from Arlington's segregated Hoffman-Boston School, his sister said, before serving in the Army in Burma and India during World War II.

His first wife, Hattie, known as Daisy, died in 1952 at 31. His second wife, the former Nettie Smith Jones, died in 2010 after decades of marriage. Her son, Johnnie Jones, now of New Carrollton, Md., said he considered Pollard a father.

Pollard spoke little about his Army service, Jones said, but did recall that wartime construction projects taught him to operate some of the machinery that he later used

Kennedy's body was moved from its original place of interment to the current memorial site, which was completed in 1967. Pollard assisted with the effort and cried, he told reporters, because he felt he was disturbing the president.

In gratitude for Pollard's work, Robert Kennedy gave him a tie pin shaped like a PT boat — the type of vessel his brother commanded as a Navy officer during World War II. When Robert Kennedy was assassinated in 1968, Pollard helped prepare his grave, too, according to the Pulaski newspaper.

Mr. Jones said that the pin was one of his stepfather's most prized possessions.

Pollard did not attend Kennedy's funeral on Monday, Nov. 25, 1963. He was busy on the other side of the hill, Mr. Breslin reported, digging more graves for \$3.01 an hour. "Like I told you," Pollard told Breslin, "it's an honor."

In the interview with The Post, Mr. Breslin said he did not expect his account of the gravedigger to become the cherished work of reportage that it is today.

"It's hard to stand around and take bows for yourself — you just keep moving," said Mr. Breslin, who in 1986 received the Pulitzer Prize for commentary "for columns which consistently champion ordinary citizens."

Pollard's funeral at Arlington National Cemetery took place on a cold day in April 1992. "He knew he was going to be buried there," his stepson recalled. "He used to say that they had a spot all ready for him" only steps away from the 35th president.

"It made me feel like the proudest man in the world," Pollard had once remarked, remembering Kennedy's burial. "It felt good to be able to do something for the president, one of the last things ever done for him."

NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE ENDORSES CANDIDATES

Labor's Non-Partisan League of Washington County, meeting Sunday in the Masonic Temple at Washington voted concurrence in the action of the Democratic county executive committee in recommending a slate of candidates for the party primary in September.

The Democrats, at an executive committee meeting here Friday night recommended the following slate: C. O. Williams, of Denbo, present member of the General Assembly, for sheriff; County Chairman Harvey H. Stuart, of Washington, for controller; Morgan Hoge, of West Alexander, for recorder of deeds, and T. E. Pattison, of Washington, for reelection as jury commissioner.

The League had invited candidates to appear before the group and express their views, and several were present. Of these, Frank Sabolsky, of Marianna, treasurer of the league, withdrew from the race for sheriff. Others present included Robert "Banty" Reihner, candidate for sheriff; C. O. Williams, Harvey H. Stuart, Charles Bodeck, of Carroll Township, candidates for recorder, and George Pollock, of Cross Creek Township, candidate for jury commissioner.

The meeting was attended by a large percentage of the members.

Hugh Pollon Marks 94th Birthday



The 94th birthday of Hugh Pollon, pictured above with his two great-grandchildren Bonnie Kay and Hughey Pollon, was marked with an annual birthday dinner in the home of his grandson, Hugh L. Pollon, McDonald. The family spent a pleasant day and took several snapshots.

Mr. Pollon is an "old timer" around Burgettstown. He was born in Midway, March 26, 1860 and spent much of his younger life in Carnegie. He moved to Burgettstown in 1923 and was employed for more than 30 years by the Pennsylvania Railroad until his retirement as a car inspector in 1934. Mr. Pollon enjoys exceptionally good health for his advanced age and spends much of his leisure time reading. He is residing in the home formerly owned by C. S. McCormick, North Main st.

Hugh Pollon
Marks 90th Birthday
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 1950

Porter-Lander.

Miss Frances Porter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Porter of Bulger, was united in marriage to James Lander of McDonald by the Rev. Paul S. Sprague, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian church of Burgettstown, at the home of the bride's parents on Wednesday evening of last week. Attendants were Miss Dorothy Felch and Ben Lander. The wedding march was played by Mrs. John Wyke. A wedding dinner in the Porter home followed the ceremony.

New Policeman Elected.

Samuel Powell of McKeesport was elected borough policeman at a meeting of Council Monday evening. The new officer is a brother of M. J. Powell, whose position he takes.

Sam Powell-New Policeman Elected
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 8, 1936 Edition

CAESAR PRADO — Spaniards in Langeloth

Prado worked in the zinc plant from 1929 until a few months before it closed in 1947. In an interview at his home in 1981, we asked him about his family background.

I was born here in this country, but my people came from Spain.

What happened is quite a story....

There was a zinc factory in northern Spain, and they went on strike. Of course, at that time you didn't talk about unionism in Spain. But, on their own, the men struck the damn plant. So they fired them all.

There was an English engineer who was in Spain, helping to take some of the bugs out of this plant, and he got to know some of the workers there. That engineer then came here to this country and helped put up a plant out west, near St. Louis somewhere, and he started looking for workers.

Now after those guys in Spain got fired, most of them went to Cuba to make their fortunes — it's a Spanish-speaking country. So this engineer went to Cuba and spotted them on the street, and after hellos, told them, "Hey, I'm down here looking for workers. You guys out of work?" He paid their fares to go to America, out west there.

So afterwards, after they got out there, they sent to Spain for more of their friends. That's how they all came. They put all these Spaniards on one furnace, and knowing the work the way they did, why naturally they outproduced the others.

Then they started drifting off. That's how we came here — we heard that Langeloth was opening up a zinc works.

The Spaniards more or less stayed together — they couldn't speak American. My mother couldn't say hello in American 10 years after she got here. She had been left a widow in East St. Louis, with three children. My oldest brother was 5 years old; I was 3; and my youngest brother was 18 months.

So that's when we came here. That was back in 1915 — I was born in 1912. So the plant must have opened in about 1914. We heard about it by word of mouth.



Prata - 65 years

William and Frances Prata of Bulger celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with a family dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Prata were married April 28, 1951, in St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church, Bulger.

Their children are Dr. James (Clare Gleeson) Prata of Solon, Ohio, Leslie (Mark) Deer of Burgettstown, David Prata of Bulger and the late William Prata.

Their grandchildren are William (Laura) Deer, Grant (Nina) Prata, Adam Gleeson-

Prata, Daniel Gleeson-Prata, Kristen Gleeson-Prata and Francesco Petrola-Prata.

They have one great-grandchild.

Mr. Prata retired from Climax Molybdenum Co. after 42 years and Mrs. Prata retired from the Bulger Post Office. She also worked for Shop 'n Save in McDonald for several years. After retiring, Mr. Prata worked for Taucher Funeral Home. Both are members of Center United Presbyterian Church in Midway and Burgettstown Senior Citizens.

**William and Frances Prata-Celebrate 65th Wedding Anniversary
Observer-Reporter-April 29, 2016 Edition**

Will Disposes of Estate.

The First Presbyterian church of Burgettstown and the Women's Missionary Society of the church received bequests of \$500 each in the will of the late Ida A. Proudfit, who died May 2 leaving an estate estimated at \$9,500. The two \$500 funds are to be deposited on interest for a period of 10 years, at which time the cash will be turned over to the church and the society, the will stipulates. Other beneficiaries are two cousins, Dorothy Elizabeth Allison and Winfield R. Allison, of Burgettstown. Letters of administration were issued to Winfield R. Allison.

**Estate of Ida A. Proudfit
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 14, 1936**

Abstracts of the Washington Reporter 1817-1820

Monday, September 20, 1819

1169. A lot of ground belonging to Mosses PROUDFIT, in Briceland's Cross roads, containing 1 acres and 1 ½ perches, more or less, fronting on the Pittsburgh and Steubenville road, and adjoining lands of James PROUDFIT, James SIMONTON and MCCONNELL, on which are erected one frame house 25 by 36 feet, two stories high. Seized and taken in execution at the suit of James **BRICELAND**.



Donald and Lorraine Proudfit

Donald and Lorraine Proudfit of Burgettstown celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a family dinner hosted by daughters, Patricia Younger of Moundsville, W.Va. and Lynne Quader of Burgettstown.

The couple was married June 28, 1947, in Burgettstown by the Rev. Richard C. Sutton.

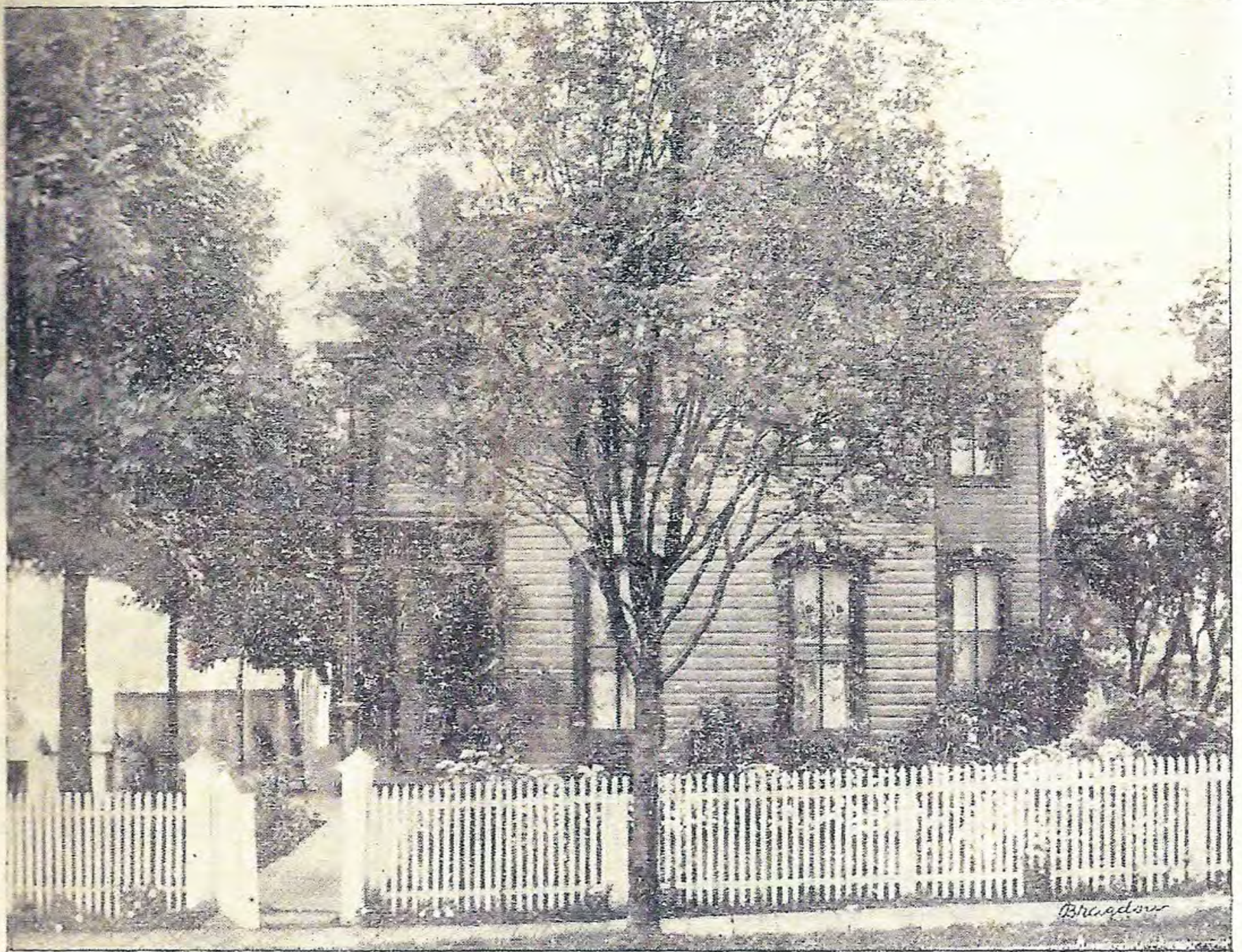
He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William A. Proudfit,

and retired from the U.S. Postal Service.

She is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William T. Durst. She is a registered nurse and retired from the Washington County Health Center.

They have four grandchildren, Don Younger, Kate Younger, Haley Quader and Hilary Quader.

**Donald and Lorraine Proudfit-Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary
The Record Enterprise-July 23, 1997 Edition**



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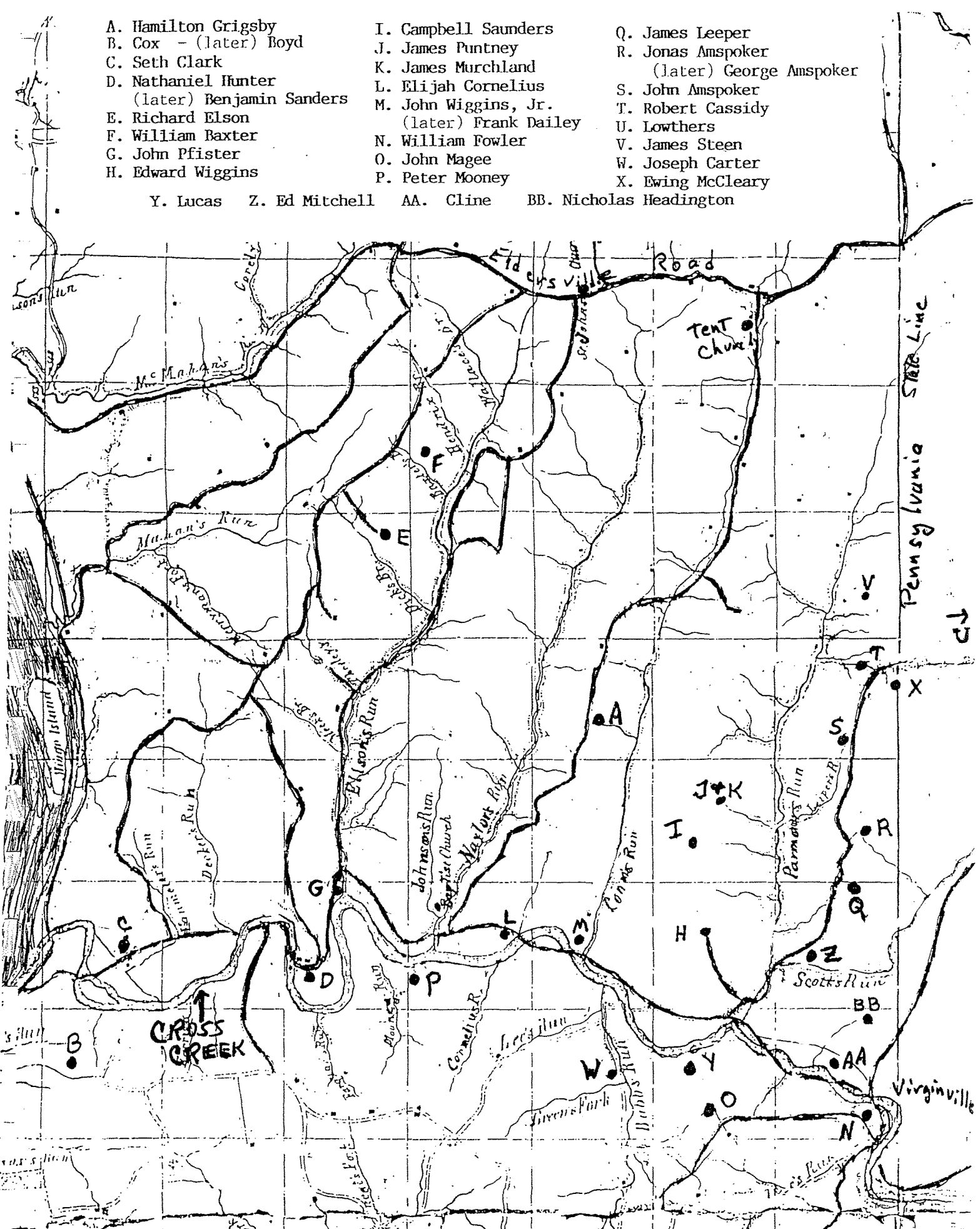
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Burgettstown, PA

Puntney Family

**Leaves of History-Cross Creek, Brooke County-Part II
Online use, Refer to Obituaries**

THE EARLY FAMILIES

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| A. Hamilton Grigsby | I. Campbell Saunders | Q. James Leeper |
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| C. Seth Clark | K. James Murchland | (later) George Amspoker |
| D. Nathaniel Hunter
(later) Benjamin Sanders | L. Elijah Cornelius | S. John Amspoker |
| E. Richard Elson | M. John Wiggins, Jr.
(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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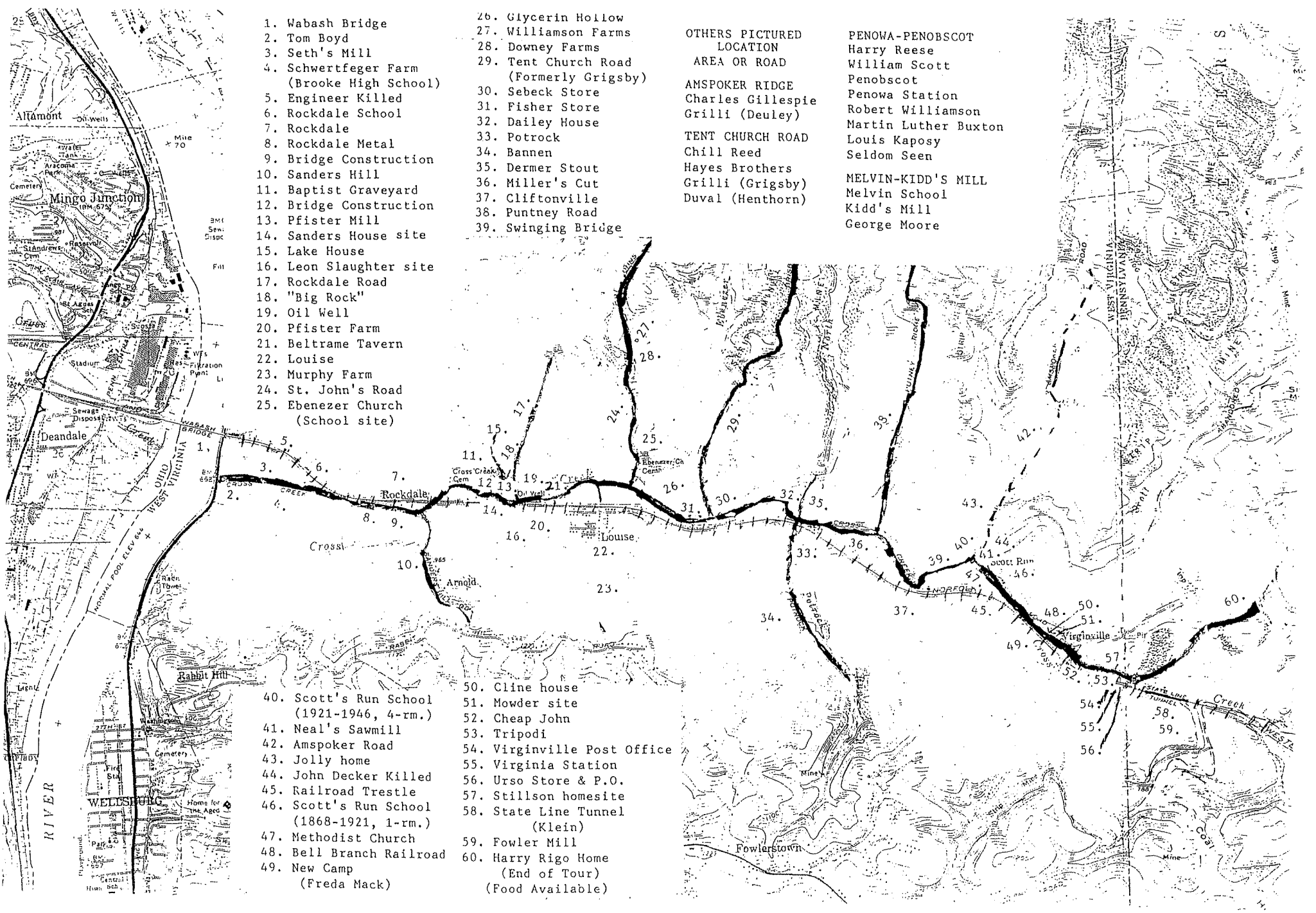


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2. Tom Boyd
3. Seth's Mill
4. Schwertfeger Farm
(Brooke High School)
5. Engineer Killed
6. Rockdale School
7. Rockdale
8. Rockdale Metal
9. Bridge Construction
10. Sanders Hill
11. Baptist Graveyard
12. Bridge Construction
13. Pfister Mill
14. Sanders 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

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- 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)

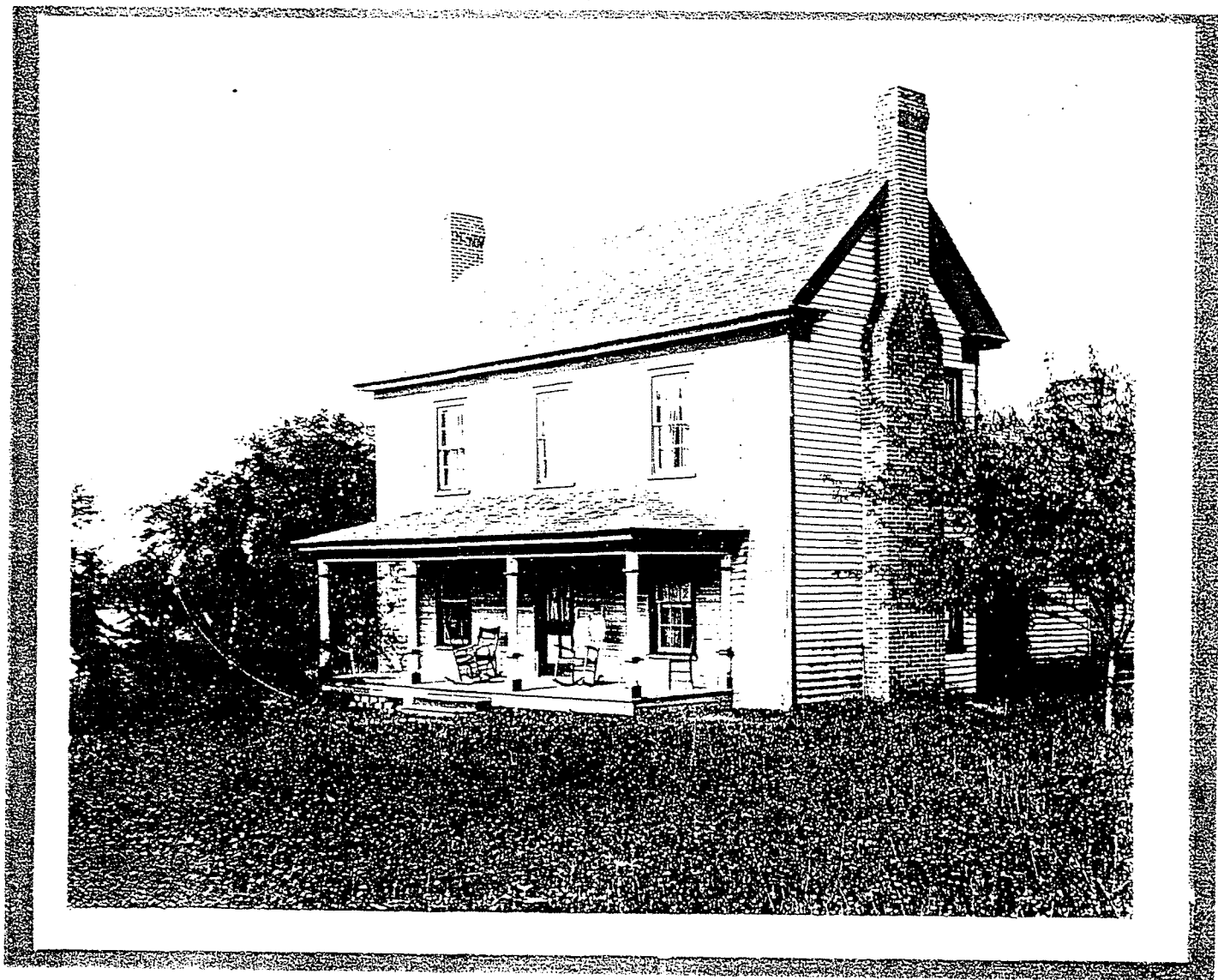
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PUNTNEY

Census records indicate that a James Puntney came from Maryland to Brooke County before 1820. Brooke County marriage records show that a John Puntney married Charlette Clayton, and an Elizabeth Puntney married William Clayton, in 1826 and 1830, respectively. These young couples were married by the Rev. Nicholas Headington. The young Puntneys named above are probably brother and sister, and children of James Puntney, Sr.. There do not appear to be land records showing the purchase of property at this time, but they must have been living on Cross Creek to have been married by Headington at the Regular Baptist Church there. In 1840, all Puntneys disappear from Brooke County census records until 1860 when James, Sr. aged 89 and James, Jr. with wife, Mary, and children reappear. A John Puntney, wife Charlotte, and children can be found in the records of Wells Township, Jefferson County, Ohio, and are no doubt the John and Charlotte who were married by the Baptist minister in Cross Creek in the early 1800s.

There is no record in Brooke County of the marriage of James Puntney, Jr. to Mary Murchland, but marry, he did. In Deed Book 16, page 43, is the Agreement of Dower between Isabelle, widow of James Murchland, and eleven of their children and their spouses. It is dated 26 March 1847. Among the daughters of James and Isabelle Murchland listed in the agreement is Mary, wife of James Puntney.

JAMES PUNTNEY HOUSE, PUNTNEY RIDGE



The census records of 1860 show the Puntneys back in Brooke County with six children, all of whom were born during their sojourn in Ohio between 1837 and 1847. This time, they had a real purpose in returning. In 1852, James Murchland's widow, Isabelle, died. It was time to sell the home place and apparently Mary Murchland Puntney wanted to come home. The Brooke courthouse is replete with records of the transactions necessary for James to buy out the other ten heirs. A man named Wilson Beall held the mortgage for him (Bk. 17, Pg. 552) dated 4 May 1854. True to his agreement, Puntney paid it off, a specified amount each year, until he had a clear deed. So James and Mary settled in to spend the rest of their lives on the fertile hilltop which held some of the finest farming land in the area.

Time passed with its inevitable results. Lacking less than a month of the age of 80, Mary died on 18 February 1885, and James followed in 1888 at the age of nearly 83. They were laid to rest in the Ebenezer Cemetery under the quiet trees behind the little Baptist Church not far from the ridge on which they had lived the last 30 years of their lives.

Prior to his death, James wrote a lengthy will in which he gives some vital genealogical data. He bequeathed the homestead part of his 200 acres to his eldest son, James Murchland Puntney, and the remainder to his son, William (pictured above). He left money to his daughters, Isabelle Carter, Achsuh Dimit, and Mary Jane Puntney. Just why he left only \$800 to his son, John C., rather than part of the land, is not known. [The writer has been able to unearth no data at all on this John C. Puntney except the year of his birth, 1841. His parents and four of his siblings are buried at Ebenezer, and his sister, Achsuh Dimit, at nearby Franklin Cemetery beside her husband, Joseph. But the location of the grave of John C. remains a mystery. He apparently did not produce heirs since his father left bequests to his Carter grandchildren and most certainly would have included any others, had they existed.]

James Puntney's only grandchildren were the offspring of Lewis Carter and his daughter, Isabelle Puntney Carter. Her oldest child, John T. Carter, married Fannie Contriner but produced no heirs. His brother, James L. Carter remained a bachelor. Only Lily Belle who married Hamilton Grigsby, carried on the bloodline. Her descendants have moved from the Brooke County area and of course do not bear the Puntney surname. Only one indication exists today to show that a man named James Puntney, born in Maryland in 1805, ever lived and laughed and loved and farmed on that beautiful hilltop above Cross Creek. That indication is on a Brooke County topo map in small print, barely visible to the naked eye. Just two words - PUNTNEY RIDGE.



Pictured above is William Puntney,
son of James and Mary Murchland
Puntney

Anyone having Murchland blood in his veins from the Brooke County area, descends from one of the other two sons of William and Jane, namely, James or Robert. When the Murchland property was divided between them, James received the southern part which extended down into the Cross Creek Valley. Inasmuch as Robert's land was to the north and several miles distant from the area being targeted in this history, the writer will confine the Murchland story to James and his descendants in this writing.

James and his wife, Isabelle Hamilton Murchland, settled on what is now known as Puntney Ridge Road, just north of the Scotts Run area of Cross Creek. The 1852 Brooke County Map shows the homestead as located half-way between the Wiggins (later, Wiggins Magee) house, and the Robert Murchland (later, Parkinson Boles) house.



Pictured on the left is the Parkinson Boles house. Parkinson built this house during his lifetime, so the Robert Murchland house that preceded it, must have been nearby. A resident of the area today has told the writer that it was always reputed that the original log cabin of Robert Murchland, the pioneer, stood in what later became the garden of Parkinson and his wife, Amelia Wright Boles, not far distant from this house.

When James and Isabelle Murchland died in the early 1850s, none of their sons seemed interested in keeping the old homestead. One of the five sons had died as an infant, and John had died in 1837 unmarried. William, the eldest, remained unmarried during his long life and lived down on Cross Creek away from the old homestead with his maiden sister, Ellen, on property given them by their father. The other two sons, James, Jr. and Alexander married and moved west. Thus, with the death of their father, James, no one by the Murchland name seemed interested in keeping the old home.

The seven daughters who married were comfortably settled with their husbands in homes of their own. Susannah had married Cornelius Boles and moved near the Eldersville area. Jane married John Headington and moved on the hill above Virginville. Elizabeth married Aaron Boles and moved to Mason County, WV. Sarah married Andrew Dimit and lived across the Pennsylvania line. Isabelle married James Johnston and lived on Tent Church Road. Marguerite married a local boy, James Neal, who owned and operated a sawmill where Parmour's Run joins Scotts Run. (The location of this mill can still be seen today.) But when the old people died, Mary, who had married James Puntney, Jr., who had come to Brooke County from Maryland, wanted to go home. She and her husband had moved to Ohio where their six children were born. So it was that James Puntney bought out the heirs of James Murchland and the old Murchland homestead became "The Puntney Place". Later, when the county road was constructed from Scotts Run to the present Palfalffy place, it was given the name " Puntney Ridge".

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14	Byg Thomas	same	"	1	40		230			260								
15	Burgett George	same	"	1	20		100	80		1195								
16		Burgett Samuel	"	1	30		376			1172								
17		Burgett Andrew	"					60		12								
18		Bygd Robert	"					40		6								
19	Byggs James	same	"	1	70		186			814								
20	Burnell Samuel	hus & wife	"	1	40		355			1607								
21	Bully John	same	"	1	10		94			339								
22	Bunce David	same	"					18	150	102								
23	Burke John	same	"	1	30		81			390	50							
24	Byg Robert	Margus James	"	1	10		150			460								

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25	Caldwell Joseph	same	"	1	30		79	40		312								
26	Caldwell William	same	"	1	10		40			130								
27	Calahann George	Wills Benjamin	"	1	10		200			920								
28	Coxworthy John	same	"	1	15		100			315								
29	Cress Abraham	same	"	1	15		100			365								
30	Cunningham Hugh	same	"	1	60		46	40		320								
31	Cooke John	same	"	1	30		137			2295								
32	Campbell James	same	"				300			1710								
33	Crawford James	same	"	1	30		94			426								
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Pennsylvania, U.S. Direct Tax Lists, 1798 for Andrew Burgett

Record Index

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 Locality: Smith

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PYLE-DUNBAR WEDDING.

One of the most interesting of recent wedding was that of Thursday evening, September 26, 1907, of Miss Sarah Elizabeth Dunbar to Robert Henry Pyle, of Burgettstown, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Dunbar, of Washington. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Pyle, of Burgettstown, and is employed as a bookkeeper at the Union station, Pittsburg. The ceremony was performed promptly at 6:00 o'clock by the Rev. J. P. Jordan, pastor of the Presbyterian church at McDonald, assisted by the bride's pastor, the Rev. J. B. Lyle, of the Fourth Presbyterian church. The wedding march from Lohengrin was played by Miss Hazel Speer, of McDonald. The bride was attired in a beautiful creation of white mousseline and carried white roses. She was attended by two little cousins, Monica Wiley and Hazel Dunbar, as ribbon bearers, while Mary Jamison, a niece, was flower girl, and Alexander Wiley, a cousin, bore the ring. The house was decorated throughout the first floor in pink and white roses and greenery. The wedding supper was served immediately after the ceremony. Over 80 guests were present, most of them from the following places: McDonald, Pittsburg, Bulger, Burgettstown, Midway, Crafton, Taylortown, Bavington, Oak Grove and New Concord, O. After supper the young people were taken in separate automobiles to the 8:14 train to Pittsburg on the B. & O. Arrived at the station, the groom was led in at one end of the car and the bride at the other. each was taken up the aisle and introduced to the conductor, who then introduced them to each other. After that the young people were permitted to depart in peace. On their trip they will visit New York, Philadelphia, Washington, D. C., and the Jamestown exposition. After their return they will make their home in Washington.

Pyle-Dunbar Wedding
The Enterprise-1907 Unknown Edition

PYLE-GRAHAM WEDDING

The marriage of Miss Lillian M. Pyle to I. Foster Graham occurred at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Margaret Pyle, on Tuesday morning, July 7, 1908, at 8 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. David S. Graham, of Parkersburg, West Virginia. No one but the members of the immediate families were present, and the groom and his bride left on the 8:30 train for a trip to Niagara Falls and other places of interest.

Mr. Graham is a son of Mrs. Sara Jean Graham, of Burgettstown. He was a very successful school teacher for about fifteen years, teaching principally in Washington county. For three years he was a teacher in the Burgettstown schools. He is at present employed in the auditing department of the Pennsylvania lines. The bride is also a successful teacher, having taught in the Bulger school for the past two or three years. They will reside in Burgettstown.

Pyle-Graham Wedding
July 7, 1908



Dinsmore Interlocking Tower-Near Burgettstown, PA

The interlocking tower, in which the operator controlled the track switches on the line in the vicinity of the tower.

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Returns From Duty In Viet Nam



A/1c William A. Ralston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ralston, of Bulger, R. D. 1, has returned to stateside duty at Elgin Air Force Base, Florida, after completing five months' duty at Viet Nam.

Ralston, who recently spent a 30-day leave at home, was an ammunitions supply specialist at Viet Nam.

He entered the Air Force December 11, 1961, and is the holder of the Good Conduct Medal, the Vietnamese Service Medal and the Presidential Citation.

Airman First Class William A. Ralston
Burgettstown Enterprise-October 27, 1965 Edition

Queen's Attendant



Cheryl Ralston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ralston, of Bulger, R.D., was chosen by the student body of California State College as an attendant to the Queen of the Winter Festival.

Bernice Gamber, of Washington, reigned as Queen, and is California State College's candidate for the Roto Queen contest.

Cheryl is a junior majoring in speech and hearing. She is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, corresponding secretary for the Panhellenic Council and a member of the Speech and Hearing Club.

ED RALSTON DISPLAYS RESTORED BUGGIES, SLEIGHS

Ed Ralston has been taking some of his restored buggies and sleighs to fairs recently, and had some of them on display in the yard of his home near Raccoon last week. We drove down to see them and found several other people there admiring his craftsmanship.

Ed takes old buggies, some actually in pieces, and repairs them, adding necessary wooden and metal parts and giving them a bright new look with a little paint. Any upholstering he leaves to Jean Janeshek, who lives nearby. Jean has done a neat job of recovering the seats with leather or fabrics.

Ed has also "teamed up" with Clark Schwab of McDonald, R.D. 4. Clark has, in his retirement, purchased some ponies, and at present has five: two Welsh ones, one Hackney and a pair of coal black Shetlands. They harness up the ponies to Clark's vehicles and drive them about.

Our favorite of Ed's buggies is one with a little jump-seat that folds up and slips under the regular seat. Ed did all the metal and wood restoration, and Jean covered the seats with red fabric to match the red wheels. The carriage is such a nifty little number that Ann-Frances Testa and Scott Marler requested it for a ride on their wedding day Saturday, Aug. 9.

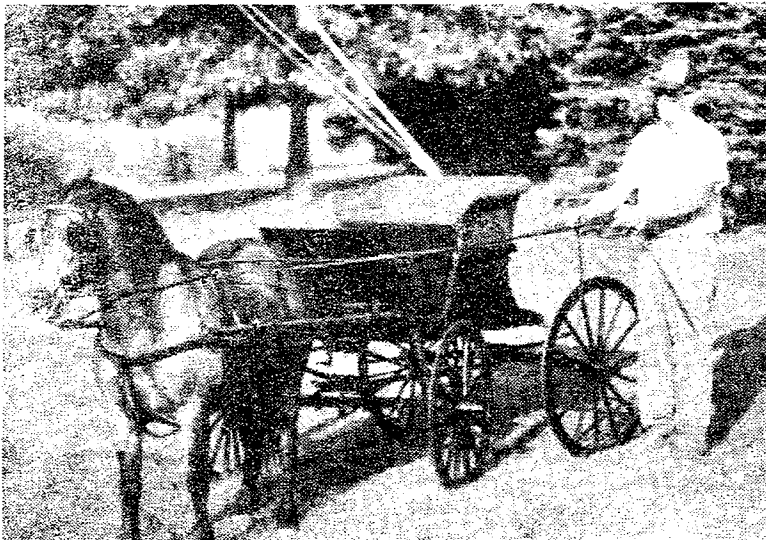
Another of Ed's buggies is the old black type sometimes featured in films that depict the visit of the country doctor. Ed got the black material for the top from an Amish fellow at Mt. Hope. The wheels are the large narrow type, and on either side of the seat are two kerosene lamps. Ed also repaired two carts, replacing spindles around the seat of one and painting it blue. The other has a wicker seat and

may have been used at one time in a circus.

Ed restored a sleigh for Clark Schwab; another he claims for himself. Finding a place to drive a sleigh these days is a problem, for traffic on the highways makes it difficult to get the sleigh to a country road for a trip through the woods.

Another of Ed's show pieces, which he picked up on a trip to Mt. Pleasant, is an old-time sulky with high, narrow wheels.

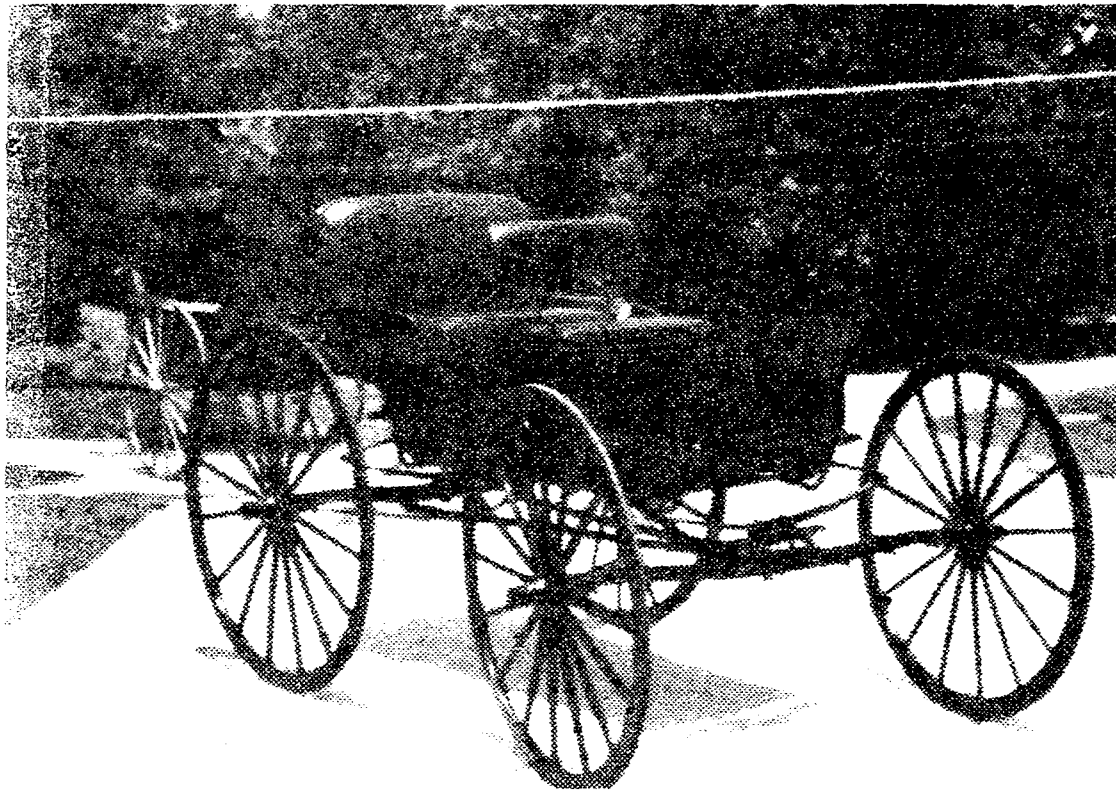
On Aug. 8 and 10, Ed went to a fair at Malden on Route 40, where he displayed three buggies and a sleigh. This past weekend, Ed took his black-top buggy, the combination jump-seat one, a sleigh and a cart to the Beaver Valley Antique Equipment and Crafts Show at the Hanover Firemen's Grounds. He enjoys showing folks his handiwork, and it's a pleasure to look at what he has accomplished.



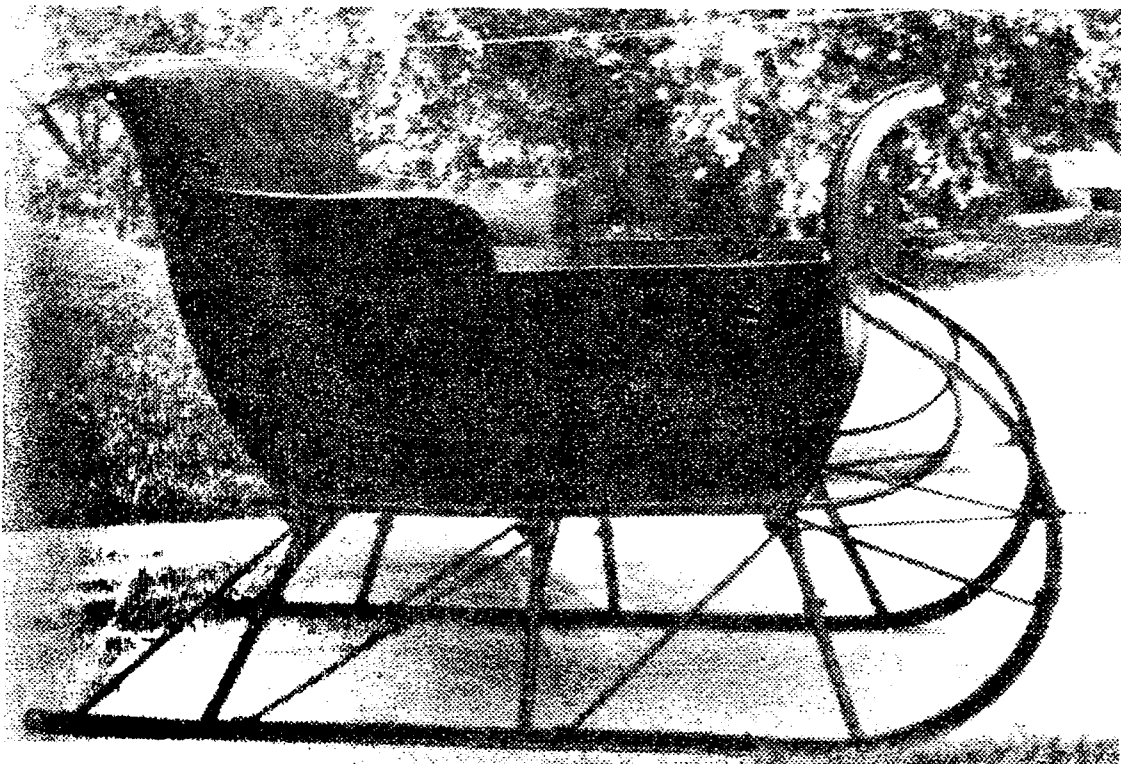
Ed Ralston with his restored cart in front of his former home near Joffre.

Ed Ralston Displays Restored Buggies and Sleighs (Pg. 1)
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Ed Ralston's jump-seat buggy used recently by a bride and groom after their wedding.



Ralston's restored sleigh.

**Ed Ralston Displays Restored Buggies and Sleighs (Pg. 2)
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Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ralston

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ralston of Bulger R.D.1 observed their 50th wedding anniversary Friday, June 19.

He is the son of the late Anna and Resin Ralston, and she is the daughter of the late Choral and William Eversole of Rochester.

They are the parents of William Ralston of Castle Shannon, Cheryl Ralston of Bridgeville, Phyllis Williamson of Columbus, Ohio, and Darrell Ralston of Bulger.

The couple have four grandchildren: Shawn Williamson, Eric Williamson, Andrea Ralston and David Ralston.

Mr. Ralston held the position of

superintendent for the S.P. Lightholder Construction Co. and the McMasters Construction Co.

Mrs. Ralston was a homemaker.

The couple were honored with a "surprise brunch" at the Airport Marriott Hotel. The Ralston children presented their parents with a gold decorated cake.

Other guests in attendance were Michael and Mildred Duran, Clark and Margaret Schwab, Andrew and Mildred Ralston, Wesley Barron, Ed and Florence Blaha, Marie Smiley, Faye Noah, Grace Petrucci, Geraldine Eversole, Harold Eversole, Nancy Chiroca, James Williamson and Kathy Ralston.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ralston
The Enterprise-June 24, 1992 Edition

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

ANDREW RALSTON, OF HOPEWELL, PENNSYLVANIA.

MACHINE FOR THRESHING AND WINNOWING GRAIN.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 2,467, dated February 21, 1842; Reissued January 15, 1856, No. 342.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANDREW RALSTON, of Hopewell, Washington county, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Machine for Threshing, Separating, 5
Winnowing, and Elevating Grain, which is described as follows, reference being had to the annexed drawings of the same, making part of this specification.

10 Figure 1 is a side elevation, showing the gearing &c. Fig. 2 is a side elevation, showing the elevators, by dotted lines. Fig. 3 is a vertical longitudinal section through the center of the machine, showing the internal 15
arrangement of the several parts. Fig. 4 plan of the straw screw showing a few of the perforations therein.

Similar letters refer to corresponding parts.

20 The frame A of the threshing machine, cylinder B, and concave C are made similar to others in use. The straw conveyer D is likewise arranged generally in the manner of some others in use, although its construction 25
differs in several important items as will be hereafter described. It consists of two endless straps I passed around two parallel cylinders L L turning in the conveyer frame D by means of a crossed band M 30
passed around a pulley N on the end of one of the rollers L and a pulley O on the face of the cog wheel F. To these endless parallel straps are attached parallel transverse bars P provided with teeth in the manner of 35
a rake for more effectually taking hold of the straw and carrying it from the threshing cylinder up over the inclined straw screen K and discharging it over the upper or rear end thereof. Over this conveyer is 40
placed a cover D² at such a distance therefrom that the teeth will nearly touch its under side as they pass along under it. The arrow indicates the direction the conveyer turns. The straps are prevented from slipping 45
on the rollers by pins or cogs in their periphery entering corresponding perforations in the straps.

The stationary inclined straw screen K for permitting the grain and chaff to pass 50
through its perforations, whilst the straw is carried over it by the conveyer D consists of an inclined metallic plate perforated with a number of oval apertures with an instrument adapted to take out about three fourths 55
of the metal from the aperture leaving one

fourth therein which is turned upward at a greater angle than that at which the screen is placed forming a tongue for the purpose of allowing the straw to slide up over it freely and at the same time to allow the 60
grain to descend under it through said aperture. One aperture and one tongue only are described. But all the rest are made in the same manner. This screen extends from the lower part c² of the concave c which forms 55
an inclined plane of an angle coincident with that of the screen K.

A number of transverse spring bars v armed with teeth projecting upward are arranged under the straw screen K in such a 70
manner that said teeth will project up through the oblong apertures in the straw screen so as to catch hold of the straw and unravel it when knotted or entangled as the teeth of the conveyer draw it over the 75
screen.

Below the straw screen K and parallel therewith are arranged, around revolving 80
rollers R R', three other endless parallel straps or bands R² having parallel transverse strips of wood r attached to them, and thus constructed is called the returner and is for the purpose of returning the grain 85
toward the lower end of the straw screen K to the vibrating screens placed below said returner, being moved in the same direction as that of the conveyer as indicated by the arrow by means of a band S passed 90
around the pulley N and another pulley on the end of the roller R'. The grain is guarded from the action of the fan during its return motion by a guard T placed in nearly a vertical position between the returner and fan. The grain with the chaff c 95
is shoved by said returner down over an inclined board B² placed between or below the returner R. Below the returner and next to it, is arranged a chaff screen Q'. It is run into grooves in the shoe which is constructed, suspended, and vibrated much in 100
the manner of the ordinary fan shoe. The said chaff screen is made in the following manner. It consists of a thin plate of metal punched with a semicircular instrument for the purpose of producing semicircular aper- 105
tures and at the same time leave the parts of the metal thus partly punched from said plate overhanging said apertures at an angle of 30 or 40 degrees, or at any suitable angle, greater than that of the plate for the pur- 110

pose of allowing the grain to pass through said apertures and at the same time prevent the chaff and straw entering them and thereby preventing choking. Besides by thus having these lips overhanging the apertures inclining upward in a direction from the fan, the wind from the same passes more freely through the perforations and with an increased draft, which also promotes the separation of the grain from the dirt, &c., and thus effects a very valuable and important office in the machine. The position of this screen is a little above the axle of the fan and below the lower end of the returner. It is nearly the length and breadth of the shoe.

Below the chaff screen and at a short distance therefrom is arranged a fine screen Q^2 which is the same width of the chaff screen but much shorter and is also inserted in grooves in the shoe. An inclined screen Q^3 is placed below said fine screen leading back toward the fan to an inclined transverse spout w which conducts the grain to the elevators.

Near the bottom of the shoe (rear end,) is arranged a short inclined screen Q^4 of two kinds of meshes, the one fine and the other coarse inclining in the same direction with the last mentioned inclined screen and leading to another transverse inclined spout Y leading to a second set of elevators Z , the lower end of said last mentioned screen being arranged perpendicularly under the upper end of the inclined screen Q^3 between which last mentioned screens is placed an inclined board V for conducting the tail grain or tailing (as it is called) from its being only partly cleaned and requiring another operation. This screen is therefore called, for the sake of distinction, the "tail screen." The main object effected by it is to catch or stop all the grain that may be thrown off with the dirt from the fine screen Q^2 and by means of different meshes to separate the dirt therefrom.

The upper or fine meshes of the tail screen will let the cheat, cockle, &c. pass through. The lower or coarse meshes, which are directly over the transverse inclined tail spout Y will let the wheat, with some small particles of dirt, pass through to said spout, while the rat dung, heads, and larger particles of dirt will slide over the lower edge of the screen, from which spout the grain will be taken by the tail elevators Z to the returner by another spout for a second operation which will clean it effectually by the operation of the machine itself without the necessity of an attendant at the tail end, except occasionally to remove the chaff. The tail screen is made flexible for the purpose of adjustment in order to arrest more or less of the tailing thrown over the end of the screen.

The elevators X and Z are made like those used in flouring mills and are arranged on the opposite side of the frame from that containing the gearing. One is called the grain elevator and the other is called the tail elevator. They are turned by bands and pulleys. The elevators X , are for elevating the cleaned grain to the granary, or other place, or to the bags to be filled, to which the grain is conducted by the spout A . The elevators Z are for elevating the tail grain to a short side spout which conducts it back to the returner and screens for a second operation. The trunks of the elevators are secured to the frame by screws or T , bolts, or otherwise, so that they may be removed or adjusted at pleasure.

The manner of shaking the screens equally at both ends, instead of principally at one end, as heretofore, is produced by the following arrangement of parts. Two boxes, ears, or eyes b are fixed in the side of the main frame, in which are placed the gudgeons, or reduced ends of a horizontal axle c to which are fixed two vertical arms d to whose ends are attached chains which connect them to the sides of the shoe Q . From the periphery of the axle c there projects a horizontal arm a to whose outer extremity is attached a vertical connecting rod e , which is also connected to the end of a horizontal lever f whose fulcrum g , which is near the center, is inserted horizontally into the side of the frame; which lever is acted upon by cams or pins h i projecting from the side of the pulley on the main cog wheel F so as to depress one end of the lever and at the same time elevate the other which gives the vibrating movement to the shoe containing the screens.

The fan E for separating the chaff and dirt, &c., from the grain is made like the common wheat fan and is placed in the frame A below the concave C of the thrashing machine. It is turned by a cog wheel F meshing into a pinion G on the axle of the fan—which cog wheel F also turns the thrashing cylinder B by meshing into a pinion H on its axle.

The frame of the machine is placed upon an axle l on which are put wheels for the purpose of moving it from place to place as desired, connected to forward pair of wheels by hounds m of the usual, or any other form and to which the horse power used for propelling the machine may also be connected. When the machine is to be used the axle must be brought down upon the ground in the manner represented in the drawing, by removing the wheels. In replacing the wheels the hounds and axle are lifted while the rear sill of the frame rests on the ground until the axle be raised sufficiently high to allow the wheels to be put on, which can be effected by one man.

Operation: The grain to be threshed and cleaned is put into the hopper C' and by the teeth of the cylinder B it is struck and brought against the teeth of the concave C which separates the grain from the straw. The conveyer D conveys the whole up over the stationary screen K—the grain and part of the chaff fall through the apertures bin and screen upon the inclined board B² of the returner R² the straw is thrown off by the rakes of the conveyer at the rear end at D². The returner R² shoves the grain and chaff back toward the threshing cylinder down over said inclined board B² and discharges it over the lower end upon the chaff screen Q' through which the grain falls to the screens below while the chaff is shook by the shoe Q and blown off at the rear end by the fan E the grain falls into the spout W which conducts it to the elevators X which elevate it to the granary or bagging spout. The tailings are caught upon the screen Q⁴ from which the grain descends to the spout Y— which conducts them to the tailing elevators Z which elevate them to a short inclined cross spout into which they are emptied and conducted to the screens to undergo a second operation.

What I claim as my invention and which I desire to secure by Letters Patent is— 30

1. The combination of the stationary screen K and spring rakes U their teeth projecting through the apertures in the screen with the straw carrier arranged above said screen all as set forth. 35

2. Also in combination with the foregoing arrangement the inclined plane B² and returner R² the latter having cross pieces r for pushing the grain down the inclined plain B² to the screens Q', &c., all as set forth. 40

3. Also constructing the movable shoe Q with a chaff screen Q' as set forth in combination with the screens Q² Q³ and tail screen Q⁴ arranged below it and the inclined board V for separating the tailings from the clean grain the whole being combined and operating as described; likewise the combining the foregoing with the return belt R² and fan E and further combining these with the elevators X and Z and the trunks W and Y. 45 50

ANDREW RALSTON.

Witnesses:

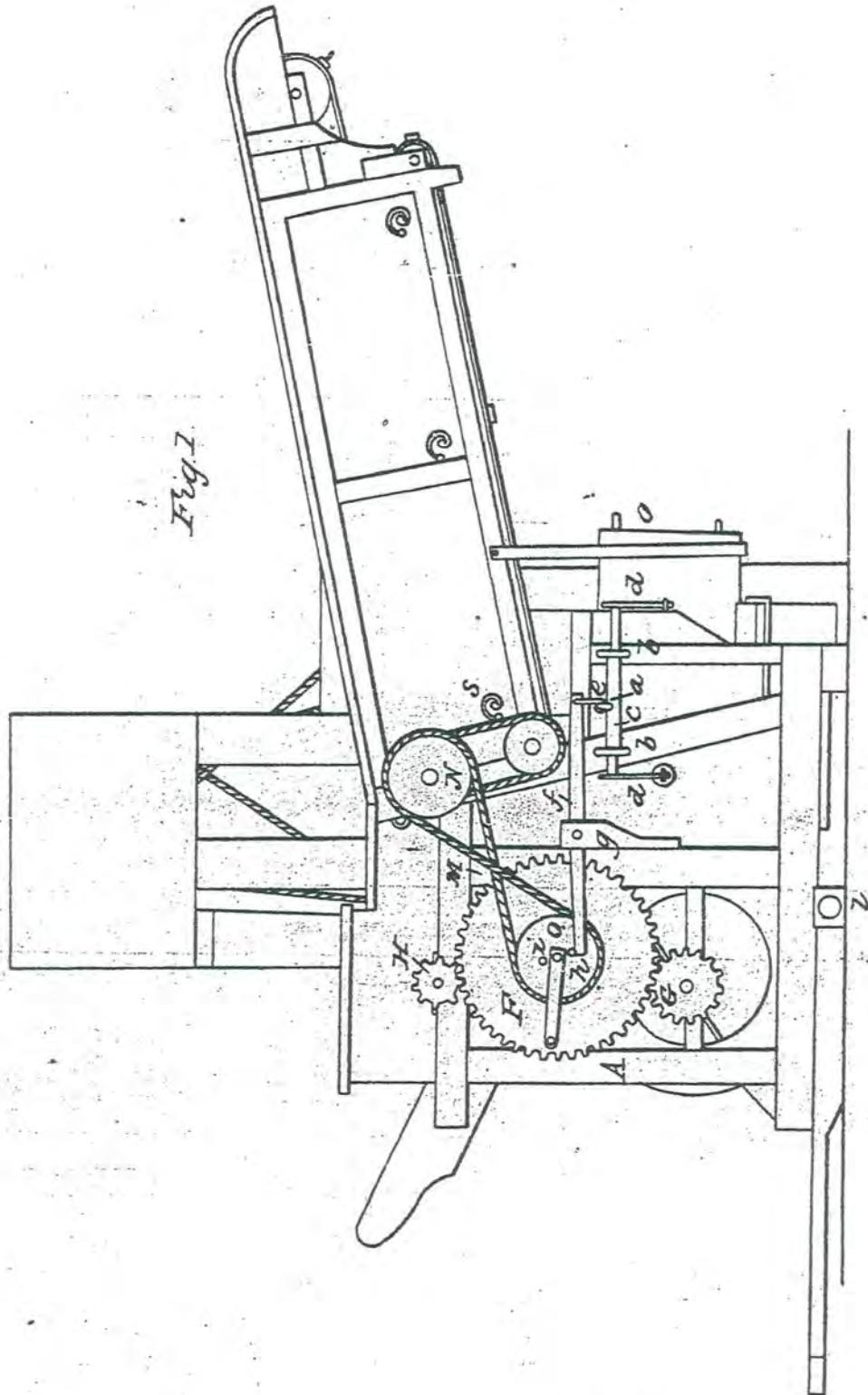
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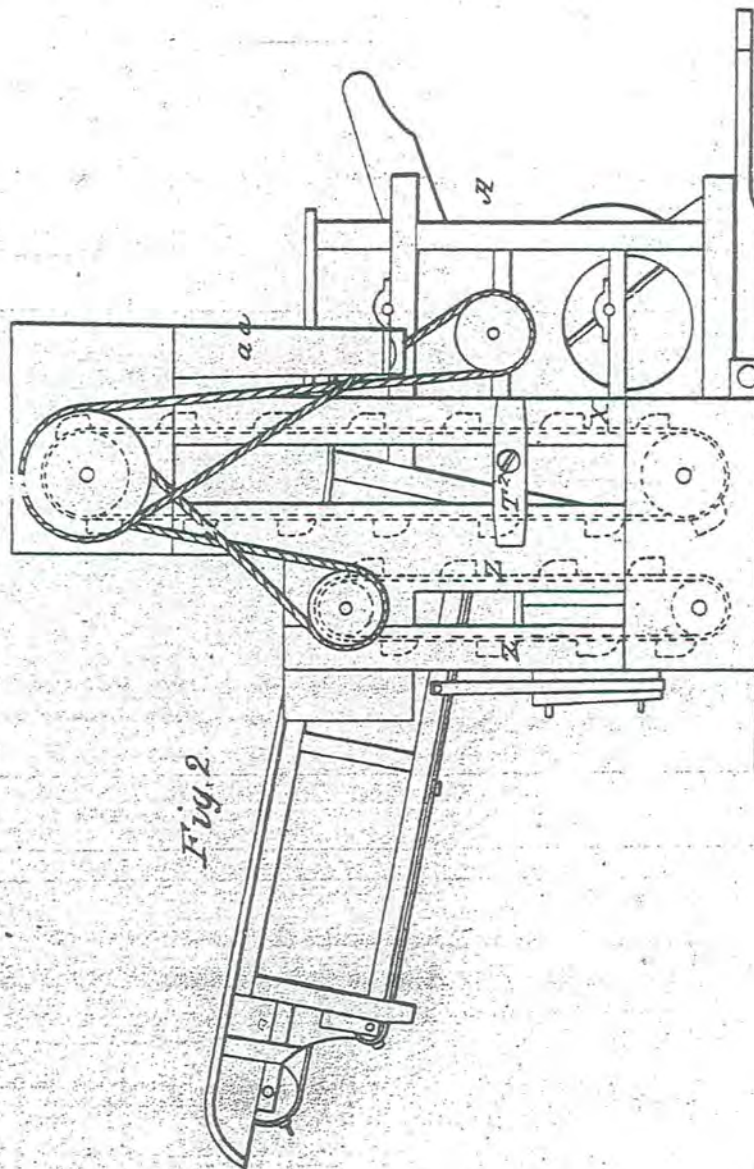
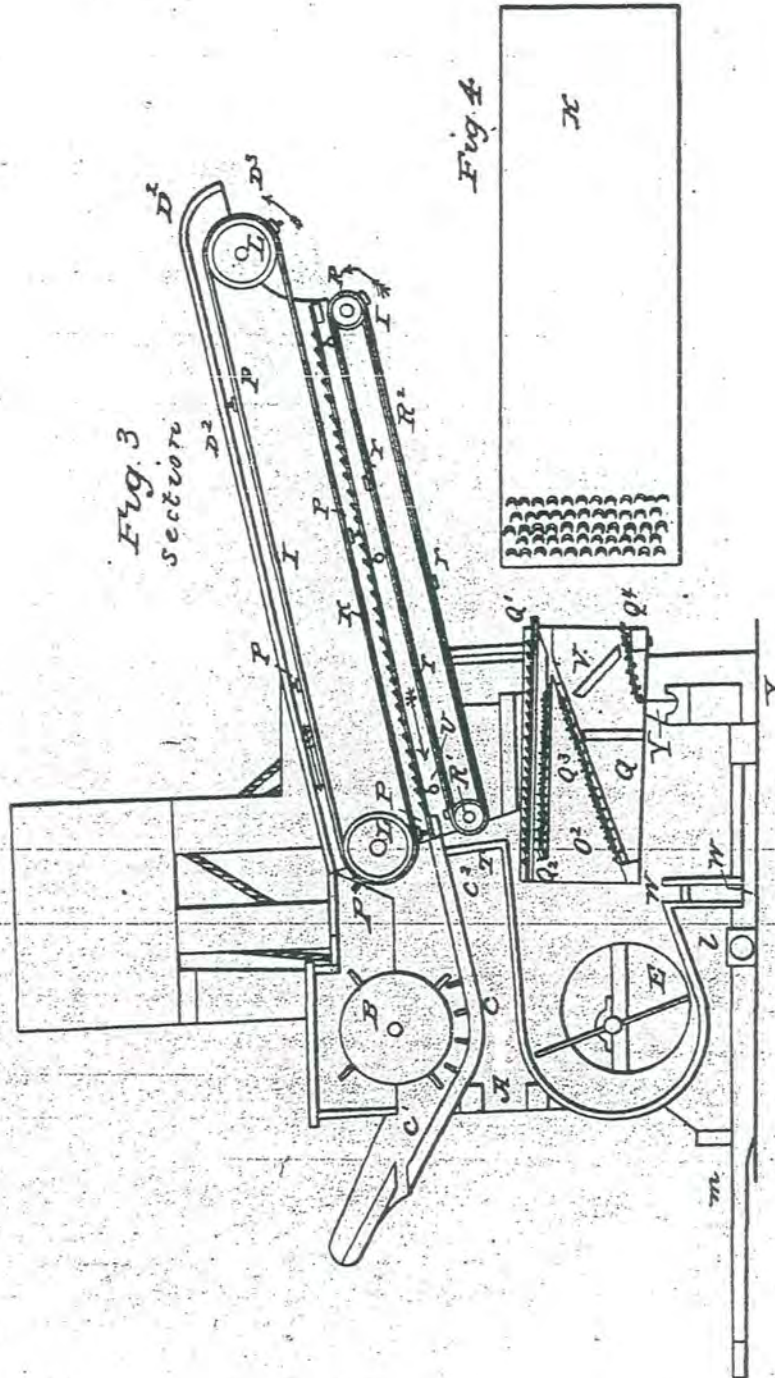


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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE NATIONAL SOCIETY
 OF THE
 SONS ~~DAUGHTERS~~ OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
 WASHINGTON, D. C.

State.....

City.....

Name of Chapter.....

National Number.....

(Miss or Mrs.) William Ralston
 (First Name) (Middle Name) (Last Name)

Wife - Widow - Divorced
 (Husband)

Form of Name to be used on mailing list.....

Residence R. D. 1 Bulger Washington Co. Penna.
 Number Street City State

I hereby apply for membership in the Society by right of lineal descent from

JOSEPH Phillis

(Signature of Applicant).....
 (First Name) (Middle Name) (Last Name)

The undersigned have investigated and approved the applicant and her application.

.....
Chapter Regent.

....., 19.....
Chapter Registrar.

.....
Chapter Secretary.

Application, duplicate, and Fees received by Treasurer General.....

Application and duplicate received by Organizing Secretary General.....

Application and duplicate received by Registrar General.....

Application verified and approved.....

.....
Registrar General.

Accepted by the National Board of Management....., 19.....

.....
Recording Secretary General.

Endorsement for membership at large:

.....
State Regent.

Nominated and recommended by the two undersigned members of the Society in good standing, to whom the applicant is personally known. Endorsers must be of same Chapter; if joining At Large, of the same State.

ENDORSED IN HANDWRITING BY

Name..... Name.....

Residence..... Residence.....

Chapter..... Chapter.....

When filled out and properly endorsed, the application must be forwarded to the Treasurer General, N.S.D.A.R., 1776 D St., N. W., Washington 6, D. C., with the necessary fee and dues. When approved by the National Board, one copy will be returned to the Registrar of the Chapter or to the individual, if joining At Large, and the other will be filed with the National Society. The application, information thereon, and supplementary data becomes the property of the National Society.

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LINEAGE

Give below a reference to the authority for EACH statement of Birth, Marriage* and Death. If from published records, give names of books and page numbers. If from unpublished records, a photocopy, or attested or certified copy shall accompany the application.

I am the ^{SON} daughter of

1. Edward Ralston born on _____ at _____
 died at _____ on _____ and his (first or _____) wife _____
 born on _____ at _____
 died at _____ on _____ married on _____

2. The said Edward Ralston is ~~was~~ the child of
 born on _____ at _____
 died at _____ on _____ and his (first or _____) wife
 Annie M. Phillis born on _____ at _____
 died at _____ on _____ married on _____

Proof for Generation 2 "Commemorative Biographical Record of Wash. Co. Pa.", 1893, J.H. Beers & Co. Page 672

3. The said Annie M. Phillis is ~~was~~ the child of
 Andrew Phillis born on 2-15-1818 at Smith Twp. Wash. Co. Pa.
 died at Smith Twp. Wash. Co. Pa. on 4-18-1890 and his (first or 2nd) wife
 Mary A. Logan born on 3-6-1834 at Hancock Co. W. Va.
 died at _____ on _____ married on 8-28-1867

Proof that Gen. 2 was child of Gen. 3 Same reference as given for 2nd
 Proof for Gen. 3 Generation _____

4. The said Andrew Phillis was the child of
 Jacob Phillis born on 4-8-1792 at Smith Twp. Wash. Co. Pa.
 died at Smith Twp. Wash. Co. Pa. on _____ 1847 and his (first or _____) wife
 Ann Bruce born on 7-13-1798 at _____
 died at Smith Twp. Wash. Co. Pa. on 12-17-1871 married on _____

Proof that Gen. 3 was child of Gen. 4 Same reference as given for 2nd,
 Proof for Gen. 4 and 3rd Generations _____

5. The said Jacob Phillis was the child of
 Joseph Phillis born on about 1744 at Ireland
 died at Smith Twp. Wash. Co. Pa. on 4-11-1831 and his (first or _____) wife
 Elizabeth Little born on _____ at Ireland
 died at Smith Twp. Wash. Co. Pa. on _____ 1827 married on _____

Proof that Gen. 4 was child of Gen. 5 Same published reference for
 Proof for Gen. 5 all generations in this descent; also
 general reference is D.A.R. #402285-Mrs. Bernice Campbell
 Trushel, admitted June 7, 1951, a great-great granddaughter
 of the said of Joseph Phillis.

_____ was the child of
 born on _____ at _____
 died at _____ on _____ and his (first or _____) wife _____
 born on _____ at _____
 died at _____ on _____ married on _____

Proof that Gen. 5 was child of Gen. 6
 Proof for Gen. 6 _____

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7. The said _____ was the child of _____
 born on _____ at _____
 died at _____ on _____ and his (first or _____) wife _____
 born on _____ at _____
 died at _____ on _____ married on _____

Proof that Gen. 6 was child of Gen. 7 _____
 Proof for Gen. 7 _____

8. The said _____ was the child of _____
 born on _____ at _____
 died at _____ on _____ and his (first or _____) wife _____
 born on _____ at _____
 died at _____ on _____ married on _____

Proof that Gen. 7 was child of Gen. 8 _____
 Proof for Gen. 8 _____

9. The said _____ was the child of _____
 born on _____ at _____
 died at _____ on _____ and his (first or _____) wife _____
 born on _____ at _____
 died at _____ on _____ married on _____

Proof that Gen. 8 was child of Gen. 9 _____
 Proof for Gen. 9 _____

*(Note: Resolution adopted by the twenty-fourth Continental Congress:
 Descendants of polygamous marriage are not acceptable as members of this Society.)

Give, if possible, the following data: My Revolutionary ancestor was married
 (1) to Elizabeth Little at Ireland _____, 1
 (2) to _____ at _____ _____, 1
 (3) to _____ at _____ _____, 1

CHILDREN OF REVOLUTIONARY ANCESTOR

(By each marriage, if married more than once)

<i>Names</i>	<i>Dates of Birth</i>	<i>To Whom Married, noting if Married more than once</i>
John	3-22-1781	Sally Doial
James		
Joseph		
Charles		
Jacob	4-8-1792	Ann Bruce
William		Died in youth
Thomas		
Nancy		David Alexander
Elizabeth		Thomas Cherry
Jane		Joseph Walker
Catherine		Gilbert Hullick

ELIGIBILITY CLAUSE

"Any woman is eligible for membership in the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution who is not less than eighteen years of age, and who is descended from a man or woman who, with unflinching loyalty to the cause of American Independence, served as a sailor, or a soldier or civil officer in one of the several Colonies or States, or in the United Colonies or States, or as a recognized patriot, or rendered material aid thereto; provided the applicant is personally acceptable to the Society." (Bylaws, Article III, Section 1.)

ANCESTOR'S SERVICES

My ancestor's (JOSEPH PHILLIS) place of residence during the Revolution was Smith Township, Washington Co. Penna.

My ancestor, JOSEPH PHILLIS, assisted in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution as follows:

Served as a private in the 4th Battalion, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Company, 4th Class Private, under Capt. Peter Kidd, Lt. Col. John Marshel, Major Edmund Polke, of Washington County, Penna. Militia.

Give below references, by volume and page, to the authority for the above claimed service. When reference is to unpublished or inaccessible record, photocopy or certified copy of such record, as outlined in Requirements for and Preparation of Application Papers, must accompany the application.

Pennsylvania Archives, 6th Series, Vol.2, Page 153

The Joseph Phillis line was accepted by the Daughters of the American Revolution as a basis of membership for Mrs. Bernice C. Trushel (Bernice Campbell Trushel), 3549 Bright Way, Marland Heights, W.Va. She was admitted June 7, 1951 and her National D.A.R. Number is 402285.

I was born on at married on at by to who was born on born on Divorced on at

The following form of acknowledgment is required: Applicant further says that the said JOSEPH PHILLIS PHILLIS (name of ancestor from whom eligibility is derived) is the ancestor mentioned in the foregoing application, and that the statements hereinbefore set forth are true to the best of her knowledge and belief.

The applicant also pledges allegiance to the United States of America and agrees to support its Constitution. This applies only to citizens of the United States of America.

(Signature of Applicant) Subscribed and sworn to before me at this day of A. D. [SEAL] Signature of Notary Signature of Notary

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Ralston Patent

**Specification forming part of
Letter Patent No. 2, 467 dated February 21, 1842,
Reissued January 15, 1856, No. 342**

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

ANDREW RALSTON, OF HOPEWELL, PENNSYLVANIA.

MACHINE FOR THRESHING AND WINNOWER GRAIN.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 2,467, dated February 21, 1842; Reissued January 15, 1856, No. 342.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANDREW RALSTON, of Hopewell, Washington county, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Machine for Threshing, Separating, 5
Winnowing, and Elevating Grain, which is described as follows, reference being had to the annexed drawings of the same, making part of this specification.

10 Figure 1 is a side elevation, showing the gearing &c. Fig. 2 is a side elevation, showing the elevators, by dotted lines. Fig. 3 is a vertical longitudinal section through the center of the machine, showing the internal 15
arrangement of the several parts. Fig. 4 plan of the straw screw showing a few of the perforations therein.

Similar letters refer to corresponding parts.

20 The frame A of the threshing machine, cylinder B, and concave C are made similar to others in use. The straw conveyer D is likewise arranged generally in the manner of some others in use, although its construction 25
differs in several important items as will be hereafter described. It consists of two endless straps I passed around two parallel cylinders L L turning in the conveyer frame D by means of a crossed band M 30
passed around a pulley N on the end of one of the rollers L and a pulley O on the face of the cog wheel F. To these endless parallel straps are attached parallel transverse bars P provided with teeth in the manner of a rake for more effectually taking hold of the straw and carrying it from the threshing 35
cylinder up over the inclined straw screen K and discharging it over the upper or rear end thereof. Over this conveyer is placed a cover D² at such a distance therefrom that the teeth will nearly touch its under side as they pass along under it. The arrow indicates the direction the conveyer turns. The straps are prevented from slipping 40
on the rollers by pins or cogs in their periphery entering corresponding perforations in the straps.

The stationary inclined straw screen K for permitting the grain and chaff to pass 50
through its perforations, whilst the straw is carried over it by the conveyer D consists of an inclined metallic plate perforated with a number of oval apertures with an instrument adapted to take out about three fourths 55
of the metal from the aperture leaving one

fourth therein which is turned upward at a greater angle than that at which the screen is placed forming a tongue for the purpose of allowing the straw to slide up over it freely and at the same time to allow the 60
grain to descend under it through said aperture. One aperture and one tongue only are described. But all the rest are made in the same manner. This screen extends from the lower part c² of the concave c which forms 55
an inclined plane of an angle coincident with that of the screen K.

A number of transverse spring bars v armed with teeth projecting upward are arranged under the straw screen K in such a 70
manner that said teeth will project up through the oblong apertures in the straw screen so as to catch hold of the straw and unravel it when knotted or entangled as the teeth of the conveyer draw it over the 75
screen.

Below the straw screen K and parallel therewith are arranged, around revolving rollers R R', three other endless parallel 80
straps or bands R² having parallel transverse strips of wood r attached to them, and thus constructed is called the returner and is for the purpose of returning the grain toward the lower end of the straw screen K to the vibrating screens placed below said 85
returner, being moved in the same direction as that of the conveyer as indicated by the arrow by means of a band S passed around the pulley N and another pulley on the end of the roller R'. The grain is 90
guarded from the action of the fan during its return motion by a guard T placed in nearly a vertical position between the returner and fan. The grain with the chaff c is shoved by said returner down over an inclined board B² placed between or below the 95
returner R. Below the returner and next to it, is arranged a chaff screen Q'. It is run into grooves in the shoe which is constructed, suspended, and vibrated much in 100
the manner of the ordinary fan shoe. The said chaff screen is made in the following manner. It consists of a thin plate of metal punched with a semicircular instrument for the purpose of producing semicircular aper- 105
tures and at the same time leave the parts of the metal thus partly punched from said plate overhanging said apertures at an angle of 30 or 40 degrees, or at any suitable angle, greater than that of the plate for the pur- 110

pose of allowing the grain to pass through said apertures and at the same time prevent the chaff and straw entering them and thereby preventing choking. Besides by thus having these lips overhanging the apertures inclining upward in a direction from the fan, the wind from the same passes more freely through the perforations and with an increased draft, which also promotes the separation of the grain from the dirt, &c., and thus effects a very valuable and important office in the machine. The position of this screen is a little above the axle of the fan and below the lower end of the returner. It is nearly the length and breadth of the shoe.

Below the chaff screen and at a short distance therefrom is arranged a fine screen Q^2 which is the same width of the chaff screen but much shorter and is also inserted in grooves in the shoe. An inclined screen Q^3 is placed below said fine screen leading back toward the fan to an inclined transverse spout w which conducts the grain to the elevators.

Near the bottom of the shoe (rear end,) is arranged a short inclined screen Q^4 of two kinds of meshes, the one fine and the other coarse inclining in the same direction with the last mentioned inclined screen and leading to another transverse inclined spout Y leading to a second set of elevators Z , the lower end of said last mentioned screen being arranged perpendicularly under the upper end of the inclined screen Q^3 between which last mentioned screens is placed an inclined board V for conducting the tail grain or tailing (as it is called) from its being only partly cleaned and requiring another operation. This screen is therefore called, for the sake of distinction, the "tail screen." The main object effected by it is to catch or stop all the grain that may be thrown off with the dirt from the fine screen Q^2 and by means of different meshes to separate the dirt therefrom.

The upper or fine meshes of the tail screen will let the cheat, cockle, &c. pass through. The lower or coarse meshes, which are directly over the transverse inclined tail spout Y will let the wheat, with some small particles of dirt, pass through to said spout, while the rat dung, heads, and larger particles of dirt will slide over the lower edge of the screen, from which spout the grain will be taken by the tail elevators Z to the returner by another spout for a second operation which will clean it effectually by the operation of the machine itself without the necessity of an attendant at the tail end, except occasionally to remove the chaff. The tail screen is made flexible for the purpose of adjustment in order to arrest more or less of the tailing thrown over the end of the screen.

The elevators X and Z are made like those used in flouring mills and are arranged on the opposite side of the frame from that containing the gearing. One is called the grain elevator and the other is called the tail elevator. They are turned by bands and pulleys. The elevators X , are for elevating the cleaned grain to the granary, or other place, or to the bags to be filled, to which the grain is conducted by the spout A . The elevators Z are for elevating the tail grain to a short side spout which conducts it back to the returner and screens for a second operation. The trunks of the elevators are secured to the frame by screws or T, bolts, or otherwise, so that they may be removed or adjusted at pleasure.

The manner of shaking the screens equally at both ends, instead of principally at one end, as heretofore, is produced by the following arrangement of parts. Two boxes, ears, or eyes b are fixed in the side of the main frame, in which are placed the gudgeons, or reduced ends of a horizontal axle c to which are fixed two vertical arms d to whose ends are attached chains which connect them to the sides of the shoe Q . From the periphery of the axle c there projects a horizontal arm a to whose outer extremity is attached a vertical connecting rod e , which is also connected to the end of a horizontal lever f whose fulcrum g , which is near the center, is inserted horizontally into the side of the frame; which lever is acted upon by cams or pins h projecting from the side of the pulley on the main cog wheel F so as to depress one end of the lever and at the same time elevate the other which gives the vibrating movement to the shoe containing the screens.

The fan E for separating the chaff and dirt, &c., from the grain is made like the common wheat fan and is placed in the frame A below the concave C of the thrashing machine. It is turned by a cog wheel F meshing into a pinion G on the axle of the fan—which cog wheel F also turns the thrashing cylinder B by meshing into a pinion H on its axle.

The frame of the machine is placed upon an axle l on which are put wheels for the purpose of moving it from place to place as desired, connected to forward pair of wheels by hounds m of the usual, or any other form and to which the horse power used for propelling the machine may also be connected. When the machine is to be used the axle must be brought down upon the ground in the manner represented in the drawing, by removing the wheels. In replacing the wheels the hounds and axle are lifted while the rear sill of the frame rests on the ground until the axle be raised sufficiently high to allow the wheels to be put on, which can be effected by one man.

Operation: The grain to be threshed and cleaned is put into the hopper C' and by the teeth of the cylinder B it is struck and brought against the teeth of the concave C which separates the grain from the straw. The conveyer D conveys the whole up over the stationary screen K—the grain and part of the chaff fall through the apertures bin and screen upon the inclined board B² of the returner R² the straw is thrown off by the rakes of the conveyer at the rear end at D³. The returner R² shoves the grain and chaff back toward the threshing cylinder down over said inclined board B² and discharges it over the lower end upon the chaff screen Q' through which the grain falls to the screens below while the chaff is shook by the shoe Q and blown off at the rear end by the fan E the grain falls into the spout W which conducts it to the elevators X which elevate it to the granary or bagging spout. The tailings are caught upon the screen Q⁴ from which the grain descends to the spout Y— which conducts them to the tailing elevators Z which elevate them to a short inclined cross spout into which they are emptied and conducted to the screens to undergo a second operation.

What I claim as my invention and which I desire to secure by Letters Patent is— 30

1. The combination of the stationary screen K and spring rakes U their teeth projecting through the apertures in the screen with the straw carrier arranged above said screen all as set forth. 35

2. Also in combination with the foregoing arrangement the inclined plane B² and returner R² the latter having cross pieces r for pushing the grain down the inclined plain B² to the screens Q', &c., all as set forth. 40

3. Also constructing the movable shoe Q with a chaff screen Q' as set forth in combination with the screens Q² Q³ and tail screen Q⁴ arranged below it and the inclined board V for separating the tailings from the clean grain the whole being combined and operating as described; likewise the combining the foregoing with the return belt R² and fan E and further combining these with the elevators X and Z and the trunks W and Y. 45 50

ANDREW RALSTON.

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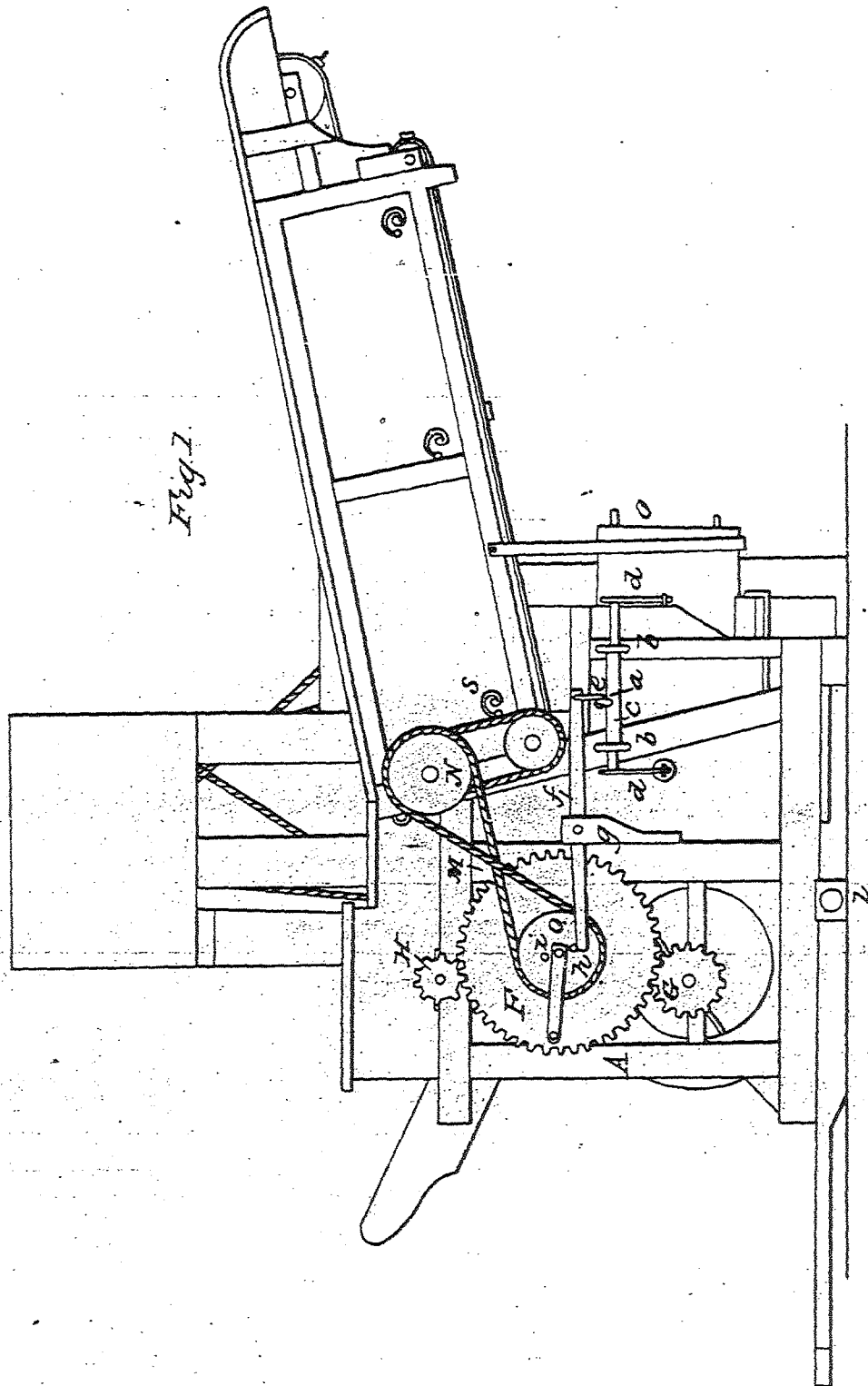
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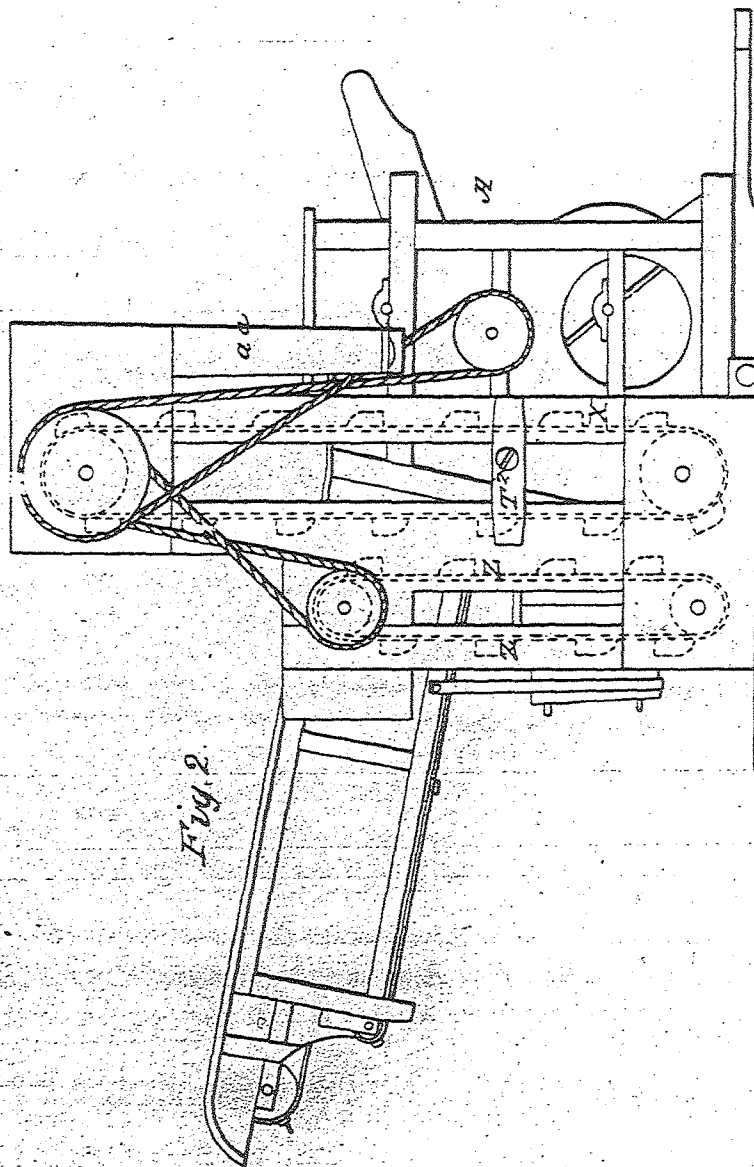
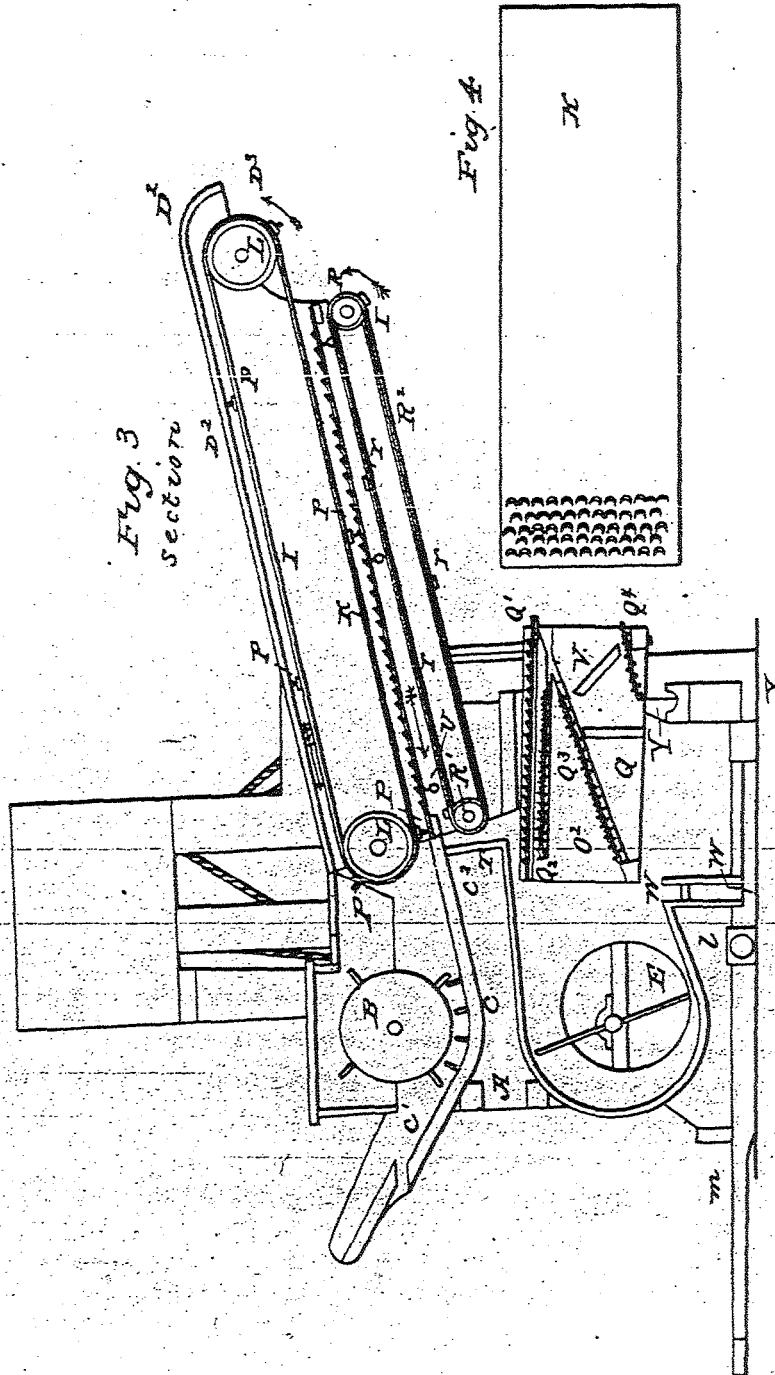


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RAMSEY

In memory of SAMUEL RAMSEY who died December 14, 1813, aged 60 years.

In memory of JANE RAMSEY, consort of Robert Ramsey, who departed this life February 25, 1830, aged 21 years.

Sacred to the memory of WILLIAM M. RAMSEY who departed this life August 10, 1842, in the 21st year of his age.

Sacred to the memory of MARY L. RAMSEY who departed this life December 18, 1843, in the 6th year of her age.

REA

In memory of WILLIAM REA who departed this life September 28, 1835, in the 73rd year of his age.

JANE (MASON) REA, wife of William Rea, died September 18, 1854, aged 89 years.

WILLIAM MASON REA, born March 16, 1790, and died June 27, 1865, in the 76th year of his age.

ELIZABETH (CAMPBELL) REA, wife of William M. Rea, died August 25, 1868, in the 75th year of her age.

MARY REA, daughter of W. M. and Elizabeth Rea, died October 21, 1821, aged 8 months.

WILLIAM REA died December 7, 1884, aged 69 years. [He was known as "Blind Billy" on account of early loss of his sight.]

JOHN CAMPBELL REA born March 16, 1813, died September 24, 1882.

MARY ANN (LYLE) REA, wife of John C. Rea, died April 3, 1907, aged about 90 years.

SAMUEL REA died July 16, 1821, in the 22nd year of his age.

JOHN REA died March 5, 1822, in the 20th year of his age.

MARY REA died November 24, 1806, in the 2nd year of her age.

[These three were children of William and Jane Mason Rea.]

SAMUEL REA, son of William M. and Elizabeth Rea, died February 1, 1839.

AARON LEANDER REA born March 11, 1844, died December 3, 1872.

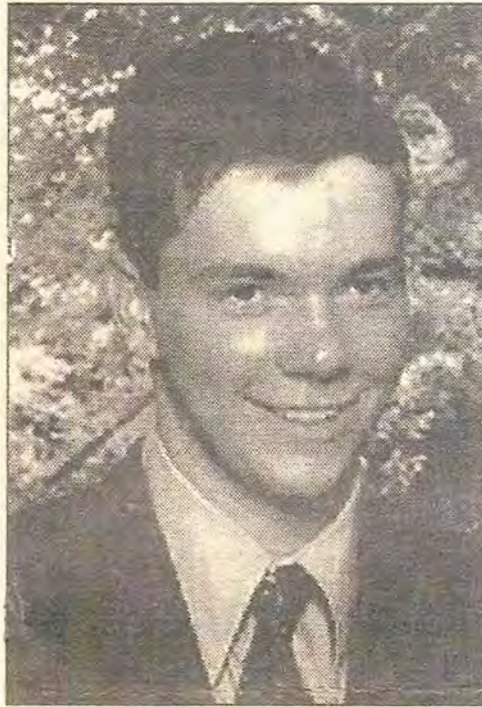
SARAH ANGELINE (KEYS) REA, wife of A. L. Rea, 1846-1923.

JOSEPH V. REA born November 28, 1845, died January 28, 1871.

JOHN K. REA, son of A. L. and Sarah A. Rea, died July 16, 1871.

DR. JAMES L. REA died December 30, 1869, aged 32 years. [He served as a surgeon in the Union Army during the Civil War.]

Samuel Ramsey
History of the Cross Creek Graveyard
Originally Compiled in 1894 by James M.K. Simpson
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Jerry Ramsey

Jerry Ramsey, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ramsey of County Line Road, Burgettstown, left Aug. 10 for Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., having been inducted into the U.S. Army Reserves. He will be in basic training for six months.

He is locally stationed at Chippewa, Pa. Ramsey graduated from Burgettstown Area High School in June.

He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. James Ramsey of Burgettstown and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stratton of Enon Valley.

Jerry Ramsey

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LARGE SUM IS WILLED TO LADY OF FLORENCE

Mrs. J. L. Ramsey inherits \$25,000
Under Will of the Late
Joseph Clark Porter

Laura M. Ramsey, wife of J. L. Ramsey of Florence, is one of the principal legatees under the will of the late Joseph Clark Porter, whose death occurred in Pittsburgh on January 18th. According to the terms of the will, which was filed for probate last Saturday, Mrs. Ramsey inherits \$25,000 in cash and a share in valuable real estate holdings including the Porter home, in Pittsburgh.

Mr. Porter's will disposes of an estate valued at \$540,000 and is itemized briefly as follows:

Laura M. Ramsey and Mrs. Nancy M. Shannon, nieces, each were given \$25,000 in addition to real estate holdings including the Porter home at 1220 Pemberton Street, Pittsburgh. Another niece, Mrs. Eva F. McGhee, was given \$5,000.

Edward C. Porter, a nephew, was awarded \$20,000, and \$5,000 was left to Wylie W. Porter, another nephew. An education trust fund of \$5,000 was set up for Walter P. McGhee.

Five friends were given bequests totaling \$12,000, and the first Presbyterian Church \$1,000.

The remainder of the estate is to be divided among the nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Ramsey, as one of the nieces, specified in the distribution of the property after definite bequests have been taken care of, will participate in a further share of the residue of the estate, which will be a large sum. Nearly a half million dollars will be left for division among the nieces and nephews, the number of whom is not large.

Cross Creek Couple To Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, Jan. 20



Mr. and Mrs. George T. Rankin, of Cross Creek, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, January 20, with a family gathering and "Open House." Friends are invited to pay them a visit between the hours of 2 and 6 p.m.

The couple have four sons and a daughter. Casey and Ralph reside in Cross

Creek, and Wilford and William make their homes in Langeloth. Their daughter, Mrs. A.R. Marlow, lives at McGuire Air Force Base, in New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Rankin also boast of twelve grandchildren.

Both have spent many years in the Cross Creek area, and are members of the Cross Creek United Presbyterian church.

CELEBRATES 88TH BIRTHDAY

Miss Gertrude Rankin of Maple avenue, entertained Thursday, February 15 in honor of her father, Joseph J. Rankin, the occasion being his 88th birthday. Mr. Rankin, although not real active is able to be around in his home. Those in attendance were, Mrs. G. W. Nelson and daughter Mrs. Joseph Walker of Philadelphia, and Mr. and Mrs. John Rankin of Center avenue, children of Mr. Rankin. Mrs. Carrie Rankin of Pittsburgh was unable to attend on account of illness.

TO PRESENT 50 YEAR
MASONIC JEWEL TO FORMER
MASTER OF LOCAL LODGE

William F. Rankin of Tampa, Florida, a former resident of Burgettstown will be presented with a Grand Lodge Jewel for Fifty years service in the Masonic Lodge. Mr. Rankin was Master of Richard Vaux Masonic Lodge of Burgettstown the year of 1900 and was secretary of the lodge in 1901 and 1902. Because he is unable to attend presentation ceremonies here, the presentation will be made by the Tampa Masonic lodge at fitting ceremonies in that city.

William F. Rankin
Burgettstown Enterprise-October 31, 194 Edition

**Nuptial Plans Of
Rapacuk & Devalkeneer**

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Rapacuk of Holme street, McDonald are issuing invitations this week for a reception to honor their daughter Doris Laverne and Alfred Devalkeneer, whose marriage will take place at 7 p. m. Wednesday, September 5, in the parsonage of the First United Presbyterian church, McDonald with the Rev. S. A. McCollam, D. D. officiating. The reception will be held from 8 to 12 o'clock in Sauer's Inn on Route 22.

Doris is a graduate of McDonald high school, and has been employed by the National Tube Co., in the Pittsburgh office. Alfred, the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. DeValkeneer of Joffre has been honorably discharged from the United States Army after 14 months overseas service and is employed in the office of the American Zinc and Chemical Co., at Langeloth. He was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received at Anzio Beach.

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

**Seventh Bride and Fourth Generation Wedding at Pioneer Clinton Home
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REUNION OF REA CLAN HELD AT REA STATION

Large Group of Descendants of one
of County's Pioneer Families
Hold Annual Meeting

A large group of descendants of the late Catherine Cook and Charles Campbell Rea gathered Saturday, July 4, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Rea at Rea. This farm was originally the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Rea. A delicious basket picnic dinner was served at noon.

At the business meeting, the following officers were elected for the new year: President, W. C. Marshall of Oakdale; vice president, Earl Smiley of Bulger; secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Harper of Burgettstown, and treasurer, Mrs. Wilma Hezlep of Oakdale.

The following took part in the program: Ann, Mary, and Jean Lee of Cross Creek, Ralph and Bob Keenan of Oakdale, Maxine Elliott of Newark, Ohio, Jean Bissonette of Johnstown, Dr. R. F. and John Galbreath of New Wilmington, and Duane Leyda of Eighty Four.

Those present were: Mrs. Mary Smiley, Mr. and Mrs. E. Harper, and Mr. and Mrs. Leman Smiley of Burgettstown, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Keenan of Narbeth, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smiley and children of Bulger, Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Galbreath and children of New Wilmington, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Hezlep and children, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Keenan and children, Mrs. C. Fremont Marshall and son William of Oakdale; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bissonette and children of Johnstown, Mrs. Winifred Buchanan of Washington, Mrs. Bess Elliott and children of Newark, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Leyda and son of Eighty Four, Hugh Buchan and family of West Middletown, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Scott of Burgettstown, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Adams, and Mrs. Meade Gammeter of Cadiz, Ohio, Mrs. L. Bowman and children, and John Bowman of Bridgeville, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Lee and children and Montford Lee of Cross Creek, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Rea and son, and Mrs. Alberta Cozins of Rea, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Donaldson of Columbus, Ohio, and Rea Thomas of New Castle.

The guests were Lyle Cool and Mrs. Lyde Cook of Rea, Mrs. Amelia Keenan of Oakdale, Mrs. John Bowman and C. Mandyville of Bridgeville.

**Reunion of Rea Clan Held at Rea Station
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 23, 1936 Edition**

FIRST FAMILIES

OF THE CROSS CREEK COUNTRY THE REA FAMILY

by A.D. White

The Reas of Cross Creek, another family of Scotch-Irish lineage, are descendants of Alexander Rea, an Ulster refugee, and of his son, Col. Samuel Rea, an officer in the American Revolutionary army. Col. Rea, a native of New Jersey, lived most of his life in Northampton County, Pennsylvania, where he owned a sizable farm at Martin's Creek. His land comprised, in part, the grounds of the old Lower Mount Bethel graveyard at that place. In that old yard are buried Col. Rea and his two wives; Ann McCracken, the mother of his children, and Rebecca Nelson.

At least four of Col. Rea's children moved to and settled in western Pennsylvania. The first to come was Sarah Rea Lyle, wife of Robert Lyle. They settled on a farm adjoining the grounds of the Mt. Prospect Church, in Mt. Pleasant Township, and they are buried in the old graveyard at that church. This couple had a numerous posterity in western Pennsylvania and in many other parts of the United States.

In 1788, William Rea came to western Pennsylvania and spent his first year here as a teacher in the vicinity of Mt. Pleasant, now Hickory. The following year he purchased from George Marquis the farm of 196 acres in Cross Creek Township, which was to become known and still continues as the Rea Farm. About the same time, William Rea's sister, Mary Rea, and her husband, William McKibbin, came to the same area and took out a patent for a tract of land adjoining the farm purchased by William Rea. This is the land, just over the hill south of Rea Station, on which stands today two stone houses, one until recently the property of the William Schafer family, and the other the home of John Milvet and family.

In 1799, another sister of William Rea, Mrs. Ann Rea Scott, wife of the Rev. George M. Scott, came with her husband to Mill Creek, in Beaver County, where he had been called as the first pastor of the Presbyterian

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THE REA FAMILY.
Standing, left to right,
Mary Elizabeth (Molly),
Jenny Evelrena, Charles
Maynard, Ida Florence and
Winifred Eoline. Seated,

left to right, Effie Leoni,
Charles Campbell, Etta
Alberta, Iva Viola, Cath-
erine Cook and Tamar
Catherine.

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Church at that place. This church Rev. Scott served until December, 1837. He and his wife lie buried in the Mill Creek Cemetery near the Church.

Their son, the Rev. John W. Scott, a well-known minister of the Presbyterian Church and a noted educator, was the father of Mrs. Caroline Scott Harrison, first wife of President Benjamin Harrison. Mrs. Harrison was the First President-General of the Daughters of the American Revolution, an organization formed at Washington, D.C., while the Harrisons were occupants of the White House.

The rest of this paper will be devoted to the family of William Rea, the brother who settled on the Rea Farm, in Cross Creek Township.

Before leaving Northhampton County, William Rea had taken for his life partner, Jane Mason, whose sister, Esther Mason, was the wife of Charles Campbell, as mentioned in our article on the Campbell Family. To William and Jane Mason Rea were born ten children, seven of whom survived to adulthood and whom married and had families. These were:

1. William Mason Rea, who married Elizabeth Campbell. They remained on the home farm in Cross Creek Township.

2. Ann Rea, who married David Campbell

3. Elizabeth Rea, who married George H. Campbell. (These three marriages between the Rea and Campbell families were all mentioned in our previous article on the Campbells.)

4. Sarah Rea married the Rev. George Vincent, and they have numerous descendants including Warren L. Starrett, of Crafton, Pittsburgh, and Donald L. Vincent, of Salem, Ohio.

5. Rhoda Rea married Robert Allison (no further information.)

6. Isabella Rea married William Beatty (no further information.)

7. Jane Rea became the wife of Joseph McNary. We shall speak of this family in a later article.

William Rea, the father of this family, was a school-teacher and farmer, and, in 1823, he was appointed to the office of Justice of the Peace for a district comprising the area of the five townships of Cross Creek, Hopewell, Independence, Jefferson and Mt. Pleasant. During the Whiskey Insurrection, in 1794, Mr. Rea, together with Aaron Lyle and Thomas Patterson, comprised a committee sent by the "insurrectionists" to meet the United States Army at Braddock's Field. This same committee later administered the oath of allegiance to 150 men at Cross Creek on September 11, 1794, following the "breaking" of the insurrection. During the years of his active life, Squire Rea, as he was known far and wide, served well in Church and State. At his death in 1835, in a confused state of mind, he is reported by historian James Simpson to have asked: "Who am I? Where am I? and Where am I going?"

William Rea was not an "original" settler upon this land in Cross Creek Township in the strictest sense of the word. His farm was a part of a tract of 400 acres. "The Seat of Justice," patented to John Marshall in February, 1787. George Marquis, a cousin of the other Cross Creek Marquises, bought the 196-acre tract from John Marshall, but, according to records, he held possession for only about two years, then selling it to Mr. Rea. To add to his farm, Mr. Rea purchased an additional 80 acres from Joseph Reed to make his total holdings about 275 acres.

As mentioned above, Mr. Rea's oldest son, William Mason Rea, succeeded his father in the ownership and operation of this home farm. As his sons grew to manhood, he divided his farm among them, giving a tract of 93 acres, the north side of his farm to his oldest

son, John Campbell Rea. This land remained in this family line until about a year ago, when it was sold by Wayne C. Cooke, a great-grandson of John C. Rea.

A tract of 60 acres plus was given to another son, Joseph Vincent Rea, and a third part became the property of the third son, William Rea, III. These last two tracts were later re-united when they came into the possession of the youngest son of the family, Charles Campbell Rea, who purchased the interests of his two brothers, when Joseph V. Rea settled in Mt. Pleasant Township. William Rea, III, (Uncle Billy to the family and "Blind Billy" to the community) had the misfortune to lose the sight of both eyes, one at the age 18 when he was accidentally struck in the eye by the point of a pick while standing back of his brother, John C. Rea, as they were working together. Later, while working in a woodlot unloading fence rails, he was struck in the other eye by a wood splinter, which rendered him entirely sightless. In his later life, Blind Billy was constantly cared for by his niece, Ida Florence Rea (Marshall), in the home of his brother, Charles C. Rea, where he lived.

Charles Campbell Rea was united in marriage with Catherine Cooke, of Dalton, Ohio. Their family consisted of eight daughters and one son, and this family is the group picture which is shown herewith. The daughters of this family all married and went to homes of their own, while the son, Charles Maynard Rea, eventually came into possession of the home farm. Upon his marriage to Miss Clare Cooke, of Smith Township, on June 21, 1917, Mr. Rea erected a new frame house on the farm, leaving the homestead house as a home for his sister, Ella Alberta Rea Cozins, whose husband, Walter E. Cozins, a former principal of the Burgettstown Schools, had died in 1910, within a year after their marriage.

Charles M. Rea was an outstanding citizen in his home community, conducting his farm operations and a dairy in a progressive manner, and always taking an active interest in the affairs of the church, state and community. A member of the Cross Creek Church, he served for many years on its session and also as clerk of session for much of his term. He served as School Director in Cross Creek Township for over fifty years, and was Secretary of the School Board for most of this time. He served a term as Justice of the Peace. He was a member of Cross Creek Grange and was active in many other farm and community organizations. His only son, Maynard Cooke Rea, now lives on and conducts the old home farm. It is the belief of this writer that the land now held by Maynard C. Rea has been in the name of one family longer than any other tract of land in Cross Creek Township, a total of 178 years.

Two of the sisters of Charles M. Rea married and located in Burgettstown and Neighboring Territory. They were Mary Elizabeth Rea, who married John N. Smiley, of Smith Township; among their descendants are Leman C. Smiley, of Bavington, and his family, and Mrs. Elizabeth M. Harper, of Burgettstown. Tamar Catherine Rea married Harry S. Lee, of Cross Creek, and their twin sons, Montford and Lester Lee, live at that place while a third son, Charles R. Lee, lives in Worthington, Ohio, and in Florida.

Because of the close relationship existing between the Campbell and the Rea families, occasioned by the marriages of Charles Campbell with Esther Mason and of William Rea with Jane Mason in the earlier generation, and of three children of the Campbell family with three of the Rea family in the next generation, it was deemed appropriate in the year 1913 to hold a joint reunion of these two First Families of the Cross Creek Country. Accordingly, on July 27, 1913, hundreds of the descendants of the two families met in joint reunion at the Sugar Camp on the old Rea Home Farm at Rea Station.

This occasion was memorialized by a small brochure arranged by Joseph Rea McNary, of Burgettstown, and published by the Enterprise. This contained a short history of the Rea Clan, including a sketch of the progenitor, Colonel Samuel Rea, and also a hymn, a tribute to "Our Clan" from the pen of Joseph R. McNary.

Since this writer is a descendant of the Rea Clan through Sarah Rea and Robert Lyle, he would like to see another Rea-Campbell Reunion held in the near future. The descendants of Charles Campbell Rea do hold an annual reunion on July 4th of each year, usually meeting at the Cross Creek United Presbyterian Church.

Next-The McNary Family.

The Rea Family

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REA REUNION

The descendants of the late Charles Campbell and Catherine Cook Rea held the 34th annual reunion, Wednesday, July 4, 1945, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Smiley, of Burgettstown, R. D.

The morning was spent in greetings and reminiscing. A chicken dinner was served at noon. After dinner a short business meeting was conducted by the president, C. M. Rea. Officers for the coming year are: C. M. Rea, President; Mrs. H. C. Scott, of Burgettstown, vice president; Mrs. Charles R. Keenan, of Oakdale, secretary; and Lester Lee, of Cross Creek, treasurer. After the business, all who had sons or daughters in the service gave interesting accounts of their whereabouts. Reamond Smiley, who was in a German prison camp for over 20 months, and William Craig, who was wounded in action were present. There were 66 relatives and three visitors present.

Awarded Scholarship.

Raymond C. V. Reed of Burgettstown has been awarded the Citizen's Military Training Camp scholarship at the Carnegie Institute of Technology, according to an announcement made at the Carnegie Day exercises held recently in honor of the birthday of Andrew Carnegie. Reed is a freshman in the College of Engineering.

Raymond C.V. Reed
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 3, 1931 Edition

Celebrate Golden Wedding.

William S. and Lucy Reed of Florence completed 50 years of married life December 24th. The event was fittingly celebrated with a gathering of friends with congratulations and good wishes. The house was beautifully decorated with cut flowers, yellow chrysanthemums and Christmas decorations.

No. 2

Two Shares

The Cross Creek Cemetery Company.

CAPITAL STOCK, \$10,000.

SHARES \$25.00 EACH.

This is to Certify, that *J. M. K. Reed*
is entitled to *Two* shares 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 person, 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 *sixteenth* day
of *March* A. D. *1891*.

J. L. Vance President.
M. K. Stephenson Treasurer.

Cross Creek Cemetery Company
Certificate No. 2 was Granted to J.M. K. Reed, Two Shares on March 16, 1891

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Company

For value Received I hereby sell, assign and transfer
unto J Winfield Reed two Shares of the Capital Stock
represented by the within certificate, and do hereby irrevocably
constitute and appoint _____

to transfer the said Stock on the books of the within named
Corporation with full power of substitution in the premises

Dated Sept 23rd 1908

witness

J M Barber.

J. M. K. Reed, by
J Winfield Reed Executor



Cross Creek Cemetery Company
Certificate No. 2 was Transferred to J. M. K. Winfield Reed,
Two Shares on September 23, 1908

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Company

SWINGLE—REED

A. Morgan Swingle, of Washington, son of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Swingle, 579 West Chestnut street, and Miss Hollis Ruth Reed, of Burgettstown, were married at 5 p. m. January 20, at the home of the bride's parents. Rev. J. R. Thompson, of the Westminister Presbyterian church of Burgettstown, performed the ceremony. After a wedding dinner the couple left for a trip to Washington, D. C., where they stopped at the New Willard hotel for a few days. They have returned to Burgettstown, where they will make their home.

**Wedding Announcement of Hollis Ruth Reed and Andrew Morgan Swingle
January 20, 1926**

Resniks Observe 52nd Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Resnik of Rea observed their 52nd wedding anniversary Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27. The occasion was simply marked with a dinner in the evening attended by the following friends and relatives: Mr. and Mrs. Patsy DeFilippis, Avella; Mr. and Mrs. John Riley, Washington; Mr. and Mrs. John Resnik and family; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Resnik and family of Rea; Mr. and Mrs. Tony Resnik and daughter of Hanlin Station.

The couple are the parents of 13 children, four are deceased; 23 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Three Revay Sons Marry During June

Announcement has been made of three marriages in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Revay, Sr., of R. D. 2, Burgettstown. Miss Helen Elias of R. D. 2 and Michael Revay were united in marriage June 12, at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Avella. The couple are now residing at the Elias home after a honeymoon at Niagra Falls and Canada.

Miss Stella Raffa, daughter of Mrs. Mary Raffa of Front street, Carnegie, and Martin Revay, Jr., were united in marriage June 26, at the Ignatius Catholic Church, Carnegie. The couple left this week for a month's visit in Glendale, Calif. Upon their return they will live in Carnegie.

Wednesday morning, June 30, at 9 a.m. in the Bridgeville Catholic Church, Miss Florence Mannerling became the bride of Joseph Revay.

**Three Revay Sons Marry During June
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 1, 1948 Edition**

Interviewed: John Reyda

Interviewer: Diane Martin

Mr. Reyda was born on September 26, 1900, in Czechoslovakia and is presently a retired Weirton Steel worker. He is 76 years old. He belongs to a Byzantine Catholic Church (St. Mary's Greek Catholic Church.)

Mr. Reyda was born in a small village in Czechoslovakia. He doesn't remember much about his childhood except for the fact that the entire country was filled with poverty and times were bad. His father was the owner of a ranch-type place and had many families working under him. His father was wealthier than most other Czechoslovakians but could still be considered poor under our standards.

Mr. Reyda served in the army for four years from 1917 until 1920 and was married in 1918 to Mrs. Reyda, who was also a native of the same small village. Mr. Reyda fought in World War I and saw very little of his newly-wedded wife for a period of three years. He was discharged from the army in 1920.

Mr. Reyda asked his father if he could spare him enough money to get to the new land of America to start a new life. His father, seeing no reason why he would want to leave, simply said "no". Mr. Reyda then turned to his older sister who was now living in America. After a period of 14 months, Mr. Reyda received a letter from his sister along with \$201. This would be of great value to him because American money was more valuable than Czech money. Since the Czech government did not want anyone to leave their country, Mr. Reyda had to secretly buy the passport and secretly leave. There were also a few lies told in the process.

Mr. Reyda, after promising his wife he would get a job and earn enough money to send for her, left for America. He arrived on June 1, 1922, and made his home in a small mill town in West Virginia known as Weirton. His next step was to locate a job in order to save enough money to send for his wife. But there was one major problem he was facing--he couldn't speak any English. One day in desperation he went to apply for a job at a small steel mill in Weirton. Luckily for him the foreman who interviewed him could speak the same Slovak language he spoke. He was hired the next day and paid 17 cents an hour in wages. His first pay was a total of \$31; his second pay was \$99. This was a result of working 12 to 18 hours a day without time out for lunch or coffee breaks.

In only two short months he saved enough money to send for Mrs. Reyda. This was done by saving almost every penny he earned.

Mrs. Reyda went to an elementary school in Weirton, her fellow students being around the age of six to eight years old. For many weeks she would come home crying because she thought she was too dumb to learn the English language until Mr. Reyda encouraged her to go on, and every night he would have her teach him what she had learned that day.

Mr. Reyda has lived in Weirton since that day in 1922 and says that he loves America and would never go back to his native country. His job in the Weirton Steel Mill lasted 45 years until his retirement.

John Reyda
Interviewed as Problems of Democracy class project
October 1975

Serious horsepower



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Standing with their Belgian draft horses are, from left, George Rice, Anthony D'Alessandro, Angela Rice, Linda Rice, Dominic D'Alessandro, Adam Lohr and Milton Rice. Top left, Belgian draft horses Jim and Charlie, full brothers, were born at an Amish farm in Camden, Mich. At left, Linda Rice holds a vintage photo in front of her favorite artwork of a team of draft horses that hangs in the dining room of her Mt. Pleasant Township home. Hames, the supports attached to the collar of a draft horse, adorn the frame.

Locals 'pulling' for equine team as Pa. Farm Show marks centennial

By BARBARA S. MILLER
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As we open a door to our vehicle, settle into the driver's seat and turn the key in the ignition, we likely give little thought to the origin of the word "horsepower," a measurement of engine performance.

However, as the owner of a team of draft horses, Milton Rice contemplates the power of the equine every day.

"Delvin Miller started out down at the Burgettstown Fair," Rice said of the legendary harness-racing driver, a statue of whose horse, Adios, stands sentinel at the entrance to The Meadows Racetrack & Casino. Around his farm in rural Mt. Pleasant Township, Rice recalls "they used to race to see who could get to the Hickory store the fastest."



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Milton Rice looks at a scrapbook containing highlights of the history of horse-pulling in Washington County.

Rice, 82, first traveled to the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg in 1950 when he was a member of Future Farmers of America at Hickory High School, and he visited the show and exposition off

and on since. He and his family will be cheering on his pair of Belgian draft horses next week at the centennial farm show in Harrisburg.

"America was built with draft horses," Rice said. "The

pride of every family farm was their team of horses."

The horses Jim and Charlie, with Rice's son, George, at the reins, will arrive in Harrisburg Monday for the horse-pulling event Tuesday. A list of entries shows they are the only Washington Countians registered.

"There's no way we could go to the farm show without George," Rice said. "He drives them. It's a family effort. We're lucky the farm show still supports horse pulling. At one time, we had 10 to 20 horse-pulling farms in Washington County."

The exhibition of horsepower is the third-most popular attraction at the farm show, Milton's wife, Linda, said, citing Pennsylvania Cable Network as her source.

"There were years Washington County would have

10 entries in the farm show," Rice said. J.H. Eckels of Marianna and his son, William Eckels; George Porter of Washington, a former East Washington police officer; and Vance Litman of Claysville were well-known for their participation.

"Me and Linda spent a lot of effort. We had Vance listed in the Hall of Fame for horse pulling at the farm show," Rice recalled.

"It's going to fade away in 20 years," mused Linda Rice, who said horse pulling is no longer appearing on the schedules of the Jacktown, West Alexander or Greene County fairs. "Of course, everyone has tractors. Before tractors, everybody had horses. They couldn't afford to buy tractors."

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Farm

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Milton Rice is superintendent of horse pulling contests at the Washington County Fair, and the Rices are members of Washington County Horse and Mule Association, among other organizations.

Jim and Charlie, the gentle giants, are from Camden, Mich., where they were born and worked an Amish farm. The Rice family has owned Jim for 2 1/2 years. Brother Charlie rejoined his full brother eight months ago.

"It started out as a hobby and now it's a vice," Milton Rice said. "Instead of going to Disney World, we went and bought horses."

Together, the team weighs 4,500 pounds and they started out moving a sled loaded with more than their weight – two-and-a-half tons. The competition calls for the addition of 1,000-pound increments until the team can't budge the load 27 1/2 feet.

Lightweight teams weigh 3,325 pounds and under. Horses weighing in at more than that are part of the heavyweight division.

Twenty-two pairs of lightweights and 14 pairs of heavyweights have entered the farm show competition.

The horses don't just waltz onto a trailer and into the farm show arena. George Rice works them at the Rice farm so they build both muscle and stamina.

Will Nichols, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture spokesman, likened types of pulling competitions to the difference between power lifters and those whose strength is designed for endurance.

"There are two types of harness horses – those that

give it a good heave and then the wagon will be rolling and you're fine, and the pulling horses, who are pulling plows and pulling logs out of forests. They keep dealing with it and they just can't let up.

"It's just one of the initial differences you start to realize between the two. If you're going to be good, you have to specialize."

Pulling competitions aren't the only events for the big equines, bred during the medieval period to carry knights and kings wearing heavy armor. In the halter show for draft horses, judges will be evaluating the animal's shape and structure, known as "conformation," in various draft horse breeds, choosing the best stallion, mare, gelding and overall supreme champion.

For those unfamiliar with draft horse events, Nichols asked those who enjoy watching dog shows to think of it in terms of those who compete to be best of breed to canines who vie in agility contests or diving to retrieve.

"Usually, it's a different set of horses (in the halter show) from those who compete in the pulling world, where you want to see who can pull the sled the furthest," Nichols said.

At the 100th farm show, the butter sculpture was unveiled Thursday. Pennsylvania dairymen say they will introduce a new milkshake flavor today and the judging of various competitions will take place. The supreme champion draft horse is scheduled to make its debut.

Opening ceremonies are scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday featuring the state police mounted drill team in the large arena. At the same time on the main floor, the blue-ribbon apple pie contest will take place on



George Rice and the team of Belgian horses work out last week to gear up for Farm Show competition.

PHOTO COURTESY OF ANGELA RICE

the Good Foods stage, followed by the Pennsylvania Preferred cookie, brownie and bar cookie contest, wine competition, chocolate cake contest and best "blended burger."

Nichols said in 1917, the "Pennsylvania Corn, Fruit, Vegetable, Dairy Products and Wool Show" was held in a building owned by Emerson Brantingham farm implement manufacturer, an entity

that became part of Case. Four other locations listed in a 1919 program included Chestnut Street Hall, Board of Trade Building, the Senate Caucus Room – where the Pennsylvania Poultry Association met – and Cameron Hall.

R.L. Munce of Canonsburg in 1918 was listed as treasurer of the Pennsylvania Breeders' and Dairymen's Association. In 1920, James M. Paxton of Houston was elected as a rep-

resentative of the Washington County Agricultural Society. No representative for Greene County was listed, but W.F. Holtzer of Greensburg was the delegate from Westmoreland County.

Paxton was a member of the standing committee on livestock.

"In 1925 there were 15 locations across Harrisburg that you had to go to find events," Nichols said.

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Year Closed With a Delightful Recital

The Music pupils of Miss Mary Judson Riddile assisted by Miss Grace Kerr vocalist, gave a delightful little recital at Miss Riddile's home, Thursday afternoon, July 22. Beautiful flowers contributed by the pupils and their friends filled the rooms. This recital marked the close of the year's work and each number played showed the result of earnest and faithful work done by each pupil. As the class boasts of one young man among their number and he a photographer, just following the programme given below the pictures of pupils and friends were taken before good-bye was said for vacation.

Programme

Dreams of the ocean, Waltz.....	Brunner
Laura Wilson, Miss Riddile	
Tarantelle.....	Lynnes
Anna Mary Lee	
Witches F' t.....	Russel
Miss Riddile, Elizabeth McClure	
When I'm Big I'll be a Soldier.....	
..... J. L. Molloy	
Miss Kerr	
2nd Mazurka.....	Godard
Hannah May Pollock	
Madrilene.....	Machs
Ella Keys	
Mighty Lik' a Rose.....	Nevin
Miss Kerr	
2nd Rhapsodie.....	Liszt
Miss Laura Hanlin, Fred Glessner	
Valse Caprici.....	Newland
Martha Dunbar	
Ben Bolt.....	Kneaff
Miss Kerr	
6th Rhapsodie.....	Liszt
Miss Stievenart	
William Tell Overture.....	Gottschalk
Miss Riddile, Bessie Singleten	

**Music Pupils of Miss Mary Judson Riddle
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DR. W. V. RIDDLE

Dr. Riddle, member of the first Borough Council, was born in Smith Township on October 6, 1839. He attended common schools and the Burgettstown Academy. In 1861 he entered the office of Dr. T. W. Bradley. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1864. After practicing in Noblestown, Candor and Pittsburgh, he settled in Burgettstown. His first wife was Rose Finley; his second Emma Bingham. He was interested in education, was an elder in the First Presbyterian Church here and a member of the Democratic Party. Dr. Riddle continued to practice medicine in Burgettstown well into the present century. His home was on the site of the present Mellon Bank.

Follansbee Entry "Queen of Queens"



homecoming queen trophy

Miss Becky Riggle



sweetest thoughts



WHAT ARE LITTLE GIRLS MADE OF?—Sugar and more and everything nice—say the poets—and this fetching photo of Miss Becky Riggle—in all that Miss Riggle wears the Follansbee High school Homecoming Queen crown won in the 1969 Homecoming season, and a gown of foamy, frothy net and lace.

Follansbee High schools attractive Queen of Queens' entry, Miss Becky Riggle, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Riggle of 222 Boulevard Drive in Follansbee.

She is 22', weighs 125, has light brown hair, and green eyes. She is a member of the Goodwill Community Church in Follansbee and teaches a Sunday School Class in the primary department.

She was very active in the major clubs at the high school which include membership in the Senior Y-Years, National Honor Society, Dramatic Club, Poet Club, Chemistry Club, Ingot and Forge Staffs, and the Chess Club.

She was secretary and president of the FFA, secretary and treasurer of the G.A.A., historian of Junior Y-Years, secretary and vice president of the Photography Club and secretary of the Student Council.

Her honors include being selected by her student body as Homecoming Queen, Freshman of the Year, delegate to the National Student Council Convention, best Representative, Led Clubs Representative, Varsity cheerleader, commencement and homecoming singer, Junior and Senior Play actor and a member of the newspaper, and the girl's basketball and softball teams.

Becky was selected to be Follansbee's representative by being elected Homecoming Queen at the Follansbee - Benwood Homecoming game on October 8.

Becky's statement about the contest was "It is a wonderful, unforgettable experience, an honor to meet such wonderful girls who will be lasting friends, and wishes the contest would not have to come to a close so soon." She stated that she enjoyed being in "the style show, parties, television and radio programs, and the mixed show. For her talent she selected the poem "Home" by Edgar A. Guest.

Becky is presently employed as Society Editor of The Weirton Daily Times.



berry crop's good

Fun, Frolic, Work Combine To Make Life Interesting For Weirton Daily Times Society Editor



wheels need washing too



work comes later



smiling in the sun

Becky Riggle-Queen of Queens
The Weirton Daily Times-March 25, 1960 Edition

Ritter-Dunbar

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Ritter of Ebensburg announce the marriage of their daughter, Katharine Grace, to Haldon Dunbar, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Dunbar of Maple avenue. The ceremony took place Saturday, February 10th, at Cumberland, Md., the Rev. William A. Eisenberger, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiating. Miss Margaret Shetting of Ebensburg and Miller Kerr of New Castle accompanied the young couple. Both the bride and the bridegroom are former students of Slippery Rock State Teachers College. Mr. Dunbar is a teacher in the Smith township district. They are at home to their friends at the home of the bridegroom's parents.

**Katherine Grace Ritter Weds Haldon Dunbar
February 10, 1934**

Florence woman to receive Good Egg Award

BURGETTSTOWN – The annual Stunda Good Egg Award will be presented to Jean Roberts at 7 p.m. Thursday in the conference room at Burgettstown Community Library.

Roberts is being honored for her lifelong local volunteerism.

Each spring, Burgettstown area residents are invited to nominate someone they think is worthy of the award, which was initiated in 1980 by the library and assumed by the Stunda Family in 1984.

After John and Barbara Stunda were killed in an automobile accident, the Stunda family requested the Good Egg Award be given in their parents' memory. The Stunda family presents an annual donation to the library and a ceramic plaque to the honoree.

Roberts has served for 29 years at the coordinator of the Burgettstown Area Food Pantry, which serves members of the Burgettstown Area School District as part of the Washington County Food Bank. The food pantry is located at the Frankfort Springs Grange Hall on Route 18.

Roberts has five children:



Jean Roberts spent 29 years as coordinator for the Burgettstown Area Food Pantry and served 41 years as a volunteer for the Burgettstown Service Unit of the Salvation Army.

Beth Engel of Bentleyville, a retired registered nurse; Robbie Roberts of Burgettstown, a nurse anesthetist; Ronnie Roberts of Plane Oaks, Texas, a heavy equipment operator for

the state Department of Transportation; Michael Roberts of Raleigh, N.C., manager for Delta Airlines and Anne Waters of Burgettstown, a phlebotomist at Washington Hospital. Her husband, Robert B. Roberts, died in 2008.

Mr. and Mrs. Roberts moved from Greene County to Florence in 1956. Roberts worked for J&L Steel in Aliquippa, and the couple delivered Meals on Wheels for many years.

Mrs. Roberts was a volunteer deacon, Sunday school teacher, cook, custodian and elder at the former Florence Presbyterian Church. She served on the board of directors of the Community Medical Center at its inception and served four terms as majority inspector for the Hanover Township Board of Elections.

Recently, Roberts retired from her 41 years as a volunteer with the Burgettstown Service Unit of the Salvation Army, performing various duties, including working with field representatives who depended on her to assist with the voucher program.

A reception with refreshments will follow the awards ceremony.

Jean Roberts
2011 Stunda Good Egg

The Greatest Generation
An Interview/Story of

Joseph F. Roberts Sr.

Interviewed by
Tia Roberts
Burgettstown Area School Project

Fort Vance Historical Society

The Greatest Generation

The following is an interview/story I would like to share:

Name of person Joseph F. Roberts, Sr.

Joseph F. Roberts, Sr. is my grandfather. He is my dad's father. My grandfather was born in 1914. He was 26 when the United States became engaged in World War II after the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. My grandfather tried to enlist in every service there was – Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard. He wasn't able to join any of the branches of the armed services because they said he was too old. He didn't understand that because he was young and healthy and the U.S. needed as many people as they could get to fight in the war. Someone he knew suggested that he join the Merchant Marines. He didn't know anything about the Merchant Marines but he thought he would find out.

He was working as a meat salesman in the early part of 1943 for Delfrate Packing Company which was located in Slovan. He found out that the Recruitment Office for the Merchant Marine was in downtown Pittsburgh. He went to the Recruitment Office. There were a lot of "navy-looking" people in the office and he asked who he should see about joining. He went up to one of the recruitment men at one of the desks and asked how he could join. The recruiter gave him an application. My grandfather filled out the application to join that same day in that office and gave it back to the recruiter.

The recruiter put my grandfather's application on the bottom of a pile on his desk. My grandfather didn't like his application being on the bottom of the pile. So he asked the recruiter if he liked smoked ham and bacon and the recruiter said "who doesn't?" Meat was very hard for most people to get because of the war. The next day on February 28th, 1943 my grandfather went back to the recruitment office and took a slab of bacon and a small smoked ham and gave it to the recruiter who had put his application on the bottom of the pile. The recruiter was surprised to see him and very happy to get the slab of bacon and the small smoked ham. He liked my grandfather so much that he took his application from the bottom of the pile and put it on top. He also really liked getting the bacon and ham.

On March 2, 1943, my grandfather's dad's birthday, my grandfather was on his way to Sheephead Bay in New York to become a Merchant Marine. He traveled by train at a cost of 50 cents out of Union Station in Pittsburgh. He was in training until June 15, 1943 and then he was assigned to the S.S. Thomas Nelson Paige – called a Liberty Ship. He remembers sitting on the fantail of the ship looking at the Statue of Liberty with tears in his eyes and thinking he may never see the U.S. again. While crossing the Atlantic Ocean several German submarines sunk three or four of the ships from the convoy of Navy Destroyers that were escorting the Merchant Marine ships which were carrying supplies for the American forces. My grandfather's ship did not get sunk.

After crossing the Atlantic Ocean his convoy entered the Strait of Gibraltar into the Mediterranean Sea. While they were stopped at Tunis, Tunisia on the North African Coast there was a raid by German air attack. My grandfather's ship had German planes firing at the ship and my grandfather was almost hit. He still has the bullet that almost hit him because it got stuck in the concrete that was around the gun that he was firing at the planes.

My grandfather was the first one in his family to go to war. He also had two brothers that were in World War II. I am happy to say that my grandfather and his two brothers all came home from the War and are all still alive today.

Mrs. Maria Robinson died about Nov. 1877, leaving issue two sons William Elder and Johnston Elder, and the issue of a deceased child Mrs. Mary Jane formerly wife of George Henwood, namely Prestley Henwood, Ida Catherine Henwood, John Eliza Henwood, and Jesse May Henwood.

The personal effects of the said Maria Robinson were, by the decease of said Maria Robinson, there were certain funds in my charge, which belonged to said Mrs. Maria Robinson as trustee under the will of Lewis Johnston, which would descend to said William Elder, myself and said issue of Mary Jane Henwood decd. These funds on 1st April 1877 amount to the sum of, including interest, \$848.

Deduct the above stated 50.30
 distributable under the will of Lewis Johnston \$797.70

Said sum of \$797.70 is distributable in 3 shares, one to myself, one to William Elder and the other to the issue of Mary J. Henwood, say

Share of Johnston Elder	<u>\$265.90</u>	}	\$797.70
" " William Elder	<u>265.90</u>		
Share of M. J. Henwood	<u>265.90</u>		

Now this is to certify, that I have paid to William Elder \$265.90; that I have retained \$265.90 in my own right; and that I hold

she is to certify that I William Elder have received from Johnston Elder \$265.90 in full of my share of my mothers estate, and of the fund which she had charge of, under the will of Lewis Johnston. Attest my hand and seal this 26 March 1877. I have read and I approve of the foregoing statement.

for the said issue of M. J. Hurwood the sum of \$265⁹⁰/₁₀₀, which I hereby agree to pay to their guardian or to those legally entitled thereto; and that until so called upon for payment, I will keep said \$265⁹⁰/₁₀₀ safely invested at 6 per. cent. interest per. an. for the benefit of said issue of M. J. Hurwood. I will compound the interest annually, and I will be responsible for both principal and interest.

In testimony whereof, I here to place my hand and seal this 26 day of March 1877.

(Signature)

amicable arrangement, disposed of by said Johnston ^{and W.} an Elder and George Hurwood, and amounted to the sum of \$69⁷⁰

I paid debts of said Maria as follows viz
 to Dr. B. F. Hill, Medical, 30.-
 " " Riddle, Medical, 20.-
 " " James Melney, Coffin &c., 30.
 " " Mr Swords, Tombstone, 40 \$120.

Difference in favor of myself viz \$50.30

In the matter hereinabove and written out after the decease of said Mrs. Maria Robinson, one of her issue of the date viz

(Signature)
 This is to be retained by Mrs Elder

*Anniversaries Come
Three At a Time Here*

Anniversaries don't come singly in the Rogers-Cree families.

Friday, in the Ohio Valley General hospital in Wheeling, a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Cree, (Alice Rogers) of Wellsburg.

Yesterday was also the first anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Cree's marriage.

And on the same day Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Rogers of Gilbert avenue, Follansbee, parents of Mrs. Cree, quietly celebrated their forty-sixth wedding anniversary.

Rogers-Cree Families
Anniversaries Come Three at a Time
October 1933

Interviewed: Germaine Romestan

Interviewer: Terri Roach

Mrs. Romestan was born in Charleroi, Belgium, on November 12, 1896. She has lived in the U.S. for 72 years, for she left Belgium at the age of seven in 1903 along with her grandfather and the rest of her family.

They got interested in the U.S. through her aunt Vandebor who is no longer living. Her parents wished to leave Belgium for the sake of adventure, which is the best thing that happened to Mrs. Germaine Romestan.

Germaine started first grade at a school in McDonald, Pa. The English language and writing was not hard for her to pick up, although she went as far as the fourth grade.

Her parents never thought her wrong about the Americans for they liked them very much. The American people became their best and closest friends.

According to Mrs. Romestan, coming to the U.S. was not a mistake but was the best thing that could happen to a person.

Germaine's mother was born on September 21, 1874, and died January 22, 1942. Her father, Mr. Paul Lefebure, was born April 6, 1872, and died July 2, 1918. Both died of cancer.

After getting situated in McDonald, Pa., her father got a job as a coal miner. This was nothing new to him, for he was a coal miner in Belgium also. They lived close to his job, which was a necessity because there was no transportation and he had to walk to work.

Her parents were strict in their beliefs. Her father, being the head of the household, agreed that they go to their first American church, Midway Presbyterian.

Germaine, was the oldest of her four brothers (Almer, Alfred, Victor and Jules) and two sisters (Martha and Yvonne). Three of her brothers and both sisters are still living. Victor died at a young age. The family was very close, and all the children looked up to their parents.

When Germaine was 17 years old, she got a job at Voys Hotel in McDonald, Pa., doing laundry. She earned 15 to 20 dollars a week. She only worked for a year, for when she was 18 years old she ran away to Wellsburg to marry a Frenchman, Mr. Louis Romestan, also from McDonald, Pa. When they returned home, they lived where she still remains, after her husband's death, in Bulger, Pa. Her husband was born February 2, 1891, and died September 30, 1953. Louis was also, as her father, a miner. They had 15 children--10 boys and 5 girls.

Germaine Romestan
Interviewed as Problems of Democracy class project
October 1975

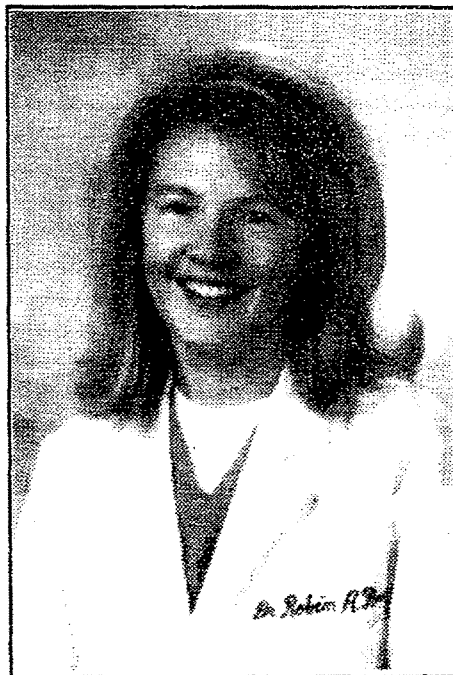
Dr. Spiegel Retires

Dr. David Spiegel would like to take this opportunity to formally announce his retirement and thank the Burgettstown community for "making his life so pleasant." Originally, Dr. Spiegel had planned to transfer his practice to his son, Dr. Jeffrey Spiegel and remain active in the practice. Because Dr. Jeffrey Spiegel's own practice requires his full time attention, he was unable to take over here.

Dr. Spiegel is pleased to announce that Dr. Robin Roop has purchased the practice. Dr. Roop will continue treatment for all active patients and will certainly welcome new ones. She will offer evening and week-end hours to accommodate the busy schedules of her patients.

Dr. Roop graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine in 1991 and has been in General Practice for four years. She is proficient in all aspects of General Dentistry including Endodontics, Periodontics, Fixed and Removable Prosthetics, Oral Surgery, Implants, and Cosmetic Dentistry.

Dr. Roop is very active in the Dental Community, attends many Continuing Education courses, and is very well respected by her peers. She most recently completed an extensive non-surgical Endodontics course at Boston University in Massachusetts and a Porcelain Veneer Course here in Pittsburgh. Dr. Spiegel is confident that you will all like Dr. Roop and find her a well qualified and competent Dentist.



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Dr. Spiegel Retires-Dr. Robin Roop Purchases Practice
The Enterprise-March 22, 1995 Edition

Interviewed: Katherine Rosnick

Interviewer: Denise Pyles

IMMIGRATION MEMORIES

In late September 1923, at the tender age of 16, Katherine Rosnick set out to start a new life in a strange and completely different world. Only a photograph, a single suitcase and a mind full of memories served as her building blocks.

The memories were of her childhood in the small Yugoslavian village of Draskorvitz, located near the (now) capital city of Belgrade.

Born Kata Loncar in 1907, she was the fourth daughter and fifth child of agrarian parents. Her father died shortly after the birth of her youngest sister, Smiljanja, in 1909. A loving uncle broke off his engagement and devoted his time to the care of the six Loncar children and their mother.

As the children grew older, they helped their uncle on the five or ten acre farm. Corn, wheat and oats were the major crops, but animals such as cows, goats, hogs and sheep were equally important. Most farms possessed three horses: two for plowing fields and one for transportation.

Although good farm land was limited because of the mountainous terrain, crops were abundant enough for a large family. Breakfast usually consisted of eggs, sausage and palenta, a type of cereal made of corn meal balls and milk. Soups, such as chicken, onion, noodles and tomato, made the lunch menu; meat--mostly beef and smoked ham--were always found on the table at supper time. White bread was a rarity, but cornbread and salads accompanied every meal.

The process of food preservation began with the removal of any seeds. Next the fruit or vegetable was strung with thread and set out in the sun to dry. Handmade clay crocks were used as storage containers.

Every once in a while, carts loaded with extra food or other sellable merchandise would journey to the village on the long, narrow streets surfaced with broken stones. The money received went to the purchase of shoes or colored material (white fabrics were spun at home).

Nicolai and Christmas made January the favorite month of the Loncar children. Nicolai was a religious holiday usually on the Sunday after Christmas (January 7th), but since quietness was essential on holy days, a celebration was held on Saturday night with everyone in the village in attendance. The sounds of singing voices and dancing feet made up for the lack of musical instruments.

The festival continued throughout the following week. The mornings and afternoons were spent in the Serbian Orthodox church, but the evenings remained the same. Neither brightly wrapped gifts nor decorated trees were visible on Christmas day; the poor townsfolk were content with large family reunions and nuts scattered on a white tablecloth instead.

At the age of six, Kata was fortunate enough to attend school. This school, located four miles from her village, was a tuition school. Her luck didn't last long though, because within three months a flood destroyed a bridge, killing several school children and forcing Kata's educational ideas to be abandoned.

Katherine Rosnick

Interviewed as Problems of Democracy class project

October 1975

A few years later, during World War I, the central powers invaded many Serbian villages, one of which was Draskorvitz. The troops burned buildings, slaughtered animals and stole crops. Kata's only brother was captured and placed in a prison camp. In refuge, the Loncars spent three or four months in an underground cave lit by kerosene lamps. Grass concealed the wooden entrances.

Her brother escaped from the camp and fled to the United States with his cousin. They sent the family many articles like sugar, clothing and, perhaps the most important, the address of a barber named George Rosnick.

Mr. Rosnick, 26, was also a Yugoslavian immigrant to the United States. Raised in Podvi, his original name was Juro Rosonovich before he and his brother, Joseph, had it legally changed.

After writing letters to each other for six months, Kata and George decided to marry. Despite protests waged by her uncle, Kata accepted the money George had won at a poker game, boarded a train to Zagreb, and headed west on the next ship to the United States. Several weeks later the group of immigrants landed at Ellis Island, New York, but were not permitted to leave the ship until morning.

Ellis Island became like a sieve as it closely examined all luggage as well as its owners. At the end of two days, all healthy individuals wore a red and white ribbon on their right shoulder while all unacceptable persons, marked by a blue ribbon on their left shoulder, returned to their ship.

Kata, her name translated to Katherine in English, first caught a train to Pittsburgh, Pa., before taking another one to Caldwell, Ohio. Once there, Katherine recognized George from his picture, but another man mistook her for someone else as he tried to take her home. When George approached she demanded identification, forcing him to return home to get the picture that Katherine had sent months earlier.

Terrified of the unfamiliar automobile, Katherine had her first ride to his neighbor's house, where she stayed for a week.

On October 3, 1923, Katherine and George were united in marriage by a Justice of the Peace in Caldwell. The bride wore black because of the death of Mr. Rosnick's first wife and two sons three years previously, all of whom died of tuberculosis within two months.

Two years later, the couple and their first son, Rudy, moved to a Burgettstown, Pa., farm. Mr. Rosnick worked in Francis Mine. It was here that Katherine first saw a Negro; her initial thought was that he didn't wash after returning from the mines.

The second son, Mike, was born in New Cumberland, W. Va., the location of another coal mine.

In Stratton, Ohio--the birthplace of George Jr. and Pauline--Mr. Rosnick worked for a clay company which made sewer pipes and bricks until the depression forced it to close.

Soon the family heard of jobs available at a steel mill in Weirton, W.Va., and moved once again. The family increased in size with the addition of another son, Paul, and three daughters, Marjorie, Dorothy and Mary Ann.

Mr. Rosnick died in 1965. Katherine remains alone in the same house in Weirton where she raised her eight children.

Katherine Rosnick to Denise Pyles

Yugoslavian Nut Roll

8 cups flour	1 sm. cake yeast
3/4 cup sugar	1 cup milk
1 teaspoon salt	4 eggs, beaten
1 lb. shortening	1 teaspoon vanilla (if desired)

Sift flour, sugar and salt. Cut in shortening to the size of peas. Dissolve yeast in warm milk and add beaten eggs to mixture.

Add to flour mixture and knead until it comes away clean from the fingers. Place in large bowl or pan, cover with tea towel and place in cool spot overnight.

When ready to bake, let dough stand at room temperature until dough softens. Roll dough thin on floured surface.

Spread nut filling (below) over the dough surface. Brush top with beaten eggs and bake for 45 minutes to 375°.

Nut Filling

6 cups walnuts, ground	2 cups sugar or honey
2 cups milk	1½ teaspoon vanilla

Mix together in saucepan; bring to slow boil. Take off heat and let cool before spreading on dough.

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A Scrap of Local History.
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On a headstone in the graveyard, now incorporated in Oak Spring Cemetery, is the following inscription:

"James Ross, died Feb. 22d, 1780, aged 45 years."

Mr. Ross is said to have been the first corpse interred in this graveyard. He was the great grandfather of David and Samuel White, of this vicinity. It is said that on the day of the funeral, pioneers were sent in advance to open a road from the residence of the deceased, no road being open between the points. The coffin was brought to the graveyard on the fore wheels of a farm wagon, the friends and neighbors accompany it horseback.—*Canonsburg Herald.*

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James Ross, died February 22, 1780
First Corpse Buried in Oak Spring Cemetery, Canonsburg, PA
The Burgettstown Call- Vol. IV-No. 15- November 6, 1884 Edition

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rossy will receive friends at their home in Florence avenue on Thursday evening, February 26, the occasion being the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage.

Mr. Rossy is a well known rural mail carrier and is active in baseball circles in the County. The Rossys were united in marriage by Alderman M. A. Riley in Pittsburgh, 25 years ago.

They are the parents of three sons, Ralph, who is married and lives at Chester, W. Va., and Richard and Clark at home.

Announce Engagement



Mr. and Mrs. Armando Rupani of R. D. 2, Burgettstown, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jean Marie, to George Martin, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George Martin, Sr., of Bulger. Miss Rupani received her ring on Christmas Eve.

Jean is a Senior at Union high school and George is a graduate of Union high school, class of 1951. He is employed by the Bell Telephone Company. No wedding plans have been made.

Jean Rupani Engagement
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 8, 1953 Edition

West Middletown Couple Celebrate 50th



Mr. and Mrs. Stanley O. Rush, of West Middletown, will observe their Golden Wedding anniversary with Open House in their home Sunday, March 21. They were married on March 23, 1915. Mrs. Rush is the former Margaret VanKirk Williams, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Williams. Mr. Rush is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Albert S. Rush. Both were raised in Hopewell Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Rush are the parents of three sons

and two daughters. A son, James, is deceased. Their living children are Albert, West Middletown; Cyrus, of Eighty Four; Howard, Peters Township; Mrs. Elizabeth Hodgens, Washington; and Miss Geraldine Rush, Carnegie.

They have fifteen grandsons, two granddaughters, and six great-grandchildren.

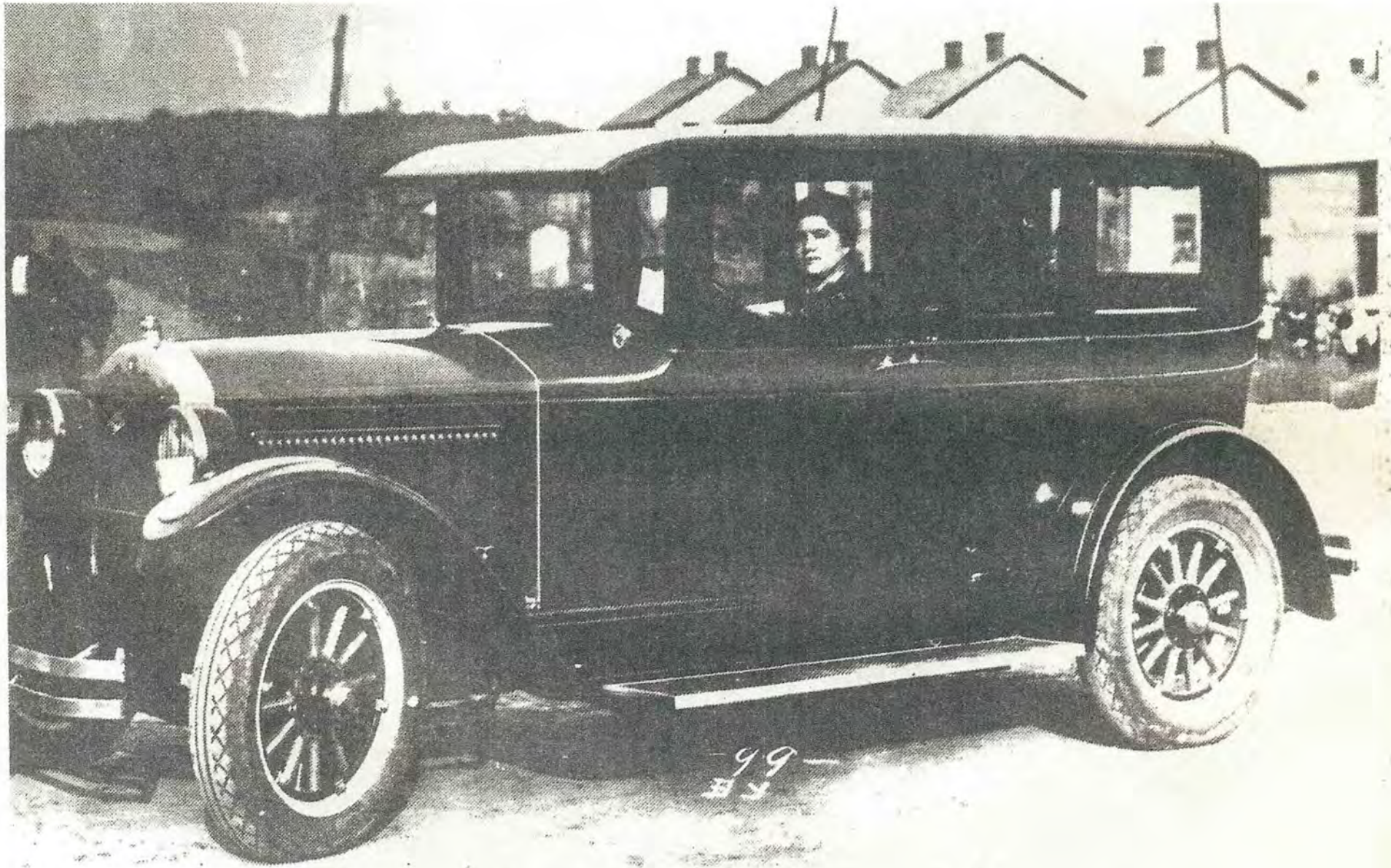
**Mr. and Mrs. Stanley O. Rush
Celebrate 50th Anniversary
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 17, 1965**

ACCOUNT BOOK SHOWS PRICES 100 YRS. AGO

Earl Smiley of Bulger brought in an old account book the other day that really makes one marvel at the progress of humanity in the last hundred years. The book was originally the property of John Russell of Bulger who recorded accounts for the decade 1840 to 1850. Seventeen pounds of flour in 1841 cost twenty-five cents; a pound of coffee could be bought for twelve and one half cents and eleven pounds of bacon was sold for thirty seven and one half cents.

But prices in those days were high in relation to the wages paid. A man earned fifty cents a day for shearing sheep; seventy-five cents a day for putting up hay; forty cents a day for hauling coal and one dollar and twenty-five cents a day for making 200 fence rails.

Account Book from 1840-1841
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 1, 1948 Edition



MRS. DOUGAL RUSSELL of McDonald posed in the latest model Hupmobile around 1926. Mrs. Russell was a saleslady for Frank Moretti of Bulger, who had the Hupmobile agency in McDonald.

RUSSELL

William Frank Russell married Jennie Galbraith and they came to Bridgeville from Carnegie in 1890. He at first was station agent and telegrapher on the railroad. In 1895 he opened a livery stable in Gilmore's barn which stood where the Union National Bank now stands. In 1903 he designed and built his own building on Station St., now owned by E. & A. Motor Co. In 1904 he started in the Undertaking business. In 1910 he opened the first Nickelodeon on the second floor of his building. The Nickelodeon was powered with a gas engine. In 1910 he also secured a Buick Agency. At that time cars were sent in parts and the Agency had to put them together. The cars were painted black and John Poellat was hired to paint the colored bands around the body by freehand. He also taught William's son, Frank to paint. William assembled the first ambulance in Western Penna. and it was in use for 100,000 miles. In 1916 he changed from horse drawn vehicles to automobiles in his livery business. Meanwhile, in 1902, he had been elected Justice of the Peace, and thereafter was known as Squire Russell. He served as Secretary of the School Board. He and his family formed an orchestra which played for square dances, parties and for theaters. In 1911 his records show the orchestra made \$1,100.00.

William and Jennie had seven children, Frank who married Ethel Horstman and had three children, Frank Jr. Rhea Lindsay, and Joan Campbell. Frank Sr. is deceased but his wife, Ethel resides in Houston, Pa. Bert, who married Ann McConnell, had one daughter, Ruth Ann Yohe. Isabelle married Ray Dushane and their two children were Ray Jr. and Beth. Ressa married Floyd Eyer and had one son, Floyd Jr. William married Margaret Stype.. They had 4 children, William Jr. Jean Patterson, Suzanne Anderson and Nancy Fischer. Margaret who married Raymond Worley. Guy C. married Kathryn Rupert and they had four children. Guy Jr. who married Dolores Lupaten Zinger who has three boys, Mark, David and Steven Zinger. Mary Jane married George Flood and their three boys are Howard, Richard and Robert. Sally married Donald Mussetter and their three children are Donald, Martha Jane and Laura. Rupert married Sheila Murray and has three children, Christopher, Ann and Trudy. Sally and Rupert reside in Ohio. Mrs. Guy Russell lives in Scott Township.

The descendents of William Frank Russell include 15 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren and 3 great, great grandchildren.

Russell

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Guy C. Russell who married Katherine Rupert had four children: Guy C., Jr., Rupert, Mary Jane, and Sally who with their mother, live on Bank Street.

The descendants of William Frank Russell also include eighteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

William Frank Russell Family

Four Generations Together On Christmas



This family, representing four generations, got together for their first Christmas this year in Burgettstown.

They are Mrs. Lillian Russell, 71, of Bridgeville, a long-time resident

of Midway; Alex Russell, her son, 47, of Main street, Burgettstown; Lawrence Russell, her grandson, 22, of Warren, Ohio; and Little James Robert Russell, four months old, her great-grandson.

Four Generations of the Russell Family Together on Christmas
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 3, 1968 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

I. B. SACKS ENTERS NEW YORK HOSPITAL

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Sacks of Church street left Sunday for New York City, where Mr. Sacks entered the Presbyterian hospital, for observation and treatment. Mr. Sacks is threatened with loss of the sight of an eye, which his attending physicians believe resulted from a fall on ice, he suffered, during the recent cold season. Mr. Sacks, who has been under the care of Pittsburgh specialists was advised to enter the New York hospital, as he may have to submit to a very serious and delicate operation on the affected eye.

Sanders Family

**Leaves of History-Cross Creek, Brooke County-Part II
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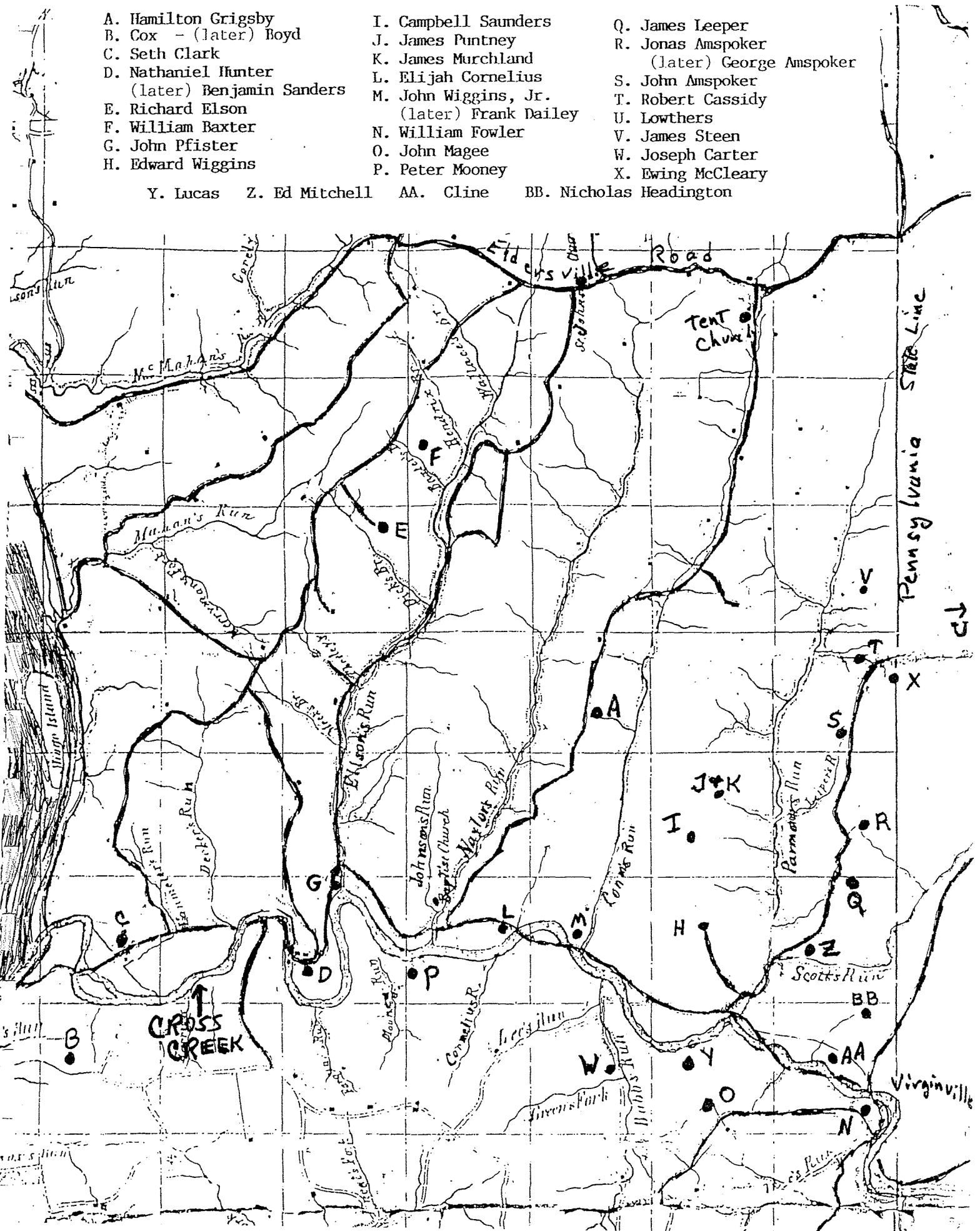
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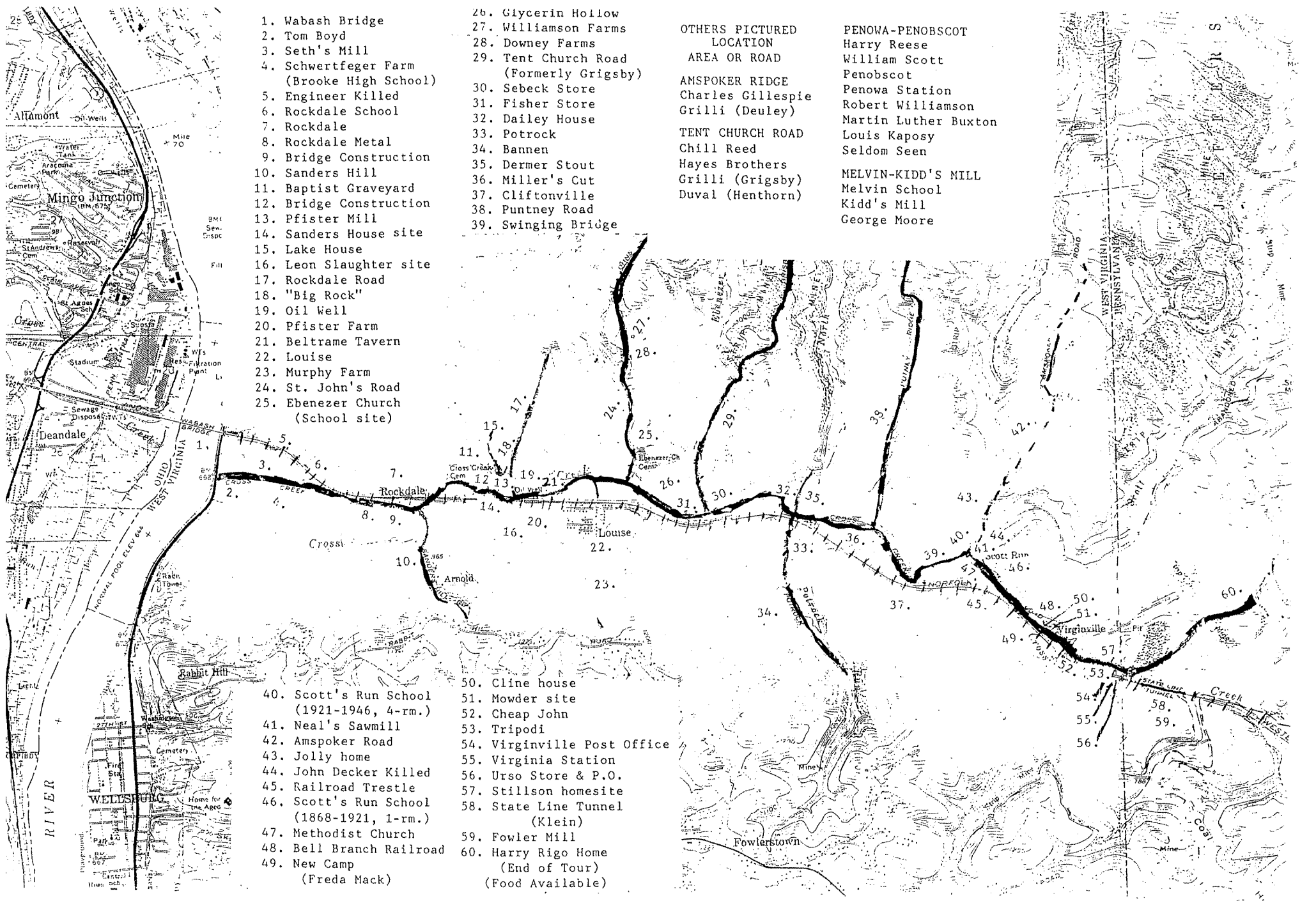


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THE SANDERS FAMILY

One of the most colorful figures of the Cross Creek Valley was Benjamin Davis Sanders. He was born in Culpepper, Virginia, in 1812, the son of Edward and Mary McCausland Sanders. Mary was the daughter of George and Catherine Kidd McCausland of Hanover Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania. His father, Edward Sanders, died in 1814, leaving not only little Benjamin aged two, but his older brother, George, aged five. After Edward's death, Mary married a McCausland cousin of hers, but the story was that this step-father mistreated the Sanders boys, so they were sent to the Kings Creek area near the Pennsylvania state line to live. This new home for them was probably that of their paternal grandparents, Benjamin and Nancy Ratcliff Sanders.

During his youth, Benjamin learned the trade of millwright, and in 1832 was sent to do some work on the Nathaniel Hunter mill on Cross Creek. At the sight of Nathaniel's mill in operation, Benjamin fell in love with it and vowed if he ever could, he was going to buy the Hunter mill and lands. He would move into the beautiful, rambling house that stood near the banks of the creek, and make it his own. This, he did, twenty-six years later, moving from Harmon Creek below Colliers, to Cross Creek, on a cold, rainy, October 21st, in 1858. Here, he and his wife, Martha Ryland Sanders, daughter of Fredus and Elizabeth Ewing Ryland, were to make their home for the rest of their lives - Benjamin for 26 years, and Martha for 46.



BENJAMIN DAVIS SANDERS

Benjamin Davis Sanders was one of the most brilliant men ever to set foot in the Cross Creek Valley. He was a prolific inventor, having taken out some thirty patents to his credit. His most outstanding invention was for a grain cleaner, then called a "smut" machine. He made this machine and sold it to other mills through agents. For this invention, he was awarded a silver medal by The Society for the Advancement of Science. He traveled to many states, promoting this invention. Among them was Iowa, where his son, George McCausland Sanders, was born. For use of his invention, he at one time received 1200 acres in Jasper County, Iowa. This transaction was the key to the fulfillment of his dream. In 1858, he traded this land for 121 acres on Cross Creek which included the mill and surrounding lands of Nathaniel Hunter. The Hunter homestead, which for twenty-six years had been the house of his dreams, was contained in this bargain.

On his Cross Creek land, he drilled the first oil well in Brooke County. Drilling began March 22, 1861, using the old grist mill for power. Although no oil was struck, it held the interest of the neighboring farmers who formed

the Cross Creek Oil Company on April 1, 1865. As many of these men were well known in the area, the list of those stockholders is printed here:

Thomas Donovan	C. Barber
Nicholas Headington	D. Murchland
T.M. Hudson	A. Buxton
M.C. Patton	S. Applegate
John Mayhall	A. Stewart
T. Weaver	G. Boyd
John Steen	S. Cunningham
H. Briceland	A.R. Atwell
George Jacobs	F. Ryland
John Pogue	E. Dare
J.W. Murchland	T. Brady
Buxton	R. McCready
Peter Downey	J. Cassidy
James Patton	W. Wells
David Gardner	J.W. Jacobs

The original well was drilled to 900 feet but no oil was struck. After Benjamin's death, a new well was drilled to a depth of 1200 feet, a short distance from the original one. This was in 1908. After starting at 45 barrels in fifteen minutes, it dwindled to thirty barrels a day. Unfortunately, Benjamin's property was only on the edge of the great oil fields of Follansbee. However, it is believed by many, that if the equipment to drill deeper had been available in Benjamin's day, oil probably would have been struck, and the history of the Sanders family and the entire Cross Creek area drastically altered.

Had Benjamin refrained from being caught up in the politics of the time, life for him might have been a different story. The issues surrounding the Civil War were explosive ones, and Sanders allied himself with the southern sympathizers of the day, an act which nearly led to his own death and which culminated in the tragic loss of his eldest son, Edward. An account of this incident is reported to have been copied verbatim from the papers of his son, John Davis Sanders by John's son, Lyndon. It is reprinted below and on the succeeding page.

Having been reared in Virginia, Mr. Sanders was a firm believer in the Southern cause when circumstances were developing that led this nation into the Civil War. Although he was a law-abiding, home-loving, peaceful citizen, his strong tendencies and stout-hearted defense of the Old South left no doubt as to his position in the matter of slavery.

While there were many families among his neighbors who shared his views secretly, he stood out from the others because of his willingness to assert himself.

This led to the wide circulation of false rumors and idle gossip. These rumors gathered momentum until some scatter-brains advanced the story that Mr. Sanders had secured arms and ammunition, and was laying carefully prepared plans to incite a riot in the Northern Panhandle of what is now West Virginia. It can readily be seen why this area was a veritable 'hot-bed' since it is a narrow strip just a few miles wide, bounded on the east by Pennsylvania and on the west by Ohio -- both states being Northern territory. While his sons, of whom there were five, owned some sporting rifles, Mr. Sanders was not a military man, and to become involved in an undertaking of this type was far beyond his comprehension.

By the mid-summer of 1861 the North and South were warring vigorously. Altho' no major engagements were underway in Northern Virginia numerous pranks and petty vandalism on both sides were common-place. In early August, officials at Camp Carlisle, located at Wheeling, had been informed of Mr. Sanders' stand as a secessionist and a Capt. Britt with a company of men was dispatched by boat to proceed up the Ohio River to Cross Creek with orders to march to the Sanders home, arrest him, search the premises, confiscate any arms, weapons and ammunition, and to return to Wheeling with their prisoner.

These instructions were carried out. The military arriving at the Sanders home at day-break Wed., Aug. 22, 1861, where they surprised the family, ransacked the house, dumped food out in search for arms, left the place in complete disorder and took their prisoner to Wheeling where he was placed in a Federal Penitentiary without being formally charged.

Now Mr. Sanders had lived in this community for many years, was well and favorably known and enjoyed many friends, among whom was Edwin M. Stanton of nearby Steubenville, Ohio, who held the exalted position of Secretary of War in President Lincoln's cabinet. When Mr. Stanton learned that his friend Ben Sanders was being held, an order was immediately issued that he be released with full restoration of his property.

However it was more than 2 months before this information reached the Secretary's office, and during this time Mr. Sanders was held captive.

While the release was promptly executed, none of the property confiscated was ever returned, altho' official efforts were made to locate it. Nor was any attempt made to reimburse this wrongly accused man for the embarrassments, humiliation and inconvenience he suffered.

The morning after the incident reported above, it is said that Edward, the eldest son, left home and joined the Confederate Army. In the spring of 1863, he started for home for a visit, but was ambushed and killed by Union soldiers. This, coupled with the death of the baby, Mary Margaret, in February of 1859 and of George at the age of seventeen the following August, was too much for Benjamin to bear. Always a staunch and faithful Christian, he gave up. He could no longer believe in a God who denied his fervent pleas on behalf of his beloved children. He renounced his faith and is said to have died a professed atheist. In life, he was a controversial figure. But after his death among his possessions were found unpaid notes where he had loaned money to his neighbors and friends and had not been reimbursed, to the tune of over \$30,000 - a giant sum for any day and age. He died twenty years before his beloved wife, Martha. They are buried side by side in the Olde Baptist Graveyard, a few hundred yards from his beloved Sanders Mill.

Pictures and information on *
the Sanders family have been *
generously provided by a *
great-great grandson of *
Benjamin Davis Sanders, *
Howard Standish of Tempe, *
Arizona. *

The writer wishes to *
express the deepest *
gratitude for the same. *

Benjamin Sanders, an old and well-known citizen of this county, died on Wednesday of this week, after a protracted illness.

Mr. Sanders was a man of extreme views, in political matters, and at all times ready, either in fair or good weather, to stand by them. The out-spoken declaration of his views in '60 and '65 caused him considerable trouble, and as events proved an unjustifiable arrest and imprisonment for some time.

In business matters, Mr. Sanders was a man of integrity, and a kind and generous friend.

In Geological studies he was extremely well versed and widely and favorably known among the Scientists of the age. His studies being not confined to books alone, but pursued diligently in nature's domain

The sympathy of the public is with his bereaved family! *

Benjamin Sanders, of Brooke county, W. Va., died Wednesday of last week, and was buried the following Thursday, in the Baptist burying ground. The cause of his death was paralysis. His funeral was largely attended by his many friends.

The eldest child of Benjamin and Martha Ryland Sanders was Mary Elizabeth, born 23 July 1836. She married James Clark Gardner, son of David and Nancy Donovan Gardner of the Eldersville area, on 21 July 1857.


Their children were:

- a) Benjamin
- b) Edward - who did not marry
- c) George
- d) Anna Maryetta
- e) David Roy
- f) Pleasant Sterling - who died at the age of five.

About 1870, the family moved to Knoxville, Iowa where the last two children were born.

Mary Elizabeth died 6 March 1925 in her 89th year. She is buried in Graceland Cemetery, Knoxville, Iowa.

The second child born to Benjamin and Martha Sanders was Edward Hugh, born 19 November 1837. Like his father, he was a believer in the southern cause at the time of the Civil War. He joined the Confederate forces and in the spring of 1863 was on his way north to visit the family. Word of his intention leaked to the Union Army. As a result, he was ambushed and killed. He lies buried in an unmarked grave near Blue Stone River in Virginia. No family picture of him has surfaced.



Mary Elizabeth Sanders Gardner

The third child of Benjamin and Martha Sanders was Fredus Alrich, born 16 January 1839. On 27 November 1868, he married Melissa Freshwater. Their children were:

- a) Manoni who married Frank McNear
- b) George Byron who married Stella Frank
- c) Margaret Olive - unmarried.

The daughter, Margaret, remained on the home place on Washington Pike, Brooke County, until her death. She was deeply interested in the family history and left behind some excellent observations on the life and trials of her grandfather.

Fredus died 2 January 1921 on Washington Pike.

Right: **Fredus Alrich Sanders**, seated.
Standing is Benjamin Ryland.



The fourth child of Benjamin and Martha Sanders was John Ewing, born 15 October 1840 in Ohio. He died 6 November of the same year, aged three weeks and one day.

The fifth child of Benjamin and Martha Sanders was George McCausland. He was named for his great-grandfather of Hanover Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania. He was born in Iowa on 11 July 1842. In the spring of 1859, after the family had moved to the Hunter mill property on Cross Creek, a serious epidemic of disease broke out and the entire Sanders family with the exception of George, came down with it. Young George, who was but sixteen years of age, took care of all the others, waiting on them day and night in their sufferings. Eventually they all recovered. By the middle of the summer, when the others had regained their health, George also came down with the same dread disease. Perhaps his health was weakened from the constant care he had given his family. At any rate, on 11 August 1859, just one month after his seventeenth birthday, George died. He is believed to be buried near the graves of his father and mother in the Olde Baptist Graveyard near the Sanders home, but no stone marks the place where he is resting.

The sixth child born to Benjamin and Martha Sanders was Byron Johnston. He was born 24 April 1844 and was a very amiable man, well known throughout his ninety years in Cross Creek area. He married first, Elizabeth Steen, daughter of William and Frances Richardson Steen of Scott Hollow Road, Jefferson Township. Elizabeth's picture appears in this book with the story of the Steen family. Elizabeth died after the birth of their daughter, Annie. Annie married Clarence Robinson and has descendants who are deeply interested in the Sanders family today. On 1 June 1875, Byron married Margaret (Maggie) Hooker. To them were born eight children, as follows:

- a) Mary Patterson Sanders who married Brown LAttimer. She died in 1904 with small pox, shortly after the birth of their third child. Their children were: Ira, George, and Margaret who married Peter Front. Rosemary Front of the Wheeling area is their child.
- b) Georgia Letitia - unmarried
- c) William Hooker Sanders who married Elsie Boles of Eldersville. They had four children: John, Robert, Mary, and Wilma.
- d) Margaret Luella - unmarried
- e) Edward Hugh - unmarried
- f) Howard Byron who married Mary Burris. They had three daughters.
- g) Helen Alberta who married William Lake. They had seven children.



Byron Johnston Sanders



Margaret Hooker Sanders

- h) Martha Selena who married Alfred Kreger. They had no children.



Byron Sanders and five of his children: Left to right: Lulu, Annie, Bert, Howard, and Martha



Four of Byron Sanders's daughters:
Top: Martha Selena
Right: Helen Alberta
Bottom: Margaret Luella
Left: Georgia Letitia.

Services Sunday For Prominent Local Man

Byron J. Sanders, 90, Succumbs Friday Evening—Hundreds of Friends Attend Services

Hundreds of friends from the tri-state district were in attendance at the funeral services Sunday for the late Byron J. Sanders, 90, who passed away at his home, 1334 Main street, last Friday evening at 6 o'clock.

Mr. Sanders was one of the oldest residents in this section and during his entire life had lived either in Brooke county, West Virginia, or in the neighboring county of Washington, just across the Pennsylvania state line; and being of an amiable turn of mind throughout the span of his ninety years, he attracted friends of all walks of life, many of whom were at the late home Sunday.

Mr. Sanders had been in poor health for the past year, his illness becoming serious a week ago. Death was attributed to complications of advanced age.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the late home, with Rev. C. Howard Rank, pastor of the Presbyterian church, officiating. Interment was made in Brooke cemetery by the McClave funeral directors of Steubenville.

Mr. Sanders was born April 24, 1844 in West Virginia, and was the son of the late Benjamin and Martha Ryland Sanders, pioneer farmers of this state. He had made his home in Pennsylvania for thirty years and for the past twenty-seven years had resided in Brooke county, being well known throughout this section. Mr. Sanders was a retired farmer.

Left to mourn the loss are the following sons and daughters: William, of Eldersville; Howard of St. Clairsville, Ohio; Edward at home; and Mrs. William Lake of Cross Creek road; Mrs. Alfred Krager of Follansbee; Lula at home and Mrs. Clarence Robinson of Hollidays Cove.



Sanders Brothers:
Byron & John D.



Letitia Jane Sanders Miller

The seventh child of Benjamin and Martha Sanders was Letitia Jane, born 27 February 1846. She married John Howard Miller. Very little is known of Letitia except that she died in Union County, Pennsylvania, 9 May 1897, at age 51. Family notes state that she and John had at least two children: Maude, who married Gustafus Baupas (?); and Edward, who disappeared.

The eighth child of Benjamin and Martha Sanders was John Davis Sanders, born 14 October 1848. Perhaps he was named John, for his older brother who had died shortly after birth. That first John was given the name John Ewing, while this second John was named John Davis.

On December 16, 1873, John D. married Kate Hindman. Kate was the daughter of Samuel and Margaret Headington Hindman. Her mother, Margaret Headington Hindman was the child of Rev. Nicholas Headington to his second wife, Elizabeth McConnell Headington. Margaret died of tuberculosis at a rather young age, having married at sixteen and given birth to six children in a short period of time. Kate and John D. Sanders had two daughters:

- a) Bessie who married Charles Yost
- and b) Martha who married Earl Fowler.

Kate died in 1880, leaving John with these two very small girls. On 27 July 1887, he married again - this time to a neighbor girl, Magdeline Pfister (Laney). John and Laney had three children:

- a) Dulcie who married Charles Poteet and produced offspring
- b) Lyndon who married Mary Conner and had a son William
- c) John Pfister who, at this writing (1998) is living in Florida.

Pictured at the left: John Davis Sanders
and his younger sister, Frances Almi Sanders
Hooker





Pictured on the left is John Pfister Sanders and his wife, Virginia Rose Sanders. Simmie, as he is known affectionately by his Sanders cousins, is the only living grandchild of Benjamin Davis and Martha Ryland Sanders at this writing in 1998. He is the son of John Davis Sanders and his second wife, Laney Pfister Sanders. He was born about seventeen years after his closest sibling. As a result of this time gap, Simmie is referred to by some of his relatives as "our accidental cousin".

The ninth child of Benjamin and Martha Sanders was Frances Almi, born 5 March 1851. On 13 June 1871, she married Cornelius Hooker. The family legend surrounding "Aunt Frank", as she was known to her nieces and nephews, is that she saddled up a horse and rode to the top of the big rock above the Sanders homestead and eloped with "Neal" Hooker. As she was not twenty-one years of age, her father hunted her down and brought her back home. But nothing could deter the young lovers and she informed Benjamin that he was her husband and she was going to stay with him as his wife - like it or not!

Not many facts are known about her children, but in the 1900 census she stated that she was the mother of seven children, five of whom were living. The following are believed to be those seven, with a possible eighth.

- a) Anna Margaret who married John Anderson
- b) James Sutton who died at age 2 or 3
- c) Edwin Stanton who married Margaret Shuman
- d) Hattie Letitia who married Fred Patterson
- e) Melinda who married _____ Page
- f) George Benjamin who married Roberta Bing (?)
- g) Dorothy Juanita (?)

The father of these children, Cornelius Hooker, was a brother to Maggie Hooker who married Frances' brother, Byron Sanders. Thus, brother and sister married sister and brother.



The tenth child of Benjamin and Martha Sanders was Henry Audabon Sanders, later affectionately known as "Odd". Henry was born 4 November 1852. On 11 November 1883, he married Elizabeth Virginia (Jennie) Cox, a neighbor girl from the Cox family at the mouth of Cross Creek. To them were born three children:

a) Lena Virginia who married Herman Beatty
b) Earl James who married Ada VanOrden
and c) Raymond who married Nell Marie Davis.
After the death of his wife, Jennie, Henry married Susan Nicholson. There were no children to this union. Henry died on 3 May 1925 in his 73rd year.

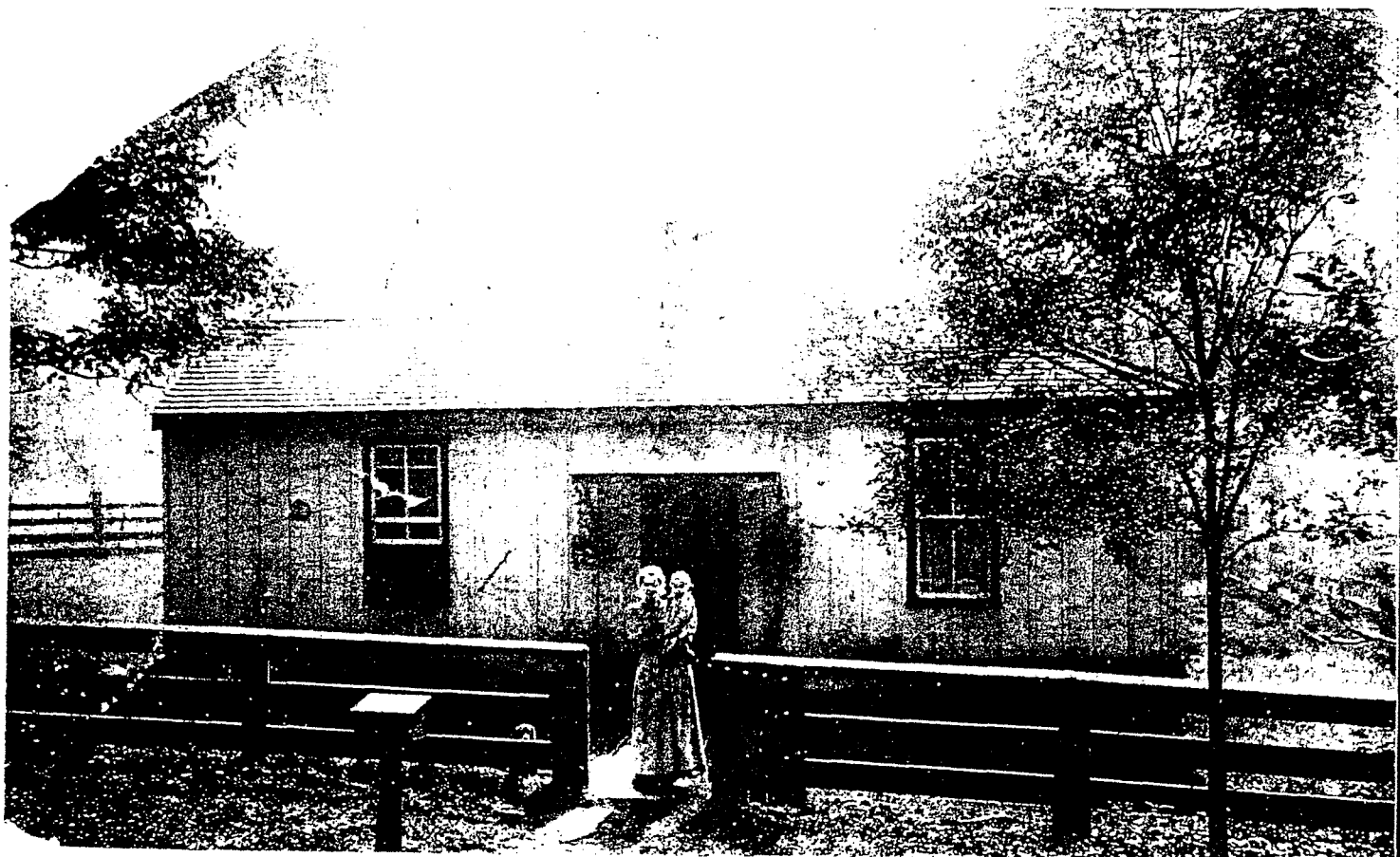


The eleventh and final child of Benjamin and Martha Sanders was Mary Margaret. She was born on Harmon Creek in the house pictured below. Her mother, Martha Ryland Sanders is shown holding her on the front walk. The story is told that when her mother knew she was pregnant again, their oldest child, Mary Elizabeth, knew that she and her husband, James Clark Gardner, were planning to move to Iowa. She therefore said to her mother,

Henry Audabon Sanders

" If the baby is a girl, name her for me. She can take my place with you when I am gone."

Thus it was that the Sanders's had two daughters named Mary. The eldest was Mary Elizabeth and the youngest was Mary Margaret. The year after Mary Margaret's birth on 24 August 1857, the family moved to the Nathaniel Hunter farm on Cross Creek. It was here on 24 February 1859 that little Mary Margaret died exactly eighteen months to the day from the day of her birth. Records say she died with "brain fever".





Closeup of the old Sanders House on Cross Creek

Sanders Clan Has Gathering



Ten grandchildren of the late Benjamin and Martha Ann Ryland Sanders, early settlers at Cross Creek, Brooke county, W. Va., and their families held a reunion August twenty-fifth at the home of Margaret Sanders on Washington Pike, Wellsburg.

The grandchildren are Benjamin Hooker, Morgan Hill, California; Margaret Hooker Anderson of Tyrone, Pa.; Will Sanders of Eldersville; Lulu Sanders, Steubenville; Alberta Sanders Lake of Mansfield, Ohio; Martha Sanders Kragger, Follansbee; Martha Sanders Fowler, Fowlerstown, W. Va.; Margaret Sanders, Wellsburg; C. R. Sanders, Canton; Lena Sanders Batey, Steubenville.

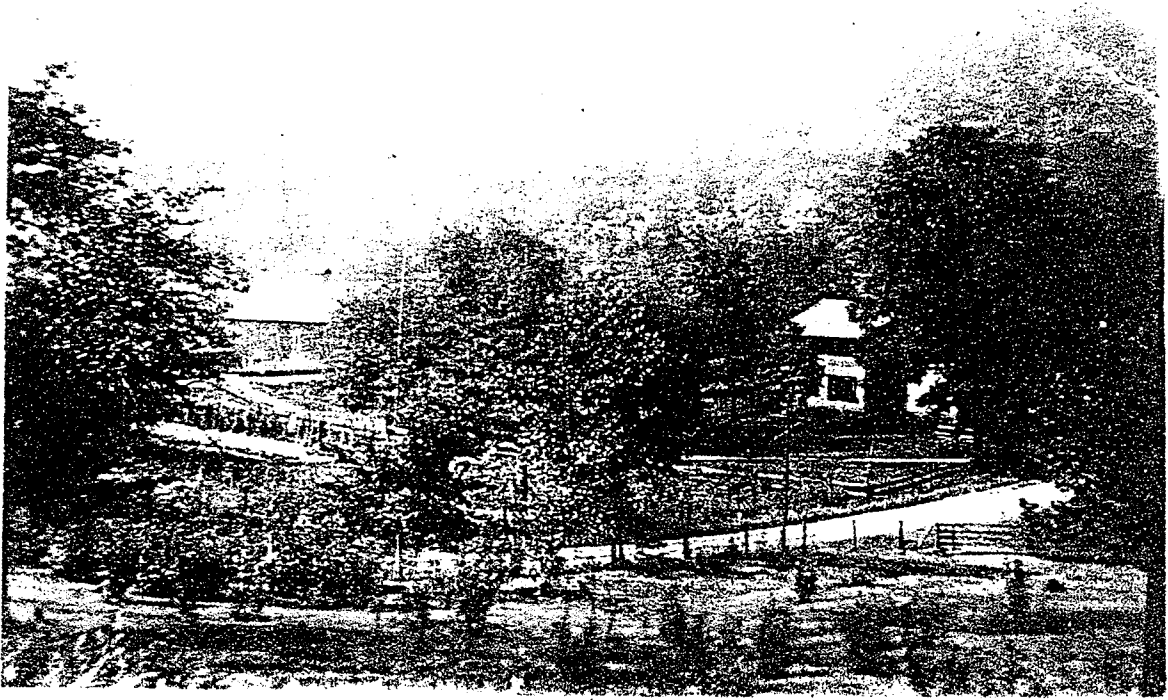
Others attending were T. B. Shumann, Mrs. Nina Miller of Tyrone, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. McKee, Columbus; Richard Saunders, Canton; Betty and Mary Margaret Lake, Mansfield; A. H. Kragger, Mrs. William Radcliffe, Mrs. James Standish and sons, Mr. and Mrs. B. Jones and son of Follansbee; Mrs. Will Sanders and daughter of Eldersville, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hunter, Colliers, W. Va.; E. H. Fowler, Earl Fowler, Jr.; and Betty Fowler Fell of Fowlerstown, W. Va.; J. Herman Batey and Mrs. Ann Morris, Steubenville.

Next year's reunion will be held at the Fowler home in Fowlerstown.

RIGHT: Alberta Sanders Lake, daughter of Byron and Maggie Hooker Sanders, on the lawn of the Lake house across the road from the big Sanders homestead on Cross Creek. The occasion is one of "Bert's" lawn fetes.

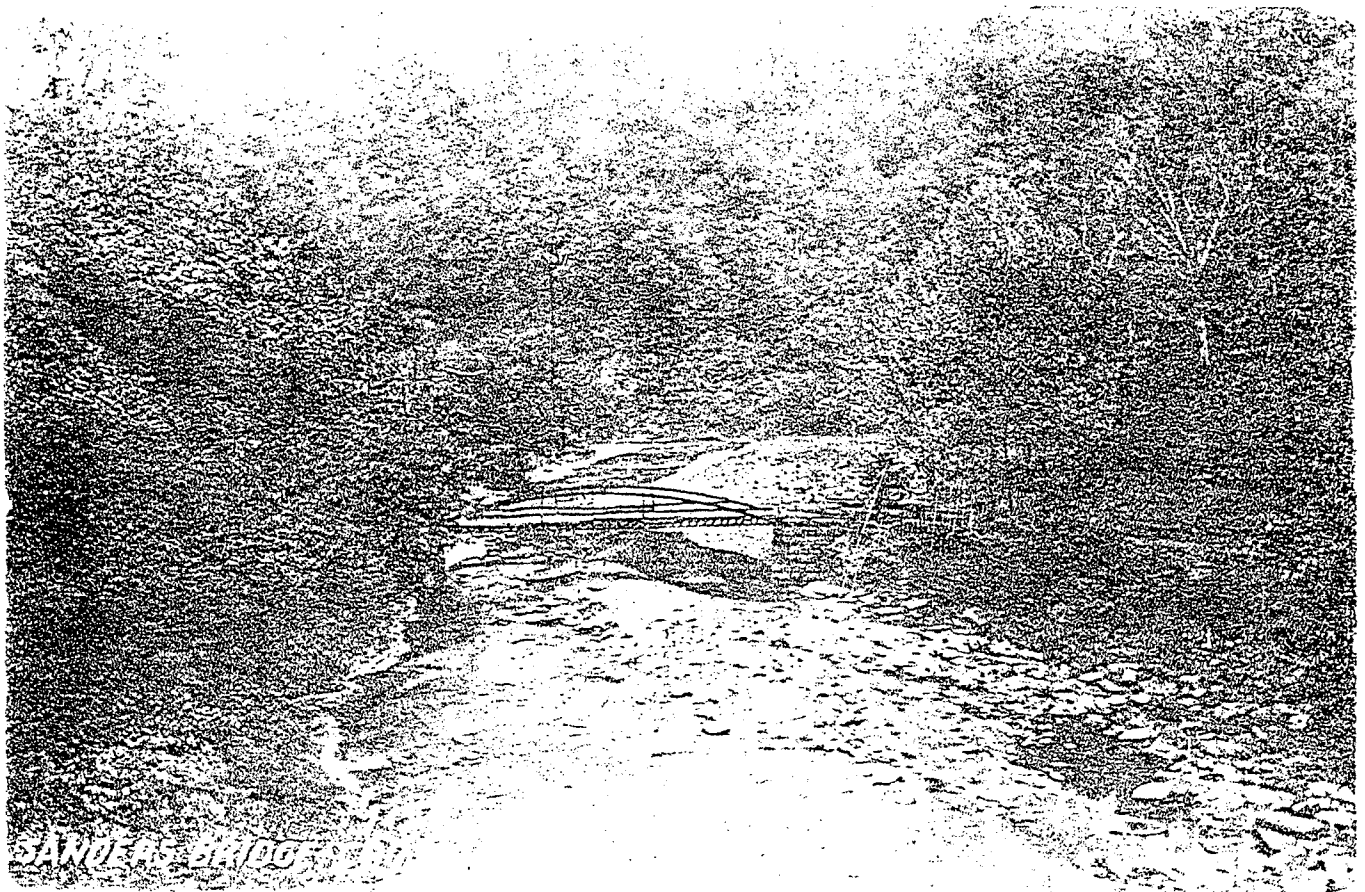


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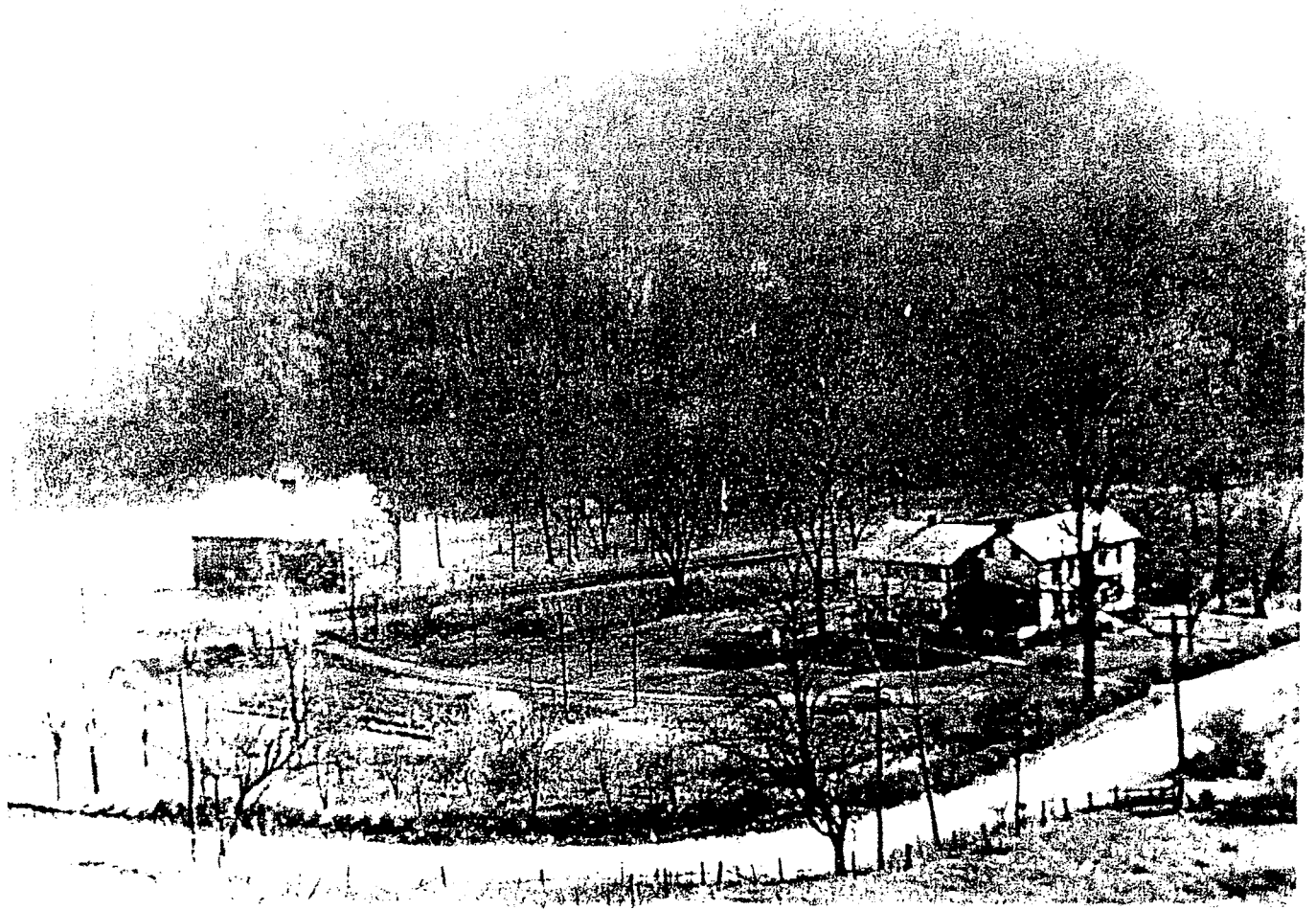


ABOVE: Sanders homestead in summer. Taken from the "big rock".

BELOW: Sanders Bridge over Cross Creek. Demolished 1998.



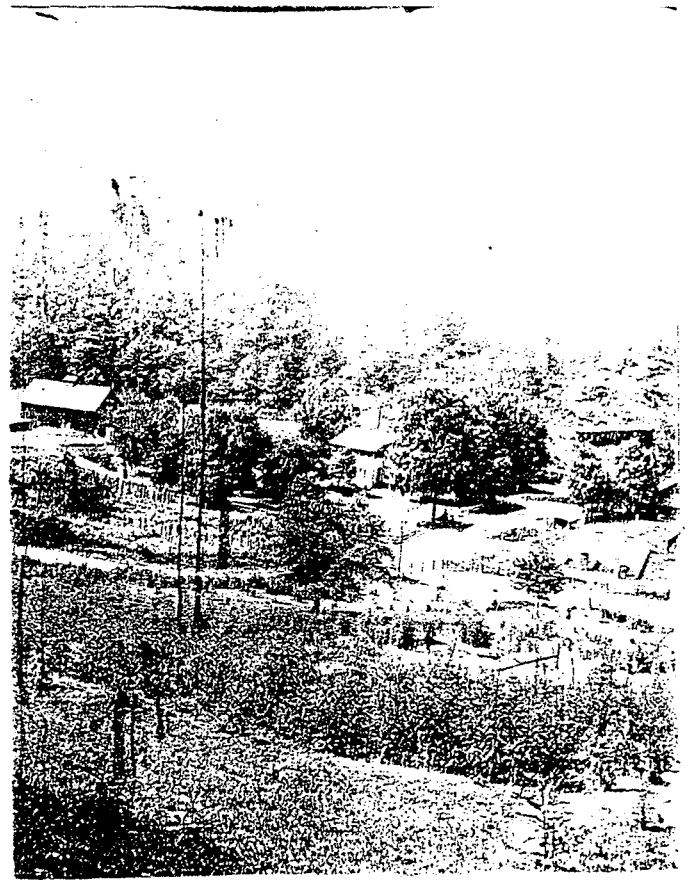
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ABOVE: The Sanders homestead in winter. Taken from the "big rock".

BELOW: Trees in bloom on the Sanders farm in springtime.





Left: Beautiful Cross Creek

Above: Sanders home showing greenhouses



Sanders Home Cross Creek N. Va. 1926

WINS PHOTO PRIZE



Mark Joseph Sarracino, 3 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sarracino of Burgettstown, was chosen 1950 winner of the annual photo contest held by Kaufmann's Department Store. He was judged the best looking boy and awarded a \$50 dollar war bond as first prize. Listed for honorable mention was his brother, Eric, 2 years old. In a previous contest John Sarracino, Jr., 5 years old, won second prize and was awarded an oil painting of himself valued at \$50. Competition in the contest was high with over 500 entered between the ages of 2 to 6 years.

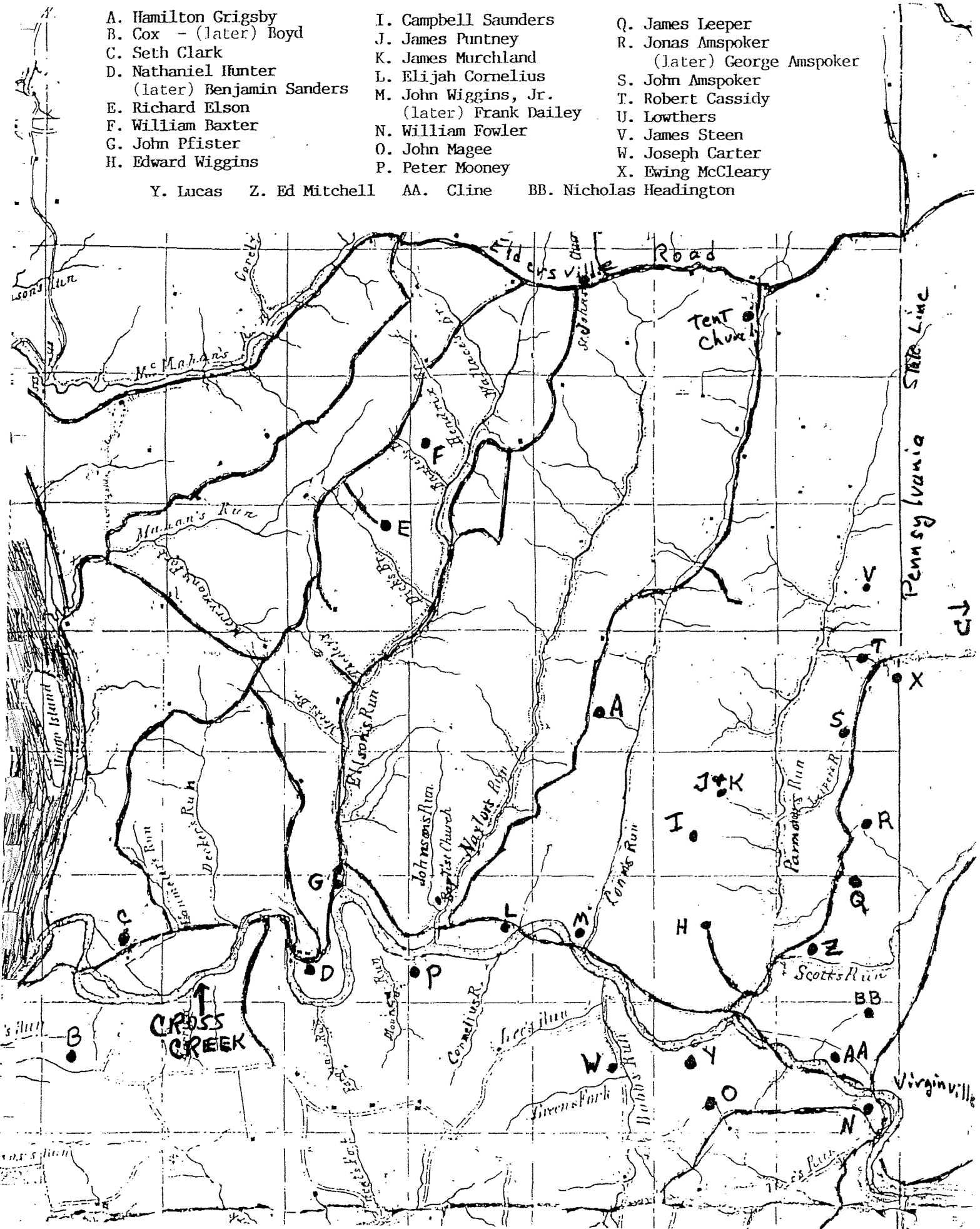
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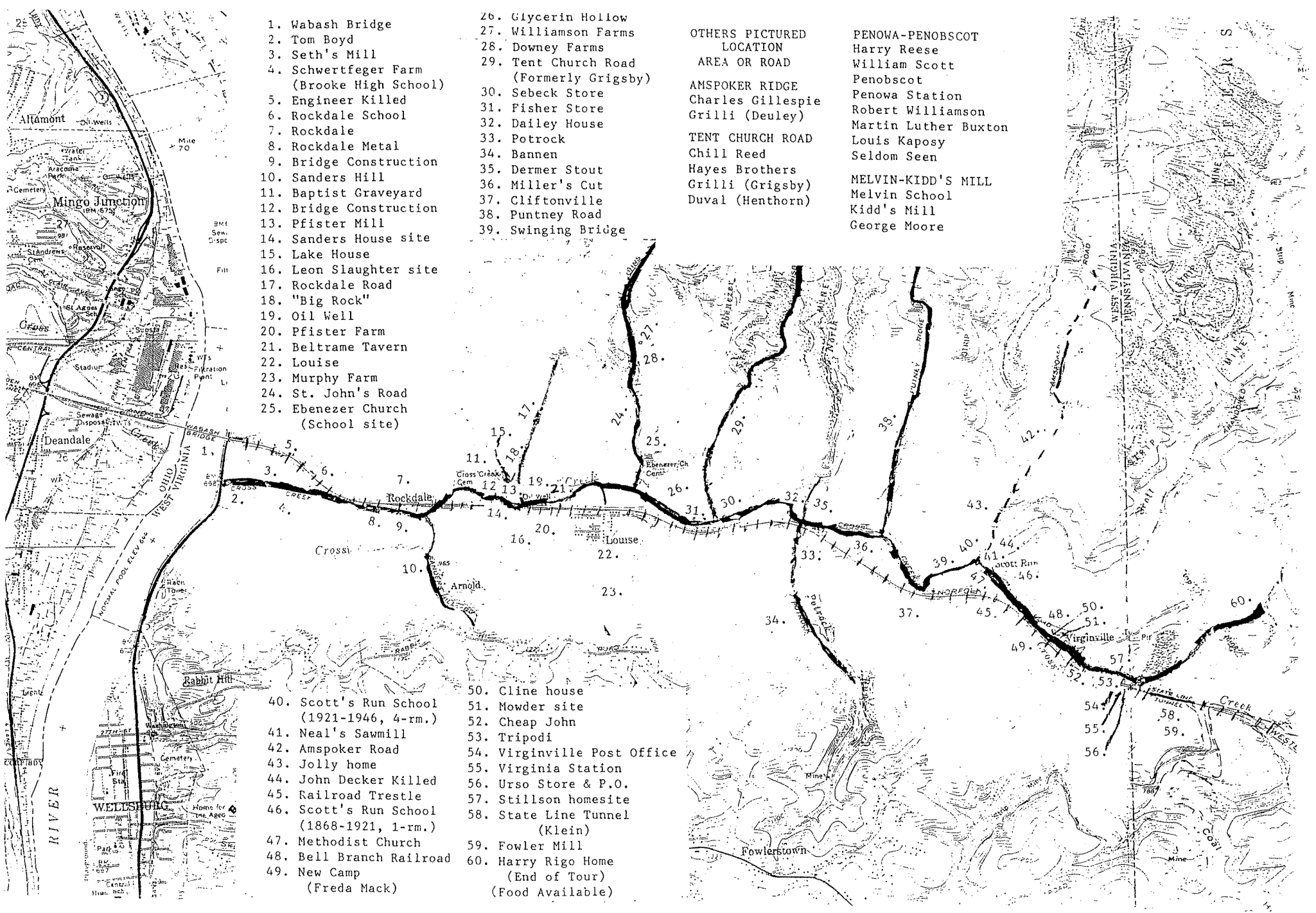
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46. Scott's Run School (1868-1921, 1-rm.)
47. Methodist Church
48. Bell Branch Railroad
49. New Camp (Freda Mack)
50. Cline house
51. Mowder site
52. Cheap John
53. Tripodi
54. Virginville Post Office
55. Virginia Station
56. Urso Store & P.O.
57.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

SAUNDERS

James W. Saunders was born 22 February 1849 in England, probably near Poole at Hamworthy close to Dorsetshire. He left home at an early age and became a sailor, traveling to Europe, Asia, Africa, and eventually to America where he ultimately settled in Brooke County in 1867. Here he married Rachel Wiggins, daughter of John Wiggins, Jr. and his wife, Isabelle Headington Wiggins. He revisited England twice and wrote letters to America which were preserved. He kept a family picture album with pictures meticulously identified, and wrote down facts about himself and his family to pass on to his children. He was an avid reader and possessed a large library at the time of his death. His wife, Rachel, known for her beauty, died in 1881 at the birth of their fifth son, Silas. Silas died a few months later. He was buried beside his mother and her fourth son who died at birth just one year previous to the birth of Silas. The other three sons, William, Allen, and Campbell were aged six, four, and three at the time of their mother's death. James raised the two older boys but gave three-year-old Campbell to his Puntney cousins to rear. Rachel's grandmother, Jane Murchland Headington was a sister of Mary Murchland Puntney. Mary was the mother of the three Puntneys who took little Campbell into their home. James never remarried after Rachel's death. In his will, written in 1912, he states that his executors were to "make suitable arrangements to look after the graves of my wife and babies in the Ebenezer Churchyard on Cross Creek, Brooke County, West Virginia". His great-granddaughter, Freda Saunders Dunn, is still carrying out his wishes as of 1998. James died in Wellsburg of heart failure in 1917 and is buried there.



LEFT: Wedding picture of James W. and Rachel Wiggins Saunders.

RIGHT: The obituary of James W. Saunders, 1917.

JAMES W. SANDERS LAI TO REST SUNDAY AFTERNOON BY MASONS

With the ceremonies prescribed for the dead, the body of James W. Sanders, prominent Wellsburg man, who died suddenly on Thursday, was conveyed to the grave in Brooke Cemetery by Wellsburg Lodge No. 2, A. F. A. M., of which the deceased was a member. About 100 members of the lodge accompanied the remains to the burying ground, where District Deputy Grand Master Frank H. DeBruin, of this city took charge.

The body was taken first to the First Episcopal church, where the church services were conducted by the pastor Charles G. Cogley. During these services Prof. John Calderwood rendered an appropriate solo. Messrs. W. L. Miller, M. L. Wells, George E. Craft, Charles B. Windsor, Frank N. Hollhardt, and D. M. Gamble, members of the order, acted as pall bearers. Many friends of the deceased attended the services at the church and at the grave.

WELLSBURG

ALLEN SAUNDERS, A FORMER
WELLSBURG MAN, DEAD IN
KANSAS CITY.

A telegram from Kansas City, Mo., announced the death of Allen Saunders, son of James Saunders of this city. Death occurred at midnight Friday, the deceased having been ill for some weeks of tumor of the brain. Allen Saunders was a former resident of this city, and also a resident of Moundsville, having been employed in a glass factory there as a sketch artist. He is survived by his father and brother, William. It is not known what funeral arrangements will be made.



ABOVE: Left: William Hartman Saunders
1875 - 1956
Died Christmas Day
in Arkansas City, Kansas
and is buried there.

Right: Allen J. Saunders
1876 - 1911

They are sons of James and Rachel Wiggins Saunders. Their mother died when Allen was but four years of age. They were reared by their father but left home at an early age and went west. Allen was a professional football player and an accomplished artist. He never married. While playing football, his lung was injured, which ultimately led to his death. He was very active in the Masonic Lodge in Wheeling. His obituary appears above on the left. The picture lower left is of Allen Saunders as a young man. His brother, William Hartman Saunders, married Jemima Brown who died in 1907, leaving him with four small children. It is believed that he married again and had another son who was adopted by another family.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1910



Campbell Sanders.

Campbell, son of James Saunders of this place, died at his home in Cross Creek district, near Collier, last Friday, of typhoid fever after an illness of a few weeks, aged 32 years. He leaves a wife and three children, his father and two brothers, William and Allen, in the West. His death is a grievous stroke to his family and father, who expected to pass with him his declining years. He was a most industrious, peaceful, conscientious citizen, beloved for his many virtues. His funeral was largely attended. The relatives have the sincere sympathy of many friends. Interment last Sunday in Ebenezer Cemetery, Brooke county, where his remains rest alongside of his mother.

LEFT: Campbell Magee Saunders, third son of James W. and Rachel Saunders.

ABOVE: Obituary of Campbell Magee Saunders.

Campbell Magee Saunders was the third son of James and Rachel Wiggins Saunders. He was three years of age when his mother died. His father kept his two older brothers, but the Puntneys, cousins of his mother, took him to raise. James, William, and Mary Puntney were all unmarried and lived on the old James Murchland farm on Puntney Ridge. James Murchland was their maternal grandfather. As he grew up under the watchful eye of the Puntneys, Campbell learned to be a farmer, a cabinetmaker, and a woodcarver. In 1906 he married Celia Cline and moved into a frame house on the Puntney farm. To them were born three children: Walter, Nellie, and Campbell. In the fall of 1910, Campbell, Sr. contracted the dreaded typhoid fever. The Puntneys sent for the best doctors in the Pittsburgh area, but to no avail. On October 7, four years after he and Celia were married, Campbell Saunders died at the age of 34. His youngest child was just six weeks of age. After his death, his wife worked for the Puntneys as a housekeeper.

The pictures below are from the old album of James W. Saunders. On the left is his grandfather, James Saunders, and on the right is his father, James Saunders, Jr.



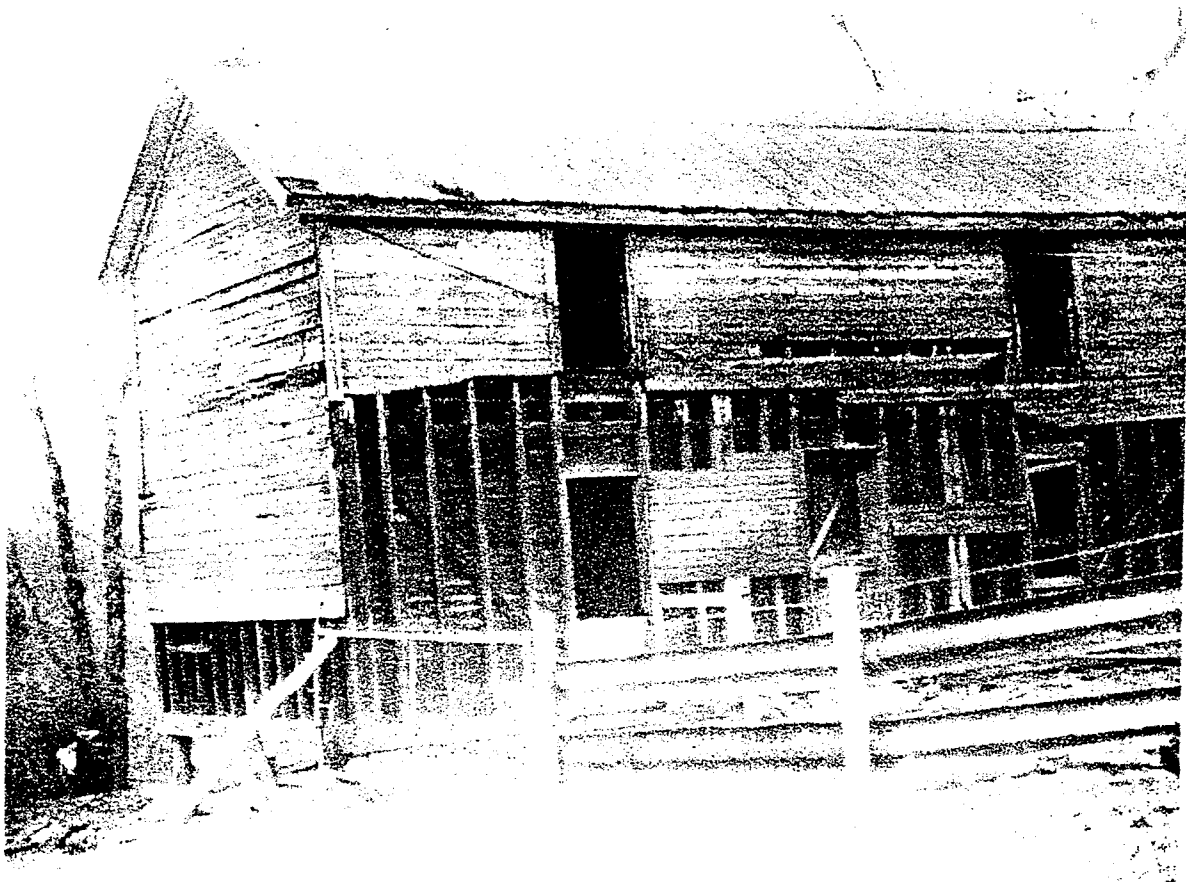
In 1914, both William and Mary Puntney died, leaving only James in the big new house on the Ridge. James was a man of generous spirit. Twenty-nine years before, he had taken into his home and his heart, little motherless three-year-old Campbell Saunders. He had seen him grow up, marry, and begin a family. Now he was dead, leaving a young wife and three small ones. It must have seemed like history was repeating itself.

When his brother and sister died, James Puntney made a big decision. He traded houses with Campbell's widow, Celia. He gave her his large beautiful new house in which to rear her children, while he moved into the older frame one in which she and Campbell had gone to housekeeping. Before his death, James willed his entire estate, both real and personal, to these children of Celia Saunders, widow of Campbell. It was a lucky move for the Saunders family. For that day and age, James Puntney was a wealthy man.

One of the grandsons of Campbell Saunders is Bill Saunders of Puntney Ridge. Bill has always lived on part of the James Puntney place inherited by his father, Walter. He was born in the house pictured below, as was his father. He is a rarity among men of this day and age, for the love of the land and the heritage left him by his ancestors, are dominating factors in his life. Like his father and his Headington ancestors before him, he is a very good story-teller. One of his favorite themes is that of " Cornshock " .

It seems that a Polish man whose true name has been forgotten over the years, but was similar to " Kornschnik", moved on what is now an abandoned road between Pot Rock and Puntney Ridge, known as Goose Neck Road. His property joined that of Bill's father. The English-speaking population of the day nicknamed him " Cornshock ", and the name stuck. Bill remembers many stories handed down to him about this neighbor.

Cornshock did not speak English, but he came every Sunday to the Saunders home to listen to " The Polish Hour" on their radio. It was, perhaps, a balm against the loneliness which must have engulfed him, being far from his native land across the ocean, and unable to speak the language of this strange new home. One of Bill's sisters, at that time just a wisp of a girl, was always shy and withdrawn when company came. But for some unknown reason, there was a bond between this little one and the gruff farmer of foreign descent. When Cornshock came for his regular Sunday ritual, this little one climbed on his lap, laid her head on his shoulder, and together they listened for an hour to the music of his homeland.



Old Frame House on the James Puntney Farm

Each haying season, Bill's father would offer Cornshock three acres of hay. Cornshock would arrive early in the morning with an old scythe in his hand a whetstone in his pocket. By sundown, he would have cut the entire three acres, stopping only to sharpen the scythe. He then raked it by hand with an old wooden rake.

Bill's favorite story was passed to him by his mother. When she first married his father and came to live on Walter's share of the Puntney place, she was proud of her home and became acquainted with their neighbor, Cornshock. One summer day, not long after their marriage, her mother came to visit. Anxious to show off her new home, she took her mother for a long walk over the property, pointing out things of interest. Eventually she came to the orchard.

"Here," she said, pointing to her right, "is our orchard. And over there," and she pointed to her left, "is Cornshock's".

Her mother's brow clouded.

"What's the matter, Mother?" she anxiously inquired.

"For the life of me," said her mother in bewilderment, "I can't see a thing but apple trees!"

Cornshock's life came to a sad end when he was struck by an automobile on the streets in Steubenville.

Bill Saunders is preserving the old legends of the land on which he lives and loves to relate them to anyone interested. He can point out the exact location of what is marked on an old, old Brooke County Map as "Isabelle's Spring". It seems that in the days of the Indian attacks on the white settlers, an old lady named Isabelle lived alone near the sight of a good spring of water. Although her neighbors could never quite put their finger on it, they knew that she had some sort of bond with her Redman brothers and was respected by them and totally unafraid of any harm that might come to her at their hands. Whenever the word was out that a raid was imminent, the other neighbors would tear off for Steens stone fort, or perhaps that of Richard Wells, while Isabelle went right on with her usual routine of living. No harm ever came to her. And not even Bill Saunders knows her last name or of what family she may have been a part.

The teller of these tales, Bill Saunders, is a descendant of at least three Brooke County Revolutionary War soldiers - Richard Elson, William Baxter, and Edward Wiggins. He is a great-great-great-great grandson of Rev. Nicholas Headington and of James Murchland. The Puntney land on which he was born, raised, and now lives and owns is that of this James Murchland forebear. The land was taken up by his Murchland ancestors 225 years ago. Little wonder that his love of Brooke County's Cross Creek area goes very deep.

The Greatest Generation
An Interview/Story of
Evelyn Sawhill

Interviewed by
Ben Snatchko
Burgettstown Area School Project

Fort Vance Historical Society

The Greatest Generation

The following is an interview I would like to share:

Name of person Evelyn Sawhill

I knew that my Aunt Betts worked at manufacturing LST boats (landing ships for tanks) during W.W.II at a company called American Bridge in Ambridge, Pennsylvania. But when I called her to set up an appointment to interview her, she said that she couldn't remember anything and to call her lifelong friend, Evelyn Sawhill, who also worked at American Bridge. We call Evelyn, Sis, so I will refer to her as Sis from now on.

Aunt Betts was a welder. She welded with stainless steel welding rods, and welded gun mounts for the LSTs.

She rode to work with her dad in a model T Ford.

Sis was what they called a "grease monkey." She worked with Elda Bish (both are from Midway). They began working at American Bridge as soon as they graduated from high school. The men that they worked with didn't want "no girls" working with them, so they made their first day on the job so scary and noisy that Elda was afraid and wanted to go home. They got lost trying to get out of the place. They met up with the boy who drove them to work, and he told them that they weren't going anywhere, so they went back to work.

For their job, Sis and Elda climbed down to the bottom of the boats with buckets. There they cleaned the bearings with sticks and got out the old grease. Then they would put new grease on the bearings. The next thing they did was to sand the shaft of the boat. They had another stick with a block on the end shaped like a half moon and covered with sand paper. After the shaft was sanded, they would scoop green grease from a bucket with their hand and grease the shaft. That was their whole job.

After the LST was constructed, Sis and Elda were allowed to ride on it for the "test run." Other workers were jealous because they got to ride up and down the river.

They got paid \$1.05 an hour, time and a half on Saturdays, and double time on Sundays. At one time, Sis worked 7 weeks straight without a day off.

After they got to know the people at work, they liked their job. The men fixed up a corner of a room with a basin and a mirror so that they could wash up if they wanted. Also, the man in charge of the rags would let them sleep in the rags if they weren't busy. Lots of times Sis was tired from going dancing at night and really appreciated a chance to sleep in the rags. Today, she says, she wouldn't do it for fear of rats.

Sis worked at American Bridge from 1942 until 1944, when she began working in a bakery in Midway. I think I would have stayed at American Bridge greasing boats and sleeping in the rags.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE

Of Personal Property

The undersigned Administrator of the estates of George M. and Florence P. Saxton will offer at public outcry, the following described property, at the George M. Saxton residence, 1½ miles east of Florence on Route 22 on Saturday, March 1, at 12 o'clock noon a complete line of Household Goods; beds, dressers, rugs, quilts, books, book cases, stands, china, kitchen ware, stoves, iron kettles, congoleum rugs, upright piano, canned fruit, vinegar and one lot smoked pork.

Farm Machinery: mowing machine, hay rake, grain drill, corn drill, road wagon, one lot farm tools and many other items too numerous to mention. 10 tons of hay in mow; 100 shock corn, 3 cows, 57 chickens, 2 shoats.

Terms: Cash. John Virtue, Auctioneer, Burgettstown, R.D., Henry Colteryahn, Clerk. Attorney, D. M. Cummings, Administrator, Washington Trust Building, Washington, Pa.

IT DID HAPPEN HERE!

Roy Scarem, Chief of Police of Burgettstown is confined to his home on the Bavington Road this week suffering from injuries inflicted last Friday afternoon by two service men and a civilian, who perpetrated the dastardly attack as he was attempting to arrest them for illegal parking in front of the Capitol Restaurant.

Eye witnesses to the disgraceful affair allege that James Trombetti, a United States Marine, recently back from Pacific duty and now on furlough, George Esno, an ETO veteran, *who holds several citations for gallantry in action*, and his brother, Paul Esno, a civilian from Slovan, took part in the fight and bested Scarem, who suffered a severe blow to his head and a broken rib. They are alleged to have been visibly under the influence of liquor.

Scarem, a Navy veteran of the First World war, who has been active in securing the new Legion home as a recreation center for veterans of the Second World War, was policing his beat in the center of town on Friday afternoon about four o'clock when a woman from Cross Creek reported to him that she had been almost killed by three men, who appeared to be under the influence of liquor and who had driven a green Chevrolet up on the sidewalk near the Maglietta Jewelry store and had almost run over her. The car then careened back to the road and was again forced half way up on the side walk in front of the Capitol restaurant. The men entered the restaurant and created a disturbance there. Scarem, after hearing the complaint of the Cross Creek woman went into the Capitol and requested the name of the driver of the car. The men were insulting and made smart remarks about the law, and when Scarem said to Trombetti, "You are under arrest, come with me", he resisted and is said to have knocked Scarem over backwards, the policeman receiving a sharp blow on his head. The fight continued out to the street, where the three men are said to have ganged up on Scarem, using Jiu Jitsu to turn him, end over end several times and causing a broken rib.

IN THE MEANTIME A CROWD OF PERHAPS ONE HUNDRED PERSONS HAD COLLECTED, BUT NOT ONE WITNESS OFFERED TO GIVE THE HARD PRESSED POLICEMAN A HAND. Scarem, dazed by the fall, and suffering from his injuries was unable to hold his attackers, who then entered the car and drove away. To date they have not been apprehended.

Mike Robb, Smith township Constable, is acting officer of the law in Burgettstown during Scarem's absence and Enos Smith, assistant cop is reported seriously ill at his home.

Friday's attack may be a gloomy forecast of things to come. The men who participated in it certainly desecrated the uniform they were wearing, and certainly were using the training received in the armed forces to a very bad end. Esno is alleged to have been reported A. W. O. L. from the army about a year ago and was picked up by a local officer, while working in Steubenville. He is said to have been absent from the army for three months when he was returned by the law. Paul Esno was arrested on August 18 for speeding, and persons who witnessed the fracas on Friday remarked that the men appeared to have been drinking and to have come to Burgettstown looking for trouble.

Scarem has served but a brief time as local cop, having formerly worked for the Pennsylvania railroad as a police officer in the Pennsylvania Station, but during his short service here he has proven himself a conscientious officer and one who intends to enforce the law to the best of his ability. There have been numerous complaints of speeding, particularly in school zones, and Scarem has been making every effort to break this practice up. When he entered upon his duties, he pledged to the Council, **THREE THINGS, TO TAG ILLEGAL PARKERS, TO ARREST SPEEDERS AND TO CURB DRUNKENNESS.** Such a program calls for the support of every man and woman in the Borough and the fact that Scarem was left entirely on his own, during the unfair attack last Friday is scarcely a matter of which the bystanders can be proud.

—MLV.

Roy Scarem Attacked
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 13, 1945 Edition

**ROY SCAREM IS NAMED
BORO POLICE OFFICER**

Roy Scarem of Bavington, who has been employed as a Police officer by the Pennsylvania railroad in the Union Station, was recently employed as second police officer by the Borough Council. Mr. Scarem began his police duties here on Monday.

**Roy Scarem is Named Police Officer
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 21, 1945 Edition**

The annual Scariot reunion was held on August 6 at the Hanover Park from 2:00 p.m. until dark. A covered dish dinner was served. Entertainment was provided by Carla Fritch, of Langeloth, who performed a Smurf puppet show. Many family members enjoyed playing volleyball. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Charlier and children, Becky, Jody and Jeff; Bob and Diane Charlier; Michelle Johnson; Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Scariot and Tina, Cheryl and Angie; Mr. and Mrs. Pete Scariot; Pete Scariot, Jr., of Langeloth, and his guest, Donna Kovalosky, of Langeloth; Vonnie and Michael Mroczkowski and three children, Aaron, Rebecca and Adam, of Langeloth; Willis and Donna Scariot and children, Kerry, Scott and Bradley, of Langeloth; Mr. and Mrs. Tony Scariot, of Atlasburg; and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Zack and family, of Pittsburgh.

Scariot Reunion
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 17, 1983 Edition

A Good One Passes On

An era of sports in this town, not to be easily forgotten, passed away last week with the untimely death of Jacob Schneider.

For Jake was, in a sense, "Mr. Baseball" here for many years. It was so even after he had closed his scorebook for the last time when sandlot baseball broke up in this area. And he retained his title with dignity and aplomb with the advent of a new sports scene in the Little League.



To those of us who knew Jake, his impact on the Burgettstown sports picture and the story of his contribution to baseball here need not be told. His early days as a playing catcher can well be recalled by those who were in competition with him. The same flaming desire instilled in him as a player was also carried with him when he began a long and illustrious managing career here.

The younger element in this town may not have known Jake too well, and it's a shame. Many youngsters in his day were given a strong and definite guiding hand in their budding baseball careers. Several realized their own hopes--and his--by reaching the pinnacle of baseball success, the Major Leagues. But all in this area who played professional baseball, and there were more than a few, could not forget Jake. He was the man who gave them a start.

All of us probably remember the halcyon days of the Burgettstown Merchants and the Scott Motors baseball teams in the now defunct Washington County League. Yet we cannot look back upon those happy days without first seeing Jake Schneider walking up and down the baseline during a crucial play. To those who played for him, and to those who were in direct competition with him, he was a symbol of everything baseball stands for. He was uncompromising in principle, fighting for all he believed and all he could get on the diamond. But he always upheld the high standards of good sportsmanship and fair play with everyone.

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Jacob Schneider
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 4, 1964 Edition

Fort Vance Historical Society

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James Schollaert Named U.S. Foreign Service Officer



President Johnson has named James T. Schollaert, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Schollaert, of Atlasburg, as a Foreign Service Officer of the United States.

Schollaert received the appointment after successfully completing the highly competitive written and oral examinations. The Foreign Service of the United States is a career professional corps of men and women who are selected and trained to carry out the foreign policy of our nation in day-to-day relations with other countries. Within a few weeks, Schollaert will be assigned to a position with an Embassy or Consulate in one of the 113 countries with which the United States maintains diplomatic relations or with the Department of State in Washington, D.C.

Schollaert was sworn in at a ceremony held recently in Washington, D.C. James W. Riddleberger, U.S. Ambassador to Austria, was the principal speaker.

Schollaert graduated from Burgettstown Union high school and received a B.A. degree from Bethany College. In addition, he received an M.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and an LLB from the University of Virginia.

Mrs. Schollaert, the former Elizabeth Marshall Kapper, graduated from Sweetbriar College.

James Schollaert

Schooles Gets WVU Grant-In Aid



Union High football player Lewis Schooles is shown signing a grant-in aid agreement with West Virginia University, while W.V.U. assistant coach Howard Tippet looks on.

Beaming their approval are Union football coach Pat McGraw, left, and Lew's father, Mike, right.

The ceremony took place at the Schooles home last Friday.

West Virginia's grant-in aid to young Schooles covers a full four-year athletic scholarship. Included are expenses for room and board, books tuition and fees.

Lew, 17, has already been accepted at West Virginia University, where he will major in industrial engineering.

He has lettered in varsity football at Burgettstown Union for the past three years, playing his senior year at end. The 6-1, 194-pound senior has been with the varsity basketball team the past two years and also lettered with last year's track team.

Schooles has also been an honor student at Union high school.

Lew will follow in the footsteps of two other former Union High stars--Mickey Trimarki and Frank Malardie--who played their collegiate football at West Virginia.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael L. Schooles, of Burgettstown, R.D. 1.



A proud man

Michael L. Schooles beams after being inducted into the AHEPA Hellenic Hall of Fame. With him are his wife, Clara, and son, Lewis. Mike was recognized for outstanding achievement in football and boxing. He is the subject of Kathryn Pyle's Profile in today's issue of this newspaper.

A Proud Man-Michael L. Schooles
The Enterprise-September 23, 1992 Edition

Schooles selected for national honor

Michael L. Schooles of Burgettstown R.D.1 has been elected to the Order of Ahepa Hellenic Hall of Fame.

He will be inducted at the annual Ahepa convention Aug. 19 at Washington, D.C.

Joining Schooles as new Hall of Fame members will be Alex Athas, Lou Karras, Archie Kodros and Bob Costas.

Schooles was born in Aperi, Karpathos, Greece, and attended Warwood High School, where he was outstanding in football, basketball and track. He was selected an Ohio Valley all-star as a guard and was an All West Virginia State selection.

He was recruited by West Virginia, Georgia Tech, Wittenberg and Washington and Jefferson and selected W & J, where he excelled in football and boxing. He had a 21-4 record in the 175-pound class and was runnerup in the light-heavyweight division in the Eastern Intercollegiate League both in 1934 and 1935.

In 1935, he was named to powerhouse Pitt's all-opponent football team.

Schooles later played for the Pittsburgh Amerks, a newly-organized team in the North American Football League coached by the legendary Jock Sutherland.

In 1938, he played football with the Boston Shamrocks and the Pittsburgh Steelers, then known as the Pirates.

He later became active in Greek



Michael L. Schooles

basketball, coaching National Sons championship teams in 1940 and 1941.

In 1968 and 1969 he was the manager of Cowboy Bob Smith, a Pittsburgh area Golden Gloves flyweight boxing champion.

Schooles was a longtime partner with Gus Cassionis as proprietors of The Farm Restaurant on Old Route 22. He and his wife Clara have a son Lewis, a pharmacist in the Chester, Newell and New Cumberland area, and three grandchildren: Brooke, 13, and twins Lauren and Kiley, 12.

Mike Schooles Selected for National Honor
The Enterprise-March 11, 1992 Edition

Avella Man Dies In W.Va., Accident

An Avella, R.D. 1, man died Thursday evening in Fairmont, W.Va., as a result of a head injury he suffered in a construction accident.

William E. Schubenski, 30, was pronounced dead on arrival at about 7 p.m. in Fairmont General Hospital.

A Fairmont newspaper reporter said Schubenski, a construction worker employed by the Alex E. Paris Construction Co. of Atlasburg, was struck in the head with a sheet of metal after a cable holding the metal either slipped or broke.

The accident occurred at about 6:20 p.m. in Baxter, W.Va., about five miles northeast of Fairmont, while Schubenski was standing in a 12-by-10 hole, according to the reporter. The sheet of metal, which also measured 12 feet by 10 feet, was to have been a cover for the hole.

It is reported that Alex Paris was the contractor hired to install sewer lines for a project expected to cost between \$7 million and \$10 million.

The company had been working in the Fairmont area for about a year, the reporter said.

Schubenski had been employed by Alex Paris for the past five years.

**William E. Schubenski Dies in West Virginia Accident
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 29, 1988 Edition**

Interviewed: Myra Lyn Schilinski

Interviewer: Sheila Golonka

The Serbian wedding traditions have changed during the years, but some customs are still being used.

The bride and groom fast for a week prior to the Sunday when they will be married. As the bride's father accompanies her up the aisle, the choir begins to sing. Together the bride and groom approach the priest, who is behind a small round table. He then hands them each two candles which will be lit off the eternal light. These candles have the Serbian cross in the center, and the base has stripes of red, blue and white symbolizing the Serbian flag. The priest then crowns them king and queen because it is their day. Switching the crowns three times, he says Serbian prayers. Now the candles are given to the godfather and best man who are standing behind the bride and groom. Tying the right hands of the bride and groom with a white handkerchief, the priest unites them in marriage. The priest offers the chalice containing wine to the bride and groom, himself and the attendants, each sipping it three times. The crowns are removed and given to the best man and godfather, who place them on the table. The bride and groom walk around the table three times. The handkerchief is removed by the godfather while the best man gives the rings to the priest. These rings will be exchanged by the bride and groom, placing it on their fingers and removing it three times. This concludes the one-and-a-half hour ceremony.

The bride and groom are met on the outside of the church by the Tamburitzans, a Serbian orchestra, playing music. The guests shower the bride and groom with coins to bring them prosperity in the years ahead. The money is gathered by the godfather and later given to the couple.

The wedding party and guests then go to the bride's home or a hall for a celebration which lasts three days. Everything is done in threes because this symbolizes the Holy Trinity.

Serbian weddings today are done modern style because of the many changes in the church and society. Even though a lot of changes have taken place, mixed marriages are still not permitted.

Myra Lyn Schilinski
Interviewed as Problems of Democracy class project
October 1975

Wife And Daughter Of William Scopel Die In Car Wreck

The wife and one-year old daughter of William Scopel, formerly of Joffre, were instantly killed in a tragic accident which occurred on the highway near East Liverpool, O., Sunday afternoon, Nov. 9, at 1:30 o'clock.

Mr. Scopel was driving his family from their home at 2048 West 101st st., Cleveland, O., to visit his mother, Mrs. Andrew Scopel, Sr., and other relatives at Joffre when the car got out of control and overturned near the highway, throwing Mrs. Scopel and the baby clear of the wreck. Mrs. Scopel and daughter Beth Marie were killed instantly. Other passengers in the car were their nine-year old son William, Jr., who escaped uninjured and another daughter, Susan, six years old, who received head injuries. She was taken to East Liverpool hospital for treatment and transferred to the Children's hospital, Cleveland, where she is reported improved. Mr. Scopel was taken to East Liverpool hospital for examination and later released.

The bodies were removed to the Corrigan Brothers Funeral home, Cleveland, and funeral services were held Thursday, Nov. 13, at 9 a.m., from a Catholic church. Burial was in a Cleveland cemetery.

Mr. Scopel is a former resident of Joffre and graduated from Union high school and the John Carroll University of Cleveland. He attended the University of Pittsburgh where he received his Master's Degree. Mr. Scopel was a coach at Union high school for several years and then moved to Cleveland where he was an athletic coach for some time. At present he is part owner of a sporting goods store in Cleveland where he is employed.

Wife and Daughter of William Scopel Die in Car Wreck
The Burgettstown Enterprise-November 20, 1952 Edition

Charles Scott

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

Charles Scott

My name was Charles Scott. I was born in 1812 in County Donegal, Ireland, and came with my three little sisters and parents to America in 1819. We came in a sailing ship in what proved to be a long, frightening journey. My grandparents accompanied us also. We located in what was to become Jefferson Township, Washington County, because my grandmother's brothers, Robert and Charles Scott, had already preceded us there.

The farm, on which we settled, is today owned by the Hoberak family, and the old springhouse near which our cabin stood, is still standing.



John Scott Springhouse on Winfield Cunningham farm

**South of Bethel Church
on Bethel Church Road**

My little brother, John Scott, was born the year after we arrived in America. This baby later became a well-known Methodist minister, commonly referred to as John Scott, D.D.

My father, John Scott, Sr., died in 1833 when I was 21 years of age. He left the farm to my mother for the duration of her life, after which, it was to be divided between John and me. By 1833, I had fallen in love with Margaret Cassidy, a neighbor girl, and we planned to marry. This we did and I took her home to live with my family. The next year, our daughter, Fannie, was born, followed by our eldest son, John Franklin Scott, the following year.

About that time, I saw that the adjoining farm was much better than our own. Through much hard work and skimping in other matters, I purchased it. This farm was known as Big Spring. It was there that our next ten children were born and there we lived out our lives.

My youngest son, David, died at the age of 3. But our other 9 boys lived to be strong, handsome men, and when they married, I bought them each a farm near to us, so that we were a very close family all of our lives.

Our sons, William and Cassidy, served the entire length of the Civil War and were in the thick of the fighting the whole time. But both boys came back uninjured and took up where they had left off.



Charles Scott Homestead

I died in 1892, and was buried here at Bethel beside my parents and grandparents. My wife, Margaret, and all twelve of our children are also buried here, as are their spouses and many of THEIR children. In addition to the long line of Scott graves here at Bethel, there are, today, eight generations of my wife's Cassidy line interred here.

One would think that with nine sons, living to adulthood, the Scott name in Jefferson Township would have been quite secure. But such was not to be. Of our five sons who produced grandchildren, only 5 were boys to carry the Scott name. But four of these grandsons had no children. Only Jefferson's son, William, gave us one great-grandchild with the Scott name.

The old Bethel graveyard contains at least 49 Scott graves, but the days of burying Scotts at Bethel are over. Our blood line goes on in our descendants, but they bear such names as McClurg, Anderson, Cunningham, and Brady. Yet where I now abide and rest from my labors, I have learned that many of the things that I thought were important when I walked the earth, are really of no consequence at all when viewed from a higher plane. All of life is eternal, and earth life is only a tiny fragment of the whole.

You who still walk the earth, stop someday here at the hilltop of old Bethel Church. Walk among the well-kept graves and think about what I have told you. Then lay aside your worries and fretting about tomorrow and what it will or will not bring. All you can do is the best that you can, with what you have. Believe me, when all of the hardships of life are over, you will barely remember that little span of time you spent on earth. And as I now do, when you DO remember, you will walk among the music, beside the River of Peace, and smile.

LOCAL BOY IS AMONG GRADUATES OF STATE

Six Students from the County
To be Graduated from State
College This Month

Among those who will receive degrees at the June graduation of the Pennsylvania State College are six Washington county students. Following is a list of these students, together with their courses of study and college activities:

James A. Scott, R. D. 3, Burgettstown, animal husbandry. Scott is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, honorary scholastic fraternity, Gamma Sigma Delta, honorary agricultural fraternity and the Block and Bridle Club. He attended Muskingum College for one year before entering Penn State.

George G. McNary, 170 West Pike street, Canonsburg, geology. He is a member of Alpha Chi Sigma social fraternity and served on the Sophomore Hop committee.

Allan B. Smith, 123 Vine street, Canonsburg, architecture. He is a member of Delta Sigma Phi social fraternity.

Byron W. Frazer, 936 Heslep street, Donora, agricultural and biological chemistry. He is a member of Phi Delta Theta social fraternity.

William E. Moorehead, Lincoln avenue, McDonald, commerce and finance. He is a member of Sphinx, honorary campus society.

Alfred E. Lewis, 936 Jefferson avenue, Washington, commerce and finance. Lewis was Eastern inter-collegiate 145-pound boxing champion in 1931 and 1932 and national champion in 1932. He was president of the College Athletic Association, Junior Class president, vice president of Student Union, a member of the varsity boxing team for three years, a member of Student Council and Student Board and of Parmi Nous, Lions Paw, Blue Key and Druids, honorary campus societies, and Sigma Phi Epsilon, social fraternity.

James A. Scott

Burgettstown Enterprise- June 9, 1932

MILKING AWARD

A special award, the Bronze Medal certificate for a production of 2,000 pounds butterfat, has been granted by the American Milking Shorthorn Society to Rose Mary 2d 225282, owned by James A. Scott, of Burgettstown.

This award, one of the highest for a registered Milking Shorthorn cow, was based on her production of 2,245 pounds.

Former Local Resident Honored With Shower On 80th Birthday

John A. Scott, a lifelong resident of this community, until two years ago celebrated his eightieth birthday, Monday, October 30, at the Luellen Convalescent home, 490 Allison avenue, Washington, where he is confined. He received 60 birthday greeting cards.

On Sunday, he was the recipient of a birthday shower, planned by his nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence K. Morrow. During the day and evening, 50 friends and relatives called to express their congratulations. He received many gifts including a purse and two large birthday cakes. Pictures were taken of Mr. Scott and a short musical program was presented.

Although confined to his chair, because of paralysis in his legs, Mr. Scott otherwise enjoys excellent health.

He expressed a desire to thank all the kind friends and relatives and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Luellen who made his eightieth birthday a memorable one. He said he is always happy to receive visits from his Burgettstown friends.

**John A. Scott Celebrates 80th Birthday
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 2, 1950 Edition**

Scotts Buy Valuable Horse.

Evidence of increased interest in draft horses is shown in this community by Lee R. Scott and Sons of Burgettstown who have lately purchased the purebred Percheron mare Ruby 210314 from F. B. Stewart of Linesville, Pa. Ruby is a black four year old, sired by Lord Carmelteur, a grandson of the imported French stallion Rebouteux. Another name prominent in the pedigree of Ruby is that of the imported Meliot, one of the popular sires of the Percheron breed. The mare Ruby is in foal to Kid Casey 203004, by Carnival, by the \$40,000 Carnot.

Scotts Buy Valuable Horse
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 14, 1936 Edition

Triple Celebration

Hickory, Sept. 20.—Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Scott, of Mt. Pleasant, who reside in the old homestead, occurred a triple celebration. The event was in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Scott's thirtieth wedding anniversary, the first anniversary of their daughter, Anna Mary's, marriage to Johnston Russell and a reception in honor of the marriage of their son Charles, to Miss Mary Smith, of Midway, and son, John Scott, of Oakdale. The event was in the form of a family reunion to honor the various celebrations. A bounteous 6 o'clock dinner was served, after which a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Scott
Triple Celebration
Burgettstown Call-1915 Edition

SCOTT REUNION

Members of the Scott Clan held their annual reunion at Follansbee Park, Follansbee, W. Va., Wednesday afternoon and evening, August 21. There was more than 100 descendants in attendance. The afternoon was spent socially and at 6:30 a picnic dinner was served by the social committee. After the dinner was served, Carl Denny Scott president presided at the business session with Miss Elizabeth Scott acting as secretary. The following officers were elected to serve for the coming year: President C. D. Scott, vice president Walter Scott, Hickory, secretary and treasurer Miss Elizabeth Scott. The oldest member present was Mrs. Jennie R. Lee, Hickory, and the youngest members were Ruth Alice and Rosalyn Wilma, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Scott of Washington. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Stewart and son Everett of Swissvale, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Banks of Avalon, Mrs. Jennie R. Lee, Hickory, Mr. and Mrs. Wylie T. Scott and sons Wylie T. Jr., and Walter of Donora, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Lee and son James and daughters Mary, Lois, and Jean of Cross Creek, W. F. Scott, Hickory, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Scott, Burgettstown, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Scott and son Bernard and daughters Marilyn Ruth and Rosalyn of Washington, Mrs. Ethel Taylor, sons Edwin, Donald and Harold, daughter Doris, Mrs. Henry Vega and son Bobby, Mrs. Annetta Scott, Burgettstown, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott and sons Samuel and Wayne, daughter Julia of Hickory, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Malone, Burgettstown, Ila Jean Finney of Langeloth, Elizabeth Scott, Margaret A. Malone, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Scott and son Denny and daughters Lois and Jane Alma Mrs. T. F. Nicholls, Mrs. Agnes Russell, Mrs. Jean Smith and daughter Ann, Miss Ayn Ackleson, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Westlake, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Clair and daughters Thelma and Ruth Lee, Mrs. Helen Williamson and daughters Olive and Gladys Jane, H. A. Scott and granddaughter Dorothy Scott, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Cowden and son Robert and daughters Betty and Donna, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Morrow of Burgettstown, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Purdy and son Robert and daughter Frances of Langeloth, Mr. and Mrs. George I. Kuhns, Lisbon, O., Mrs. William Stewart and daughter Jean of Burgettstown, Mrs. Grace McPeak, and daughters Mary and Mabel, Mrs. W. R. Proudft and Mrs. J. L. Phillis of Burgettstown R. D. 3, Mrs. Lola Ackleson and Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Scott of Burgettstown, Robert Munger and William Palin, Burgettstown. Dancing was the principal attraction in the evening. Music was furnished by a seven piece orchestra consisting of Harold Murphy, Robert Stottlemeyer, Ralph Dold, Lynn Hill, Pete Bruno, Al Garrone and Cliff Danley. The 1941 reunion will be held on the Fourth of July.

Scott Reunion
August 21, 1940

Scott Family Reunion.

The annual reunion of the Finley Scott clan was held at the Lee R. Scott home, Burgettstown, R. D., July 4th. At noon a basket picnic dinner was served by the social committee and was much enjoyed. The business meeting was called to order by the president, J. G. Scott. The following new officers were elected: President, William B. Scott; vice president, Mrs. Ruth Stewart; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Margaret Creps. Approximately 100 relatives attended, coming from Burgettstown, Cherry Valley, Cross Creek, Bulger, Raccoon, Midway, Hickory, Washington, Wellsville, O., Toronto, O., Cleveland, O., New Concord, O., and Canton, O. The oldest member attending was Mrs. Janice Lee of Hickory. The youngest was Donald Lee Scott, son of Welcome Scott of Wellsville, O.

Monkton (Maryland) the 4

I received you letter this morning and found two dollars which I very mutch needed for the last fore weeks I hadn't a sent and I thought every week that we would get paid up but we hant got paid yet but I think that these two dollars wil kepp me in paper and tobacco til we get paid up and then I wil send my money home for this is a pore place for to have mutch money and then if I ned any I can weight for you and you can send it to me. Samuel Gardner and John Wheeler are here at the presant time they came yesterday and I git a good deal of nuse from Samuel Gardner about them the rebels round Eldersville and if I was there Ill bet a fip that I would nock a hole in sum of them or thay won't do any good til thay get there thore scalps taken I think that the war wil soon be over and than I will call round and se them infurnals rebels I here of no fighting but we are looking every day for to here of a fight at Richmond are Fredricksbirdg wel I yeys that Ihavn't got any thing of importance to wright only that I am wel and all the boys I came with me that you new I want you to wright soon and let me know you are all getting along tel Cafsidy to weight me letter for I rote him one that he didn't answer. Norris is well and getting along fine.

So no more at present. But remains your brother.

*Wm. Scott to _____ Scott
John Scott (Eldersville, Pennsylvania)*

Monkton the
4

I received your letter this morning and found in it two dollars which I very much need for the last fore weeks I hadent a send and I thought every week that we would get paid of but we hadnt got paid yet but I think that these two dollars wil kepp me in paper and tobacco til we get paid of and then I wil send my money home for this is a pore place for to have mutch money and then if I need any I can wright to you and you can send it to me Samuel Gardner and John Wheeler are here at the presant time they came yesterday and I

got a good deal of news
from Samuel Gardner
about the the rebels
round Eldersville and if
I was there I'd bet a fig
that I would rock a hole in
sum of them for they won't
do any good til they
get there scelps taken I
think that the war wil soon
be over and then I wil call
round and se them infernal
rebels I here of no fighting
but we are looking every day
for to pere of a fight
at richmond are at fredericks
burdy well I gess that I
had got any thing of
importance to write only
that I am well and all
the boys that came with
me that you saw I want
you to write soon and let

we know how you
are all getting along tel
Cassidy to write me a
letter for I wrote him one
that he didnt answer
Morris is well and getting
along fine

So no more at
present. But remains
your brother

Wm Scott
To J Scott
JWS
John Scott

New Scout Troop Formed At Raccoon

Tuesday, June 7, at 7:30 p. m., the boys of Troop 54 at Raccoon will be honored at a Charter Presentation. This troop was organized in March by S. M. Fowler of Raccoon. There are 16 Charter members. The troop has already participated in an overnight camp and frequent hikes. The troop committee is composed of James Lander, chairman; Paul Deliere, treasurer; A. R. Myers, secretary; Fred Harris, C. H. Rommes, Jr., Ido Maroni, A. R. Rossy.

At the time of the Charter Presentation, recognition will be given to not only the Scouts but also the troop committee and the sponsoring institution, The Sportsman's Association of Raccoon, the Scoutmaster Mario Alouise and assistant Scoutmaster S. M. Fowler. The families of the scouts are requested to be present and the general public is invited.

**New Boy Scout Troop 54 Formed at Raccoon
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 2, 1949 Edition**

Fort Vance Historical Society

**Bridal Shower On
August 19 Honors ⁴⁻⁴⁻⁴⁷
Mrs. Mike Scruppi**

Mrs. Mike Scruppi, nee Rose Bongiorni of Slovan, was honored at a bridal shower on Tuesday evening, August 19, in the Italian Hall, given by Mrs. Dominick Bongiorni, Mrs. Victor Testa, Mrs. Gerald Tenaglia, Mrs. Queenie Filipponi and Mrs. George Beard.

The hall which was beautifully decorated with a yellow and orchid color scheme, was centered with the traditional umbrella.

The evening was spent in dancing and door prizes were awarded to Katherine Durinzi and Mary Repole.

Lunch was served to approximately one hundred guests, among which out of town guests present were from Washington, Pittsburgh, Hickory and McKees Rocks.

Mrs. Scruppi was the recipient of many lovely and useful gifts.



George Scruppi decorates Easter eggs at his home in Cherry Valley. Mr. Scruppi uses the Austrian method which he learned from his father many years ago.

Here And There

by Katherine Pyle

The old question about which comes first, the chicken or the egg, plagued me again as I prepared to write this column. Since "c" for chicken comes before "e" for egg, I'll attack the matter alphabetically.

Last week I made a visit to Seibels' Family Farm in Clinton where I saw more chickens than I've ever

seen at one time in my life. Approximately 20,000 were in coops that hold over 6,000 each.

Joe and Dolores Wargo Seibel have been in the chicken business for ten years, having more or less taken it over from Dolores' father, George Wargo. At present they own a hundred acre farm on Cork Road and raise white Leghorn hens. In one day the

Seibels will collect about 660 dozen eggs which, with electric machinery, they wash, dry, candle, sort and pack.

The chickens are kept in cages -- rows and rows of them -- and are watered and fed corn, oats and wheat as well as a supplement. As the hens lay, the eggs roll into a trough where they are easily collected and put into cases or flats.

The day I was there Mr. Wargo was removing the eggs from the flats and putting them on a conveyor. They were washed, dried and passed through an area where lights revealed any cracks or flaws. This candling process was especially interesting to me for I'd never seen it done before. The eggs continued into a part of the machine which permitted the heavier ones to drop first into a compartment; the next largest into a second, etc. until the sorting of all five grades of eggs had been completed. Mrs. Seibel and her foster daughter, Mary Murin, packed them into various colored boxes: pink for the smallest eggs, green for the medium, yellow for large, blue for extra large and white for jumbo. A good two hours was spent in candling and grading.

To be in the chicken and egg business requires full time dedication -- seven days a week, 365 days a year. The Seibel sons, Keith, Tim and Doug, also help with the work.

After the eggs are packed they are stored temporarily in a cooler at about 50-55 degrees and are later sent to market. If you've ever eaten an egg at the Farm Restaurant near Florence or bought eggs at Robertson's Fruit Farm you have probably encountered Seibel eggs. However, most of the eggs from Seibel's Family Farm are sold to Aliquippa stores.

IGA and Petrucci's supermarkets in Burgettstown purchase most of the eggs they sell from Hillendale Farms in Ohio.

I asked Johnny Bendick just how many he sold in a week. He averages about 600 dozen but for a Tuesday Special he handles about 2400 dozen. That's a lot of eggs. Probably sales at Easter time will be higher for nearly every family with children will want to do a little egg decorating which brings me around to the matter of egg art as a hobby.

If you haven't seen egg art as done by some of our local women, stop at the Burgettstown Library some day this week. Mrs. Lester Jackson has some beautiful eggs on display. Betty Bigger, who now lives in Greentree, was one of Burgettstown's special egg artists.

The old Ukrainian method of egg decoration called Pysanky may still be carried on by later generations in our locality, but I've been unable to get in touch with anyone who follows the craft. I recall seeing eggs decorated in this manner by the late Mrs. Olga Kluchanovich of Slovan and Mrs. Mary Strongosky of Francis Mine. A few years ago the Christian Mothers of Our Lady of Lourdes Church sponsored a class in Pysanky. I would be interested to know what follow-up there has been in this art which is one of the more unique crafts, requiring endless patience and skill, brought to us from Eastern Europe.

George Scruppi of Cherry Valley decorates about 12 dozen eggs each Easter season using the Austrian method he learned from his father. The technique is not so complicated as the Ukrainian one but requires creative ability. Mr. Scruppi uses a straight

pin attached to a wooden stick and dipped into melted beeswax to make the design. The egg is then submerged into a food coloring solution. He has demonstrated this method at the Library Fair. His daughter, Joyce Guna, of McMurray, and two of his nieces, Genevieve Cherenko and Karen Pagasky, have all taken up the hobby. Mr. Scruppi is married to the former Verio Guio and the couple had three children: Joyce, Judy (Bovalina) and Janet (Krieger). Born in Bulger, Mr. Scruppi worked for the Harmon Creek Coal Company as a shovel operator for 22 years. He was also at one time employed at the Westland Mine and just before his retirement six years ago he repaired covered brid-

ges for the Washington County Bridge Department. He now enjoys gardening, doing carpentry and repair work for his daughters and keeping up his beautifully remodeled home in Cherry Valley.

Finally, don't forget the Good Egg Contest being sponsored by the Burgettstown Library. It will be fun to learn just who is considered a "Good Egg" in our community. Fill out the Enterprise coupon and send it to the Burgettstown Community Library, Kerr Street, Burgettstown, PA 15021.

George Scruppi Decorates Easter Eggs
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 2, 1980 Edition

Scruppi Honored On 80th Birthday

A surprise dinner was held in honor of Pete Scruppi, of Cherry Valley, who celebrated his 80th birthday on March 28, at the home of his son, Pete. Those attending were his four children and their families: Genevieve, Pete and Tim Cherenko; Pete, Jean, Greg and Cindy Scruppi; Paul, Nettie, Mary Beth, Paul and Tony Scruppi; and Dave, Carol and Debbie Scruppi.

**Pete Scruppi Honored on 80th Birthday
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 31, 1982 Edition**

Files For Sheriff



Peter J. Secco, Chief of Police and Constable of Smith Township, has filed petitions to seek the Democratic nomination in the primary election for the office of Sheriff of Washington County.

Mr. Secco was elected constable in November of 1963 and was subsequently appointed police chief. The appointment followed several years' experience with the Smith Township police force, and as a parolee investigator in the county under the now-retired Judge Gibson.

Along with other members of his police force, Chief Secco has been continuing his knowledge of upholding and enforcing the law by attending the courses sponsored by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the State Police.

Secco is probably the "youngest-old" Democrat in the county, and in the past 25 years he has supported many party candidates. Having voted Democrat at age 21, he was elected precinct chairman at 22. He was elected Justice of the Peace prior to World War II at the age of 23, and became the youngest such official at the time.

During his life-long residence in Raccoon, Secco has participated in community and sports activities in the surrounding area. Following four years in the U.S. Navy during World War II, including active service aboard the Destroyer USS Earle 635, he was elected a director of the Burgettstown-Smith Township Joint School Board. Among the organizations of which he is a member are the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Raccoon Valley Industrial Development Corporation, and he is a benefit member of the Sons of Italy and the S.N.P.J.

Peter J. Secco-Files for Sheriff
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 10, 1965 Edition



Eugenio Sella
January 15, 1885-February 1, 1950

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
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Rosa Dinobilia
 (Full, true, and correct signature of petitioner, without abbreviation)

Susan Sella Boyd Graduate

Susan M. Sella of Burgettstown graduated from the Boyd School airline/travel program in Pittsburgh on June 8, 1990.

She received training for entry level positions in virtually all areas of the travel industry, from travel agencies to airlines.

Susan is employed by Holiday Inn in Cary, N.C.

She is a graduate of Avella Area High School.

**Susan Sella Boyd Graduate
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 18, 1990 Edition**



Jim Sentipal



Ludwig Jerbic

Farm on Lee Road, Burgettstown, PA

Arrested after the death of James Shaffer, 58-year-old negro coal miner of Bertha, Elizabeth Shaffer, 37, his common-law wife, and Vesper Airington, 35, alleged to have been the "other man," were held on a charge of manslaughter at a hearing before Justice of the Peace Steve Dugas, of Slovan. They were committed to the county jail without bond. Airington and the woman were taken into custody by Constable Mike Robb on April 3, the day Shaffer was buried. He died two nights previously from injuries, at first reported to have been suffered when he fell on a porch at his home. Later, police said, it developed that Shaffer and his wife had an argument and that she was alleged to have struck him with a milk bottle. A cerebral hemorrhage was reported as the cause of death.

**Elizabeth Shaffer and Vesper Airington Arrested in death of James Shaffer
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 10, 1935 Edition**

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Burgettstown Enterprise-September 23, 1963 Edition

Shearson Promoted In California School

Jack Shearson, a former teacher in the Burgettstown Area School District, has accepted a position as Administer Consultant of the Kern County School District, Bakersfield, California.

Before accepting his new position, he taught for five years in the Norris school, becoming principal the past semester.

The Shearsons became parents of twins on June 10, 1968, a girl, Megan, and a boy, John. The twins have five sisters-- Marcia, Melissa, Mary Beth, Marla and Maureen.

**Jack Shearson Promoted in California School
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 31, 1968 Edition**

Shearson Named California Principal



John Shearson, a native of Bulger, has been named Principal of the Norris School District, Kern County, California.

He will assume his new duty this fall.

For the past two years, he served as Vice-Principal.

A graduate of Burgettstown Union high school, he was graduated in 1951 from Salem College. He received his Masters degree from the University of Pittsburgh, and received his administrative credentials from Fresno State College in 1965.

Shearson started his teaching career in the Burgettstown Area School District, serving here from 1951 to 1961, before moving to Bakersfield, California.

He is married to the former ~~Mary Margaret Mc~~ Graw, of Sturgeon, and they are the parents of five daughters.

**FORMER UHS. TEACHER
APPOINTED TO STAFF OF
EVANSVILLE COLLEGE**



Andrew A. Sherockman, a former Chemistry teacher at Union High School has been appointed to the Evansville college faculty at Evansville, Ind. He will serve as an associate professor in the chemistry department. He is a graduate of Union High School, the University of Dubuque, Ia., and received his master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh and did graduate work at Carnegie Institute of Technology.

Sherockman is a member of Burgettstown post 698 of the American Legion and served as Service officer to the post. He is a member of the National Science Teacher's association and the Pennsylvania Academy of Science.

He served in the United States Army from November 1944 to February 1946 in the following assignments — Administrative officer, Ordnance officer, Laboratory Technician and Surgical Technician. He was recently employed as an executive assistant to the Chief Medical officer with the Veterans' Administration, Pittsburgh.

**Former UHS Teacher Appointed to Staff of Evansville College
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 5, 1946 Enterprise**

J. P. SHILLITO, IS HONORED AT FAREWELL PARTY

James P. Shillito, well respected Burgettstown resident was signally honored on Tuesday evening, when 40 associates of the Peoples Natural Gas company in the Washington district gathered at a testimonial dinner at The Farm. Mr. Shillito, who has been a valued and faithful employee of the Gas Company for 24 years, is being retired by the Company on pension.

Boyd E. Sloan, manager of the local office presided as toastmaster and called upon those assembled for impromptu speeches. A fine dinner was served by Minehost Zickafoose after which the evening was spent in a pleasant social manner. Mr. Shillito received the well wishes of his associates and many testimonials for his service to the Gas company.

Guests who spoke were James Henderson of Imperial, M. D. Ridgeway of Eldersville, Daniel Delaney of Pittsburgh, Arthur Brown and L. H. Fuller of Midway, and Raymond Coulter of Burgettstown.

The honor guest entered the service of the company in 1908 and served intermittently for 24 years as well tender, file clerk, pipe fitter and recently has been engaged as a meter repairman in the local community.

From 1911 to 1915 Mr. Shillito was postmaster of Burgettstown.

Those present were E. C. Carmichael, T. J. Bable, R. S. Moore, James Gavatorta, Edward Johnston, Boyd Sloan, Fred Miller, Willis Ridgeway, Charles Griffith, John Hannan, Paul Stewart, R. H. Bechdel, Banks Wilson, L. H. Riddle, Clyde Wilson, John Wyke, James Richards, Edward Bergheaur, David Murphy, Arthur Brown, Harry Rusk, Max Smyders, A.O. Bradford, Wm. Richards, L. H. Fuller, Max Logan, Oscar Carroll, James Henderson, Red Corbet, Lee Wyke, Carl Lewis, J. S. Logan, Daniel Delaney, Vic Quinlan, Raymond Coulter, Samuel Petrie, Earl Aten, Charles Phillips and Clarence Morri-

Miss Carrie Park, of Burgettstown, and James P. Shillito, of Smith township, were united in marriage by Rev. Morris Watson, at the parsonage in Burgettstown, Tuesday evening, Nov. 21. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a few intimate friends. The young couple left immediately after the ceremony for a short wedding trip. They were accompanied to the depot by the Klahowya club, of which the bride was a member, and a number of friends. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Park, the groom a son of ex-Commissioner and Mrs. W. G. Shillito.

A Burgettstown Wedding.

The marriage of James Shillito and Carrie M. Park, of Burgettstown, occurred last Tuesday at 4:30 p. m. The wedding was a quiet affair, only a few relatives and friends being present. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Shillito left on an extended eastern trip.

**Wedding of Carrie Park and James P. Shillito
November 21, 1905**

Coming Into Its Own

After a lapse of many years, Burgettstown is coming into its own in the way of recognition in a political way. During the past 50 years or more the town has bowed humbly before the "up river" towns and Little Washington when it came to filling county and state offices.

Many years ago the late William G. Shillito was elected a County Commissioner. Two years ago Dr. A. O. Hindman was elected a representative in the Assembly at Harrisburg. These are the only two instances in the memory of man when Burgettstown was permitted to have a citizen fill an office outside his own baliwick.

The candidacy of C. W. Tope for the office of County Treasurer is a source of gratification to this newspaper. For many years the Enterprise has supported the candidacies of various men for various county and state offices, regardless of the political affiliations of the candidates. In matters of this kind the Enterprise is interested in its own town, rather than the "up river" towns and Little Washington.

The offices have been filled too long with men from certain sections, while other sections were left out in the cold. The habit became pretty bad in Washington county. A small group, constituting a sort of mutual admiration society, has consistently held the offices in the face of all opposition and in sublime indifference to what the people thought of such action.

Things are different now. Burgettstown is coming into its own. The election of Mr. Tope as County Treasurer will go a long way toward getting the old home town on the map, and keeping it there, but a good, heavy vote in the borough and in the home area is needed for emphasis.

During the primary campaign we said: "A vote for Tope is a vote for Burgettstown." At the coming election on November 5th a vote for Tope will mean even more.

Loyal citizens are urged to vote for the prestige of their town!

Burgettstown-Coming Into Its Own
The Burgettstown Enterprise-October 30, 1935 Edition

Reed Shillito and Miss Cassie E. Scott,
both of Burgettstown, were married at
Sheridan on Wednesday, September 2,
by the Rev. Herbert Hezlep. The bride
is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Scott
and the groom is a son of ex-County
Commissioner W. G. Shillito. 1903

Wedding of Reed Shillito and Cassie E. Scott
September 2, 1903



Dr. Michael Shimko graduated from West Virginia University, where he earned a doctorate of

pharmaceutical and pharmacological sciences degree. He was the chairman of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Sciences, WVU Student Chapter; member of the Content Advisory Committee for the American Association of Pharmaceutical Science News Magazine and was invited to present at the Molecular Biology and Medicine of the Lung conference held in Giessen, Germany. His research was focused on investigating Nerve Growth Factors (NGF) effects on airway epithelial cells to better understand NGF's role in pulmonary disease progression. A 2004 graduate of Burgettstown Jr./Sr. High School, he is a scientist at Mylan Pharmaceuticals in Morgantown, W.Va. His parents are Michael and Mary Kay Shimko of Burgettstown.

Dr. Michael Shimko
Observer-Reporter-August 16, 2015 Edition

80th Birthday For Edward S. Simpson

Edward S. Simpson, of Center avenue, observed his 80th birthday in his home Monday, September 5. His wife, Margaret Stevenson Simpson, is two weeks his senior. They have been married for 56 years.

Mr. Simpson is an honorary elder in the Raccoon Church, at Candor. He is a retired farmer, and still enjoys gardening and keeping a flock of chickens. He supplies five of his neighbors with eggs every week.

He is a firm believer in education, and is a graduate of Russell common school. He also attended the Ingleside Academy, in Burgettstown. Both are now non-existent. Most of his school mates are deceased, except Sidney Bruce, of Langeloth. One of his teachers was Miss Laura Pettibone, of Midway, now 93 years of age.

He recalls the first verse he ever learned in school. "Live for those who love

you, For those whose hearts are true; For the Heaven that smiles above you, And the good that you may do."

Mr. Simpson reflects changes in Burgettstown and Smith Township during the years, but declares that "Spiritual things remain the same." He believes that no one is truly educated without a knowledge of the Bible. He states, "A good rule is to attend church regularly and read the Bible every day."

He received many cards of congratulations on his birthday, and the couple had several visitors. He has a brother, James, of Washington.

Simpson-Proudfit Wedding

Andrew C. Proudfit, of Smith township, and Miss Mildred Ross Simpson, of Wellsburg, W. Va., were united in marriage in the parlör of the Hotel Henry, Pittsburg, Monday, January 17, 1916, in the presence of near friends and relatives of the contracting parties. The ceremony was performed by the brother of the groom, Rev. John L. Proudfit, of Connellsville, Pa. After a southern trip they will reside at the old Proudfit homestead in Smith township.

Mr. Proudfit is one of our most highly respected citizens. He is a worthy representative of one of the pioneer families of Smith township and is a successful agriculturalist, being at the present time president of the Union Agricultural Association. His wife is a most estimable lady, known to many of our readers. The best wishes of a host of friends will follow them on their matrimonial voyage.

Simpson-Proudfit Wedding
January 17, 1916

REUNION WITH SISTER
AFTER 47 YEARS

Albert Sinan, R.D.2, Burgettstown, returned home Saturday after visiting with his sister and other relatives in Albania. This has been the first time he has seen his sister in 47 years. He also visited with his son in Bitburg, Germany.

**Albert Sinan-Reunion with Sister After 47 Years
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 8, 1963 Edition**

Interviewed: Ellen Slak

Interviewer: Paul Lukon

The new Dutch liner left Rotterdam, Holland, and arrived in Manhattan, New York, on July 3, 1963, at 5 a.m. Aboard this ship was Mrs. Ellen Slak. The city was practically deserted at this early hour. The quietness and absence of people in the streets reminded her of her native Germany.

Mrs. Slak was six years old when World War II began. Being this young, she was terrified by the bombings. Since she and her family had lived in the industrial center of Germany, the Ruhr Valley, these air raids were a constant threat to their lives. Most of her life during these trying times was spent in air raid shelters and basements. As bombing intensified she was sent to different countries: Austria, Holland and Poland. Her father remained in the Ruhr Valley to work in the factories.

Poland was then under Nazi (National Socialists German Workers Party) rule. The Polish people had lived miserably under this rule. The Polish Jews suffered extreme hardships as they were left walking around in the snow with rags wrapped around them and begging for food. Many of the less fortunate were put into concentration camps. The German Jews had to wear yellow arms bands and sit on yellow benches. Living under these circumstances has made Mrs. Slak a very unprejudiced person.

While in Austria she had made her first contact with the Americans. These Americans were the soldiers of the United States Army. Her first opinion of our soldiers was very good. They were good looking, clean and always chewing gum. Mrs. Slak had never heard of chewing gum before. They also gave chocolate (which was very scarce) to the good looking German women.

The German customs are similar to ours since it is a Christian nation. Christmas and Easter are celebrated in the same manner. Weddings are not as elaborate, but they are more serious. The deceased are not exhibited. They are buried directly from the church. Mrs. Slak did not understand the American custom of staring at the corpse and saying, "Oh, he looks so good."

An amusing experience happened to her when she first arrived in Burgettstown eight years ago. While shopping she noticed a parade outside and asked the clerk what was the occasion. The clerk replied "homecoming." She asked who is the homecoming for? The clerk replied "the football team." Mrs. Slak asked where they were coming from. The clerk became disgusted and walked away.

Mrs. Slak had visited Germany on two different occasions and has appreciated the United States that much more on each return trip.

Ellen Slak
Interviewed as Problems of Democracy class project
October 1975

742 Cedar Grove Road
Burgettstown, PA 15021
Dec. 5, 1997

To Those Whom This Information Concerns:

The pages you are about to read are taken from my personal diary. I have kept such a diary sporadically since 1936. These notes are the way I usually express myself in keeping these personal records.

Most are not complete sentences. Many may be poor grammar. And there will be many typographical errors. But you will get the idea of what I am trying to express. I realize it is very lengthy. BUT PLEASE READ IT!!!!!! Your careful reading of it could mean the difference in whether or not the A.D. White Research Society continues, or dies. And when you have put as much of yourself into something as my sister, June Grossman, and our genealogist friend, Ken McFarland, and I, have done with this tremendous project, we cannot afford to let it die.

We realize that the project has dragged on for months, even years. Obstacles put in our paths have been many and great. We also realize that most of you, also have suffered some of the same problems as the three of us, so we know that you must understand the slow pace of the Universe. We cannot speed things up if a time has been established for things to happen.

Never let it be said, or even thought, that no one is doing anything. Just because things drag on, and frequent communication between all concerned is not the best, that does not signify that wheels are not turning. These pages represent mainly the work June and I have done together. At times she was working feverishly on something that I did not make note of, simply because I was busy with my own and neglected to include the work she was doing. I took these notes from the day the A.D. White Research Society had its last meeting, July 24, 1996. I have condensed it greatly, especially the last few months of activities. I know you who read this will not recognize many names. These people are all our friends, with deep interest in the A.D. Society. Many are affluent and influential. We have been careful to cultivate only those who "care."

Please use your time, talents and influence, as much as possible, to make this proposed research library a reality.

Kathryn Campbell Slasor



P.S. Ken McFarland separate enclosure

LAST A.D. WHITE MEETING - JULY 24, 1996

JULY 25 - June and Harold Campbell went to Courthouse at Wellsburg to look up Tent Church area history.

JULY 26 - June called the board members, about hearing from land from Don Donnell.

JULY 27 - I assembled some Criss family history to mail to Criss descendants - Doris Simons, Dale Scott, Dal Donovan, etc. Typed A.D. minutes and mailed copies to Secretary, Gina Filippini, Sonya Jason, Bill Buchanan and Ken McFarland, Advisory Board members. Talked to Warren Columbia (age 94, full of history) and Alan Gould, also history.

JULY 28 - To George Williamson, old Brooke Countian, about farms locations of Williamson, Hendricks, Headington, etc. in nearby Brooke County.

JULY 29 - Took typed minutes to A.D. officers, Bob White, Dr. Loughry and Ron Di Orio.

JULY 30 - Working on the booklet for Tent-St. John area in Brooke Co. To funeral home for Sue Bologna. Met Rotellini and Bologna families and told them of the A.D. Society.

JULY 31 - Working on the tour booklet.

AUGUST 1 - Met and talked with Gina, Bob White and Jim Simpson. June and I to Felton's, the old Mechling house, arranging for tour. Talked to Arthur Deuley, old Brooke Countian, about the Good Will School.

Aug. 2 - June and I to Courthouse and Wellsburg, searching for builder of the Felton, or Mechling house. Traced later to Thomas Donovan, Jr. Also to Library.

Aug 3 - To Murchland Reunion. Talked much genealogy..

AUG. 4 - Hunting Hendricks land (every day). Went up Patterson Lane. Met Gene and Paul Cross. Talked Patterson history. Found Hendricks land here.

AUG. 5 - Gathering material for a talk I have been asked to give for a ladies' group for Harriet Briggs, of Washington. To Mahans Lane to meet Martha Latimer Mechling, who went to Good Will School in Brooke County.

AUG. 6 - June and I to Brooke View Drive to meet Shirley Carter. He is the second A.D. White, in looks as well as knowledge. Listened to his history about Hendricks and Patterson lands and Good Will School. Went to the Courthouse and Brooke County Museum and talked to Ruby Greathouse.

AUG. 7 - Preparing tomorrow's talk.

AUG. 8 - Talked to the Ladies' Missionary Society of Crossroads Church, about the A.D. White Research Society. Told them what we have been doing in the way of history. June and I went later to Sam Harms, photographer, Hooverson Heights, for pictures, and to Gene Cross's, about pictures of Hendricks and other property.

AUG. 9 - Worked with some of my files.

AUG. 10 - Dale Scott was at June's. Talked to him. He is into Criss and other families.

AUG. 11 - June and I to see Shirley Carter, Agnes Carmody and George Williamson for a good genealogy afternoon.

AUG. 12 - Worked on the Tent Church booklet with June.

AUG. 14 - All afternoon with Martha Latimer Mechling. Got Hendric^{ks} pictures. Then to Shirley Carter's for more genealogy..

AUG. 15 - June and I finished Tent Church booklet photocopying, collating, assembling, stapling, took parts of the next 7 days. Went to Theresa Tripodi's at Virginville. Good historian of that area.

AUG. 16 - Ran off some of the booklets. To John Hamilton's at Wells house, Art Deuley's, Robertson's, Felton's, Turrentines, Freshwaters. Met Elva Craig. She has old pictures.

AUG. 17 - June and I sorted through pictures. Made several calls to let folks know about tour. Went to Brooke Genealogy meeting. Topic, "Schools of Brooke County." To John Hamilton and Margaret Freshwater about final arrangements for tour.

AUG. 18 - Picked up picture of class at Good Will School at Ruby Greathouse in Brooke Museum.

AUG. 19 - Talking genealogy with George Williamson and Shirley Carter. To Ruth Gillespie and Margaret Freshwater for more notes.

AUG. 20 - June and I ran off most of the booklets, and collated. To Margaret Freshwater's. She has many pictures.

AUG. 21 - To Margaret Freshwater's several times. She is still hunting pictures.

AUG. 22 - Tour day. Lois and Dal Donovan came. I gave them prevue of tour, and to Freshwaters. (They are from Coshocton, Ohio.) Over 60 involved in tour. At least 56 went the whole way. To Tent Church, St. John's Church, through Wells house, through old Mechling house. Ken McFarland came, staying a couple days.

AUG. 23 - Took Ken to Robinson Twp. for a bus home.

AUG. 24 - Took booklets to Jane Mester, Margaret Freshwater and Art Deuley. Carl Hennon called, wants to see us about Wright history.

AUG. 25 - Took booklets to Felton and Ruth Gillespie. To Shirley Carter's to see his fleet of hand-carved ships, and hear the history of them. Talked to Bud Robertson and Ilah McCaffery for Wright history. None today, later. To Russ Slasor's for Scott' Run history, and McKim Ridge, for later booklets.

AUG. 26 - June and I taped Shirley Carter on several families. Very good genealogy day. Carl Hennon and Helen Strike here (from mid-Ohio.) Took them to Gaylord Martin's for Wright history. Called Bobby Wright in Ohio. Not too much.

AUG. 27 - Returned Shirley Carter's material. Got some Walker history from him. To George Williamson's and returned his Baxter family book. He had lent it to June some time ago. Much information. Working on files. Called John Popp about pictures.

AUG. 28 - Filing in my basement.

Aug. 29 - Filing in my basement.

AUG. 30 - Filing in my basement.

(Pages 1 and 2 describe in detail June's and my almost daily activity to promote the A.D. White Research Society. These two pages cover only five weeks, from the last Board meeting of the society, on July 24, 1996, to the end of August of that year. From then until the present time (December 4, 1997) although our pace of work remained the same, only the more major projects will be covered in this account.)

SEPT. 3 - Sent reply to Robert Cook's letter wanting to know about Kerr family. (Robert Cook, Strongsville, Ohio.)

SEPT. 4 to 20 - Returned pictures and sent requested obits and other material to Dal Donovan, Coshocton, Ohio; Carl Hennon, Hilliard, Ohio; went in person returning material to Martha Mechling, Margaret Freshwater; picked up from Gene Cross, Shirley Carter, Elva Craig, others. Attended Morton School Reunion and interviewed former pupils of 60 years ago, Spent an afternoon with Bob Cook. June and I getting ready for historical and genealogical group of 37 people who met at June's on September 20 for a meal.

SEPT. 21 to 30 - Took old pictures to studio for re-makes. Discovered where the Baxter farm in Brooke County was located. Copied, laid out and ran pictures and pages for the Kidd's Mill tour coming up. Heard about Wright-Hobbs history from Shirley Carter. Finished the Kidd's Mill booklets.

Oct. 1 to 15 - With Mary Marko on ride over Morton Hill area to hear from her that history. Copied box of obits from Carmen Brown and returned them. Wrote to Helen Ince, Redondo Beach, California, about her Davis family. June spoke to the Hickory Women's Club on the Van Baker murder. Ken finished copying Paris cemetery - he had begun it a month ago - took parts of two days for the job. Copied Ebenezer Cemetery one afternoon - (Ken) June copied more obits. We interviewed Helen and Gaylord Martin. Handed out Kidd's Mill letters in preparation for historical trip. Interviewed former neighbors on their genealogical background (at a funeral home for one of them.) To Courthouse looking for Crall and Wright. To Tent cemetery to find stones for them and Margaret Jane Moore.

OCT. 16 to 31 - June sent Ken to Baltimore for some genealogy, paid his way, for his time, etc. Dale Scott and Bob Gracey, historians, at June's going over some genealogy. All of us to Brooke County Genealogical meeting. Heard talk by Glenn Main, authority on the town of Bethany, West Virginia. June and I talked to Albert Miller, Jim Smith and Helen Boles Coleman, on various historical subjects. Talked to Viola Gillespie on her remembrances on "old houses," and to Dave Gourelly, owner of a log house and knowledgeable on a nearby stone house. Talked to Iggy Yonis, John Kranak, and went to see the first old Buxton place, in Cross Creek Township. To Gaylord Martin for Wiegmann pictures. We worked on "old house" pictures to display at Kidd's Mill trip to be held soon. To Rotellini's to identify Klein and other pictures. To see Wiegmann house, now Swearingen. Spent long hours on pictures. June and Ron discussed a trip to Whitaker Cemetery that they made next day. They walked through indescribable brush to find the tombstones. June had worked many days on genealogy of Bobby Wright, who knew nothing of his ancestry. She presented it to the interested who gathered to study genealogy while others took the walk to historic old Kidd's Mill. Sixty people in attendance. To Jay Leon and John Care, Scott's Run area, for Pfister history. Kern Lyons, Phoenix, Arizona, called wanting Steen history.

NOV. 1 to 15. Ken came and copied Tent Cemetery. June and I looked again for Wright and Crall history in Wellsburg. Went to Wellsville, Ohio to meet Jim Woodrow, Harry Cline and Bruce Kirbaugh. Wonderful day of genealogy and eastern Ohio history. Toured the museum and log house.

Feb. 1 to 14 con't.

June finished copying Ryland and Sanders material. Talked to Bud and Sarah Forester on Colliers tour. Returned Doris Jones material. To Romitti's (he's in hospital). Picked up pictures from Bob Beatty. To John Kranak about Jim's tour. To Dave Gourley's. (He's out of town.) To Phyllis to have her speak at tour. June and I copied invitations for Jim's tour. Looking for Art Caldwell about tour. Not home. To Donnie Grey, same subject. Talked to Charles Lawson, same. (requesting some of these to costume in pioneer garb for Wellsbille tour.) June is copying Colliers pictures for booklet. To Ed Taylor and Katy Gardei for pictures. Ed sick. Talked to Jim Pannett and Jay Volero, Colliers. Working more on Colliers pictures and book layout. Met and talked with Edith McLaughlin and Bevier Jansen about the tours. Talked to Howard Burd and Bill Kidd, same. Put five pages of Colliers book together and June ran them off on the copier. To Lynn Snyder for picture identification. Worked on more pages. June ran them off. Have 17 pages done as of now. Talked to George Samakis about Logrow coal mines. June gave a Valentine luncheon - 14 there - all history. Very good meeting.

FEB 15 to 28 - We both went to Brooke Genealogical meeting. They were in process of organizing, so we did not stay. I took pages to Bob Beatty for him to proof-read. Picked up pages from Bob Beatty and gave them to Don Robinson to proofread. Talked about Colliers history to Jim Pannett and Marge Welshans. Got story and pictures from Sarah Forester. To Donnie Grey's to look over his little house as possible A.D. White center. (It is full of Donnie's things, with no possible space for us, but a good thought!) To Court House, Don Robinson's and Albert Miller's for information. To Jim Woodrow's, Phyllis' Katy's, past Petrelli old home looking for remains of station supposedly near there. Nothing. Located Stansbury watering-trough. (Block of stone, well carved into it.) Talked to Carl Maple. Not much, does not remember. Bobby Wright spent 3 1/2 hours with us, brought big box of McCready papers, deeds, etc. A treasure! History of many years. Picked up history from Emma Richardson and George Samakis, for Colliers book. Finished five more pages of booklet. June and I drove Jim Woodrow around possible sites for A.D. Center - Donnie Grey's included. Also to Snyder house, Stansbury, Bethel, etc. All afternoon.

Mar. 1 to 15 - June and I finished running and collating 80 Colliers books of over 40 pages each. Took parts of several days. Talked to Shirley Petrelli about the 200-year-old Snyder house. Jim Woodrow spent a day - we took him to Albert's, John Tomn's, Tony Valenti's. Stapled the Colliers books. June helped Jim Woodrow clean his museum for the tour. Also his log house. June copied the Baxter obits (a scrapbook full). I got letters ready to mail out for Jim's tour, and stuffed the Colliers ones. Returned Jerry Baxter's pictures and obits. Took some pictures to Mabel Miller, Hanlin, for her to identify. Spent a morning with Jean Stout, historian from Frankfort Springs area. She showed us the site of Fort Dillo and took us on Murdocksville Road and past the old Bigger stone house. June and I took 90-year-old Marie McElhaney to Swearingen cemetery and to the site where the Colvin woman (with the red hair) was killed by Indians. Talked to Mary McMillan and Betty Brodmerkel, Beaver County historians.

MAR. 16 to 31 - June and I took several on "dry runs" to Jim Woodrow's in preparation for the tour set for June 14. Among them - Albert and Rita Miller, Thelma Rommes, Ruth Tomlinson, Tony and Joanne Valenti, Mark Sarracino, Charles Lawson. June is copying Beaver County history, and spent several days copying Prebble family history borrowed from John McCord, of Bethany. Also copying Poe history from Beaver County. June and I took Jim Woodrow to Eugene Painter's, where he showed us the sites of the Teeter and the Doddridge forts. Went to Bethany and met with Glenn Main who was to lead a trip to the Hootman cemetery. The country roads were impassable so went instead with John McCord to see old houses of that area, Kadesh Chapel and Castleman's Run Church. June showed Jim the site of Fort Vance. Working getting letters mailed for the Colliers tour. June copied the Armor family genealogy. I have been spending many days and nights reading and transcribing the Simpson journals, of Cross Creek Township historian, James Simpson. June is making books of family genealogy. Six of us walked about two miles to the Murchland cemetery one afternoon. In poor condition. Others we took to Jim Woodrow's to promote interest in the June 14 tour, were Marie McElhaney, Jean Stout, John and Shirley Baker, Brady Dunlevy and Charlotte Bradley. (This was April 4)

APRIL 4 to ¹⁶ Got the Wellsville tour letters ready to mail. June and I went to Hookstown for a fund-raising supper for moving the historical one-room Mercer school. Told those new friends about the A.D. White society. Went to Keifer's home at Frankfort Springs to go through papers of Aunt Jane Walker, whose "roots" are in our own area. Clippings and pictures were outstanding. June found out more details that needed to go into the Colliers book, and copied them. Extra pages were of Fowler and Hooker families, sent by Howard Standish, of Tempe, Arizona. On April 15, more than 130 persons joined in the tour of Colliers. With speakers at each focal point, the group visited and heard history of such places as Ryland Mill, the local churches and schools, the mines and many and the people who lived there decades ago.

APRIL 16 to 30 - June and I to John and Rosella Saver's to begin gathering information on Morton Hill and McKim Ridge, our next tour, set for September 20. Needed 60 more Colliers books. June and I ran them on the copier, collated and stapled them. Two days later, needed 40 more. Copied, collated and stapled them. Continued to have demand for them, finally ended up making total of 250. Quite a job! To Gene Cross's and Latimers, arranging a walk on the scar of what had been Good Will Road, in Brooke County. June and I entertained John DeMay and Dick Gaetano, both of Pittsburgh. John is an author, and authority on old forts. Had them for supper. Showed them the A.D. White material both at June's and here. Explained our plans for the Research Society. Ten of us walked the Good Will road one afternoon. All shared our interest in history. Great day. Twelve of our historical friends from Beaver County had lunch together at Ponderosa Golf Course. Discussed the A.D. White society. Great time. Also planned for Jim Woodrow's June 14 historical event.

MAY 1 to 15 - Met with Jim Woodrow and finalized plans for his Ohio Country Gathering, as the June 14 event will be called. Went to Rockdale Apartments to meet Lucille Weaver and Edith Calfo for pictures for our next tour, Morton Hill. To see Ruby Greathouse at Wellsburg Museum. Also historian Eileen Avery. I showed slides of the Kidd's Mill area at the semi-annual Kidd's Mill Walk in Eldersville. Met with some of the historians. Nedra Ticknor called from Illinois, wanting Quarterman family genealogy. Found some and copied and mailed it. She is cousin to Arlene Alexander, Eldersville. To see Kathryn Minor in Steubenville - daughter of Dohrmann Sinclair, one of Steubenville's best known historians of earlier days. She will give us some Steubenville and riverside history. Told her of the A.D. White Society.

MAY 15 to 31 - Have been mailing out tour letters and delivering Colliers books continuously. Ken McFarland, genealogist, brought two pickup truck loads of his history and genealogy, moving them into my basement for lack of proper place to put them, and donating everything to the A.D. White Research Society. They include works he has done single-handed, such as copying microfilm records of census records, births, deaths, marriages, much information that the Society would not have had had it not been for Ken's untiring efforts to fulfill his mission to make the Society what it should be and can be. I have seen him copying tombstone dates and inscriptions when he had to kneel in the snow. After collecting his information, he alphabetizes and indexes everything. He is a one-of-a-kind dedicated historian. June and I met one day with Jim Simpson and Rudy Schultz, of PPG. Good conversation. Rudy says we must put all the A.D. material on a computer, then storage space will not be such a problem. Good idea, but who is going to do it?

I went to New Cumberland one day and took pictures of all the houses on the Ridge, to be identified and preserved. All old houses, and tell a lot of history. June had 24 of the Latimer family in for covered dish luncheon, Lots of genealogical conversation. June had Marie McElhaney and "Bud" Stewart in to look over the A.D. material. She also drove them to historical spots on Weirton's hilltop. June started to copy the 600-page book of Cuthbertson history, belonging to Kathryn Minor. She spent many hours at the copier, finally finished. We returned the book. We took some pictures to Ed's Quick Print for display at the Ohio Country Gathering. June and I to Fort Vance luncheon at Robinson Church, to hear Robert Butler's talk on Murdockville. Robert Butler was formerly from the U.S. Weather Service at the Greater Pittsburgh Airport. Talked to Dave Gourley about going to Wellsville. June copying Quarterman history, which I sent to Nedra and Arlene.

June and Lawrence Latimer went to Rochester to see and interview 95-year-old Jane Walker, concerning her family history and old times in this area. Made many long distance calls finalizing plans for Wellsville. June and I to see Bob White and Bob Loughry about helping Ken. Both wholeheartedly agreed. Ron not home. Jim Simpson called. Talked to him about the Society. The next day, Jim and Rudy Schultz spent the afternoon with us. We showed them all the A.D. material in both our homes. Talked of where and how to go about things. No concrete workable answers. Talked to Jane Fulcher about Murdock family.

JUNE 1 to 13 - I called and wrote a number of invitations for the Ohio Country Gathering. June is working on the Boles and Amspoker lines. Also Buxton. Howard Geline brought an album full of Colliers pictures for us to choose and copy. Showed him the A.D. material. Impressed. Jim Pannett permitted me to go through the Colliers Odd Fellows files for pictures. June made charts of Bole, etc. lines. Took them to Arlene Alexander. (Her ancestors.) We spent three hours looking at her old pictures. Borrowed some to have made. Gathered old homestead pictures to have them made for a chart to take to Wellsville. June is trimming and mounting the pictures we had made and writing captions. She has three posterboards covered with homestead pictures and one of "Keepers of Records," including A.D. White, Marion Butler, Jane Fulcher, and many others who have preserved history in this area. All of these will be on display at Jim Woodrow's on June 14 at Ohio Country Gathering. June spent all day one day and most of the night mounting these pictures. We both worked on lists of those who will be dressing in costume for this "pioneer" affair. Urging many to dress. Still borrowing and returning old pictures, and contacting others to finalize plans. In my "spare time," I am reading and transcribing old (1908, etc.) issues of the Burgettstown Herald.

JUNE 14 - The Ohio Country Gathering great success. Probably 125 or more from near and far. June presented a program of one and a half hours, telling backgrounds of most families represented. The purpose of this Gathering was to introduce folks from West Virginia and Ohio and others, to the A.D. White Research Society. We are

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attempting to expand this urgently needed project, which will meet the needs of countless families who have been searching for their "roots." Jim Woodrow purposely "decorated" parts of the grounds with A.D. posters, as is shown in one of these pictures. Jim has felt from the beginning that the Society needs to be promoted in a wide area. June's talk centered around the fact that many families in the late 1700's and early 1800's migrated through the Wellsville, Ohio area on their westward push to new frontiers. Many stopped there and settled, some even establishing towns such as Wellsville itself (William Wells who married a Leeper girl from Jefferson Township) is an example.

These photos also show the cooperation of those attending in "dressing up" for the occasion. Some brought their "tools of the trade," and set up displays for all to enjoy. Others (authors) brought their books for promotion. Since this is the site of the Scottish settlement of 1800 era, many came attired in the kilt of their clan. Others just enjoyed the fellowship of those of kindred spirit, and relaxed along the banks of Little Yellow Creek for a day of enjoyment they will long remember. And all returned home with the urgency of the A.D. White Society ringing in their ears!

JUNE 16 to 30 - June and I drove Jim Mueting, from Des Plaines, Illinois, around the lands of his ancestors, among the earliest families in Cross Creek and Jefferson Township. He had arranged to extend his visit beyond the day of the Country Gathering. Since his roots also were embedded in Brooke County, we took him to meet a number of the footpaths his ancestors had trod, including the tiny stone-walled Wiggins cemetery, which dates to circa 1793, to the days of Indian hostility. We brought Ken out for a couple days. He finished copying Eldersville Cemetery, which he had begun last year. Took him to Bethel cemetery. With a probe, he found the remains of two former church buildings on the lot near the present one. This answered many questions that have been dormant many years. Went for a "walk in the woods" with Don and Shirley Robinson and a few others, near Colliers. Good fellowship. June attended Brooke Genealogical meeting, with Museum Curator, Ruby Great-house as speaker. Topic, "How to preserve old papers." I began to write the story of the Gathering, which would take several days of spare time - to send to those interested. To Fort Vance - John DeMay with his book, "Settlers' Forts", and Carol Carter speaking on "Oil Lamps." Took pictures of Reed house in Florence - to be torn down. June and Ron spent three hours at the Mormon Library in Wintersville, Ohio. There she met Wendell and Terry Reese, cousins, whom she had never seen. Ron was instrumental in arranging their meeting, as the Reese brothers are also into history. A bond of friendship developed, and they have become near and dear to us.

JULY 1 to 15 - Another "total" for Colliers book - made 30 more, making 280 that we laid out, copied, collated and stapled, then delivered to those who requested them. June and I came up with another project that would extend through August 14. We contacted all the little girls in the neighborhood who wished to study and learn about local history. Ages 7 thru 14. Some began, unable to keep up due to parents' work schedules, etc. Ended up with 28. Each Thursday afternoon we took them to some historical spot in Jefferson Township and told and showed them where various events of the past had taken place. We searched for old pictures, made copies of them, wrote captions, and bound them into book form. We added more pictures and stories each of six weeks, adding more pages each time. Total pages in finished book - 41, with 79 pictures and captions. These books are treasured by the young girls. They have learned much of local history, and are anxious to do it again next year.

Some of the topics that June and I studied for this project, for which we had

to make pictures, photocopy, lay out, collate and staple, are: The churches and schools in former days, including Eldersville Normal School which closed in 1914; street scenes with mud roads; the rows of "company" houses being built circa 1921; horse and wagon transportation; old store buildings long since gone; the scene of the Allingham murder in 1872; the blacksmith shop; the two Great House Castles; the State Line marker; Panhandle Railroad stations; old stone and log houses, now gone; old families and their homesteads; once-beautiful farms before stripping operations; and outstanding personalities of the area. We called this group of historically minded little girls The Seekers. Parents and families very cooperative.

THROUGHOUT JULY AND AUGUST - Intermingled with The Seekers were the days we spent organizing the Morton Hill-McKim Ridge tour which would take place September 20. Preparations included writing letters and mailing them to those who wished to participate; stuffing the envelopes, and making the book, which in the end totalled 93 pages. A major task! Made 150 books, with 119 pictures and maps, and eleven in-depth genealogies of old families of the hilltop, at which June spent countless hours and days. The tour drew approximately 100 people, which required a caravan of 30 automobiles which wound around the country roads in this small section of Brooke County. Again our purpose was to call attention to the A.D. White Society, and to gain the friendship and confidence of our extended neighborhood. This is in addition to the fact that we absolutely enjoy the company of those who think as we do and are endeavoring to learn of and preserve local history. Also I personally interviewed over 40 people for their "memories."

People seeking their beginnings continue to call, write letters, or visit. Dale Boyd and Dolores Ballas came from Ohio. Duncan Campbell came from Virginia. Howard Standish from Arizona. Buxton connections from Oklahoma. To Murchland, Pettibon, Welshans, Sutherland and other reunions. Always talked their family history and interviewed. Also Marsh-Atkinson and Morton School reunions. Bill Ralston came a couple times, once bringing three others to view the A.D. material and to locate their own families. (To June's.) After Viola Gillespie's death, her son, Holland, gave me all of her historical material that she has been years in assembling. It goes to the A.D. Society, and will add much.

In "spare time" I have been transcribing tapes of those I interviewed for various trips and knowledge, condensing historical letters written several years ago by one of the prominent Scott family members, Ethelyn Thompson, June and I back to Wellsburg Courthouse for Owings, Archer and other Morton Hill families. June is studying the Palmer Farm Map and Panhandle History. Met several times with Dave and John Velegol to learn from them of their vast store of knowledge of Morton Hill. To Brooke meeting to hear Eugene Painter speak about Patrick Gass, Lewis and Clark's "Last Man." With Duncan Campbell to find his ancestry - to Don Carnes, Leroy Johnston, Pres Evans, etc. Also to Sciappa Library in Steubenville.

June was asked by the Fairview cemetery committee, Burgettstown, to write the history of the cemetery and the small Victorian building on the grounds. Went to meetings concerning it. I did research on Billy Sunday for Morton Hill book. To libraries and talked to Rev. Sgro. He helped with research material. I'm studying 1864 Precinct book for Brooke County.

In some of our searching for history for Morton Hill, we had to drive as far as Warwood, West Virginia and Richmond, Ohio. Pictures and history. Interviewed Tom Evans, age 95 (had to track him down at a bar) and Flora Yost, age 104.

SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND TO DATE IN DECEMBER - (Greatly condensed for obvious reasons)

Made 15 posters and distributed them in tri state area to advertise Morton Hill tour. Also typed publicity for 12 local newspapers. June spoke to the Genealogy Society at Washington - topic, the A.D. White Society. She explained what it is, its purposes, and the hopes and dreams of the members for it. Also told them that a place for all the material is drastically needed, that it is still stored after months and years, in our two basements. June gave her historical talk on the Victorian building at Fairview. About 240 people there. Dinner followed. I am reading and transcribing old book on accounts of Jefferson Township officials of a century ago. A.D.'s book.

Had Ken here for Thanksgiving. He is anxious for the A.D. society to get off the ground. Wants to continue his work for it. He needs a place to stay. Ernest and Yvonne Anderson, from Morton Hill, here and at June's looking over the A.D. material. Everyone is surprised at the volume of history contained in our basements! We are looking now into possibilities in the Jackson house on Cedar Grove Road. At this writing, Dec. 5, 1997, nothing is certain. Wendell and Annabelle Reese, from Empire, Ohio, are coming tomorrow to see the amount of material and to offer some suggestions.

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AUTUMN NUPTIALS TAKE PLACE IN COLLEGE CHAPEL

The marriage of Miss Jane Elizabeth Smiley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl B. Smiley, of Bulger, and Rev. Joseph Tempelton Brownlee was solemnized at 2:30 o'clock, Saturday afternoon in the Westminster College Chapel, New Wilmington. Officiating was Dr. Robert F. Galbreath, president of Westminster College and an uncle of the bride, assisted by the Rev. Walker S. Brownlee of Hamburg, N. Y. brother of the groom.

Preceding the ceremony Miss Mary Martha Orr of New Wilmington played a half hour of organ music and Mrs. Walker S. Brownlee sang, "At Dawning" and "I Love You Truly."

The bride, given in marriage by her father wore a gown of white faille taffeta, fashioned in princess style and her veil, falling from a Mary Stewart cap, trimmed with orange blossoms, was of fingertip length. She carried white chrysanthemums. Her matron of honor, Mrs. James Thompson of New Kensington, a former college roommate, wore a similar gown of blue faille taffeta with matching velvet turban. Miss Jeanne Smith of Swissvale, maid of honor and cousin of the bride, wore green faille taffeta and the bridesmaids, Miss Ruth and Miss Mary Galbreath of New Wilmington, twin cousins of the bride, wore rose and gold faille taffeta gowns with matching velvet turbans. All carried yellow chrysanthemums.

Rev. Brownlee, a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Collins Brownlee of New Wilmington had for his best man, his brother, John Collins Brownlee. Ushering were Ray B. Smiley, brother of the bride, John H. Galbreath, New Wilmington, John K. Borland, of Washington, and the Rev. Walter J. Ralston of West Middletown.

Mrs. Smiley, mother of the bride, wore green crepe with matching accessories and a corsage of yellow roses. Mrs. Brownlee, mother of the groom, wore royal blue velvet with matching accessories and her corsage was talisman roses.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Tavern, New Wilmington.

Mrs. Brownlee is a graduate of Westminster College and for the past four years has been a teacher in Union High School. Rev. Brownlee is a graduate of Westminster College and Pittsburgh-Xenia Theological Seminary.

Following a trip through the south Rev. and Mrs. Brownlee will be at home in Dayton, Pa. A rehearsal breakfast at the Tavern was given by Dr. and Mrs. Galbreath with covers laid for twenty-four.

Among those attending the wedding from Burgettstown were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dickson, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Smiley and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Harper, Mrs. Jean Smith, Miss Mary Thome, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tennyson, Miss Elizabeth Scott, Miss Winifred Cruikshank, Miss Virginia Forsythe, Miss Geneva Bamford, Miss Clara Werner, Miss Eugenia Harper, Miss Kirschbaum, and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Scott.

Jane Elizabeth Smiley and Rev. Joseph Tempelton Brownlee
October 5, 1940

Harris And Scott Win Awards

Two area farmers have received high ratings and many awards in the livestock contests at the recent Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg. Harris Smith, Bulger herdsman entered three heifers in the Polled Milking Shorthorn contest and was awarded 2nd prize for a heifer calf, 3rd and 4th prizes for yearling class and second prize for Junior Get of sire.

James Scott of Burgettstown, R. D. 3, walked off with many awards for the entries from his fine herd. In Polled Milking Shorthorns, he received the following awards: 1st on bull calf; second and reserve champion on 2 year old bull; 3rd on heifer calf; 1st on Junior Get of Sire; 3rd on Senior Get of Sire; 3rd on three year old cow and 4th on 4 year old cow.

Mr. Scott also entered Merino sheep and for C type was awarded 1st for aged ram; 1st and 3rd for ram lamb; 1st and 2nd for aged ewe; 1st and 3rd for yearling ewe; 2nd and 4th for ewe lamb; champion ewe; 1st for breeders' flock; 1st for breeders' young flock; 2nd for pen of lambs and in B type-1st for yearling ewe and 3rd for ram lamb.

**James Scott and Harris Smith Win Awards
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 20, 1940 Edition**

ELDERSVILLE BRIDE OF 60 YEARS AGO AND HUSBAND CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Smith, celebrated the 60th anniversary of their wedding Monday at their home, 117 South Central avenue, Canonsburg.

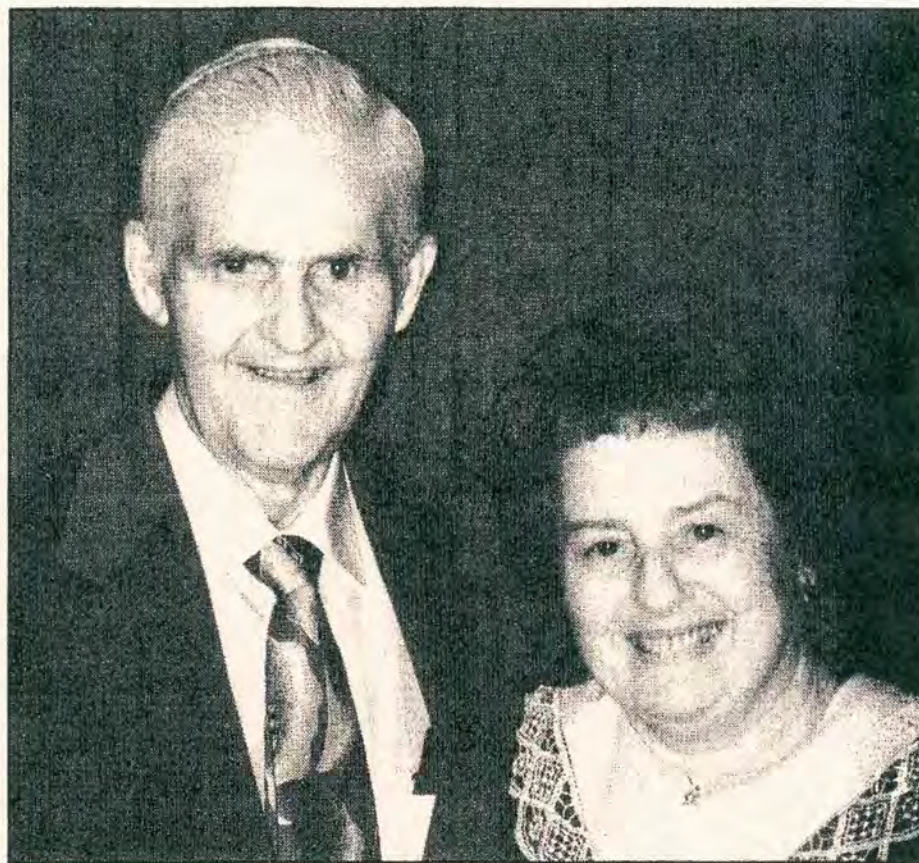
Many friends and neighbors called to extend congratulations, and others sent messages in cards and flowers. Among those attending were their three daughters and one son, Mrs. Dora Bowers, of Wilkinsburg; Mrs. Joseph Williams, of Canonsburg; Mrs. Harry Bissell, of Canonsburg, and Alex Smith, of Canonsburg. Also present were their five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. During the evening lunch was served.

The widely known and respected couple, reminiscing, recalled that for three days following their marriage they were "marooned" at the home of

the bride's parents because extremely heavy rains caused creeks of the district to flood and delayed the start of the honeymoon trip they had planned.

E. C. Smith and Miss Carrie McMurray, of Hanlin Station, were married at Eldersville, March 25, 1880, by the Rev. William T. Wilson, pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church of Eldersville. None of the relatives and friends who attended the ceremony are still alive. For a number of years they resided at Eldersville before moving to Canonsburg.

Mr. Smith was an employe of the Pennsylvania Railroad for 45 years, retiring May 1, 1929.



Mr. and Mrs. George Smith

George and Helen Smith of the Bulger area celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Nov. 13, 1993.

The couple were married at Noblestown United Presbyterian Church in 1953, with Rev. Smith and Rev. Ruble officiating at the ceremony.

On the night of their anniversary, they attended a dinner held by Bavington Grange recognizing those with long-time membership. George was honored for his 50-year membership and Helen for belonging 25 years.

The Smiths have had two children: Terri, married to Scott

Bechdel, and Dale, whose wife is the former Debbie Lightner.

The couple also have two grandchildren: Jonathan and Megan Bechdel. All are living in the local area.

Besides belonging to the Bavington Grange, the Smiths are members of Hillcrest Presbyterian Church, Burgettstown.

George is a retired employee of Woodville State Hospital. His wife was employed by Ames Department Store.

George is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harris Smith. Helen's parents were Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kress of Sturgeon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith Celebrate 40th Anniversary
The Enterprise-December 29, 1993 Edition

Courtesy of For Vance Historical Society

Smith Elected Club President

Rex Smith was elected president of the Washington County Holstein Club for 1986.

Serving with him will be Bill Paxton, vice-president; Gene Painter, secretary; John Grice, III, treasurer and state director; Chris Hamilton, show chairman; Rod Rankin, breed improvement and co-chairman of the calf sale; Dwight Hunter, Jr., co-chairman of the calf sale; Patty McMurray, junior activities chairman; and Judy Grice, news reporter.

Newly-elected directors are Dwight Hunter of West Alexander, Rodney Rankin of Burgettstown and Chris Hamilton of Avella. Retiring directors were Santino Barchiesi, Jr., Ken Morgan and Lee Hamilton.

At the annual banquet, two tickets for the upcoming Pennsylvania Holstein Convention, set for Feb. 21 and 22, at the Sheraton Inn, Station Square, Pittsburgh, were won by John and Dorothy Marchezak of Bentleyville. The two ladies' program tickets were won by Susan Paxton and Cora Miller, both of Washington. Scott Smith of Avella won a show halter, donated by Atlantic Breeders.

**Rex Smith Elected President of Washington County Holstein Club
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 4, 1985 Edition**

Smiley-Smith

Bulger, Feb. 19.—Wednesday at the home of D. W. Smith, of Bulger, occurred the marriage of his daughter, Agnes Jane, to Earl Brownlee Smiley, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Smiley, Burgettstown. The ring ceremony was performed in the presence of about 50 guests by the bridegroom's brother, Rev. Robert Galbreath, of Woodlawn, assisted by Dr. Smiley of Canonsburg and Rev. Reamey, the bride's pastor. At 2:15 o'clock to the strains of the Lohengrin wedding march played by Miss Margaret Bamford, entered the bridal party. The bride wore a beautiful gown of charmeuse trimmed in real lace and carried a bouquet of bridal roses. The maid of honor, Miss Elsie, sister of the bride, wore a gown of pink crepe de chine trimmed in maribou and carried a bouquet of pink roses. The groom was attended by his brother, Charles. Little Bertha Dickson, the flower girl, niece of the bride, carried a basket of pink and white sweet peas. The house was beautifully decorated with smilax, pink and white roses and carnations. The bride was the recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts, consisting of cut glass, silver, handpainted china and \$85 in gold. The bride is a graduate of the music department of Grove City college in the class of 1909. The bride groom also attended the same college. The couple left on the 5 o'clock train for a two-weeks visit in the

**Agnes Jane Smith Marries Earl Brownlee Smiley
February 18, 1914**

Hero's story revealed

Physician finds Mon Valley mine disaster tale through ancestry research

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A physician in the state of Indiana was presented with a difficult challenge while researching his ancestry with the last name of Smith.

Thomas Dixon Smith V would finally reveal, using his unusual middle name while searching English census records, the mystery in his family about the fate of his great-great-grandfather, who died a hero in a 1901 coal mine disaster in the Mon Valley.

"It took me years to figure this out," said Smith, 64, of Fort Wayne. "There are thousands of Thomas Smiths in English census records."

He also narrowed his search by using his great-great-grandmother's maiden name of Cuthbertson, a detail provided to him by his great-uncle, Robert Smith of Midway.

His great-great-grandfather arrived in Philadelphia from England Sept. 20, 1880, and would make his way to Smithton and work in Port

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THOMAS DIXON SMITH V

Royal Mine No. 2 in nearby Rostraver Township.

The name also appeared in a 2001 article in a Pittsburgh newspaper commemorating the 100th anniversary of back-to-back explosions in the mine that claimed the lives of 19 miners. Thomas Dixon Smith was among a rescue party of 16 men who went into the mine when the second explosion occurred.

He was the last to die five days later from burns and shock in McKeesport Hospital and was buried in a grave that went unmarked in Richland Cemetery, Dravosburg, Smith said.

A granite marker, donated by the North Hill Marble and Granite Co. of Akron, Ohio, was finally placed on the grave Aug. 7 after Smith unraveled the mystery and located the grave site.

"I was never made aware



SCOTT BEVERIDGE / OBSERVER-REPORTER

Thomas Dixon Smith V of Fort Wayne, Ind., is shown with his cousin, Edith "Jean" Bishop, 91, of Bulger, at a memorial to victims of the Port Royal Mine disaster.

of the circumstances of his death, but I was intrigued, being named Thomas Dixon Smith V, as to whether this long chain of namesakes was simply whimsical, or was

some form of legacy," he said.

Smith said he wanted to have his great-grandfather's story published to inform the many descendants of the min-

er now living in Washington County, including his surviving cousin, 91-year-old Edith "Jean" Bishop of Bulger, and the Pittsburgh region about the sacrifice the man made.

**Hero's Story Revealed-Thomas Dixon Smith
Observer-Reporter-August 30, 2014 Edition**

"SILENT KILLER" MONOXIDE NEARLY CLAIMS FOUR LIVES

A difference of 20 minutes could have meant loss of life to Mrs. Vay Smith and her tenants, Mr. and Mrs. George Brown and daughter Norma Lee, Tenan street, after they were overcome by carbon monoxide early Saturday morning, Jan. 29.

A chimney, completely blocked with soot, prevented the fumes from a gas furnace leaving the dwelling.

Mrs. Smith became ill Friday noon and was unable to report for work at Petrucci's newsstand. Her brother, Albert Fulton of Dinsmore avenue paid her a visit and became ill while at the Smith home.

Surmising it was a heart condition, Mrs. Smith called Mrs. Fulton to bring medicine. Following her arrival, Mrs. Fulton soon was overcome and blacked out for a short time.

The Fulton's upon feeling improved later returned to their home. During the evening, Mrs. Smith felt dizzy and sick, unaware that her illness was caused by carbon monoxide fumes. The Fulton's talked with her by telephone that night and believed her to be improved.

At 8:30 Saturday morning, the Fulton's again telephoned Mrs. Smith who was nearly overcome, and barely able to answer the phone. Sensing danger, Mr. Fulton immediately left for her home and determined the cause of her illness as carbon monoxide.

The gas company was immediately contacted along with the fire department. At the Brown's apartment, they found all three members of that family overcome. The fire department inhaler was used to revive the four persons, saving them from untimely deaths.

**"Silent Killer" Monoxide Nearly Claims Lives Burgettstown
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 3, 1955**

Awards For Trappers

Stanley Smutny, a well known trapper from Burgettstown, is a winner of a Daily Award in the Sixteenth National Fur Show conducted by the Raw Fur Marketing Service of Sears, Roebuck and Co.

Smutny's carefully handled Muskrat pelt brought him one of the \$5.00 Daily Awards, as a result of its being judged one of the three best handled skins among all pelts received at Sears Raw Fur Marketing Station in Philadelphia on Monday, January 15th—and, in addition, entitles Smutny to consideration for one of the Major Awards, including \$1,000.00 First Award, to be selected at the final judging which will be held in April.

This season's 16th National awards again total \$7,590.00 in cash, including 918 Daily \$5.00 Awards, ten Major Awards, amounting to \$1,950.00 topped by an eagerly sought after \$1,000.00 First Award, plus twelve Sectional Awards for complete fur shipments . . . aggregating \$800.00. All awards are for pelt handling only, not kind or value of skin. Every pelt shipped to Sears, during the term of the Fur Show, is automatically considered for one or more awards. Full details are given in the 1944-45 edition of TIPS TO TRAPPERS; free copy of this book may be obtained by writing Sears Raw Fur Marketing Service at Philadelphia.

**Stanley Smutney, Winner of Awards for Trappers
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 1, 1945 Edition**

The Greatest Generation
An Interview/Story of

Mike Somon

Interviewed by
Ryan Tevena
Burgettstown Area School Project

Fort Vance Historical Society

This is Ryan Trevena interviewing Mike Somon on May 13, 2002.

***This is going to be a question and/or answer interview.**

Q: Where were you born and when?

A: I was born in Omaha, Nebraska in 1912.

Q: Do you have any personal experiences going up in the early 1900's?

A: Ohh No, only I went through the depression and my dad died when I was about 13.

Q: What was the depression like?

A: Well you couldn't get a job even if you were highly skilled.

Q: How did your family cope during the depression?

A: Well we lived on a farm and we grew our own food and stuff like that.

Q: Where did you serve in the war?

A: In Africa, Sicile, and Italy.

Q: What regiment of the war did you serve in?

A: The Fifth Army Troops and in Africa I was Second Corp Troops then we went to Sicile and we were they Seventh Army under the leader of General Patten then to Italy we were under General Clark Triesh it was up on the Australian boarder.

Q: Where did you serve in your regiment?

A: In the 77th field Artillery and before that I was in the 20th Engineers and thats where I took some training to learn how to pick up mines.

Q: Do you think they should've dropped the atomic bomb in Japan?

A: Yes.

Q: Were you aware that they were dropping the atomic bomb?

A: Well the only thing I knew was my brother he worked in the state of Washington on relays and these relays were gonna be used on some sort of weapon and we didn't know exactly what.

Q: What were your feelings about Pearl Harbor?

A: Ohh bad, I didn't think we were ready and I was kinda surprised.

Q: After the war did you have any hard feelings or just go back to everyday life?

A: Well went back to everyday life went back to work as an electrician.

Q: Was Pearl Harbor anything like September 11?

A: Well I would say to me September 11 was worse because more civilians were hurt.

This ends my interview on Mike Somon.

SONNENBERGS MARK GOLDEN WEDDING

One of the first couples to establish a home in Langeloth celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a dinner party in the Langeloth hotel Tuesday, Oct. 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sonnenberg were honor guests at a party arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Titora. The couple was married in Dimmick, Ill. in 1903, and came to Langeloth in 1914 where Mr. Sonnenberg was employed by the American Zinc and Chemical Co., having been promoted to foreman in 1920.

They are the parents of four children: Edward, Mrs. Frank Mika and Mrs. Michael Bezusko, all of Langeloth; and Stanley of Los Angeles, Calif. They have seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Sonnenberg are both 73 years of age and are residing in the Langeloth hotel.

**Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sonnenberg Mark Golden Wedding
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 12, 1953 Edition**

Interviewed: Rose Soplinski

Interviewer: Michele Soplinski

As a little girl in Poland, my great grandmother, Sophia Starck (married name), never went to school. Instead, she went to work in the potato fields to help her family. Besides working in the fields, she also had to help with a lot of the housework. As she grew older she learned the art of sewing and was very good at it.

She then was married to Albert Starck. Her wedding was only a one-day affair even though some weddings were two or three days long. The bride was dressed in a long white dress with a woven wreath of flowers and ferns with white ribbons for a veil. The bridesmaids wore colored dresses with a woven wreath of ferns with colored ribbons. As there were no honeymoons after the wedding, they started their marriage life.

Their one-room house had mud walls with a thatched roof. They also had livestock which consisted of a few pigs, cows, chickens and two horses to pull their wagon.

When Christmas time came there was no shopping and decorating as we know it today. Instead they had very common things. They made all food on Christmas Eve, to be eaten during the holidays. Then when dinner time would come along they would start by passing and breaking the Holy Bread. After this, there were 13 dishes set on the table, and everyone had a little bit of each dish. Then they went to Midnight Mass. Instead of putting money in the church collection basket, they would give the priest chickens or eggs because they didn't have the money. When the four children awoke on Christmas morning, there were no toys to be found or even exchanges of gifts. A Christmas tree with candles, candy and nuts was considered a real treat because they couldn't be found and were expensive.

In 1911 the family decided to come to America. My great grandfather came first to buy a house and earn enough money to send for the rest of the family. When he finally sent for the rest of the family, they came by ship. Since they couldn't read or write English, they were given tags with their names and destinations. Even though they were served quite well and had good food, many people were sick. When they landed in New York City, they didn't know anybody. They took a train to Carnegie and that is where they established permanent residence. My great grandfather, who died at an early age, worked in a mill 12 hours a day and received very low wages. My great grandmother found many things different in the United States such as more-than-one-room houses, but they needed it because after they arrived in the United States, they had three more children. Some of the other things she found strange were tomatoes, bananas, oranges, streetcars, bakeries and cars. She died two weeks before she would have become 80 years of age. Even though they found many things different in the United States, they liked it much better because they had more than what they did in their previous situation.

Rose Soplinski
Interviewed as Problems of Democracy class project
October 1975



Robert J. Pavuchak/The Pittsburgh Press

Dr. Angelo J. Spanogians, 80, examines Bill Filipponi, a Burgettstown grocer

Hangnails to heart attacks, retired G.P. saw them all

By Barbara Bein

The Pittsburgh Press

FOR MORE THAN HALF a century, Dr. Angelo J. Spanogians has been a bulwark of Burgettstown.

Patients have described him as conscientious and hard-working. "A great man," said one. At age 80, he was still making house calls.

"I don't think there's a family in this district that I haven't treated," said the Greek-American recently in his cozy offices at Burgettstown Plaza, his fourth location during 52 years in practice.

He retired Sunday, turning over his practice to the "very, very capable" Dr. Bruce Sharpnack, 36, a family practitioner.

"I'm retiring with a lot of misgivings. It's emotionally . . ." he pauses, "a big change. I hope they don't feel as bad as I do about retiring. But I've reached the age of 80. It's time to quit before I get real sick."

When he told Emily Bihum of Burgettstown, a patient for 35

years, that he was going to retire, Mrs. Bihum said she told him, "I'm very happy for you and sad for Emily."

"He was there for everyone. He's given his life to Burgettstown," she said. "You could go to him for everything from a hangnail to a heart attack."

Spanogians said he will do a lot of reading and gardening in retirement, and spend time with his wife, six grown children and 16 grandchildren.

Born June 15, 1911, in Samos, Greece, an island off the coast of Turkey, Spanogians was an infant when his father, Demetrius, left Greece to work first in the leather factories of Peabody, Mass., and later for the Pennsylvania Railway and American Zinc and Chemical Co. in Langeloth, Smith Township.

When he was 11, Spanogians and his mother, Rose, joined Demetrius in Langeloth. The young Angelo Spanogians went to a grade school operated by the chemical company and then to Burgettstown High School.

Mrs. Bihum, who went to high school with Spanogians, remembers him as a "reserved" boy who had a little trouble speaking English. But he excelled in science and decided early to become a doctor.

"My father was a laborer. My father wanted me to get an education. He didn't want me to be like him," Spanogians said.

With family savings and his own earnings as a janitor's helper, Spanogians went to the University of Pittsburgh, where he received a bachelor of science degree in 1935. Then it was on to Georgetown Medical School in Washington, D.C.

"It was very, very, difficult to get into medical school, especially if you were foreign-born," he said.

Graduating in 1939, he served a one-year internship at Pittsburgh Hospital, now part of the Forbes Health System. He knew he wanted to be a general practitioner in rural northwest Washington County.

His first job was with Dr. "Tom" Tomaseski, a doctor for employees

Please see G.P. W8

Dr. Angelo J. Spanogians
June 15, 1911-August 18, 2004

NEW DOCTOR



DR. ANGELO SPANOGIANS

Dr. Angelo Spanogians reported as assistant to Dr. Tomaseski at Langeloth last week. This Community's newest Physician is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Spanogians of Second avenue, Langeloth. He passed the state board examination, and received his license to practice medicine in July 1940. He is a graduate of Union high school, 1931, received his Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Pittsburgh in 1935 and graduated from Georgetown Medical School in 1939. He served his internship at the Pittsburgh hospital last year.

Dr. Angelo Spanogians
Burgettstown Enterprise-1940

Family Reunion At Ocean City, N. J.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Spataro, of Avella, joined with a number of relatives recently for a week's vacation and relaxation at Ocean City, New Jersey. A family of five sisters and one brother, with their parents, husbands, and children, gathered for a reunion at the seashore.

The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shortino, of York, Pa., parents of Mrs. Spataro and her sisters and brothers. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Borsellino, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Borsellino, Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Walters, and Charles Shortino, all of York, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin, Holtsville, California. Children of the families also enjoyed the week's activities. The days were spent at the beach, swimming and sunbathing, and the evenings at Clubs when they enjoyed dancing. A night cruise, a visit to Frontierland, a day of deep sea fishing for the men, and a birthday party for Mrs. Spataro, and a Sunday morning worship service for the entire group at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic church, were only a few of the highlights of the week.

While deep sea fishing, eleven-year-old Stephen Spataro caught a 25-pound shark, which he pulled in with the assistance of his uncle, Charles Martin.

After a week at the shore, and the Edgewood Cabins, where they made their headquarters, the Spataro family returned home, stopping enroute to visit the beautiful Longwood Gardens, at Kenneth Square, Pa.

Farewell Reception

Cherry Valley, March 23.—Wednesday night saw a crowded house at the home of W. J. Speer, the storekeeper for the Cherry Valley Company for the past ten years. It was a surprise reception for Mr. and Mrs. Speer and children, as they intend departing April 1 for Geneva, Ohio, where Mr. Speer owns a fruit farm. After the house was crowded and a social time had been enjoyed for a brief period "Safety First" Gibbs, one of the crowd, in a neat address presented Mr. and Mrs. Speer with a fine oak rocker in leather upholstery. Mr. Speer made a fitting reply. During the informal program Miss Alda Weir, of McDonald, favored the audience with a reading, and Hulse Couch gave a vocal solo. A liberal repast was furnished. Regret was expressed by all at the departure of this splendid family. Especially is the loss felt by the Mission congregation that worship at the school. Mr. Speer is the teacher of the A. O. B. C. Mrs. Speer teaching anywhere needed. Their home has been open at all times for the use of the church and young people generally.

Cherry Valley Surprise Reception for W.J. Speer Family
The Burgettstown Call-March 29, 1917 Edition

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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

WASHINGTON, January , 1837.

SIR :

To determine with as much accuracy as possible the relative positions of the several Post Offices in the United States, so that they may be correctly delineated on the maps of the Department, you are requested to fill up the spaces and answer the questions below, and return the same to this Department, care of H. A. BURR.

The recent fire having destroyed all the information before obtained on this subject, renders your immediate attention to it necessary.

I am, sir,

Very respectfully,

AMOS KENDALL,

Postmaster General.

The name of my Office is *Burgettstown* it is situated in the town of *Burgett* County of *Washington* and State of *Penn*

State the name of the Post Offices nearest to your Office and their distance from it by the mail route. *Thickets Mills 4 Miles, Lawrence 5 Miles, Elders Hill 6 Miles, & Creek Village 9 1/2 Miles, Rockoon 5 Miles -*

If you are on a river, creek, or brook, what is its name, and on which side of it are you?

Ans. *in the forks of Big Rockoon Creek near the junction, but on the West side of the main Creek*

I am Sir

Very respectfully
J. Spencer

Jesse Spencer - Appointed Postmaster of Burgettstown, Pa. 1836

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Spencer Reunion

Descendants of the late Elijah and Mary White Spencer held their family reunion at Margaret Mansion Weir Memorial Park, with 66 members attending.

A large cake inscribed in honor of Otha Huffman, Chester Yeater and Claude Baker, who have recently retired, was presented.

Those who participated in the program were Gene Huffman, Keith Baker and Patty Miller, instrumental music, and Judy and Coleen Miller, vocal selections.

Attending from Weirton were the families of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Yeater, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Summers, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Gaston, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Slipper, Mr. and Mrs. George Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller and Mrs. Joyce Jenkins.

Out-of-town members were the families of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pettit, of Masterson, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gaston, of Mendon, Massachusetts; Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Williams, of Marietta, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Philip Edge, of Parkersburg, West Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. Otha Huffman and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Baker, of Middleburne, West Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Spencer and Mr. and Mrs. James Westbrook, of Alma, West Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Spencer, of Bugetts-town; and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Huffman, of Pughtown, West Virginia.

Special guests were Mrs. Lillian White and Miss Judy McCullough.

WILL BOOK No. 9

WILL OF
ELIZABETH SPENCER

Be it known that I Elisabeth Spencer of Smith Township in the County of Washington and State of Pennsylvania, being of sound mind and memory and being desirous wholist thus blessed by providence, to arrange my worldly affairs, do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills at any time by me heretofore made.

1st I give and devise to my daughter Cornelia Norton Spencer and her heirs the house and lot on which I now reside being situate in the Vilage of Burgettstown Smith township Washington County Pennsylvania. I also give unto my husband Jesse Spencer the right to possess and hold the aforesaid house and lot during his natural life.

I also give unto the said Cornelia Norton Spencer, and the aforesaid Jesse Spencer the right to sell the said house and lot at any time that they may both desire to do so, provided that the aforesaid Jesse Spencer receive the benefit of such money as may accrue or arise from such sale during his life. And finally I do hereby ordain Constitute and appoint Alexander McAllison executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 6th day of Nov. 1864

Elizabeth ^{her} X Spencer (SEAL)
mark

Signed and Sealed by the above Elizabeth Spencer, and by her published and declared as and for her last will and testament, in our presence who having subscribed our names as witnesses in her presence and at her request and in the presence of each other

James T Frederick. S. P. Riddile.

Washington County SS.

Be it remembered that upon this 6th day of January 1865 Before me W. A. Mickey Register for the probate of wills and granting letters of admn within and for said county came Rev. James T. Frederick one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will of Elizabeth Spence decd. who after being duly qualified according to law deposeth and saith that he was present at the execution of the said will - saw the Testatrix sign the same - heard her publish the same as and for her last will and testament - That he at her request in her presence and in the presence of the other witness thereto Subscribed his name as a witness thereto. And that at the time of doing so, the said Testatrix was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of their knowledge observation and belief.

Sworn and subscribed before me. W. A. Mickey Regr. James T. Frederick

And upon this 10th day of Jany. 1865, Came S.P. Riddle Esq the other witness to the said will of Elizabeth Spence decd who after being so qualified as the law directs deposeth and saith, that he was present at the execution of the said will and saw the Testatrix make her mark thereto - heard her publish the same as and for her last will and testament - That he at her request, & in her presence subscribed his name as a witness thereto. And that at the time of doing so, the said Testatrix was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge observation & belief.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me W. A. Mickey Register S. P. Riddile
(No Letters)

Local Young Woman Nursing School Grad



MISS JOANN SPERANZA

Miss Joann Speranza, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Speranza, of the Westend, McDonald, was one of ten students to graduate September 1 from the Beaver Valley School of Nursing. Exercises were held in the Trinity Presbyterian Church, Beaver Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Speranza have two other daughters, Mrs. Inez Jones and Mrs. Dolores Iannarelli, both of Bridgeville, who are also graduate nurses of the same hospital.

Miss Speranza has entered Geneva college, where she will further her education in the field of nursing.

**Joann Speranza-Graduate School of Nursing
Record Outlook-September 15, 1960 Edition**

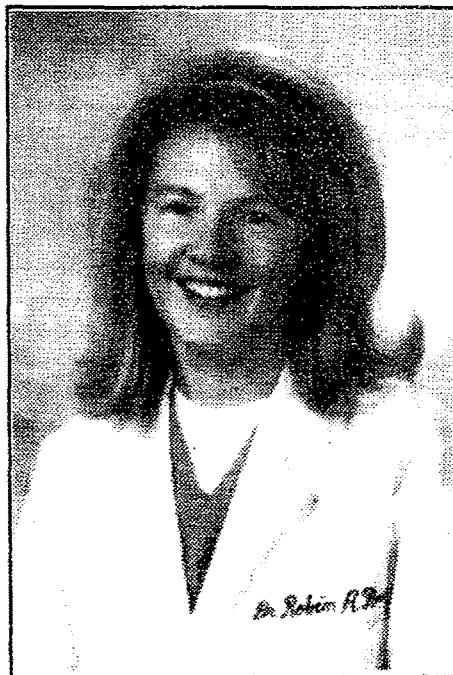
Dr. Spiegel Retires

Dr. David Spiegel would like to take this opportunity to formally announce his retirement and thank the Burgettstown community for "making his life so pleasant." Originally, Dr. Spiegel had planned to transfer his practice to his son, Dr. Jeffrey Spiegel and remain active in the practice. Because Dr. Jeffrey Spiegel's own practice requires his full time attention, he was unable to take over here.

Dr. Spiegel is pleased to announce that Dr. Robin Roop has purchased the practice. Dr. Roop will continue treatment for all active patients and will certainly welcome new ones. She will offer evening and week-end hours to accommodate the busy schedules of her patients.

Dr. Roop graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine in 1991 and has been in General Practice for four years. She is proficient in all aspects of General Dentistry including Endodontics, Periodontics, Fixed and Removable Prosthetics, Oral Surgery, Implants, and Cosmetic Dentistry.

Dr. Roop is very active in the Dental Community, attends many Continuing Education courses, and is very well respected by her peers. She most recently completed an extensive non-surgical Endodontics course at Boston University in Massachusetts and a Porcelain Veneer Course here in Pittsburgh. Dr. Spiegel is confident that you will all like Dr. Roop and find her a well qualified and competent Dentist.



Dr. Robin Roop

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Dr. Spiegel Retires-Dr. Robin Roop Purchases Practice
The Enterprise-March 22, 1995 Edition



EMILY PETSKO / OBSERVER-REPORTER

At left, a view from the front counter of Sprowls Hardware is shown. At right, a scale used to weigh nails also has been used to weigh newborn babies, including Nick Sprowls' own children two decades ago.

'A thing of the past'

Sprowls Country Hardware closed after 122 years

By EMILY PETSKO
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Nick Sprowls has experienced all the ups and downs of owning a small-town business. In what he described as an "emotional roller coaster," he gained thousands of loyal customers over the decades and then lost many of them to larger hardware chains.

While Sprowls Country Hardware put up a tough fight against its corporate competitors, the 122-year-old business was ultimately forced to close its doors for good on April 30.

"The small-town, little, independent, mom-and-pop businesses are a thing of the past," Sprowls said while sitting in a rocking chair in the Claysville store's office. "Anyone who's in business is, by and large, hanging on by a thread."

An inventory liquidation sale will be held today and Saturday, and merchandise will be sold at a 20 percent discount. The store will be open every Friday and Saturday until all merchandise is sold, or as long as it is viable, according to Sprowls.

The family-owned store was founded in 1891 by George B. Sprowls Sr., who spent time as a schoolteacher and later a state legislator. Business boomed, and Sprowls' clientele included farmers, out-of-state visitors and even President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The store was eventually passed down to George Sprowls Jr., then to his son Dick, and most recently to Dick's two sons, Chris and Nick.

With the Claysville store now closed, Sprowls will shift focus to the appliance store he runs with his brother on West Chestnut Street in Washington. He already has plans to move the wood-burning stoves in Claysville to the Washington location.

While Sprowls Country Hardware once sold everything from furniture to electronics to garden supplies, sales took a downturn about six years ago. Since then, Sprowls and his brother have been forced to cut everything, including prices, services and employees. At one time, Sprowls employed 10 people, but "in the last days, it was just me," he said.

Once-full showroom shelves have long ago been emptied. A hand-cranked elevator that once lifted lawn mowers and other appliances is now shut down, because of operational costs. A scale that weighed nails – and two decades ago, newborn babies – is



EMILY PETSKO / OBSERVER-REPORTER

Nick Sprowls, co-owner of Sprowls Country Hardware, sits in the store's office in front of photos of family members, including his father and great-grandfather, former owners of the store.

another relic of a past era.

Sprowls attributed the decline of small business to the convenience offered by chain hardware stores like Lowes and Home Depot.

"If being open at midnight on Sunday is being competitive, then no, we can't compete," Sprowls said.

Sprowls has no regrets, though. He said he always offered the best prices, specialized knowledge about the merchandise and a level of customer service that is lacking at larger stores.

Yet, Sprowls admitted that customer service does not necessarily yield profits, and in recent months, many of his sales have been small, low-cost items. He recently bargained with a customer over 30 cents.

"They nickel-and-dime you to death. They go to Lowes and spend 400 bucks on a project, and they come here to buy a three-dollar fitting off of you, and you have to spend a half-hour explaining to them how to hook it up because nobody at Lowes could."

Despite the frustrations that came with trying to preserve a venerable business during a time when small operations such as his are nearing extinction, he had nothing but praise for his loyal customers.

"We've had a lot of great people who have come through these doors that I'm very, very grateful for," he said. "I thank all the people who supported us over the last 122 years. It's been a good ride."

Peddler Found Guilty

John Srhla, said to be from Pittsburg, was found guilty Saturday afternoon of a charge of indecent assault. The prosecutrix was Mrs. George Holod, of Atlasburg. The defendant was sentenced to pay the costs, fine of \$1 and to undergo imprisonment in the workhouse for six months. Srhla is a peddler. He denied that he had acted toward the prosecutrix as she alleged. Srhla has a bad reputation. Two or three years ago he was arrested in West Virginia on a charge of gagging and robbing an aged woman in the Avella section in this county. There appeared to be no doubt that Srhla was the man, but he put up an alibi and was acquitted. Since that time, from information received by the district attorney, Srhla had been guilty of improper conduct at other places he visited.

Atlasburg-Peddler found Guilty
The Burgettstown Call-February 18, 1915 Edition

Lillian Stagana And John Lubianetzki United In Marriage In Warren, Ohio

Lillian Stagana and John Lubianetzki were united in marriage July 10, 1965 in St. Plus Church, Warren, Ohio. Rev. Edward Stanton officiated at the ceremony at 11 a.m.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Stagana, of Warren, Ohio, and granddaughter of Mrs. Sophie Miladinovic, of Slovan. Mr. and Mrs. Lubianetzki are the groom's parents.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of imported Chantilly type lace featuring a scooped neckline, outlined with sequins and pearls on the fitted bodice. Her full swept bouffant skirt of lace formed a chapel-length train edged with scalloped lace and trimmed with sequins over tiers of nylon tulle and taffeta. A matching headpiece was embroidered with pearls and sequins and held an elbow length veil of French silk illusion. She carried a bouquet of white roses with ivy and wore an opal pennant, a gift of the groom.

Attendants were Sherry Merando and Kenneth Rayouk, of Girard, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Lubianetzki are both Harding High School graduates and employees of Packard Electric Division of General Motors Corporation.

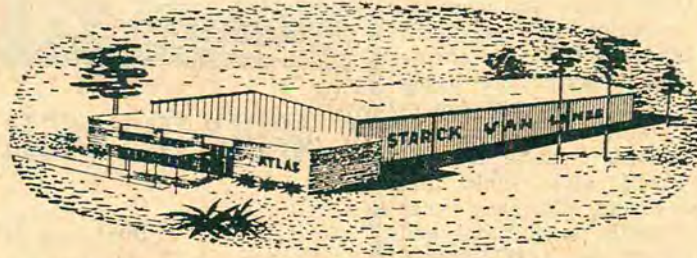
They are residing at 156 Washington, N.E., Warren, Ohio.

EMIL STANISH HAS ²⁻²⁷⁻
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LEFT ARM AMPUTATED

Emil Stanish recent bridegroom of Joffree is in critical condition in the Rochester Hospital because of an injury received while at work for the Crucible Steel Co. at Midlandon Friday afternoon. His left arm had to be amputated Tuesday morning. He is a son of Mrs. Louise Stanish of Cherry Valley and husband of Margaret Velegdan Stanish of Jeffre. They wer married on February 15.

Emil Stanish has Left Arm Amputated
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 27, 1947 Edition

New Building On Route 22



Edward J. Starck, President of Starck Van Lines., today announced the completion of the new Starck Van Lines central office building and warehouses located on a six-acre tract near U. S. Route 22 in Hanover Township, RD 1, Burgettstown.

Easily accessible with ample parking facilities, the present plant consists of an administration and warehouse building 100 feet by 175 feet in overall dimensions, sixteen feet high of permit double decking palletized storage. Completely fireproof, the main structure was erected by the Emanuel Katzman Stran Steel Company of Youngstown, Ohio.

In addition to the central offices and warehouse building a separate warehouse was recently completed embodying the most modern accommodations and warehousing facilities known to the industry. Completely insulated against sudden weather changes, these facilities make provision for rug storage, dust-proof containers for overstuffed furniture and hermetically sealed pallet boxes for all other items of furniture.

Palletized storage is the most modern method of warehouse handling. Its safety and storage advantages are legion. It practically eliminates ordinary losses in addition to greatly reducing handling costs. All furniture and materials destined for storage and padded and loaded carefully into the pallet boxes at the residence, with a minute inventory of each article stored. The pallet boxes are then sealed against the ravages of dust and insects.

The warehouses provide over 350,000 cu. ft. of storage space.

Modern in design, of grey stone exterior, the new administration building measures 30 feet by 100 feet and it, like the warehouses, is so constructed to provide for future expansion. Completely air-conditioned with inter-com and F. M. music throughout, Starck Van Lines have thoughtfully provided ward room facilities for their drivers, complete with showerroom and other comforts.

The firm of Starck Van Lines, Inc., was founded in 1922 by John Starck, father of Ed and Jim, the present owners.

Starck Van Lines

Burgettstown Enterprise-July 26, 1962 Edition

Steele-Balmer

On June 5th, at 2:30 o'clock, occurred the marriage of Miss Mary Steele, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Emery Steele of near Frankfort to Harold Balmer, son of Mark Balmer of Cross Creek at Cumberland, Md. The Rev. A. K. Flora of the Presbyterian church officiated, the ceremony being performed in the parsonage. The couple were unattended. Mr. and Mrs. Balmer plan to reside in Cross Creek for some time.

James Steen 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 Burkhardt
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 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 Morton
Arlene Yost Mowder
John Mowder
Dorothy McFarland Muzopappa

Mae Fisher Newton
Danny and Grace Cameron Nickoies
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
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
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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 Ciark Verbon

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Sara Deer Welsh
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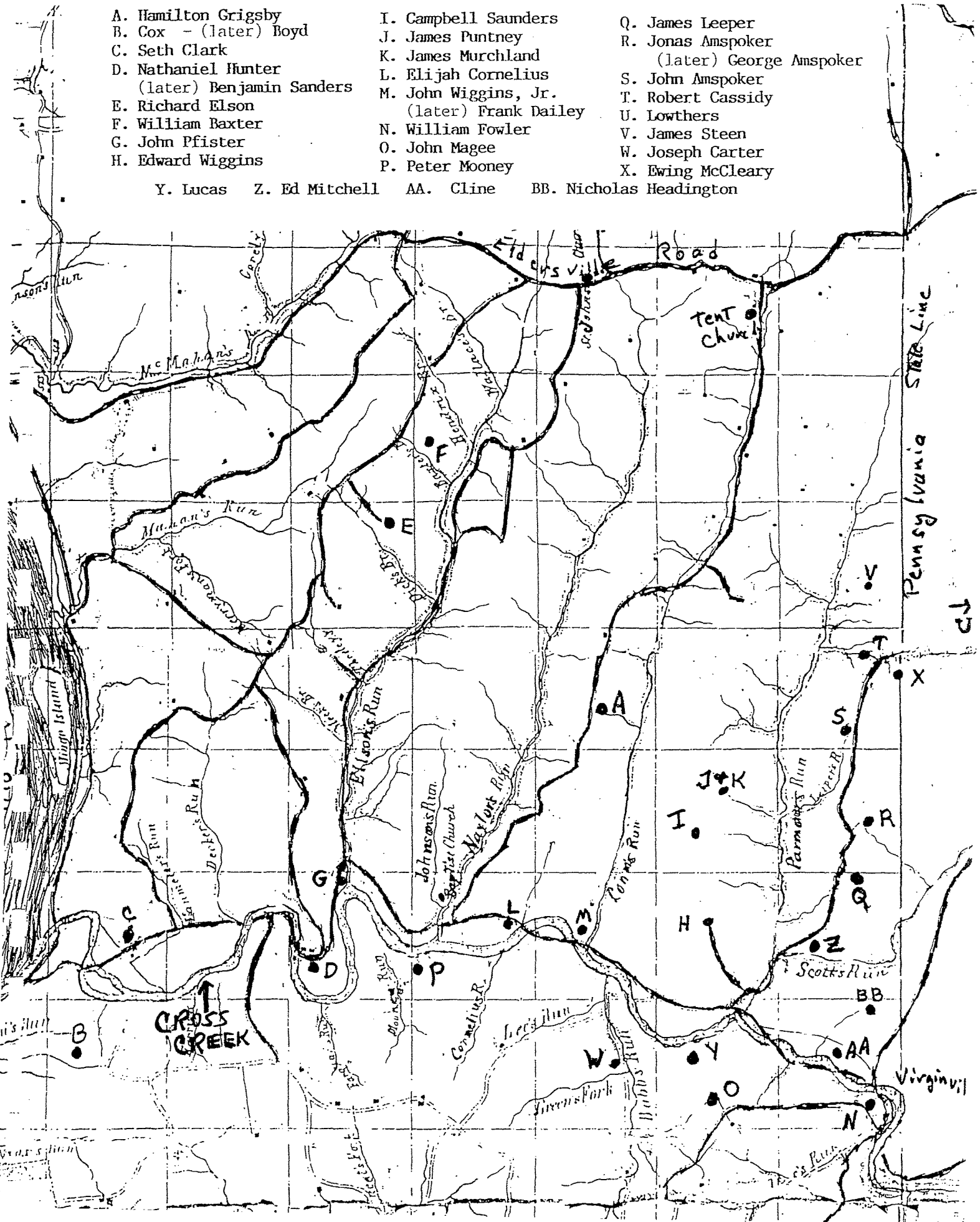
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DECEASED, WHOSE WORK IN WORDS AND
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Helen Amspoker Boles
Howard Cameron
Fannie Clark Campbell
Shirley Carter
Betty Fowler Fell
Viola Cheesebrough Gillespie
Helen Rigo Marus
Glenna Haworth Morton
Irene Vargo Popp
Anthony Muzopappa
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 | 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 |
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| Y. Lucas | Z. Ed Mitchell | AA. Cline |
| | | BB. Nicholas Headington |

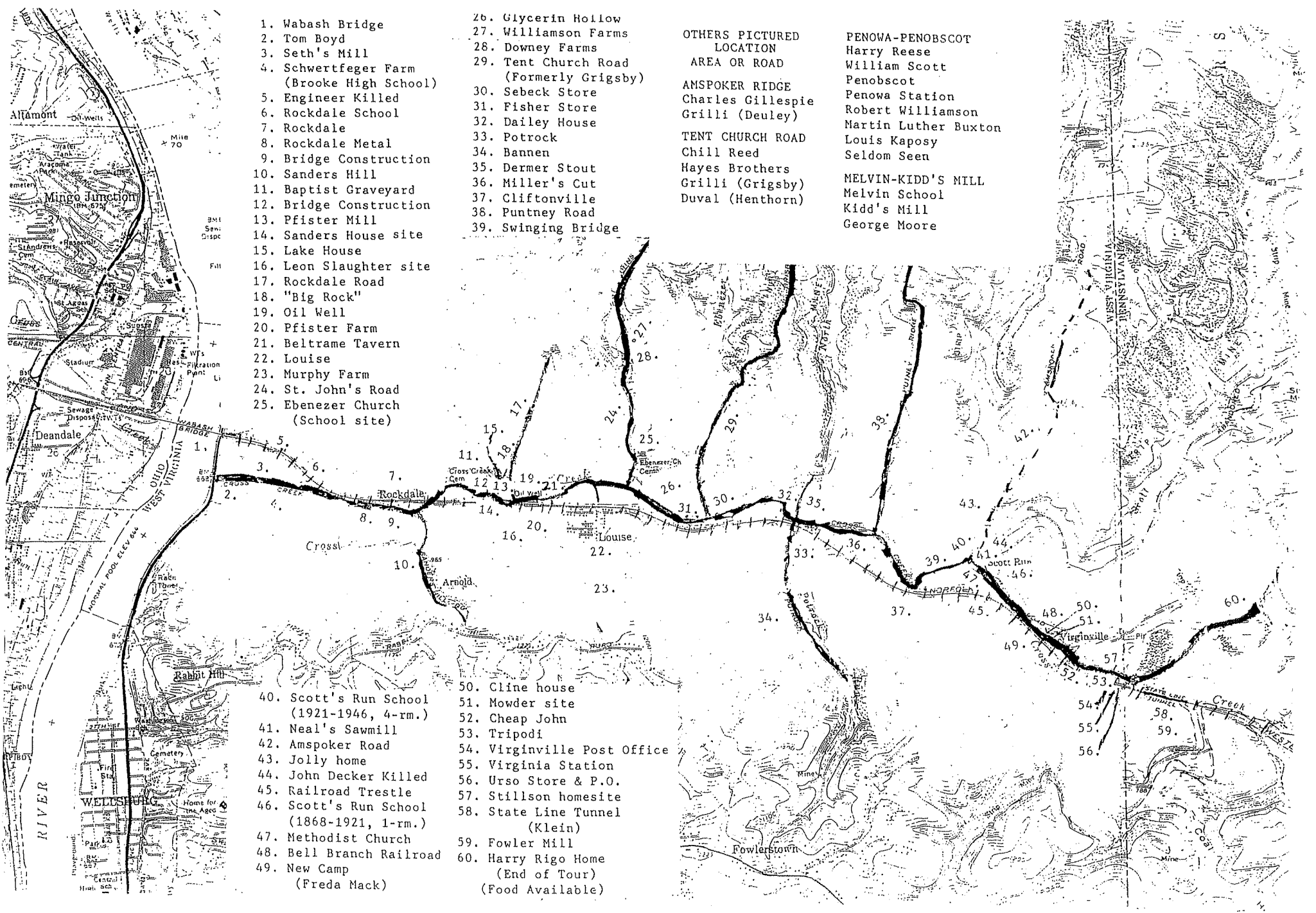


1. Wabash Bridge
2. Tom Boyd
3. Seth's Mill
4. Schwertfeger Farm
(Brooke High School)
5. Engineer Killed
6. Rockdale School
7. Rockdale
8. Rockdale Metal
9. Bridge Construction
10. Sanders Hill
11. Baptist Graveyard
12. Bridge Construction
13. Pfister Mill
14. Sanders House site
15. Lake House
16. Leon 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. Darner 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)

S T E E N

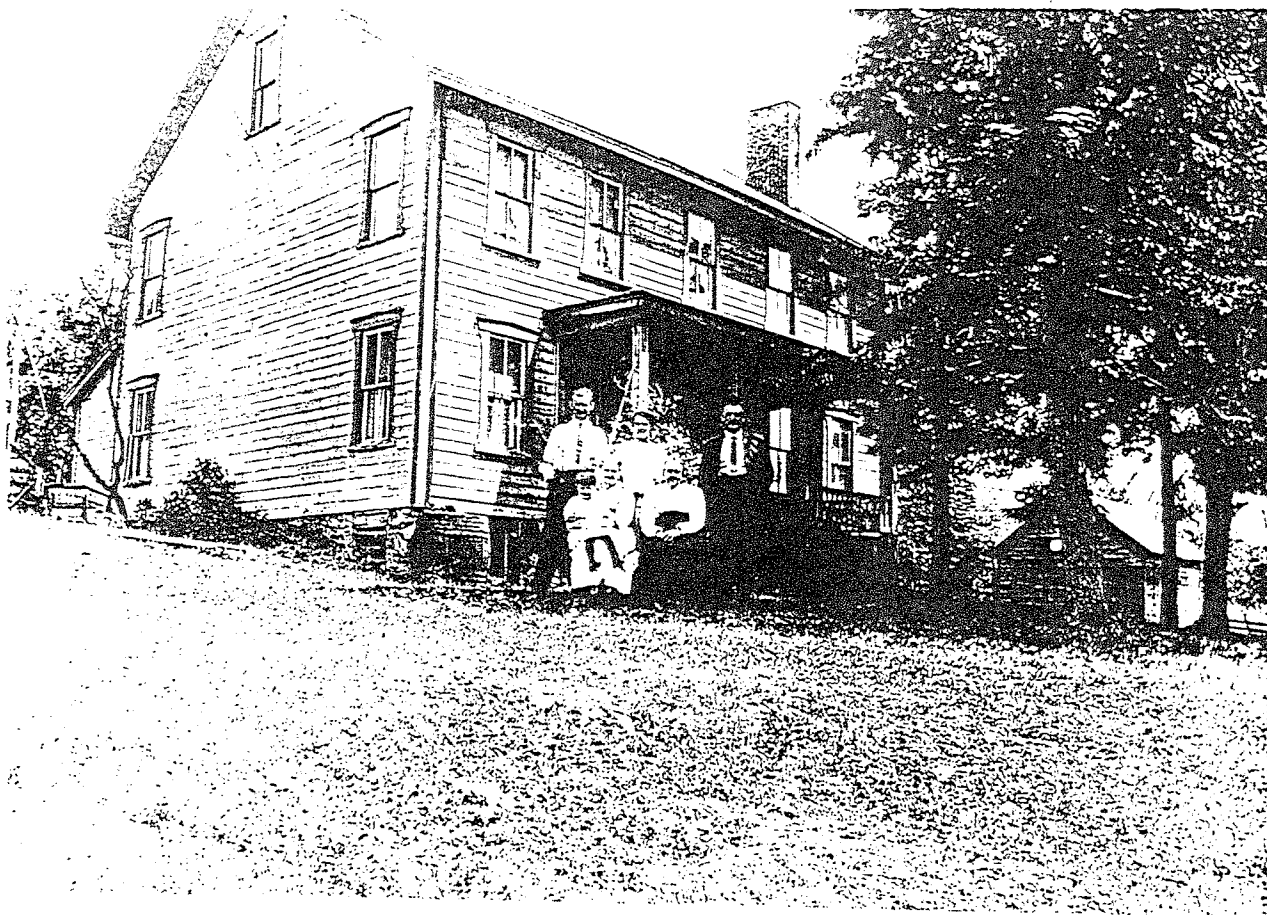
James Steen, born circa 1750 in Donegal County, Ireland, came to America in the early 1770s and located near Philadelphia. He enlisted in the Revolutionary War on 26 April 1776 and remained in the army until the end of the war, when he married Margaret Reynolds, a Scotch-Irish lass also born in Ireland. After the birth of three children, they migrated to Brooke County, Virginia, with all of their belongings on a pack horse. Margaret, carrying the infant on her lap, rode a second horse with the other two children, one on each side of her saddle, secured in a strong leather strapping. James, carrying his rifle and axe, walked the entire way.

They settled on Amspoker Ridge, where they constructed a crude house of rough stones with holes in the walls for putting their guns through to shoot at Indians should they be attacked. This served as a fort for the neighboring families in the days of the Indian raids.

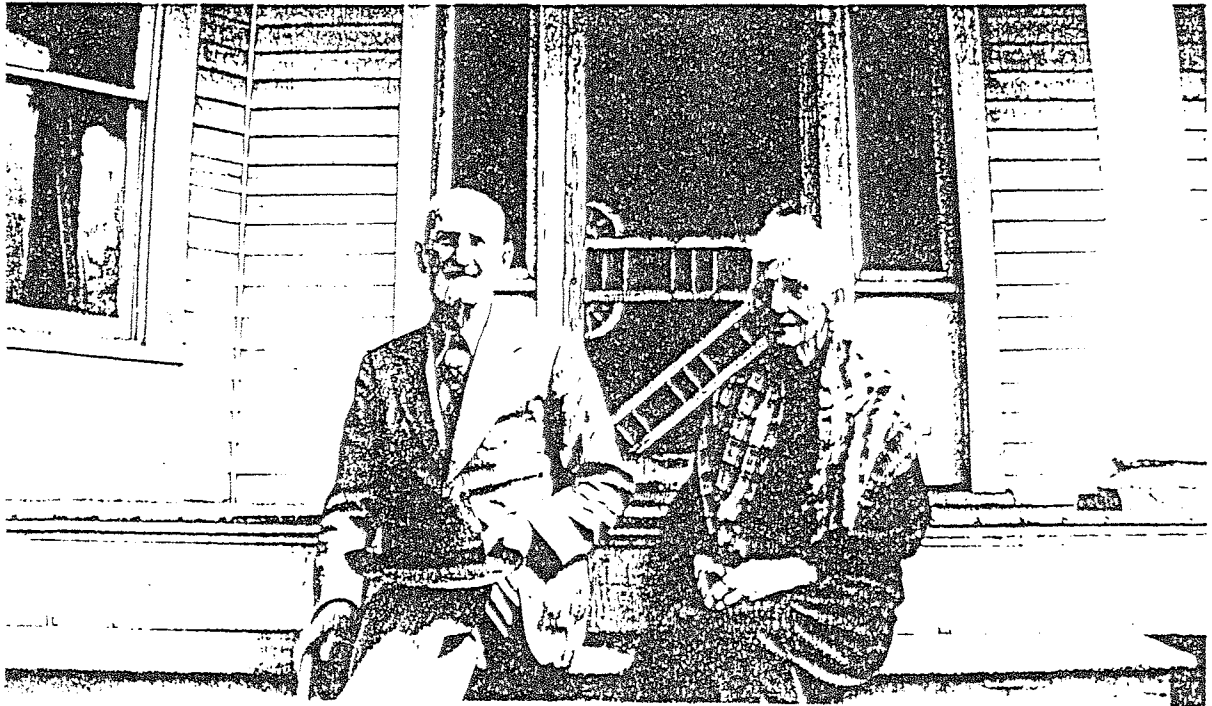
The foregoing information was given by one of their descendants who copied it from the old Steen Bible.

James appears in the 1787 Virginia Tax List and also on the Brooke County list of 1800. Very shortly after 1800, they moved just across the state line to what is today (1998) Scott Hollow Road, Jefferson Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania. Here he patented 300 acres known as Pleasant Hill. He lived the remainder of his life here where the rest of their children were born, and here it was that he and Margaret died. They were the parents of five sons and five daughters. James died between June of 1831 and March of 1833, Margaret having preceded him in death by a number of years. They are buried in the Tent graveyard in unmarked graves near the fence. James was one of the founders of this Tent Presbyterian Seceder Church and is believed to have been on its first board of elders.

BELOW IS THE STEEN HOUSE ON AMSPOKER RIDGE WHICH REPLACED THE FIRST STONE HOUSE



Robert Steen, eldest son of the pioneer, was born near Philadelphia in 1784. He it was who came across the mountains as a small lad in his mother's saddle bags. In Brooke County, he married Sarah Ellen Murchland. He died in 1864 and is buried at the Tent Seceder Church. He and Sarah Ellen had a son whom they named William Murchland Steen. This William M. married Sarah Cunningham and to them were born eight children. David died at age one month, George at three years and nine months, and Lewis at age six. These deaths took place in 1856, 1857, and 1863, respectively. Their twin daughters, Elizabeth and Ellen, died at ages 28 and 32 respectively. These five children are all buried near their father and mother at the Tent. Their son, James, moved to Urichsville, Ohio, and lived a very long life. Their son, Robert, known in the Amspoker Ridge area as "Bob Steen", was a colorful character, seen riding about the countryside on a mule. He lived to be 97 years of age. His obituary is printed here for the edification of the readers. He is shown in the accompanying picture with a neighbor, Amelia Wright Boles, sitting on the steps of the Parkinson Boles house on Puntney Ridge.



Oldest Brooke County Man Dies

Robert Steen, 97,
Direct Descendant Of
Revolutionary Soldier

FOLLANSBEE, W. Va., Jan. 26. —Robert Steen, 97, oldest resident of Brooke County, W. Va., and a direct descendant of a Revolutionary War soldier, died Saturday night, Jan. 25, 1947 at 11:57 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Freshwater, on the Follansbee-Eldersville road.

Mr. Steen had resided with the Freshwater family for the past four years.

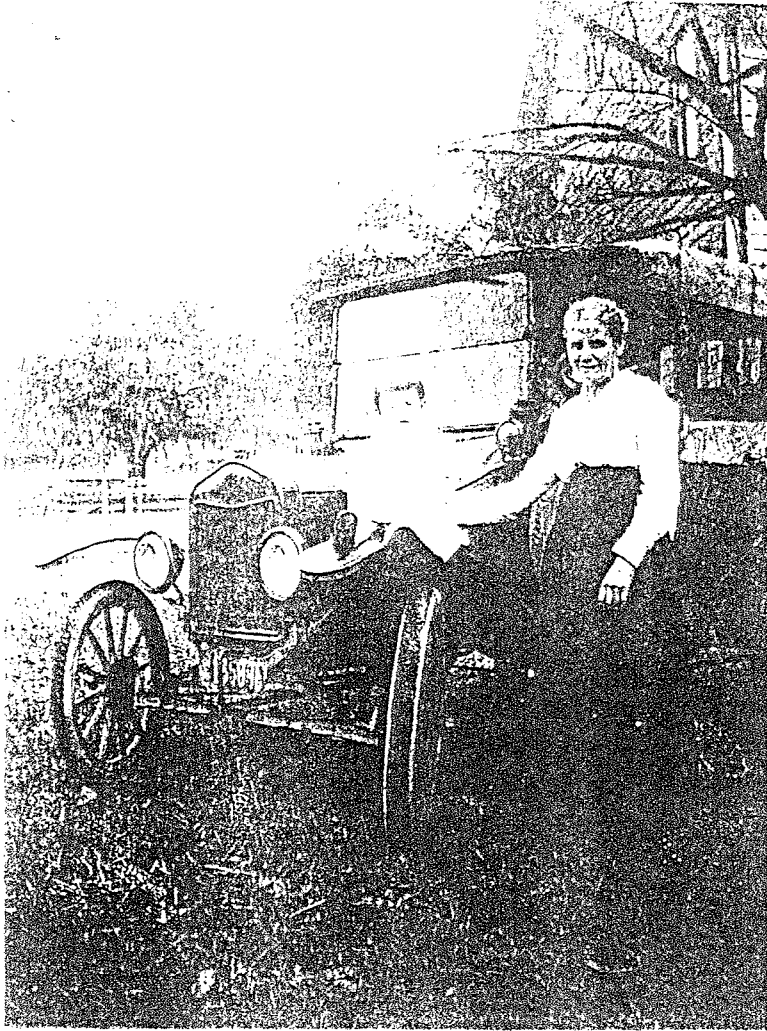
Despite his years, Mr. Steen continued very active until a few days ago.

A resident of the district his entire life, he had been active in the affairs of the district for many years. He was a progressive farmer for many years and specialized in the raising of fine sheep.

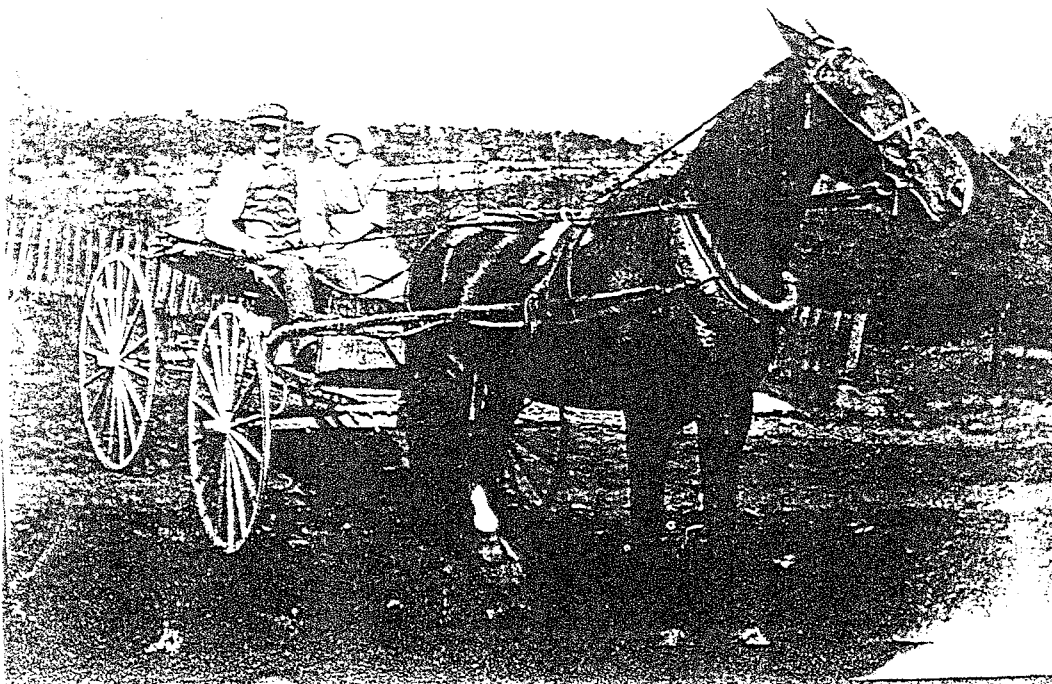
He was a member of the Tent U. P. Church. In politics he was a staunch Democrat.

A son of the late William and Sarah Cunningham Steen, he was born Jan. 22, 1850 on the farm in Brooke County purchased by his great grandfather, a Revolutionary soldier, in 1792.

He was the last survivor of a family of eight children and leaves no immediate relatives.



William M. and Sarah Steen had a daughter, Fannie, in addition to the twins who died in young womanhood. Fannie married Chalmers Miller. Her son, William Miller, was known as "Virginia Billy" or "Billy Miller". He married Elizabeth Hall. Their daughter, Ruth, is pictured above with her Hall grandparents at the Steen farm. This Miller family was the last of the descendants of pioneer James Steen to own and occupy the Brooke County Steen land on Amspoker Ridge.



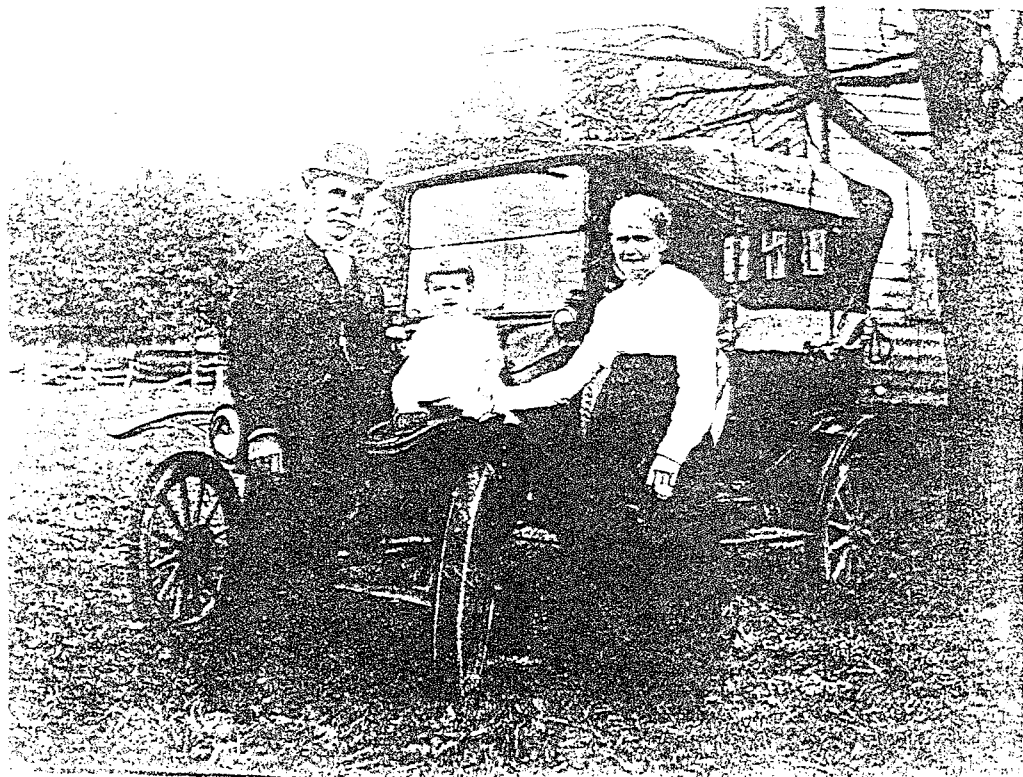
William and Elizabeth Hall Miller on the Steen Farm, Amspoker Ridge, Brooke County



GOOD NEIGHBORS: William Miller, descendant of James Steen, and David Clark, whose wife was Jennie Cassidy, working on the road between the Steen and Cassidy farms on Amspoker Ridge.



The pictures above are from an old Steen album. The writer believes they are the twin daughters, Elizabeth and Ellen, of William Murchland Steen and his wife, Sarah Cunningham Steen. The single picture is marked "Steen twin". The other simple said "Murchland-Steen". The observer may decide for himself. Below is Ruth Miller and Hall grandparents.



From this same Robert STEen, the eldest child of the pioneer, descended Hannah Cunningham who married John McCleary, and Robert who married Jane Ann Scott. These two were children of Robert and Sarah Elllen's daughter, ELizabeth, who married George Cunningham. After the death of Jane Ann Scott Cunningham, Robert married Ellen Lowthers, a Jefferson Township girl. To Jane Ann, he had a son, Winfield Cunningham who was well known in the Eldersville area. He and his second wife, Ellen, had no children.

The second son of the pioneer Steens was Finley Steen who married Jane Worstell and moved to Marietta, Ohio, where they raised a family of twelve children. The third son, James STEen, Jr., born in Brooke County in 1791, married Jane Kincaid. They remained on the old Brooke County farm with his older brother, Robert and his family until 1838 when they moved to Logan County, Ohio and raised their seven children there.

Of the five daughters of James and Margaret, Sarah who married James Lyons, and Esther who married William Lyons both raised large families in the Florence area of Hanover Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania. Both of these girls had been born near Philadelphia and had come across the mountains on their mother's horse. The daughter Nancy married John Lowthers and moved to Harrison County, Ohio, where four children were born. Susanna married Wilkes Bozman and moved to Morgan County, Ohio. The fifth daughter, Margaret died in young womanhood unmarried.

The two remaining sons, William and John, were born and raised on Scott Hollow Road, Jefferson Township, remaining there all of their lives on their father's Pleasant Hill patent.



PICTURED ABOVE: The STEen home on Scott Hollow Road, Pleasant Hill Patent. This was the second house on the location, the first being log.

The ninth child of Pioneer James and Margaret Reynolds Steen was William, born on Scott Hollow Road in 1801. He married Francis Richardson, who was born in Maryland and came to the Eldersville area as a child. They were the parents of two sons and five daughters. The elder son, James Reynolds Steen died unmarried. The younger son was William Edward. He was, therefore, as the only surviving male of this line, the only one who could have carried on the name for William and Frances. But such was not to be. He married Sarah V. Miller, daughter of George Miller of Jefferson Township, but to them was born but one child, a daughter, Millerotta Steen (Etta). Etta married Robert Stewart and was the mother of Georgia Stewart and Paul Stewart. Georgia married but had no children. Paul married Mary Brady and to them were born Robert, James, Jay, and Alma.

When William Edward Steen died in 1923, he was the last of the Steen name in the Scott Hollow Road area of Jefferson Township, and the last of his family - his sister, Susannah Steen Scott, having died in 1910. The other five of his siblings were all gone by 1872. His obituary appears below.



Etta Steen Stewart in childhood



1923
WILLIAM EDWARDS STEEN.

William Edward Steen, one of Jefferson townships best known and oldest citizens and in his day one of its most progressive farmers, died at the home of his daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Stewart of Eldersville, Pa., on Feb. 26, at 10 o'clock p. m., aged nearly eighty one years. Mr. Steen although rather feeble of late, was able to walk to the post office on the 13th, but the day following, Wednesday the 14th, during the severe wind which prevailed, while walking out in the barn yard at the Stewart home, he was blown over, striking the hard, frozen ground in such a manner as to receive injuries from which he was not able to recover. Mr. Steen who was the last of his family, was the son of William and Frances Richardson Steen and was born April 16, 1842 on the old Steen homestead south of Eldersville. His mother was born at Carroll's Manor, near Baltimore, Md., and came from there to this section when she was a small girl. In 1886 she deceased was married to Miss Sarah V. Miller who survives him with their only child, Mrs. Etta Stewart. There are also two grand children, Mrs. Georgia Stewart of Wilksburg and Paul Stewart of near Eldersville. Mr. Steen's

ancestors were among the early pioneers of this section. His grandfather, James Steen, born in Ireland was a soldier of the revolution, having enlisted in 1776, in a Pennsylvania rifle regiment under Col. Miles and served until the end of the war. Shortly afterward he married Miss Margaret Reynolds of Philadelphia and later they with three small children emigrated to this section, settling on a farm adjacent to the state line in Brooke county, West Virginia. This farm is still in the possession of a great grandson, Robert Steen. In 1802, James Steen came over into Jefferson township, Washington county, Pa., and bought 300 acres of patented land which he proceeded to cultivate and improve. His grandson the late W. E. Steen, spent his life on this farm, until he retired from farm work a few years ago. His ancestors mode of traveling out here over the mountains to their new home was that of the times. The wife on horse back with one child on her lap and the other two in a wallet thrown across the saddle. In this way a child was carried on each side of the horse. The other horse was used to pack their goods, the husband walking all the way, carrying an ax and a rifle which he used to clear a way through the wilderness and to protect himself and family from the Indians. Mr. Steen was buried in the Cross Creek Village cemetery, Wednesday, Feb. 28th, funeral services having been conducted at the Stewart home by Rev. Say of Cross Creek, assisted by Rev. Brown of Eldersville.

LEFT: Very early shot of Etta Steen Stewart



Pictured on the left is Susannah Steen, daughter of William and Frances Richardson Steen, and her husband, John Franklin Scott. Franklin Scott was the son of Charles and Margaret Cassidy Scott of Jefferson Township, both from very early Washington County pioneer settlers.

Below are five of the six children of Susannah Steen Scott. Deceased at the time of the picture was her daughter, Emma. Back Row: Fannie and Laura.

Front Row: Wilbert, Blanche, and Elza. They left no descendants.

Susannah's children were all well known in the Eldersville area. They were staunch supporters of the Bethel Methodist Church, where, with the exception of Elza, the entire family are interred. Wilbert was a brilliant surveyor and most of the girls were teachers. All were deeply interested in local history. They were born on Scott Hollow Road, just a short distance from the birthplace of their mother.

Elza Scott, the youngest of Susannah's children was the greatest historian ever produced by Jefferson Township. He was self-educated and a professor of the Eldersville Normal School. He was an author, historian, and lecturer. He founded the Tri-State Historical Society, of which he was president.



RIGHT: Karen Happuch (Kit) Steen and her husband, Campbell Hunter. Karen was the fourth daughter of William and Frances Steen. She was born 24 January 1837, on her grandfather's farm on Scott Hollow Road. She died at the birth of her son, Reynolds Hunter, who is pictured below. Her husband, Campbell Hunter was the son of Nathaniel and Catherine Smith Hunter of Hunters (later Sanders) Mill on Cross Creek, Brooke County.



The writer has been unable to learn who raised Reynolds Hunter after his mother's death. Both of his grandmothers were also dead, and he does not appear in any of the census records examined. Tradition has it that he married and started west on his honeymoon, but neither he nor his bride was ever heard of again. It was believed that they were two of the many victims of the great Chicago Fire.

RIGHT: Elizabeth Steen Sanders, youngest child of William and Frances Richardson Steen. She was born on the Pleasant Hills tract of her grandfather, Pioneer James Steen, on 22 February, 1846. She married Byron Sanders of the Sanders Mill family on Cross Creek. Elizabeth died 22 August 1872 and is buried along with her parents and five of her siblings at Bethel. Her father William Steen, had much hardship in his life. His two eldest daughters died in 1837 in a typhoid epidemic at the ages of five and ten. His wife, Frances Richardson Steen died 27 July 1861. The following day, his eldest son, Reynolds Steen, also died. In 1868, his daughter Karen Happuch, died, and in 1872, his youngest, Elizabeth (pictured). Little wonder that a year after Elizabeth's death, William also passed away. He willed his farm to his remaining two children, William Edward and Susannah Scott.



LEFT: Maggie Hooker Sanders, second wife of Byron Sanders, and her stepdaughter, Annie Sanders Robinson. Annie was the daughter of Elizabeth Steen Sanders, pictured above.

Annie's grandfather, William Steen, willed her 2/3 of what he termed "The Pogue Farm" of 99 acres. The other 1/3 he willed to his grandson, Reynolds Hunter, son of his daughter Karen Happuch. It is believed that both of his daughters, Elizabeth and Karen Happuch, died at the birth of their children.

The tenth and last child of James and Margaret Reynolds Steen was John McComb Steen. He was born in 1805 on the Pleasant Hill farm on Scott Hollow Road, Jefferson Township. He married Jane Sharp. They were the parents of four children. The eldest and only son was Lysander Steen, pictured at the right. He married Mary Dowdall and to them were born two daughters: Zoe who married James Moore, and Ida Virginia whose picture and obituary can be found on the next page. It is hoped that the reader will take the time to read Ida's obit, since it certainly gives a birdseye view of the roll of women in the workforce during her lifetime. She was a great credit to the Steen name.

Lysander tragically took his own life on the farm in 1874, just two days before his 34th birthday. His little daughters, at the time, were aged five and seven. It is believed that his depression was the result of the deaths of his parents who died within a few months of each other. After his death, his wife took the girls and moved to Washington, Pennsylvania, where she lived out her life.

The other children of John and Jane Steen were: an infant daughter who died at the age of three months; Mary Elizabeth (pictured below on the left); and Sarah Melissa. Neither Elizabeth nor Melissa ever married. They died at Bellefontaine, Ohio, within five months of each other. After the death of their brother, Lysander, they left Pleasant Hill Farm on Scott Hollow Road. Lysander was the last male Steen from the line of John and Jane Sharp Steen. Thus it was that with the death of William's son, William Edward Steen in 1923, the Steen name disappeared from Scott Hollow and the Pleasant Hill farm of the old soldier and pioneer, James Steen.

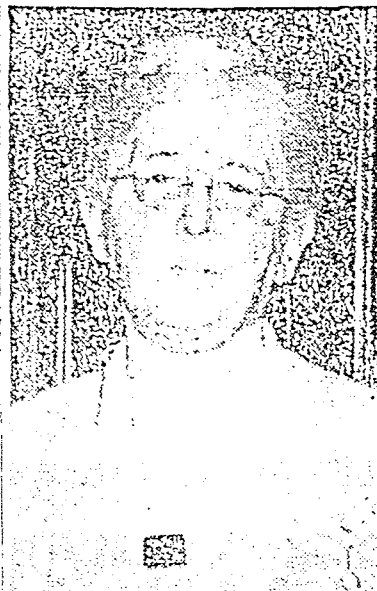


Lysander Steen, son of John & Jane Sharp Steen



Mary Elizabeth Steen, daughter of John & Jane
Elizabeth Steen Sanders, daughter of William
& Frances Steen.
(Their fathers were brothers)

With the death of William Edward Steen on Scott Hollow Road, the Steens of the Pleasant Hill Farm ended. And with the death of Bob Steen in Brooke County, the result was the same with the first settlement of Pioneer James and his little brood. The spacious beautiful house which replaced the old stone one, like the others on the hill above Cross Creek, fell prey to the coal strippers. The spot where the house once stood is barely accessible even on foot. Just at the edge of what was once a well-kept lawn, a high wall marks the beginning of the end of the world. To the writer, the Steen place was "just out the road from Grandma's". Today, the Cassidy place next door, the Amspoker place on out the ridge, and the home of the Steens, are only memories in the minds of those who remember what the world was like before the bull dozer did its thing. All is gone. The old STEEN place is no more!



Miss Ida V. Steen, 143 South College street, died unexpectedly yesterday afternoon, after a full life as a business woman in the County. For 54 years she was assistant cashier of the First National Bank of McDonald, retiring in 1946.

2-11-54
**Ida V. Steen
 Dies Suddenly**

**Former Cashier
 At McDonald Bank**

Miss Ida V. Steen, 143 South College street, widely known in Washington County and for more than a half a century assistant cashier of the First National Bank of McDonald, died suddenly yesterday. Her death occurred at 1:45 p. m. at Hillview Sanatorium, where she had been removed Wednesday evening. Miss Steen suffered a stroke at her home that day and, as she lived alone, neighbors made inquiries when they did not see her about.

Miss Steen was born in Jefferson Township Jan. 10, 1869, a daughter of Lysander and Mary Dowdall Steen.

For 54 and a half years Miss Steen was employed at the McDonald Bank, resigning at the close of 1946. She was one of three persons who composed the

original force of the First National Bank of McDonald when it was opened for business June 15, 1892. The other two were Edward McDonald, president, and Graham S. Campbell, cashier. Miss Steen began and continued through the years as assistant cashier.

When Miss Steen accepted the position she was the first woman in the United States to hold the post of an assistant bank cashier.

Retaining her home in Washington, she travelled to McDonald for many years by rail every day, and later roomed there during the weekdays, returning here over the weekend. Although she had to change trains at Carnegie, it is reported she never missed a train or was late for work. It was during her early tenure at the bank in the late '90s that Donald's oil strike, the biggest in Washington County, was at its height.

Miss Steen was the oldest member in point of continuous membership of the Washington County Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Her papers for membership were approved by the National Society in January, 1898. The Washington County Chapter was organized in January, 1892, and it was the third DAR chapter formed in Pennsylvania and the 27th in the United States.

After she resigned from the bank and moved to Washington she joined the Current Events Club in 1947, and also was a member of the Washington County Historical Society.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Washington.

She had been a member of the McDonald Woman's Club while working there, and was well known throughout the Panhandle district.

Miss Steen was a graduate of Washington Seminary.

She also was the first woman to work in the Washington County Courthouse.

She is survived by two nephews, John B. Moore, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Francis D. Moore, of Spartansburg, S. C.

STEEEN — Friends of Miss Ida V. Steen, 143 South College street, who died Dec. 10, 1954, will be received after noon Saturday at the Ritchie and Platt Funeral Home where funeral services will be held Monday, Dec. 13, at 2 p. m. in charge of Rev. Arthur E. French, Jr., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. Burial in Washington Cemetery.

William Steen

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

William Steen

My name was William Steen. I was born in the cold of February in the year 1801 on my father's Pleasant Hills tract of land in what is today known as Scott Hollow Road, Jefferson Township. I was my parents' ninth child and was born in the loft above the springhouse where the family lived at the time.



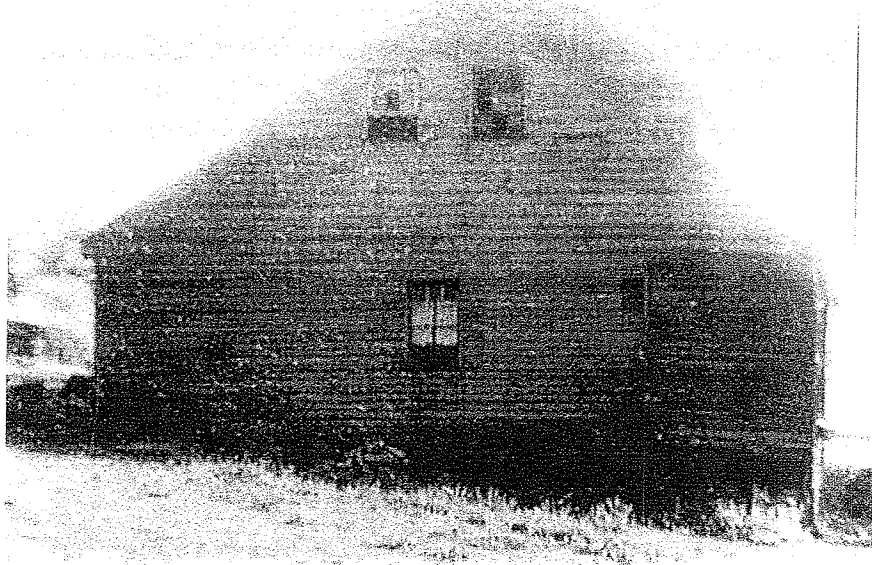
You can imagine how crowded it was with all eight of the older children still at home between the ages of three and seventeen. But still, that little loft was a big improvement over the dark, damp, fort built of field stones with no windows where they had lived in Brooke County before coming to Eldersville. Five of my older siblings had been born in that fort which had holes in the sides for shooting at the Indians when they would attack.

My father, James Steen, had been born in Ireland and had later served in the army the entire length of the Revolutionary War after coming to America. He was with General Washington when he crossed the Delaware. He married my mother, Margaret Reynolds, somewhere near Philadelphia, and their first three children were born there. They then crossed the mountains to Brooke County, Virginia, with two horses – my mother on one horse with the baby on her lap and the two older children in make-shift saddle bags, one on each side of her saddle, and on a second horse, led by my father, were all of their earthly possessions. My father walked the entire distance, carrying his rifle and ax. Many times he had to protect his family from wild beasts, and their only food was what he was able to secure through hunting.

From the time they left Philadelphia until about 1800 when they moved to Scott Hollow Road, my mother lived in constant fear. When I was about 3 years old, the last of my siblings was born. And intermingled with all of the hardships of life in those days, my sister, Margaret, died as a young woman, making the first break in the family circle. But somehow, the rest of us survived and went on with our lives.

In the mid 1820s, I met and married Frances Richardson. I brought my bride to the little springhouse loft where we lived with the rest of my family. By this time, some of my older siblings had married and moved out, but life was still totally without privacy. Shortly after 1830, when my parents were both dead, I built a house just a short distance from the springhouse. By 1835, I was able to move my wife and four children into this new home. For the first time ever, we had space in which to move and time to ourselves. We thought we were in heaven.

Log end of old Steen house



Built by William Steen

But in 1836 and 37, an epidemic of scarlet fever swept through the countryside. As a result, we lost our two oldest daughters, aged 5 and 9, to this dread disease. What I did not know was, that the hole in my heart at the loss of our first two babies, was only the beginning of sorrows. Twenty-four years later, in 1861, another plague struck home. On the 27th of July, my beloved wife died at the age of 59. And the very next day, our oldest son, Reynolds, followed her to the grave at the age of 31. I thought it was the end of the world.

With my wife and three eldest children dead, I was left with my son, William, and three daughters, Kit, Susanna, and Elizabeth. I tried to focus all of my thoughts on making their lives better than my own had been. Finally things began to look up. All three girls married and seemed very happy. I was fond of my sons-in-law and proud that my daughters had chosen so wisely. They were bright, likeable young men with promising futures, each of them having come from good families of the area. But a higher power must have had other plans.

Elizabeth, who had married Byron Sanders, died some time after the birth of her daughter, Annie. And Kit, who had married Campbell Hunter, died at the birth of her son. Susanna, who married John Franklin Scott, gave me six grandchildren, five of whom reached adulthood. Four of those five were teachers in the local schools, Elza being principal for years of the Eldersville Normal School, and one of the great historians of his time. His older brother was a civil engineer and surveyor. But none of Susanna's children left heirs. And when my son, William, married, his only child was a daughter. Thus from my seven children, I had but Elizabeth's daughter, Annie, and William's daughter, Etta, to carry the Steen bloodline. And of course, these two children being girls, there was none in the next generation to carry the Steen name.

But from my standpoint of perspective, here on the other side, I would say to you who pass by my grave here at Bethel today: "Think carefully!" Life usually does not fulfill ALL of our dreams. But as a wise man once said: "A man will be just about as happy as he makes up his mind to be".



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By Katherine Pyle
Staff Writer

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Mrs. M. Joseph Cooke
invite you to be present
at the marriage of their daughter
Bella Xynette
to
Larry M. Stephenson
Thursday evening, November the eighteenth,
eighteen hundred and ninety six,
at seven o'clock.
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Bella Xynette Cooke Stephenson
December 5, 1869-January 25, 1936

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STEPHENSON-DUNBAR WEDDING

The marriage of Miss Sara Stephenson and Thomas E. Dunbar took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Stephenson, Burgettstown, on Tuesday, February 3, 1903, at twelve o'clock, in the presence of nearly 100 guests. Rev. L. W. Warren officiated. The bride wore white silk trimmed with applique, and carried white carnations and ferns. She was attended by Miss Mattie Vance, who wore pale blue mouseline de soie and carried pink carnations and ferns. Mr. Dunbar's best man was Mr. Harry Scott. Throughout the house the decorations were green and white. The wedding march was rendered by Miss Della Hindman, a cousin of the bride. The bride and groom were the recipients of many valuable and useful presents.

**Wedding of Sarah Stephenson and Thomas E. Dunbar
February 13, 1903**

Reception Held For Bride-To-Be

A reception in honor of Miss Avonelle Stevenson and her fiancée, David S. Walker, was held Thursday, August 26, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W.B. Stevenson, Jr., of Archer Lane.

Guests were Mrs. Robert P. Stevenson, her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Bruno, of Pittsburgh; Mrs. Archie Wood, McDonald; Dr. Merle L. Simpson, Avalon; Miss Elsie V. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simpson and daughter, Robin, McDonald; Mr. and Mrs. William Simpson and daughter, Sharon, Pittsburgh; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Simpson, Mrs. Arthur Simpson and daughters, Jean and Shirley, of Burgettstown.

A buffet lunch was set, with a floral centerpiece and lighted candles. A large cake was also decorated for the occasion.

Miss Stevenson will marry Mr. Walker on September 24, in the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Queens Village, Long Island.

**HOUSEWARMING FOR
T. B. STEVENSONS**

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Stevenson, who recently purchased the McCabe property at 112 Archer Lane were pleasantly surprised on Saturday evening, when their former neighbors of Center avenue favored them a surprise house warming party. They were presented with several gifts, including a coffee server, rose wool blanket and turkish towels.

The evening was pleasantly spent in playing cards. A buffet luncheon was served. Members of the party, were, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hamill, Mrs. Duvall, Mr. and Mrs. Denny Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Welch, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Albert, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Russell, Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Williams of Atlasburg, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Holt, Mrs. Jean Smith, Miss Anne Ackleson, and Mrs. D. H. Conley and Arthur Conley of Pittsburgh.

John Stevenson Family

1735-1880

By Frances Stevenson Main

Fort Vance Historical Society

RECORD STEVENSON FAMILY 1735-1880 Chapter IV

JOHN STEVENSON, b.ca.1735, came to America from England 1750, settled near Maryland Line "Head of the Elk", near the Brandywine Battleground. a farmer. Mar.ca.1765, Mary McCowan, also spelled McGowan, McCune, McQuown or McQueen. Had 11 ch; 9 lived to maturity. About 1780, moved to Pigeon Creek, Washington Co., Pa; wher 2 daus. Mary & Eliz., were born. John Stevenson was Rep. of Wash. Co. to State Legislature, d. of smallpox on way home, at Hagerstown, Md. 1785, age 50 yrs. Widow mar. James Edgar. As Legislator, he helped revise the State Constitution in 1790. She d. 10-16-1808. John's sister Margaret Stevenson, came with her bro. from Eng., she mar. --Calloway, Lancaster Co. Pa. Children John & Mary McCowan Stevenson:

1. Jane Stevenson b.ca.1767; d. 1-29-1844, Mercer Co. Pa. Mar. Robert McComb, b.ca.1752, d. 1-30-1830, Mercer. Co. He served Rev. War. Had 8 ch. 6 b. Washington Co. 2 b. Mercer Co. Pa.
 - a. Malcolm McComb b. 6-20-1788; d. 1850 Mercer, Co. Mar. 1818
 - b. Mary McComb b. 1-9-1791; d. 1825 Poland Ohio. Mar. 1808
 - c. John McComb c. 5-30-1794; d. 1809, Mercer Co. Killed by falling tree.
 - e. Elizabeth McComb b. 6-18-1800; d. 1835, Mercer Co. Pa.
 - d. Marg. McComb b. 9-24-1797; Mar. 1821 Samuel Marquis, who died ante 1880. Had 9 Children.
 - f. Jane McComb b. 10-15-1803; Mar. 1832--who d. ante 1880
 - g. Wm. McComb b. 6-29-1807; Mar. 1837. Living Lewistown, Ill. Fulton Co. 1880. Dau. is wife Rev. Stephen Phelps, Pres. Min. Vinton, Iowa; Another is wife Lyman Whittier, Whiting, Monona Co. Iowa. 5 Children in family, others dead.
 - h. Robert McComb b. 9-15-1813. Mar. ca. 1841/2 Liv. 1880 in Seattle, Wash. Ter. 5 ch. all living 1880.
2. William Stevenson b. 1769. No further data.
3. John Stevenson b. 1771; d. 3-1852, Mar. ca. 1792 Eliz. Stevenson (no relation) She d. 1861. Ch. B. Washington Co. Pa. Pigeon Creek.
 - a. Jane Stevenson b. ca. 1793, died unmar.
 - b. Mary Stevenson b. 1795; d. 1833. Mar. 1819 James McCorkle, d. as of 1880; 7 ch. 3 living 1880
 - c. Eliz. Stevenson b. 1797; Mar. James McVey; no ch.
 - d. Ann b. 1800. Mar. Sam. Wilken. Both d. as of 1880; 6 sons; 3 daus. 1 dau. & 1 son d. 1880
 - e. John Stevenson b. 1802; d. 1814.
 - f. Marg. b. 1804. Mar. Sam. McLean. 3 sons, Liv. 1880. 2 daughters d. 1880. Margaret d. 1850
 - g. Emily Stevenson b. 1806. Mar. Solomon Bell 6 ch.
 - h. Maria b. 1808. Mar. R. Noble, No ch. 1880 she lives Ashland, Ohio.
 - i. Francis b. 1810; d. 1829. j. Jos. b. 1812; d. 12-14-1874; Mar. --McDonnough. 7 ch. 4 d. 1880
 - k. Rev. James Edgar, b. 1814; d. 1844, Fla.
4. James Stevenson b. 1773; d. 1846, Wash. Co. Pa. Mar. Jane Vance b. 1780; d. 1859. Ch. a. Ann Vance b. 10-14-1802; Liv. 1880
 b. John Stevenson b. 11-15-1805; d. 8-7-1862. c. Elizabeth b. 1-31-1808; died 3-3-1854. Cont'd next page.

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Family John Stevenson and Mary McCowan, Cont'd; Ch:

4. James Stevenson and wife Jane Vance; d. Mary b. 10-3-1810 Liv. 1880; e. Martha b. 10-29-1813; Liv. 1880. f. Jos. Vance Stevenson b. 12-8-1815, liv. 1880. g. James Edgar b. 10-17-1819; Drowned 3-29-1823. h. Rachel Jane b. 3-7-1822; Living 1880.
5. Samuel Stevenson b. 1775. Raised by Patrick Campbell, of York & Lancaster Co's. Mar. but wife's name unknown. A merchant in Lancaster, 1 son Wm. No other data.
6. Robert Stevenson b. 12-1777; d. 4-13-1862, Plain Grove, Lawrence Co., Pa. Mar. 2-4-1800, Eliz. Scott, b. 3-12-1773; d. 3-10-1841. Resided Mercer Co. Penna. Had 9 Ch.
 - a. Josiah Scott Stevenson b. 11-3-1800; Mar. (1) 9-11-1823 Mary Emory, b. 1-3-1805; d. 2-16-1844. Mar. (2) 7-13-1847 Mary Riddle b. 8-5-1801; Had Ch; 1. Robert M. b. 8-20-1824; d. 9-25-1853; 2. Sarah Ann b. 1-16-1825. 3. John E. b. 1-15-1828; d. 7-8-1848; 4. Josiah b. 4-8-1830; d. 7-8-1848; 5. Elizabeth b. 5-15-1832; 6 Alfred B. b. 9-27-1835; d. 12-13-1837; 7. Samuel b. 1-12-1837; d. 2-16-1837; 8. Catherine b. 4-28-1839; d. 3-18-1840; 9. David H. b. 2-13-1841 10. Mary Jane b. 6-3-1843.
 - b. John Stevenson b. 2-17-1803; Mar. 4-1829 Christiana Denniston who d. 1833. Mar. 2nd Mary Espy Blackstone, who d. 2-29-1860. Mar. 3rd 2-12-1863 Maria Bracken Spear. 1. Elizabeth Stevenson b. 9-8-1831. Mar. 3-18-1852 Dr. Van Eman. 2. Robert D. Stevenson b. 12-20-1833. Mar. 6-9-1859 Almira C. Rodgers. 3. William C. Stevenson b. 4-28-1839. Mar. 11-4-1868, Maggie Linn. 4. Mary Stevenson b. 11-10-1850; Mar. 9-24-1874. A. M. Archer.
 - c. Mary Stevenson b. 9-5-1804. Mar. 5-6-1828 James Gilkey
 - d. James Stevenson b. 3-7-1806
 - e. Abraham Stevenson b. 9-13-1807; d. 1-6-1877, Aledo, Ill. Mar. 4-4-1833, Elizabeth Love, who d. 12-15-1833. Mar. 2nd 10-29-1835 Margaret Matilda Macurdy, who d. 4-19-1849. Mar. 3rd Elizabeth Jane Nesbit. Ch. 2nd mar; 1. James M. Stevenson b. 1-18-1837; 2. Elizabeth Mary b. 10-9-1838; d. 8-8-1840; 3. Twin Margaret Jane; 4. Robert Milton b. 1-28-1841; 5. Rebecca Naomi Stevenson b. 12-26-1842. 6. Belinda Adalina Stevenson b. 5-2-1845; died 6-26-1847; 7. Sarah Amanda Stevenson b. 8-23-1848; died? 3rd Mar. 8. William Samuel b. 8-6-1857; d. 11-28-1866; 9. Abraham Lincoln Stevenson b. 9-26-1859. 10. Harrison Scott Stevenson born 3-22-1863.
 - f. Robert Stevenson born 8-15-1809; Married 11-3-1836 Elizabeth Ann Denniston. They resided at Plain Grove, Pennsylvania. Children next page.

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Family of John Stevenson and Mary McCowan, Ch. Cont'd;

6. Robert Stevenson b.12-1777; Mar.Eliz.Scott Ch.Cont'd;
 f. Robert Stevenson b.8-15-1809. Mar.Eliz.A. Denniston. Ch; I. James Campbell b.9-20-1838; Mar.ca.1866 Nancy Jane Young. Had.a.Henrietta E. and b. Laura M.
 2. John Alexander b.7-10-1840; d.4-7-1844. 3. Nancy E. b.11-29-1842. 4. Mary Jane b.1-15-1845. Mar. ca.'68 John G. Jordan; Had a.Geo.Spurgeon &b. Anne Prudence and c.Robert & d. dau unnamed. 5. Rebecca Anne b.12-21-1847. 6. Sarah Matilda b.5-4-1851; 7.Robert Milton b.8-4-1853; 8. Martha Naomi b.3-24-1856. Mar.2-18-'79 Wm. S. Armstrong. #7 Mar.2-13-'79 Anna Eliz.Waller.
 g. Joseph Stevenson b.1-4-1812; d.2-1876. Mar.2-4-'40 Belinda Sapp. b.12-2-1816; d.anta 2-1876. Had;I. James Melton b.12-3-1840; 2.Mary Eliz.b.10-26-1842;d.5-6-'47 3. Marg.Matilda b.12-24-'44;d.9-13-'51; 4. Vashti b.10-30-'48;d.11-5-'48; 5. Miriam Catherine b.6-30-'50; 6. Belinda Adaline b.6-16-1857;d.10-7-'65.
 h. Rev. Samuel Stevenson b.1-9-1816; d.4-7-1878, in Little Rock, Arkansas.
 i. Alexander Foster Stevenson b.5-20-1818. Mar. Eliz. P. Plumer, b.3-31-1825, dau.Hon.John C. Plumer, West Newton, Pa. 1880, Resided West Newton, Pa. Had; I. John P. b.8-21-1851; 2. Eliz.Maria b.10-21-1853; 3. Susanna Mary b.12-21-1855; d.3-23-1858; 4. Martha Cecelia b.12-29-1857. 5. Robert Harnish b.1-12-1860 6. William Fulton b.4-20-1862; 7. Walter Lowry b.8-19-1864; 8. Alexander Plumer b.12-9-1866; 9. Joseph Elliott b.2-15-1870.
7. Rev. Joseph Stevenson born March 25, 1779, Hagerstown, Md., died Feb.24, Bellefontaine, Ohio. Mar. 8-21-1804, Sarah Marquis, b.9-5-1780; died 7-25-1849, Bellefontaine, Ohio. She was the ledest daughter of Rev. Thomas Marquis, for 33 years Pastor Cross Creek Church, Washington Co., Penna., and Jane Park, sister of Lieut.James Park, of the "Virginia Line". Residence West Alexander, Washington Co., Penna, and Bellefontaine, Ohio. See "Life of Rev.Thomas Marquis" by Rev.J. M. Stevenson in "Sprague's Annals of the American Pulpit" Vol.IV. Children;
 a. Mary Stevenson b.9-7-1805; d.9-25-1868. Mar.4-3-1823, James Byers. Had;
 I. Joseph Stevenson Byers b.5-11-1824. Mar.10-12-1854 Martha Irwin.
 a. John William Byers b.July 1855
 b. Lawson Emmett Byers b.1-25-1872.
 2. Thomas Marquis Byers b.7-12-1826. Married 4-3-1851 Mary Tipton. Children next page.

RECORD STEVENSON FAMILY 1735-1880 Chapter IV

Family John Stevenson and wife Mary McCowan, Ch. Cont'd;

7. Rev. Joseph Stevenson and wife Sarah Marquis. Ch. Cont'd;

a. Mary Stevenson mar. James Byers Ch. Cont'd;

2. Thos. Marquis Byers Mar. Mary Tipton; Ch: a. Esther Rosabell Byers b. 2-1852; b. Martha Clementine Byers b. 8-6-1854; c. James Wm. b. 6-19-1857; d. Robert Stevenson Byers b. 4-6-1859; e. Margaret Anna b. II-14-'62 f. Thos. Stevenson Byers b. 6-II-1865; g. Jessie b. 4-1875.

3. John Wilson Byers b. 5-16-1828. Mar. 9-18-1851, Mary Jane Oatman. Ch. Mary Emma b. 10-30-1852; b. Sarah Eliz. b. 10-12-1854; c. Margaret Annabell b. 5-2-1857; d. Mattie Susan b. 10-3-1860; e. Alica Jenny b. 4-4-1863; f. James Franklin b. 7-17-1865; g. Rachel Eva b. 2-24-1868.

4. Sarah Byers b. 3-20-1830. Mar. 4-6-1853, George Coombs. Had; a. Anna Margaret Coombs b. 9-21-1854; b. Mary Alice Coombs b. 3-4-1856; c. Edgar Leslie b. 5-2-1858; d. Chas. Lewis Coombs, no date; e. John Stevenson Coombs b. 10-28-1861; f. Clara Eliz. b. 3-13-1865; g. Lewella Coombs b. 7-14-1867.

5. Margaret Byers b. 3-6-1832. Died 2-19-1873. Mar. 5-24-1866 John Jackson.

6. James Edgar Byers b. 7-29-1834; d. 3-10-1857.

7. Rachel Ann Byers b. 4-13-1837; d. 3-5-1873. Mar. 2-21-1860 Thos. Hatcher. Had; a. Mary Clara Hatcher b. 1-21-1861, deceased. b. Sarah Idelia b. 12-25-'62; d. 1864. c. Chas. Hatcher, born? Living 1879.

8. Samuel Byers b. 8-30-1840. Mar. 5-9-1867, Samantha Isabel Milner. Had ch; a. George Lewis Byers b. 5-4-1868; b. Mary Effa Byers b. 2-20-1870; c. Joseph Herbert Byers b. 1-28-1872; d. James Ira Byers b. 10-6-1874; died 11-27-1876; e. Twin Ida Belle Byers b. 10-6-1874; f. Charles Calvin Byers b. 8-1878.

9. Elizabeth Cecelia Byers b. 2-7-1843. Married 6-9-1873, Russell Smith, who died 5-19-1877, age 39 years. Had ch; a. Mary Eva Smith b. 4-12-1874; died 2-12-1875; b. Sarah Olive Smith born 6-25-1876.

b. Thomas Marquis Stevenson born 4-27-1807. Married 9-18-1828 Judith Hover, born 10-29-1806; died 2-12-1875. Had children;

1. Sarah Stevenson born 1-23-1830; died 9-7-1870. Married 8-16-1866 William Gilmore; Had ch; a. Paul Gilmore b. 5-14-1867; b. John E. Marquis Gilmore born 6-6-1870.

2. Rev. Joseph Hover Stevenson born 10-13-1831. Mar. 5-24-1864 Sarah Fulton, daughter Henry and Elizabeth (Plumer) Fulton. As of 1880, he lives Scotdale, Penna. Ch. cont'd next page;

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 Family John Stevenson and wife Mary McCowan; Ch. Cont'd;
7. Joseph Stevenson and wife Sarah Marquis, Ch. Cont'd;
 - b. Thomas Marquis Stevenson and wife Judith Hover Ch;
 2. Rev. Jos. Hover Stevenson Grad. Alleghany Seminary in Penna. 1864. Ch; a. Eliz. Plumer Stevenson b. 5-15-1865; b. Judith Mary b. 10-25-1869; c. Sarah Fulton Stevenson b. 5-7-1869; d. Jos. Marquis b. 8-d. 1869; e. Henry Price Stevenson b. 4-3-1871; Living in 1956; f. George Edgar Stevenson b. 9-7-1873, in 1956 living in Liberty, Indiana. Dr. Stevenson is proud of his distinguished ancestors.
 3. Peter Stevenson born 9-17-1833; d. 1-4-1834.
 4. David Merrill Stevenson b. 1-16-1835; Mar. 4-25-'76 Amanda C. Kerr, b. 10-28-1845.
 5. Mary Elizabeth Stevenson b. 4-30-1837.
 6. Susannah Stevenson b. 10-30-1839.
 7. Lucinda Ann Stevenson b. 6-10-1842; Mar. 8-25-'61 Jos. Richmond Silver. Ch; a. Emma Silver b. 7-25-1864; b. Josie b. 10-22-1866; c. Sarah b. 2-26-1871; d. Ward Webster b. 3-22-'74; (c. Sarah d. 1874) e. Infant d. '77
 8. Hannah Jane Stevenson b. 7-31-1846
 9. Maria Cecelia Stevenson b. 1-14-'49; d. 4-4-'75. Mar. 1874, Robert G. Mitchell. Ch; a. Ralph H. b. 3-16-'75 died 1875.
 - c. Jane Stevenson b. 9-30-1801; died 1810, whooping cough.
 - d. Sallie Stevenson b. 1810; died 1811 croup.
 - e. Rev. John McMillen Stevenson, D.D. b. 5-14-1812; Mar. Carrollton, Ohio 10-10-1837, Cecelia Hadassah Gillespie, b. 4-3-'18, Dayton, O. Dau. Wm. & Maria (Smith) Gillespie of Dayton, O. In 1880 Rev. Stevenson resided in Hawthorne, N.J. Graduate Jefferson College. Taught Greek at Ohio University and Kenyon College. Ch;
 1. Sarah Cecelia Stevenson b. 4-12-'40, Gambier, O. Mar. New York City 5-11-1865, Rev. Oliver A. Kingsbury son Oliver R. & Susan (Patterson) Kingsbury, N.Y.C. 1880 lived Jersey City, N.J. Ch; a. Geo. Herbert b. 5-7-'66, Conn. d. 1867, Ill., Joliet. b. Mabel b. 9-3-'70, Wappingers Falls, N.Y.; c. Arthur R. b. 4-18-'74, Hawthorne, N.J.; d. Susie Antoinette b. 1-22-'78, Corona, N.Y.
 2. Wm. Gillespie Stevenson b. 8-18-'43, Troy, O. Mar. Montreal, Can. 10-22-'65, Mary Hamilton, dau. Rev. Wm. Hamilton, D.D. She died 1868. He married 2nd Nyack, N.Y. 10-7-1871, Elsie (DePew) Hasbrouck, a native of Nyack, N.Y. Residence 1880, Nyack, N.Y.
 3. Rosa Antoinette Stevenson b. 1-9-1846, Dayton, O. Mar. New York City, 10-10-1865, Rev. Francis L. Patton, D. D. LL.D., born 1843 in Bermuda, son of George J. and Mary (Steele) Patton. Residence 1880 Chicago, Ill. Children next page.

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Family John Stevenson and wife Mary McCowan; Ch. Cont'd;

7. Joseph Stevenson and wife Sarah Marquis; Ch. Cont'd;

e. Rev. John McMillen Stevenson and wife Cecelia Gillespie Ch. Cont'd;

3. Rosa Antoinette Stevenson mar. Rev. Francis Patton Ch. a. George Stevenson Patton b. 3-13-1869, Nyack N.Y.; b. Francis Landey Patton b. 4-26-1871; c. Robert Hunter b. 7-13-1875, Chicago, Ill.; d. John McMillen Stevenson Patton b. 9-19-1876, Chi. Ill. e. Rosa C. b. 1-6-1879, Chicago, Ill.

4. Charles Hallock Stevenson b. 9-15-1850, New Albany Ind. Mar. Mary A. Orchard, b. 6-26-1854; Dau. John Y. & Mary A. (Holgate) Orchard of England. Res. 1880 Salisbury Mills, N.Y. Ch; a. Carrie May b. 8-II-1874, Brooklyn, N.Y. b. Rosa Orchard b. II-22-1875, Newark, N.J.

f. James Edgar Stevenson b. 3-4-1814. Mar. 8-18-1835, Margaret Marquis, who d. Missouri 2-4-1844. Mar. 2nd 3-30-1846, Hannah Moore Hover; Residence 1880, Raymore Cass Co., Mo. By 1st mar. Ch;

1. Marion Marquis b. 2-22-1837; Wounded Battle Rich Mountain, died Beverly, Va. 7-20-1861;

2. John Milton Stevenson b. 9-28-1839. Mar. I-16-1861 Chessie Hunt.

3. Joseph Vance b. 10-2-1841. Mar. Nancy A. Oder 12-24-1867. By second marriage:

4. Geo. Calvin b. 1848; died 1850

5. Mary Ann b. 4-26-1851; Mar. Albert Kalb 12-29-1874.

6. James Edward b. 1-24-1854. Nothing further.

7. Sarah Belle Stevenson b. 4-3-1858.

g. Elizabeth Stevenson b. 9-12-1816. Mar. II-20-1834 Josiah Moore. Res. 1880 Gibson City, Ill.

1. Jos. Wiley Moore b. 12-3-1836. Mar. II-23-1865, Isabelle White. b. 3-7-1845; Ch. a. Sam. Ashbel Moore b. 1866; d. 1867 b. Wm. Edgar Moore b. 10-30-1868; c. Fannie Lake Moore b. I-10-1880

2. Jas. Lewis Moore b. 8-2-1839; d. 7-12-1873. Mar. II-23-1865 Laura Nevin. Ch; a. Effie Blanche b. I-2-1867 b. Arthur Lewis b. 1868; d. 1870. c. Edith Grace b. 1871; died 1873; d. Bertha May Moore b. 12-21-1873.

3. John Stevenson Moore b. II-22-1840

4. Sarah Clementine Moore b. 4-19-1843, Bellefontaine, O. Mar. Logan Co. 4-28-1859, John Marquis Huber. Children;

a. William Harris Huber b. 5-30-1860; b. Anna Laura Huber born 6-9-1862; c. Abail Lord Huber born 10-8-1864; d. Cora Bell Huber born 2-19-1867; e. Maggie May Huber born 3-9-1870;

f. Leona Huber born 3-30-1872; g. Elizabeth Huber b. II-29-1873; h. Oscar Llewellyn Huber born 6-29-1877.

RECORD STEVENSON FAMILY 1735-1880

Chapter IV

Family John Stevenson and wife Mary McCowan Ch. Cont'd;

7. Joseph Stevenson and wife Sarah Marquis Ch. Cont'd;
- g. Elizabeth Stevenson and husband Josiah Moore:Ch;
 5. William Marquis Moore b.I-3I-1846.
 6. Sallie M. Moore(adopted dau) b.II-10-'58; Mar. 4-8-1880, Ralph Lockwood.
 - h. Joseph Stevenson b.9-II-1818. Mar.II-4-1839, Margaret Ann Kerr. b.4-19-1820.
 - I. George Poage Stevenson b.I2-2-1842. Mar.3-22-'64 Jeanette L. Graham, who d.2-20-'65. Mar.2nd Mina E. Carr,10-20-1870; Ch. Ist mar. a. Geo.Nett b.2-5-1865; Ch. 2nd mar.;b. Cora M.b.9-17-1871; c. Barton C. Stevenson b.I0-4-1873; d. Howard D. b.8-29-1875.
 2. James Kerr Stevenson b.I2-2-1842. Mar. Sarah Robb, 3-24-1864.Ch. a. Herbert Smith b.I-II-'65; b. Geo. Duff b.4-1867; c. Wm. Lorimer b.I-28-1872.
 3. Gilbert Miller Stevenson b.4-7-1845. Mar.Martha A. Martin 12-28-1869.
 4. Wm. Lorimer Stevenson b.1849;died 1851
 5. Chas.Alonzo Stevenson b.8-24-1852. Mar.10-25-'77 S. Ida Coan. Ch. a. Gail Price Stevenson b.5-14-1879, who lived Bellefontaine, gave this genealogy to this copier. Now,1964, deceased.
 6. Joseph Edwin Stevenson b.I0-30-1855.
 7. Robert Stevenson D.M.S. b.I-15-1859. A Minister, died in California.
 - i. Susannah Stevenson b.1820;died 1825.
 - j. Robert Stevenson b.9-27-1822, d.T.B. 8-25-1860; Mar. 12-24-1850, Nancy Jane Osborne, b.2-27-1828; Ch;
 1. David Osborne Stevenson b.I-3-1850
 2. Chas. Clifford Stevenson b.4-3-1854
 3. Nannie King Stevenson b.4-16-1857.
 4. Ida Stevenson b.I2-20-1860; died age 6 weeks.
 - k. Ann Stevenson b.9-19-1824;d.9-7-1825.
8. Mary Stevenson b.ca.1782; d.ca.1847. Mar. ca.1803 George Miller, who d.1843. Ch. b.Washington Co., Pa.except 3 youngest, who were b.Wayne Co., Ohio.
- b. Mabella Miller, b.I0-3-1805; d.ca.1877. Mar. William Hogan. Had 2 sons;2 daughters.
- a. Mary E. Miller b.8-6-1804.Mar.1825 Levi Smart. 1880 living Lima, Ohio. 10 ch.6 living 1880
 - c. James Miller b.9-22-1807.Mar. Mary Fulton. Both died ca.1864. Had 2 daughters, 1 son.
 - d. John Miller, born 9-12-1809. Married Lydia Cunningham, resided in Ashland, Ohio, in 1880
 - e. Gilbert Miller, b.9-12-1809. Married Caroline Chidester. Resided Ashland, Ohio. Had 4 children, 2 living 1880.
 - f. Joseph Miller b.9-5-1811; d.ca 1850
 - g. Jane Miller b.II-10-1813, d.ca.1865. Mar.Emanuel Emsminger, had 5 children, 3 living.

RECORD STEVENSON FAMILY 1735-1880 Chapter IV

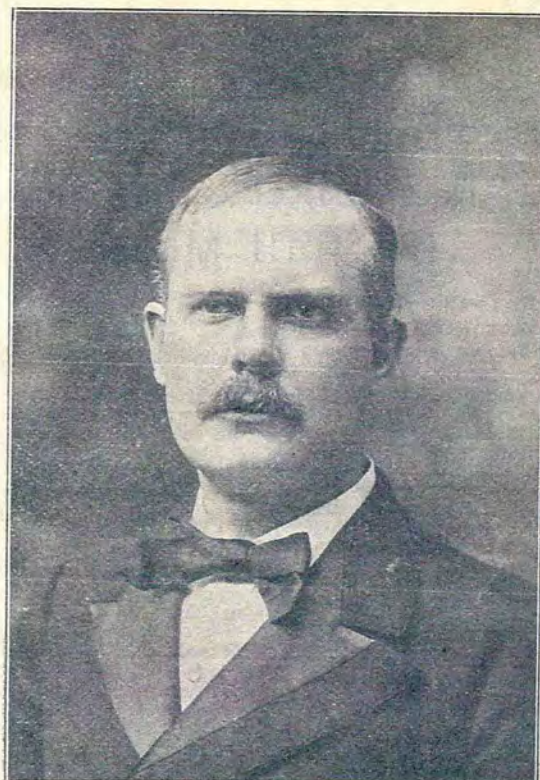
Family John Stevenson and wife Mary McCowan Ch. Cont'd;

8. Mary Stevenson b. ca. 1782; d. ca. 1847. Mar. George Miller; Ch. Cont'd.;
- h. William L. Miller b. 1-8-1818. Mar. Rebecca Galway. Resided 1880, Mt. Vernon, Iowa. Had 7 children, 4 living.
- i. George Miller, b. 6-25-1820; Mar. Charity Elliott. Resided Ashland, Ohio. Had 6 children, 5 living, 1880.
- j. Samuel Miller, b. 7-23-1823, died ca. 1855.
9. Elizabeth Stevenson b. 7-24-1784, died 7-1-1872, West Alexander, Washington Co., Pa. Married Patrick King, who died ca. 1816. Mar. 2nd ca 1820, Isaac Mayes, Esq., who died 1844. Married West Alexander, Pa. Mar. West Alexander, Pa. Ch. 1st Mar.
- a. Elizabeth King, who married --- Smith. In 1880, lived Washington Co., Pa. 7 other ch. who are dead. 2nd marriage Ch.;
- b. Sarah Mayes who mar. Dr. E. P. Hale. In 1880, lived in Wichita, Kansas, Sedgewick Co.
- c. Catherine (Kate) Mayes married Joel Truesdale in West Alexander, Pa., and was living there 1880. 4 other children who are dead.

Note from this copier; This account was given to me by Mr. Gail Price Stevenson, who lived in Bellefontaine, Ohio. He is now (1965) deceased. No research has been done on this record, except in the Logan County records, of which Bellefontaine is the county seat. As far as I have gone, the Logan County records agree with the records copied here. The reader is also referred to the Chapter headed; "Thomas Stevenson of London and his Descendants" by John R. (Udderow) Stevenson, A.M., M.D., published by Hiram Edmund Deats of Flemington, Hunterdon County, N.J., 1902. Printers were Dewey and Eakins, 35 N. 7th St., Philadelphia, Penna.

There seems to be some relationship between these two records.

Frances Stevenson Main.

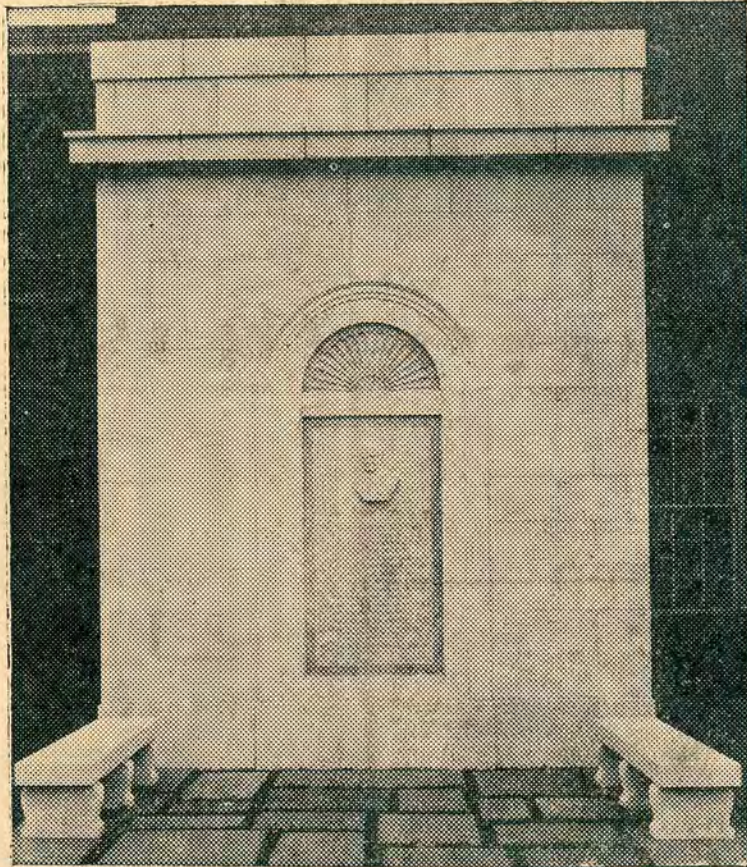


WILLIAM MARSHALL STEVENSON

The librarian of Carnegie Free Library, Allegheny, Pa., is now in the tenth year of his service in that institution, having been appointed May, 1890. He was born in Johnstown, Pa., but has passed most of his adult life in Pittsburg and Allegheny. Upon graduating from Washington and Jefferson college in 1876 he spent two years in teaching in California and two years in language study in Europe, chiefly at the universities of Leipzig and Paris. On his return in 1880 he was called to the chair of Greek and Latin in the Pittsburg High school, where he remained four years, when he resigned to enter the law and remained in that profession until his appointment as librarian. In 1897 he represented the library at the International Library Conference in London. He is a member of the American Library association, and was for two years president of the Library club of Western Pennsylvania. His sketch of "The Carnegie Libraries" has recently been published in pamphlet form. He was for a time on the staff of the Pittsburg "Commercial Gazette" and of the New York "Tribune."

William Marshall Stevenson
November 30, 1855-January 12, 1914

STEWART MEMORIAL TOWER COMPLETED



With the placing of its marble base pictured above, the John L. Stewart Memorial Tower on the new South Campus of W. & J. College was completed in time for the 140th commencement season. The base of the 150-foot tower is encased with white Georgia marble, and in the face shown is a pink marble panel with a bust of Mr. Stewart and the following inscription: "This tower is in memory of John Leighton Stewart, 1876-1940, publisher of the Washington Reporter and Observer; founder of the Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers Association; alumnus and Trustee of Washington and Jefferson College; president of the Board of Trustees of Washington Hospital; president of the Community Chest; friend of humanity, wise counselor, courageous editor—beloved by all who knew him. Erected by his friends and family, 1940."

Stewart Memorial Tower Completed
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 12, 1941 Edition

STEWART REUNION

On Saturday, August 16, at Follansbee, W. Va., Municipal Park, the descendants of James, Robert and John Stewart and Eliza Stewart Kidd, of Washington County, Penna., will gather for their nineteenth reunion.

Each year seventy-five to one hundred have met for the day, and each year the meeting has been a bigger success. However, there are still many who do not come and perhaps do not know about it. The Stewarts would like to have all of their relations here, and they would also like to see their old friends. If you are one of the missing ones, pack a lunch and come to Follansbee Park, Saturday, August 16th, from 10:00 a.m., to 6:00 p.m.

**Reunion for Descendants of James, Robert, John Stewart, and Eliza Kidd
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 14, 1941 Edition**

13-year-old dies after ATV crash

Accident occurred in Mt. Pleasant Twp.

A 13-year-old Imperial boy died early Sunday from injuries he sustained in an ATV crash Saturday afternoon in Mt. Pleasant Township.

According to a report from the Allegheny County medical examiner, Cody Stickley, 13, was involved in a crash at 3:45 p.m. Saturday in the 200 block of Kelso Road, McDonald.

He was taken to a hospital in Pittsburgh, where he died at 2:48 a.m. Sunday.

Stickley was a junior off-road racer for Coraopolis-based Lunova Racing. According to Lunova's website, Stickley participated in three major racing series last year, including the American Woods Racing Challenge Series, the Eastern Racing Off-road Championship and the Grand National Cross Country Series. According to the website, Stickley was recognized as class champion with three wins and seven podium placements during the AWRCS, and was a runner-up in the EROC.

Representatives of Lun-



Cody Stickley

ova Racing said Sunday they have "no comment at this time out of respect for the family."

Stickley's father, Jason, and younger brother Cooper are also listed as racers on the website.

A GoFundMe account has been started by the Stickley family and more than \$16,000 was raised as of Sunday afternoon.

On the fundraiser page, the family asked for prayers and donations.

"To put into words our love for Cody is an impossible feat," the page reads. "We ask that you help his parents, Jason and Kristin, and his younger brother, Cooper, in their time of need."

STIEGEL REUNION

The Stiegel family held its first reunion the weekend of August 1 at Shady Lane, in Bulger.

All brothers and sisters were in attendance. They were:

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Koraído (Helen Stiegel) and son, Frank, and grandchildren, Amy and Scott, of Cherry Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nitz (Stella Stiegel) and daughter and son-in-law, Betty Ann and Bob Perz, all of Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stiegel and children, Janice, Johnny, Jimmy and Jacalyn, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Szafarowicz (Adele Stiegel) and children, Cammy, Jimmy and Cindy, of Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Stiegel and children, Mark, Gary and Steve, of Bulger.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stiegel and children, Kathy, John, Susan, Bob and Judy, of Temperance, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Squatrito (Eleanor Stiegel) and daughters, Jo Ellen and Mary Kay, of Farrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nau (Elizabeth Stiegel) and son, Michael, of Marietta.

Events for the weekend consisted of dinner at Shady Lane Saturday evening. The music for dancing was provided by Mark and Gary Stiegel. An outdoor barbecue was held Sunday afternoon.

The family attended Mass in a body at St. Peter and Paul's Church, Cherry Valley, which was celebrated in memory of their deceased parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Stiegel, and sister, Genevieve.

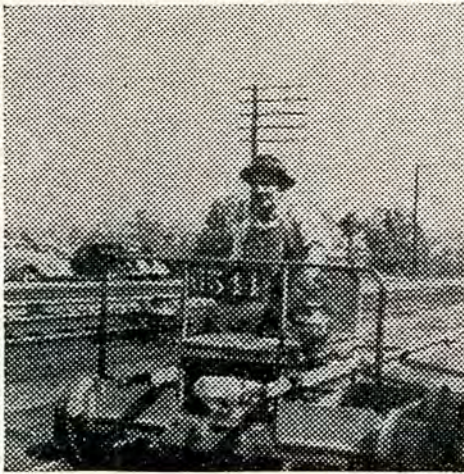
Plans were made for a bi-annual reunion.

Stiegel Reunion

Burgettstown Enterprise-August 12, 1964 Edition

Frank Stievenart Retires Served P. R. R. 47 Years

Frank Stievenart, well known and esteemed local resident retired July 1 after 47 years service with the Pennsylvania Railroad, 41 years of which were spent as Signal Maintainer at Burgettstown. Frank has no present plans for his well earned leisure, except a very vital interest



FRANK STIEVENART

in continuing the cultivation of his very fine flower garden and vegetable plot.

The occasion of Mr. Stevenart's retirement was properly celebrated June 30th when 45 friends tendered him a surprise party in his home on Tenan street. The party was well planned by Mrs. Stievenart and

their daughter, Marian, who enlisted the aid of a mutual friend, Paul Lawther of Canonsburg.

Mr. Lawther called for Mr. Stievenart, Friday evening to take him for an automobile ride and during their absence 45 intimate friends gathered in his home. As he entered the house on his return, he was greeted with the song, "I've Quit Working on the Railroad". The guests included Mr. Stievenart's buddy at the Tower, John Hill of Center avenue. John and Frank have worked together at Burgett Tower for 41 years, John as tower operator and Frank as Signal maintainer.

The evening was pleasantly spent in a social manner with bingo, cards and music as the entertainment. At a late hour a delectable buffet supper was served. The honor guest was presented with a Remington Electric Razor, a leather traveling case and a double Cameo ring, gifts of the guests present.

Friends were present from Burgettstown Community, Midway, Clairton, Curtisville, Crafton, South Hills, Raccoon, Weirton Heights, Washington and Oakdale.

The winner of the evening's contest was presented with a Heinz Treasure Chest from the H. J. Heinz Co. where Marian is employed. In honor of the event souvenir folders of the picture of "Steve" which appears with this story were given to each guest.

**Frank Stievenart Retires, Served P.R.R. 47 Years
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 13, 1939 Edition**

ROBERT S. (BOB) STOTTLEMYER

He made only \$45 a month when he began teaching in 1915 and just \$5600 a year in 1957 when he retired but hundreds of men and women today would have a good word to say about Bob Stottlemeyer and would acknowledge him to be a great teacher.

Bob was a Burgettstown boy, born March 7, 1891. He attended the



elementary school here from 1897 until 1907 and had two years of high school before he began working. At Thiel College in Greenville he received education credits for certification. Later he took courses at California and Pitt.

Intermittantly through the years Mr. Stottlemeyer was principal of Burgettstown Elementary School as well as classroom teacher, geography and science being his specialties when the school was departmentalized.

In September 1965, several years after his retirement he was officially registered in the area as a substitute. He lived for a few years in McDonald during his retirement but returned to Burgettstown taking up living quarters on Shady Avenue. Eventually he entered the Masonic Home at Elizabethtown, Pa., where he died in 1973. As a fitting tribute to him who loved the out-of-doors and kept plants and flowers growing in his classroom the little park near the school, where he spent so many years, was named Stottlemeyer Park in his honor.

DRIVER KILLED ON ROUTE 18



MARK MARIETTA/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
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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)
Observer-Reporter-May 12, 2017**

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.

Law Degree For Diana Stavroulakis

On June 10, 1990, Diana Lynn Stavroulakis received the degree of Juris Doctor from the Duquesne University School of Law.

She was one of 175 graduates upon whom the degree was conferred during a ceremony in the A.J. Palumbo Center, Pittsburgh.

Attending on Diana's behalf, in addition to her parents, were her sister, Cristol; maternal grandmother, Bernice Holland; paternal grandmother, Argero Pappas; and her aunt and uncle, George and Joann Thomas of Washington.

While pursuing her graduate studies, Diana served as a front line editor of *Juris*, the law school's magazine. Prior to graduation, she completed an internship with the

office of the Allegheny County District Attorney.

Presently she is studying to take the bar exam at the end of July, and she intends to begin her legal career in Pittsburgh.

Diana is a 1987 graduate of Washington and Jefferson College, where she earned a B.A. in English and Spanish.

She is the daughter of John and Glenda Stavroulakis of Burgettstown, R.D. 1, and the granddaughter of the late Truman H. Holland and George E. Pappas.

Diana Stavroulakis
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 27, 1990 Edition

Young football player active on dairy farm



Thirteen-year-old Tom Strope, first string center of the Burgettstown Midgets, has a busy schedule of dairy farm chores before he gets off to football practice. Farm is owned by his father, Harold Strope of Eldersville. Here energetic Tom helps in the stock feeding chores.

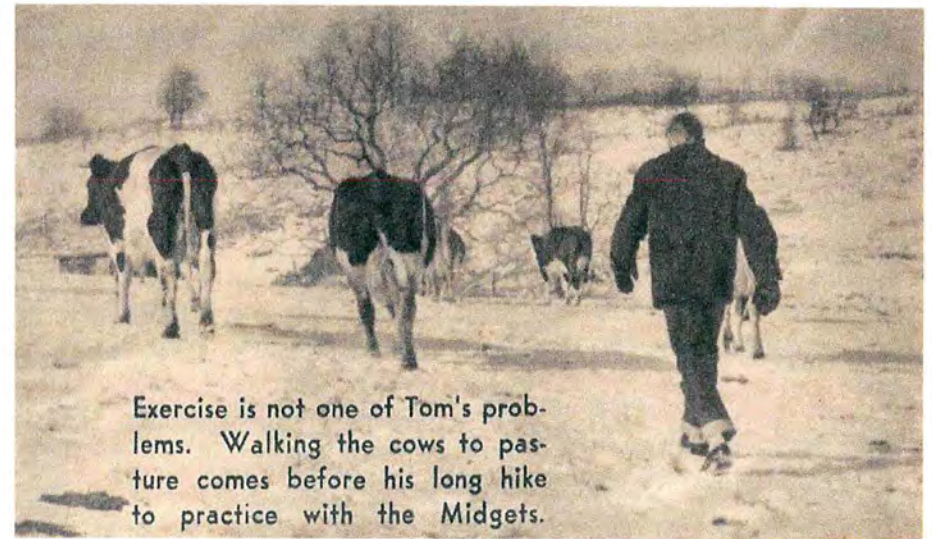
Lions Football-1958 Tom Strope

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



Ed Morgan

Mrs. Strope and Tom work on the milking equipment in the barn. Tom has a two-mile walk to the highway and then he hitchhikes another six miles to school in Burgettstown. He is interested in all athletic events.



Exercise is not one of Tom's problems. Walking the cows to pasture comes before his long hike to practice with the Midgets.

MIDWAY HOME BURNS WHILE FAMILY ABSENT

Loss of \$5,000 Sustained by Family
From Fire of Unknown
Origin on Sunday

Fire which started while the family was away from home Sunday night about 10 o'clock destroyed the \$5,000 farm home and household goods of the Martin Strupk family, on the former J. E. Cummins' farm, near Midway. Loss was placed at \$5,000 on the home and \$2,500 on the contents, with \$3,000 insurance on the house and \$1,000 on the furnishings.

The origin of the fire is not known, though it is believed to have started in the kitchen, where there was fire in a coal cook stove. When a neighbor, Reed Cummins, discovered the fire the house was enveloped in flames, and when the Midway volunteer fire department arrived the fire had made such progress that nothing could be done.

The house stands a quarter mile from the road, so that the blaze was not seen until it was too late.

Mr. Strupk expects to start rebuilding at once, it was learned a few days ago.

Martin Strupk House Fire
Burgettstown Enterprise- July 9, 1931 Edition

KAY STUDA WILL TEACH HOME NURSING

Mrs. Kay Studa, local school nurse has volunteered to teach the Home Nursing Course approved by the Red Cross if enough Burgettstown women sign up. The course requires 24 hours of instruction and those who complete it will receive a certificate. Classes will probably be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings, time and place to be decided later.

Women who are interested in taking this course should contact Mrs. Studa by telephone, Burg. 2746 before April 13.

A similar course for Township women is being planned, and announcement concerning this will be made at a later date. Application has also been made for courses in nutrition and dietetics, to be held in the Home Economics house. Announcement of approval of these applications will be made soon.

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**Kay Studa Will Teach Home Nursing
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 9, 1942 Edition**

LANTZ-SUTHERLAND

Oct 22/13

A very pretty home wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Sutherland, near Hanlin Station, Wednesday at noon, when their daughter, Myrtle, became the bride of Oscar W. Lantz, of Follansbee, W. Va. Rev. T. W. Colhouer performed the ceremony. The bride wore a gown of white voile de clover and was unattended. A wedding dinner followed the ceremony after which the bridal couple left over the Wabash for a short wedding trip. Among those present were Mrs. Lantz, mother of the bridegroom, Mr. and Mrs. William Walker, of Hopedale, O.; Miss Christina and Fred Lantz, of Follansbee; Miss Effie Cunningham, of New Concord, O.; William Galley, of Connellsville; Rev. and Mrs. T. W. Colhouer, of Eldersville; Mrs. John Cassidy, Miss Eleanor Scott, Miss Pearl Cassidy, Hazellette Scott and Erle Cunningham, of Hanlin Station. The bride is a well known school teacher of Jefferson township and both young people have the good wishes of a host of friends.

**Myrtle Virtue Sutherland Marries Oscar William Lantz
October 22, 1913**

George Sutherland

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

George Sutherland

My name was George Sutherland. My father, John, was born about 1750 in Sutherlandshire, Scotland. When he was about twenty years old, in the early 1770s, there was a terrible siege of bad crops in Scotland and the government imported meal to feed the starving people. Tenant farmers could not pay their debts and life was very difficult. My father and his brother, Thomas, decided to try their luck in the New World, so they set sail in 1772. Thomas settled in New Jersey upon their arrival, but my father, John, made his home in Prince Georges County, Maryland, near Bladensburg. In May of 1775, he enlisted in Captain John Woods' Company of Col. Simpson's Regiment of Militia of Prince Georges County because Lord Dunsmore was plundering the inhabitants on the Bay Frontier of Maryland. He served six months in this capacity. When the Revolutionary War got well underway, he enlisted again and served three years, taking part in many important battles, including the Battle of Brandywine. After his term was up, he continued to live in Maryland until 1783, at which time he went to Strabane and then Chartiers Townships in Pennsylvania. By 1794, he was in Cross Creek in the part which later became the southern tip of Jefferson Township. It was here that I was born on the 29th of April in 1795.

My mother was Susanna Norris, daughter of Jacob Norris, who came from Maryland to Chartiers Township in 1773. He died there in 1799. I am not sure when my parents got married. People in those days spoke little about personal matters. I suppose it was because life was so difficult they tried to forget the hardships. What I DO know is that my older brother, John William, was born in the early 1780s before they left Maryland, and my brother, Vachel, was born in 1793, just two years before my birth. Two more siblings followed me, namely, my sister, Christiana, who later married David Pogue, and my baby brother, Alexander. If I had older siblings, they must have been grown before my parents came to this area and I have no recollection of them.

Alexander married Harriet, the daughter of Samuel Leeper, who was an early Jefferson Township settler. Eventually, all three of these brothers crossed the Ohio River to make new homes for themselves. But I was close to my parents and remained near home. I married Margaret Magee and we had two sons and three daughters by 1839 when I became quite ill. I knew something was very wrong and so I quickly made my will before I passed away at the age of 44. Margaret was three months pregnant at the time and our eldest child was but 12 years old. Life was very hard for her, but my aged father moved in with her to help with the farm, and together they somehow managed. But my father was well into his nineties and the day after New Years in 1842, he also left earth.

My life was relatively short but it was a good life. I was never too far from home, but I loved this area and have no regrets. The little cabin where Margaret and I raised our family stood not far from what is known today as the Reese property on Bethel Ridge Extension, very near the Brooke County Line. My father's home had stood near where Turney School was built in the early 1900s. My eldest son, John Walker Sutherland, lived out his life there, having built a large frame house to accommodate his very large family.



My other son, William Magee Sutherland, moved west after losing two little ones to the plague of 1863. Our four daughters all married and raised families so that my heirs today are quite numerous. But the important thing is that nearly all of them did their level best to walk the straight and narrow. If you who are here to day, share a blood line with me, I hope you know that you can be justly proud of the name of Sutherland. It was brought here over 230 years ago by my father, John Sutherland, as his tombstone in old Cross Creek Cemetery refers to him : a brave old soldier of the Revolution.



John Walker Sutherland, eldest son of George, with first wife, Eleanor Virtue and with second wife, Cynthia Hanlin.

Luella "Babs" Sutherland Becomes Bride Of Walter Hartmann In Avella Church



Following a Southern wedding trip they are residing in Avella.

Luella Emily "Babs" Sutherland became the bride of Walter Henry Hartmann, Jr., in a double ring ceremony performed in the First Presbyterian church, Avella, Saturday, March 3. Rev. Kenneth H. Slater of Independence officiated at the 10:30 a.m. service.

The bride is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Sutherland, Avella, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Hartman of Wintersville, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Sutherland of Washington, brother and sister-in-law of the bride, were the couples only attendants.

Mrs. Hartmann attended Muskingum college, received her Bachelor's degree in Business Education at Ohio Northern University and did graduate work at George Washington University. She is a partner in W. W. Sutherland Lumber Co., Burgettstown.

Mr. Hartmann attended Ohio State University and Steubenville College and is employed by Weirton Steel Co.

**GEORGE SWANIK READIES
MUSHROOM CROP FOR MARKET**

George Swanik's new Snow-top Mushroom Farm at Wampum, Pa. interested Mr. and Mrs. Phil S. Gray and daughter Phyllis of Kerr street when they were visitors of the Swaniks last week-end. The Burgettstown guests, who had no idea of the extent of the caves, were driven through 200 acres of underground caverns where limestone was recently extracted by the Portland Cement Company, but where mushrooms are now beginning to grow for Mr. Swanik. The mushrooms spawn is planted in wooden frames which are laid in long rows in the passage-ways of the caves. At the present the fungi are in the earliest stages of cultivation but are expected to be ready for picking in about three weeks.

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**George Swanik Readies Mushroom Crop for Market
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 13, 1945 Edition**

The 13th annual reunion of the Swearingen-Strouss families was held Saturday, August 17, on the Vegeler (Kay McDonald) farm at Primrose Station. Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Fullerton were hosts of a very pleasant gathering. The day was ideal and with the Stars and Stripes suspended between two large maples, and tables loaded with good things to satisfy the most hearty appetites it presented an appealing sight. The guests began to arrive at 9:30 AM and continued to come until 1:30 PM the old dinner bell that faithfully called to those laboring in the field to "come, dinner is ready," rang out loud and clear and 180 guests were amply supplied by Mr. Walter Davidson, Mrs. Glenn Stottlemeyer, and Mrs. John Bamford, assisted by Mrs. Susan Connell, Mrs. Nelle Blain, Walter Davidson, Glenn Stottlemeyer, Leonard Fullerton, and Joseph Matchett, Jr. The many guests were from McDonald, Midway, Burgettstown, Bulger, Florence, Chester, WV, New Cumberland, WV, Wellsville, Ohio, Youngstown, Ohio, Hookstown, Sewickley, Aliquippa, New Sheffield, Morgantown, WV, Pittsburgh, Houston, Fairview, WV, Weirton, WV, Steubenville, Ohio, Beaver, Brooklyn, NY, and Hartford Conn.

The afternoon business meeting called and officers elected for the coming year, meeting place, Millcreek Church, near Hookstown, PA., with Mr. and Mrs. C.G. Swearingen as host and hostess. Regrets of absence were received by many unable to attend for various reasons. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Fullerton for their making possible for their making it possible for such a pleasant gathering of the two families. Mrs. Fullerton responded with a few remarks, that it had been a very great pleasure to have such a close fellowship and urged the parents to teach the younger generation what it really means to assemble in "reunion" each year. The president then dismissed all business and a very pleasant social time was enjoyed by all. At 5:30 PM the last car drove away and another Swearingen-Strouss reunion was at an end. Many remarked that it was surely a success this year. The officers are: President, J.R. Strouss, Morgantown, WV; Vice President, C.G. Swearingen, Hookstown; secretary, Mrs. J.N. Swearingen, Beaver.

Swearingen-Strouss Family Reunion
McDonald Record-Outlook-August 23, 1935 Edition



Zacharia Swearingen and Elizabeth Burgett Linn

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Linn Family History

Zachariah S. Linn – Born in PA
 b. 1/6/1795 d. 11/11/1871
 Lived in Mechanic, Holmes, OH -1860
 Buried in Mt Latham Cemetery,
 Pebble Twp, Pike Co. OH
 m. Abt. 1810-1811
 Elizabeth Burgett* (Burgettstown, PA)
 b. 3/25/1785 d. 3/23/1861
 (Old Elliott Cemetery, Holmes Co. OH)

2nd marriage to Margaret Armstrong Linn
 b. 7/31/1813 d. 1/10/1873
 m. 10/18/1864 (Coshocton, OH)
 Buried in Mt. Latham Cemetery,
 Pebble Twp OH (No Children)

*Elizabeth Burgett – daughter of
 Sebastian "Boston" Burgett b. 1740
 (Germany) m. 1772 d. 9/4/1789
 Roxanna "Anna Rosina"
 Markle (PA) b. 2/7/1756 d. 2/3/1836

Cicero Linn (Tailor)
 b. 5/4/1812 d. 11/15/1902
 (Ripley Twp, Holmes Co. OH)
 m. 11/3/1836
 Margaret B. Tidball (1)
 b. 12/30/1817 d. 4/12/1885
 m. 4/1/1886
 Nannie Tidball (2)
 (See Names of Children
 On Next Sheet)

Rosannah "Rose Ann" Linn
 b. 3/26/1819 d. 7/2/1896
 Buried in Holmes Co. OH
 m. 8/5/1835
 Josiah E. Fleming
 b. 7/17/1813 d. 3/24/1882
 Died – Ligonier, IN

Sarah Jane Linn
 b. 1820 d. 2/22/1877
 (Pebble Twp Pike Co. OH)
 (Waverly Post Office)
 m. 7/17/1838
 Lived in German, Holmes
 Co. OH - 1850
 Alexander Vincent (Farmer)
 (Peeble Twp, Pike Co. OH)
 b. 1815 d. 1880

Isaiah Blair Linn (Farmer)
 Old Elliott Cemetery - GAR
 b. 10/23/1823 d. 11/10/1908
 m. 3/21/1844 (Holmes, OH)
 Urith E. Frizell
 b. 4/5/1827 d. 6/19/1900

Family Tree of
 Zachariah and
 Elizabeth Burgett Linn

Zacharia S. and Elizabeth Burgett Linn-Family History

Information shared by Robert G. Linn, Jr.

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Pitt duo Gray, Zeremenko named first team All-ACC

Four years ago, **Giorgiana Zeremenko** and **Olivia Gray** were part of a memorable local high school softball season while playing for Canon-McMillan and Trinity, respectively.



Finn



Gray



Kesneck



Zeremenko

COLLEGE NOTEBOOK

This year, Zeremenko and Gray helped Pitt's softball team to a historic season, leading the Panthers to the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament championship game and the cusp of the NCAA tournament. As a result of their big seasons, Zeremenko and Gray each were named All-ACC first team.

Zeremenko, a senior catcher, led Pitt at the plate as she ranked first in batting average (.340), on-base percentage (.464), slugging percentage (.714), hits (50), walks (34), home runs (15) and doubles (10). Zeremenko had 13 multi-hit games and seven multi-RBI games.

Zeremenko's 15 home runs ranked second in the ACC. She became Pitt's all-time home run leader and finished her career with 46. She was named Thursday to the National Fast-pitch Coaches Association All-Mid-Atlantic Region first team.

Gray, a junior shortstop, was second to Zeremenko with a .311 batting average and tied her Washington County teammate in hits

with 50. Gray shared the team lead with six stolen bases and committed only nine errors, finishing the season with a .966 fielding percentage.

In baseball

Jonathan Spina, a junior outfielder for La Roche and a Washington graduate, was recently named first team All-Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference.

Spina made the first team after being a third-team selection as a sophomore. This season, Spina was among the conference's elite players as he led the AMCC in plate appearances, at-bats, hit and triples. He also ranked second in stolen bases, third in runs and four in batting average during the regular season.

Spina, who is currently batting .414 with 10 doubles, six triples and 23 stolen bases in 28 attempts, helped La Roche to the AMCC championship and a berth in the NCAA Division III Mideast Regional that began Thursday in Adrian, Mich. Spina went 1-for-5 with a double and a run in the Red Hawks' 5-1 victory over Ithaca in the first round.

Mount Union junior starting pitcher **Phil Mary** was named to the All-Ohio Athletic Conference team.

Mary, a Venetia native and Peters Township graduate, received honorable mention status and was named to the all-league team for the second time in his career. Last year, he was a first-team selection. Mary started a team-high 12 games and had a 5-5 record with a 3.62 ERA over 82 innings. The senior right-hander led the Purple Raiders with 82 strikeouts along with throwing six complete games.

Saint Vincent junior first baseman **Bobby Finn** of Venetia was named first team All-Presidents' Athletic Conference.

Finn put together a breakout season. The Peters Township graduate led the conference in home runs (9) and slugging percentage (.701), while also ranking among the top five in batting average (.383), RBI (38) and two-out RBI (16). Finn was eighth in the PAC in total bases (82) and was the Bearcats' team leader in doubles (9) and on-base percentage (.425).

Finn tied the single-game school record with three

home runs in a game, including two in one inning in a 16-11 win over Waynesburg April 14. He recorded 16 multi-hit games and was also strong defensively with a .996 fielding percentage. Finn also was named to PAC All-Tournament Team.

Dylan Coyle, a freshman from Canonsburg, had a strong freshman season for Mount Aloysius.

Coyle finished with a 2-0 record and 4.05 ERA in seven outings for the Mounties. He threw a nine-inning complete game April 30 as Mount Aloysius defeated Medaille 9-4.

Matt Mish, a sophomore pitcher and Canon-McMillan graduate, saved his best outing of the season for his final game of the year for Pitt-Greensburg.

In the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference tournament, Mish threw a nine-inning complete game seven-hitter as UPG defeated Penn State Behrend, 8-3.

Mish allowed three runs (zero earned) and one walk. He struck out 11 and threw 127 pitches.

The win improved Mish's record to 4-2. He ended the year with a 4.71 ERA and walked only 10 batters in 49 2/3 innings.

In softball

Katie Tarr, a sophomore pitcher from Burgettstown, was one of four Point Park players named to the All-River States Conference team.

Tarr led Point Park's pitching staff with a 7-3 record, three saves and 1.89 ERA. She amassed 120 strikeouts in 77 2/3 innings and walked only 23 batters. She led the conference in strikeouts and strikeouts per game, and was third in ERA.

Kassie Kesneck, a sophomore from Houston and a Chartiers-Houston graduate, had another outstanding season for Indiana in the PSAC's Central Division.

Kesneck batted .328, which ranked fourth on the team. She also had nine doubles, two home runs and 15 RBI. Kesneck finished second on the team with 10 stolen bases in 12 attempts.

Perhaps Kesneck's best day for IUP was in a doubleheader sweep of Pitt-Johnstown that clinched a spot in the PSAC tournament for the Crimson Hawks. Kesneck, batting leadoff, went 5-for-8, smacked three doubles and one triple, and scored five runs. She had four three-hit games and helped IUP to a 20-17 record.

In basketball

Youngstown State sophomore **Mary Dunn**, a Washington native and Trinity graduate, was voted to the Horizon League Women's Basketball All-Academic team for her success on the court and in the classroom.

Dunn was a key part of the Penguins' success down the stretch as they won nine of their last 11 games in the

regular season. YSU advanced to the postseason for the third time in the last four seasons and hosted a first round game in the Women's Basketball Invitational.

Dunn averaged 6.8 points and 3.8 rebounds while ranking third in the Horizon League with a .547 field-goal percentage. That percentage led the team. She also paced the Penguins with 27 blocked shots.

"I'm extremely proud of Mary for garnering Academic All-Horizon League honors," YSU head coach John Barnes said. "She works very hard in the classroom and on the court, so for her to be recognized by the league for both is outstanding. She is a model student-athlete."

Dunn has a perfect 4.0 grade-point average as a communications studies major. A three-time Horizon League Academic Honor Roll selection, Dunn helped YSU rank in the WBCA Academic Top 25 last year.

In track and field

Point Park's **Sean Hilverding**, a junior from Spraggs and a Waynesburg graduate, earned all-conference honors at the River States Conference Championships held at the RMU island Sports Center.

Hilverding placed third in the 10,000 meters with a time of 34:45 and helped the Pioneers to a second-place finish in the team standings.

Katie Tarr Named to All-River States Conference Observer-Reporter-May 20, 2018 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Burgettstown veterans now seeing things differently

By Bridgette B. Nofsinger
The Record-Enterprise

Art Taucher and Joe Lanczak have seen a lot over the years.

At ages 76 and 77, respectively, they each witnessed Burgettstown transform from a booming trade center in the 1940s to an industrial stopover in the 1970s and finally to a musical haven in the 1990s.

As veterans of World War II, their eyes were permanently scarred with the bloody scenes from the battles at Normandy and Omaha Beach.

Both were honorably discharged back to Burgettstown to work and raise families.

They watched as their children took their first steps, and blinked back the tears as each one journeyed off on her own.

Taucher and Lanczak now suffer from macular degeneration; a disease affecting their eyesight. Visions of their town, their homes and their families remain in their memories, unscathed by the loss of sight.

Life details, such as reading the newspaper, driving a car or writing a letter, however, are affected by their inability to see.

Macular degeneration affects one out of five people older than 60. "The vision loss starts as a pigmentary problem in the retina," said optometrist Dr. Leon Pendracky. "These patients often lose the ability to see colors first."

There are two strains of the disease. The more severe of the two is referred to as "wet" macular degeneration. It is caused by broken blood vessels that leak fluid under the retina.

Dr. Pendracky said the bleeding can be stopped through laser surgery but that the damage to the eyesight is irreversible.

Taucher's left-eye sight began to fail in 1989.

After his right eye became affected, doctors told him that he needed laser surgery.

"If I didn't have the operation, I would be blind," he said. "Even if I went through with it, they told me I had only a 5 percent chance of keeping my vision."

Taucher opted to have the procedure done and enjoyed its temporary success.

Today, he has lost that vision and sees only what he calls "images" of people.

Lanczak suffered a traumatic injury to his right eye during World War II. His left eye did not become affected until 1994 when he developed macular degeneration.

"I have some peripheral vision but the fine detail of my sight is gone," he said.

From the very start, the course of their lives have run parallel to one another. Now, they add to that link the benefit of a seven-week training program.

The goal is to help veterans use the vision they have left with the equipment that is available to enable them to live independent lives.

Taucher was first introduced to the program during a March 1997 health fair sponsored by Veteran Affairs.

By July, he was on a plane, heading for a training center in Connecticut. Seven weeks later, he returned, "a new man," according to his wife.

"He was very depressed after he lost his sight," said Ginger Taucher.

Taucher was disgusted because he could no longer do things around the house.

The low vision training helped him to deal with his loss and feel good about himself again.

Mrs. Taucher was told that she was "crippling" her husband during a three-day family training session the VA invited her to attend.

"I was doing everything for him because he could not see," she said.

Blind rehabilitation specialists taught her how to help her husband help himself.

Mrs. Taucher said that she now feels safe leaving him alone.

"I would feel comfortable dropping him off in downtown Pittsburgh," she said. "I know he will find his way."

Taucher is enrolled with the VA and receives their regular mailings. "A veteran who is not listed with the VA is not aware of the programs we offer," said John Ciak, VA coordinator of Visual Impairment Services.

Ciak interviewed the Tauchers and determined he was eligible to receive low vision training.

Eligible veterans are placed on a waiting list to participate in the training sessions.

Ciak said there are approximately 10 hospitals across the country that pro-

vide this service.

Veterans from Western Pennsylvania are, typically, sent to the Hines Blind Rehabilitation Center in Chicago or the West Haven Center in Connecticut.

Specialists taught the veterans how to use the senses of touch and sound to compensate for their vision loss. Ciak said there is training for each aspect of their lives.

A mobility specialist instructs vets how to use a cane to cross a crowded street.

"They blindfolded us and told us to cross the road using only our ears to determine the flow of traffic," said Lanczak.

He added that they were escorted by a sighted guide.

Other programs taught them to cook safely, dial the telephone and listen to tape recordings.

The VA provided comprehensive medical treatment to the veterans during their stay.

"We were covered from head to foot," said Lanczak, joking he saw every physician from a psychiatrist to a podiatrist.

The VA provided magnifying glasses, special rulers and check writing guides. Both gentleman agreed

Closed Circuit television, which enlarges print up to 25 times its original size, was the greatest aid.

"Reading the newspaper is possible for me again," said Lanczak.

Not many veterans with low vision take advantage of this training. According to Ciak, only about 25-30 people participate each year.

The VA offers the low vision training to any veteran, regardless of whether the impairment is service related.

Generally, there is no cost to the veteran unless he exceeds the income guidelines.

Ciak said it is rare for a veteran to be required to make a co-payment for the training.

"I want people to know that there is help for veterans who are legally blind," said Taucher. "They left nothing to chance. There is no situation that I could not handle now."

For more information on how to sign up with Veteran Affairs or how to participate in a low vision training session, call John Ciak at the Veterans Hospital in Oakland, (412) 688-6847.

THE LONG AGO
Events of Other Times From
Various Sources of Local
History and Old Legends

The following items are taken from the Enterprise of November 24, 1909:-

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A. R. Dutton, who a week ago resigned from the local police force, has received news that he has been willed a ranch of about 30,000 acres of ground, valued at \$300,000, by an uncle who died recently. Dutton had already inherited more than \$300,000 from his father and he now is in the millionaire class. Before coming to Burgettstown Dutton had been a member of Troop A, State Constabulary, and prior to that connection was a Texas Ranger. He has gone to Burkhill, Montana, where the newly inherited ranch is located.

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A peculiar accident almost caused the loss of an arm to a local boy, Walter (Pete) Brabson. Brabson, in company with Howard Brabson, Henry Conrad, Floyd Leopold and Howard Buxton, all lads of 15 or under, were riding in a buggy and carrying a shotgun. When near Cross Creek the gun was accidentally discharged, the entire load entering Walter's arm about two inches above the elbow. He was attended by local doctors and sent to a Pittsburgh hospital.

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A large barn on the James Crawford farm near Murdocksville was completely destroyed by fire, and the entire season's crops, with practically all farm machinery, were lost. The fire is believed to have been set by tramps. Live stock was saved with much difficulty. Loss amounted to several thousand dollars.

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James Fife Hill, aged 84 years, and his wife, Rachel McNary Hill, aged 75 years, celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary in their home in Mount Pleasant township. Both are in excellent health.

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William Knox Reed, aged 75 years, a well-known resident of Cross Creek, died at his home. He was unmarried and had resided in Jefferson township up to a year ago when he retired and took up his residence at Cross Creek.

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Samuel M. McFadden, carpenter and contractor of Avella, aged 76 year, died at his home after an invalidism of two years. He resided in Cross Creek township for many years.

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John McFarren Buchanan, 58 years old, well-known lawyer and capitalist, died at Beaver. He was born at Florence and had been active in politics in Beaver county, serving two terms as district attorney.

Wins Scholarship.

Miss Helen Thomassy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Thomassy of Elm street, a recent graduate of Union high school here, has been awarded an honor scholarship by the University of Pittsburgh. The scholarship, valued at half tuition, may be retained for four years if a high scholastic average is maintained. The total value of the scholarship is \$600. According to late reports, only two other students in the county have been awarded this scholarship.

Mary Thome And Rev. Love To Wed



News of Miss Mary E. Thome's approaching marriage to the Rev. Albert A. Love, pastor of the First United Presbyterian church of Mount Washington, became known last Wednesday when members of the Union high school faculty and office force gave a luncheon in her honor, in the Home Economics House. Supervising Principal Harry L. Tennyson, in behalf of her associates, presented Miss Thome with a chest of silver. It is understood that her resignation has been received by the School Board, as effective July 1.

Miss Thome has been a member of the Union high school faculty for the past 24 years and for three years has been Principal of the high school. She came to Burgettstown as a substitute teacher in 1917, the last year the local high school was conducted in what is now the grade school building. Preceding her elevation to the principalship, she was a member of the teaching staff and for several years served as assistant principal.

Mary Thome and Rev. Love to Wed
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 5, 1941

Aviator's legacy may return to airport

Residents seek to move plaques honoring 'Early Birds' pioneer

By BARBARA S. MILLER
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Today we know the location as the Washington County Airport, but the airfield was dedicated in 1949 to commemorate DeLloyd "Dutch" Thompson, a local aviation pioneer who, in the words of a former *Observer-Reporter* editor, "made sensational headlines from coast to coast as he smashed speed and altitude records, and outlived most of his fellow stunt pilots in the early, crazy days of flight."

There's nary a trace of Thompson's memory at the airport today, but some history-minded residents would like to change that by moving two bronze plaques from the LeMoyne House, home of the Washington County Historical Society, back to the airport, where they once adorned metal gates.

Thompson was the second aviator in the United States to perform a loop with an airplane and sky-write. He

demonstrated the potential use of aircraft in warfare and held both altitude and speed records for many years.

"Every pilot who lands on the field once named for him owes a debt of gratitude to Thompson and the other 'Early Birds' whose courage and ingenuity made flying as we know it today possible," Park Burroughs, former editor of the *Observer-Reporter*, told the commissioners last week, asking the county to again mark the runway and taxiways at the county airport as DeLloyd Thompson Memorial Field.

He submitted a letter he had signed along with Margaret Thompson, whose late husband, Bob, was the aviator's son.

As the airport grew, the gates were abandoned, but in 1969 the county commissioners had the plaques refurbished and hung them in the airport administration building.

"It was the intention of these officials, both in 1949



DeLloyd "Dutch" Thompson at the controls of a Wright biplane in 1910.

and 20 years later, that Thompson's name and all of his accomplishments never be forgotten. Sadly, it has been," Burroughs and Margaret Thompson wrote.

"I'm not asking the commissioners to spend a single penny, just to take the plaques back and put them at the airport where

they belong so his memory will be preserved," said Burroughs, who wrote about the aviator in his 2009 book, "Enter, With Torches"

More than 5,000 people attended the 1949 air show at the county airport that accompanied the ceremony to honor Thompson, who had died that

year. Dignitaries representing the Early Birds, a group of air pioneers who flew before 1916, also marked the occasion. The Washington County Redevelopment Authority now administers the airport, which the county took over in 1950.

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Aviator

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"We will review the data and see what we can do," said William McGowen, executive director of the redevelopment authority, after being shown a booklet highlighting Thompson's accomplishments.

McGowen, a retired admiral and former U.S. Navy aviator, said he did not know the Washington County airfield once bore Thompson's name.

According to Burroughs' and Thompson's letter, the dedication of DeLloyd Thompson Memorial Field of Washington Airport, an effort by the Washington Jaycees and the airport authority, was made possible with money raised from friends and the public. Next year will be the 125th anniversary of the birth of "Dutch" Thompson, which Burroughs and the aviator's daughter-in-law noted would be an appropriate time "to reaffirm our appreciation for all that he did for the aviation industry and as an ambassador of the Washington area."

Commission Chairman Larry Maggi said the proposals were worth looking into.

After being removed from the airport office, the bronze plaques might have been sold for scrap had Margaret Thompson, who was not able to attend Thursday's meeting, not rescued them. They are now displayed in the military history room at the LeMoyné House on East Maiden Street in Washington. Burroughs' book and the website of Early Birds of Aviation Inc. flesh out the notations on the plaques:

DeLloyd Thompson set an altitude record in 1914, when his plane rose to the height of 15,600 feet above Kansas City. In 1916 his plane launched pyrotechnics in the night sky above Washington, D.C., to demonstrate that bombs could be dropped from aircraft. That same year, over Long Island, he broke the air speed record by traveling at 108.4 mph. In



The two plaques honoring DeLloyd "Dutch" Thompson that once hung at Washington County Airport

Boston, he was known as the "Human Comet."

He did stunt flying at Arden Downs in 1917, and piloted his final flight in 1937 to demonstrate the DeLloyd monoplane he had designed and built. This was during the Great Depression, and only

two were produced.

Donna Riggall of Nottingham Township, who also attended the commissioners' meeting, said she saw the proposal to return the plaques to the airport as "another reason for fliers and those in the aeronautics industry to visit us."

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CELEBRATE 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tiano, of Langeloth, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a dinner at Genaldo's for family and friends.

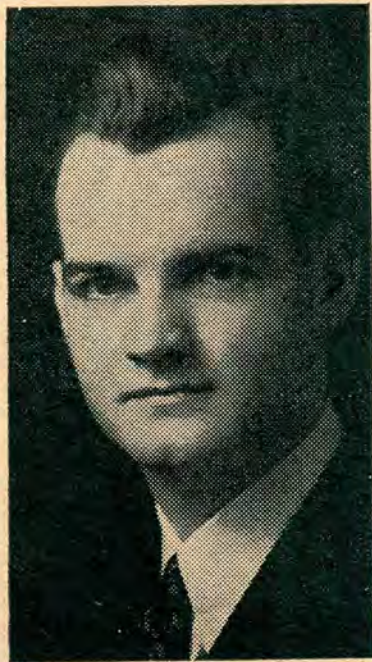
**Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tiano Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 3, 1982 Edition**

PAUL TIDBALL IS ORDAINED

Rev. Paul Tidball, who was ordained into the ministry at services held last Wednesday evening in the Westminster Presbyterian church left yesterday for Louisville, Ky., where he will resume his studies, preparatory to graduation from the Seminary on May 14.

The ordination program included the following:

Invocation—Rev. John Teyssier, Scripture—11 Corinthians 6 chapter 3-10 verses. Rev. William Flurkey, pastor of the Westminster church; Silent prayer. Prayer, Rev. R. L.



REV. PAUL TIDBALL

Biddle, pastor of Florence Presbyterian Church; Sermon—Rev. Wishart, student pastor of W. & J. College; Ordination Statement by moderator—Rev. John Teyssier; Question to minister—Rev. John Teyssier; Prayer and with laying on hands of Presbytery; The right hand of fellowship—Minister of Presbytery; Charge to minister—Dr. McConkey; Benediction—Rev. Paul Tidball. Rev. R. E. Carman, of the First Presbyterian church and Rev. William V. Longbrake, of Washington Presbytery participated in the service.

Among the out of town friends present were, Mr. and Mrs. William Hast, Mrs. Daniel Stolze, Mr. and Mrs. James Beadling, Mrs. William Morgan, Library; Mr. and Mrs. A. F. McNeilly, Mrs. Robert McNeilly and daughter Ellen, Mrs. George Kackurik and daughters Elmina, Ruth and Dorothy, and son George, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Morgan and daughters Ruth and Betty, Mt. Lebanon; Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Hass and Miss Ruth Tidball of Andover, O.; Mrs. J. T. Tidball, Mrs. Ruth Allison, Myrtle Tidball of Rennerdale; Mr. and Mrs. Wison Tidball, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Campbell, Oakdale; George Connors, Student of Louisville Seminary, William J. Perdue, Princeton Seminary; Mrs. James Worthington and son, Samuel, Philadelphia; Mrs. James Thomas and daughter Margaret of Mt. Washington, Pittsburgh.

Scholarship Awarded.

Paul Tidball, Jr., a sophomore at Washington and Jefferson College, has been appointed to a Patterson Scholarship of Louisville, Kentucky. The scholarship is worth to the recipient the sum of \$250.00 annually during his undergraduate years. While in college the student must take four years of Greek, three years Latin and in addition he must be an honor student in all of his courses. The student also engages to attend Louisville Seminary after graduation from college.

**Paul Tidball Jr. is Awarded Scholarship
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**The Children
of
John and Rueanne
Tigner**

Fort Vance Historical Society

The Children of John and Rueanne Tigner

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- I. WILLIAM TIGNER, born in Washington County, PA-1821
Alive 1894-not on the 1900 Index

Married Catherine Davidson?
Born in PA-1819

Children:

1. Lorinda Tigner, born in Washington County-1848. Died in Midway, PA.
2. John Davidson Tigner, born Patterson's Mill, PA-5/20/1853. Died in Nebraska.
3. Richard M. Tigner, born in Washington County, PA -8/6/1853. Died in Midway, PA.
4. Amanda Tigner, born in Washington County, PA-1854. Died in County Home.
5. Ellen Tigner, born in Washington County, PA-1856. Died in Jefferson Twp.

- II. AMANDA TIGNER, born in Washington County, PA -1829.

Married John Hall 6/17/1862 in Washington, PA

Children:

1. John H. Hall ?

- III. REASON CLARK TIGNER

Born in Washington County, PA - 5/1835 and died in Vancouver, British Columbia on 3/31/1916.

Married Margaret Kelvington

Born in Peters Twp., PA-12/8/1840 and died in Minneapolis, Minnesota-1903.

Margaret was the daughter of Mary Ann Baldwin and James Stewart Kelvington.

Children:

1. Anna Margaret Tigner, born in PA-1858. Died in Seattle, Washington
2. Amanda Tigner, born in PA-1862. Died ?.
3. Tursy Tigner, born in PA -1864.
4. Retta Tigner, born in PA.-7/22/1870. Died in Minneapolis, Minnesota

- IV. Richard Montgomery

The Children of John and Rueanne Tigner

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- I-1. LORINDA TIGNER was born in Washington County on 7/26/1848 and died in Midway, PA on 4/1/1908. She was buried in Fairview Cemetery, Burgettstown, PA.

Lorinda married William James Snodgrass-born 1855.

Parents-Jackson Snodgrass and Elizabeth Swallow

William James died Brooke County, WV 8/12/1889.

He was on the 1910 Census-Burgettstown, PA-Not on 1920 Index

They had the following Children:

A. Charles E. Snodgrass
Died in Cincinnati, OH

B. Mattie Blanche Snodgrass born August 1885
Married Lawrence Baker of Baltimore, MD in Wellsburg, WV on 11/26/1907.

- I-2. JOHN DAVIDSON TIGNER was born in Pattersons Mill, PA-5/20/1850 and died in Cass County, Nebraska-3/14/1930. He was buried in W. Union Cemetery, Cass County, Nebraska.

John married Sarah Josephine Campbell in Ohio, 3/14/1872. Sara was the daughter James Campbell and Eliza Moore. Sarah was born in PA in 1850 and died in Cass County in 3/11/1927. She was buried in W. Union Cemetery, Cass County, Nebraska.

They had the following children:

A. JAMES MILLER TIGNER was born in Cross Creek, PA - 1/1874 and died in Omaha, NE on 7/28/1946. He was buried in Union Cemetery, Cass County, NE.

James married Louisa Jane Ireby on 11/29/1899 in Plattsmouth, NE. Louisa was the daughter of Eden Ireby and Sarah Stottler. Louisa was born in 1876.

They were separated 8/18/1909.

James also married Mary M. West in 1917. Mary was the daughter of Mrs. Adam Wolfe. Mary was born in Nebraska.

There were no children by either marriage.

The Children of John and Rueanne Tigner

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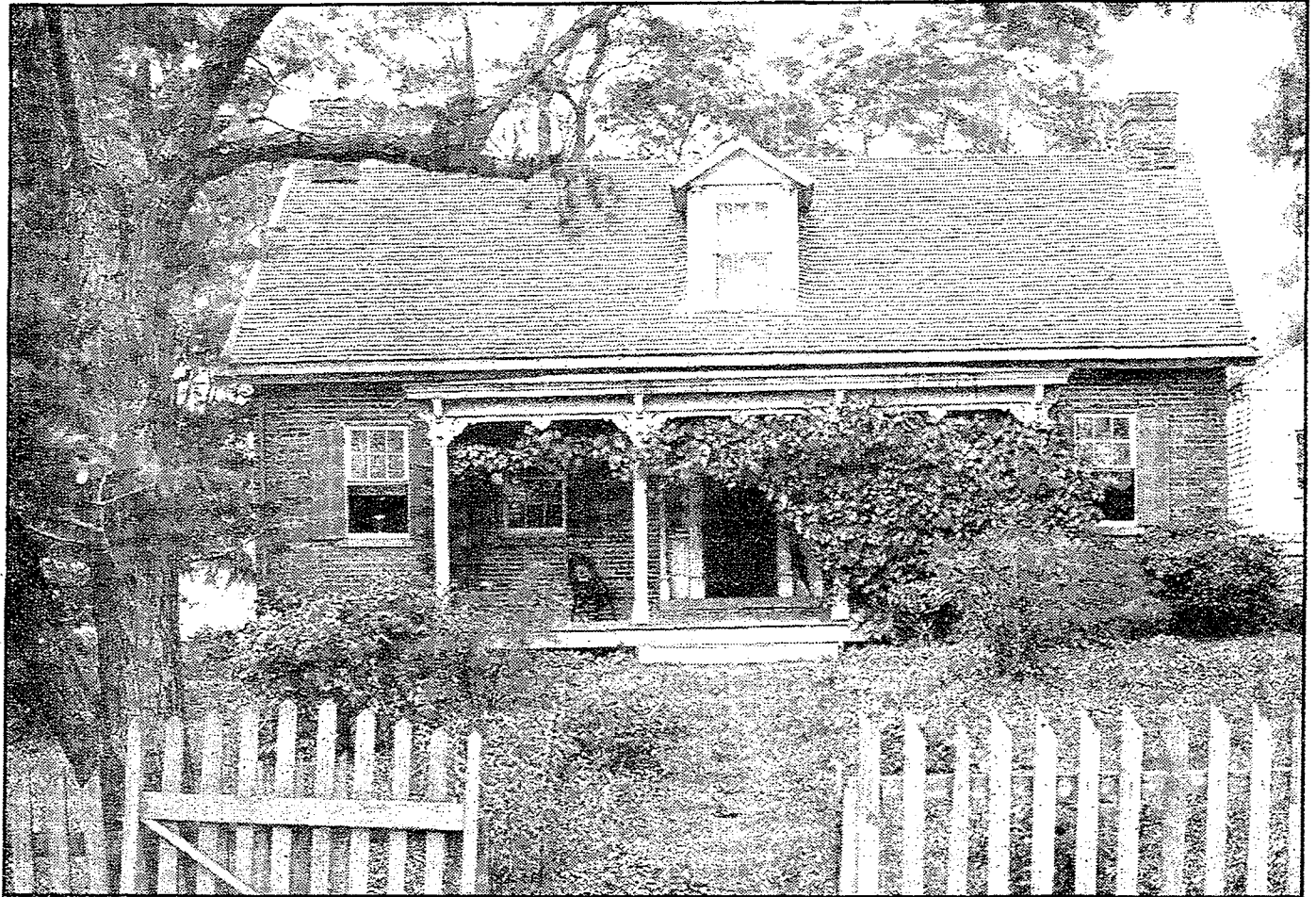
WILLIAM JAMES SNODGRASS

- He appears in 1910 Census with a housekeeper and her daughter in his household, BURGETTSTOWN. I think he is gone on the 1920 Census Index. He was 55 on the 1910 Census.
- 149 Main Street, Burgettstown-General laborer
Eliza Brooke-servant
Vera P. Brooke-Lodger

I don't think he left the state but, I said that about Reason Tigner who left the country.

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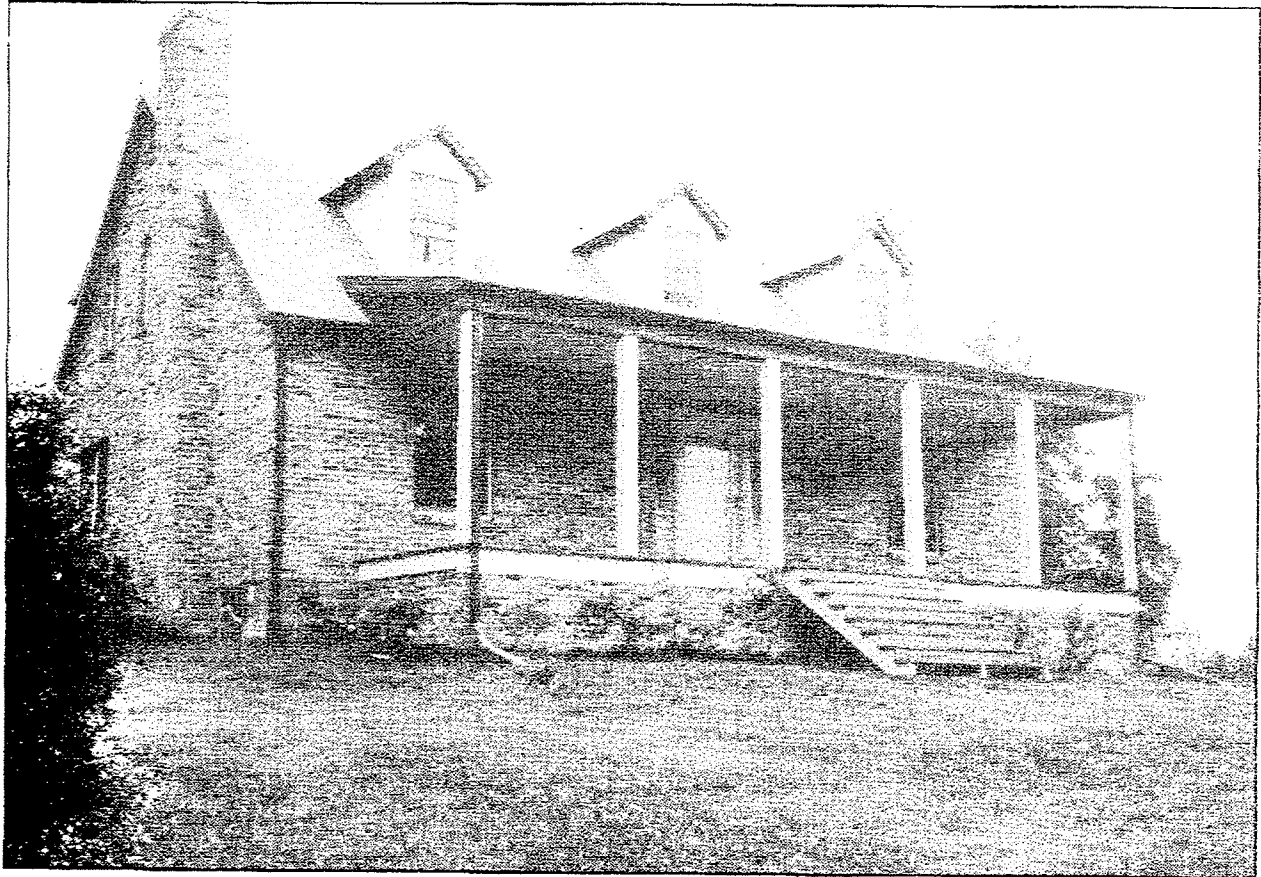
Richard Eslinger
July 2004



KNOWN IN LATER years as the Farrar house, built by John White III in 1840-1842 on Bonnymeade Farm.

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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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C. W. TOPE HAS FINE RECORD AS OFFICER

Charles W. Tope, prominently known Burgettstown business man turned over the keys of the County Treasurer's office to his successor John L. Post on New Year's Day and wrote finis to a term as County Officer that was marked with a conscientious application to duty.



C. W. TOPE

During Mr. Tope's term his office was one of the most efficiently conducted departments of the County Court House. Mr. Tope supervised the vast volume of clerical work that was necessary last summer to put county delinquent tax records in shape for collecting, a duty that will devolve upon Mr. Tope's successor. Because of Mr. Tope's efforts to collect delinquent taxes, which had piled to an alarming figure during depression years, a large sum of monies was made available to the county, and thereby made it possible for County Officials to conduct administrative affairs with a minimum of borrowing.

Mr. Tope is at present at his home on Center avenue and has no future plans in the political arena. He was not a candidate for re-election although he holds a high place in the confidence of the Democratic organization of Washington County. He is now attending to his numerous business interests hereabouts.

**C. W. Tope Has Fine Record as Officer
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 4, 1940 Edition**

BERTHA MAN IS SENTENCED 15 YEARS

A plea of guilty of second degree murder for stabbing James L. Torrence, 37, his former friend, whom he met in the workhouse, was entered Monday by Milton McCormick, 32, Negro, of Bertha, when he appeared before Judge Robert E. Burnside. The killing occurred about 7 a.m., October 26, as Torrence was waiting with others for a truck to take him to work on a WPA project.

There had been some trouble between them the day before the stabbing when McCormick went to Torrence to borrow some tar to repair the roof of his home, and the latter refused to give it. They met again next morning while Torrence was waiting for the truck. McCormick grabbed Torrence by the right shoulder and stabbed him in the left side with a pocket-knife. The stab was near the heart and the wounded man died before they could get him to a doctor. McCormick was arrested that same day by County Detectives and State Police.

The Court stated that the defendant's record shows that he is of a quarrelsome disposition, but every person knows not to take the life of another. He was sentenced to pay the costs, \$1 fine and to not less than six or more than 15 years in the Western Penitentiary.

By Jim Dallara, Sports Editor

The Record-Enterprise

"Guy Tornabene was one the fairest men I ever met. He earned my respect a long time ago _ respect that remains with me today," Merle Ayres of Bulger said of his former football coach.

Rick Chiff of McDonald echoed Ayres' comment.

"I could never get around to calling him 'coach' during my high school days or 'Guy' in the years that followed. To me he was and always will be 'Mr. Tornabene.'

"I knew him as a coach and a friend for 45 years," Chiff added. "He treated everyone the same way _ fairly. All he asked for in return was a 100 percent effort."

The legendary McDonald High School football and basketball coach died July 25 at the age of 82.

Ayres was the quarterback on back-to-back undefeated seasons for the McDonald Red Devils in 1952 and 1953. Chiff was a halfback in both campaigns and also the following year, 1954, when the team made it three in a row.

"We didn't have enough Gardner points to qualify for the title in my junior year, but when I was a senior we capped another 8-0 regular season with a Class B championship game with Sewickley Township at Clairton," Ayres recalls.

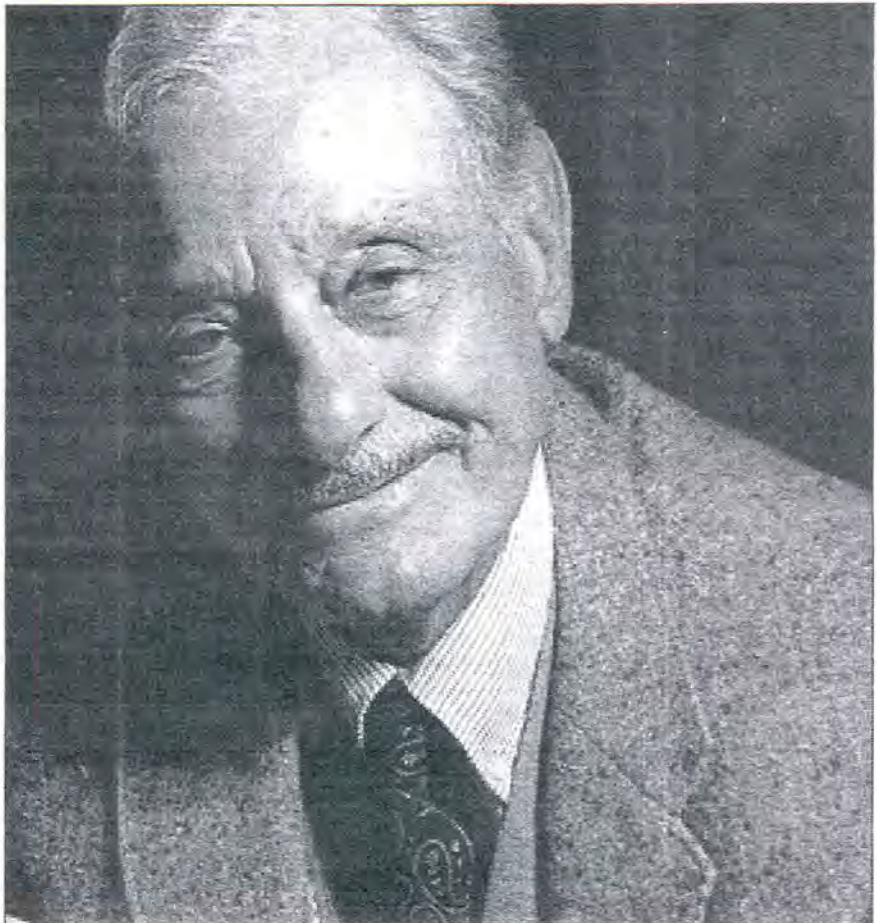
McDonald lost that contest, 13-7, but Ayres remembers vividly a penalty that may have deprived the team of victory.

"We were on a drive late in the game and were on our way to a winning score. However, a holding penalty at the 20-yard line pushed us back 15 yards and we couldn't make it up. Mr. Tornabene and the other coach graduated from college together and basically ran the same split-T offense.

Others claimed that McDonald's offensive scheme was similar to that employed at the University of Oklahoma, coached by Bud Wilkinson, a friend of Tornabene.

Chiff's senior year saw yet another perfect season, rewarded with a second shot at the Class B title. Again the Red Devils fell short, 20-13, at the hands of South Huntington in a game played at Wilkinsburg.

"Bob Klimas, who had converted from fullback to quarterback, separated his shoulder in the first series of downs,"



Guy Tornabene

Chiff recalled. "Bill Spaude did a good job of filling in, but we just never got into full sync."

Never was Tornabene more proud of his players.

"We came back to McDonald and there must have been 500 people at the high school cheering for us," Chiff said. "Mr. Tornabene told us at that time, before we left the bus, that we had fought a gallant battle and that we had lost to a very good team. 'But you're still my boys,' the coach said."

Ayres played for four years of football in McDonald under Tornabene.

"His practice sessions were long and hard," Ayres said. "I seldom got home before dark. On occasions, he would have everybody turn on their car lights so we could run extra wind sprints. And a water break in those days was unheard of _ we weren't allowed near water until our work was over."

Ayres said a typical practice day would begin immediately after dismissal of classes at the old high school atop the hill in McDonald. "We would put on our equipment and then had to

run down the hill to the football field on the west side of town," he said. "And the coaches would follow us in their cars to see that we got there quickly."

Ayres weighed 190 pounds in his senior year, big for players in that time on a Class B football team. Jack Kenneweg, who checked in at 200 pounds, was the biggest man on the squad, Ayres said.

The two undefeated McDonald teams then had the benefit of starters who played together as a unit both campaigns. Ayres, Chiff, Harvey Brookins and Klimas comprised the backfield. Brookins later played at Columbia University.

"Mr. Tornabene set the standard for all the coaches in McDonald," Ayres said. "He was a very strict disciplinarian, but also he treated everybody on the team in a fair manner. He never swore _ he didn't believe in it. He was an excellent tactician _ one of the best individual coaches, and people, I've ever had the honor of being associated with."

Chiff added, "His awareness of every

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situation that came up on the football field was just amazing. He knew everything that was going on _ both ways, on offense and on defense. He emphasized execution and knowing your assignments, and he believed faking was the key to a successful running game. One time an official blew a play dead where I had been tackled; the thing was, though, that Harvey (Brookins) was in the end-zone with the football."

Chiff smiles, recalling another moment.

"The closest he ever came to swearing, and showing anger, was when he called one of his players a 'monkey,'" he said. "You knew he was mad when he used that word."

Ayres continued, "And he was good in getting a point across. I made a mistake one time of telling him what good speed I had. So he sent me back to return punts during a very hot practice session and sent the entire team to nail me. I was aching all week, but I never spoke of my speed again."

Chiff told of a time when the team had a good lead and the coach sent him in to punt.

As he entered the huddle, Chiff said he was sent in to kick, but quarterback Terry Smith said it was only third down. "He called my play, and with good blocking I ran 72 yards for a touchdown," Chiff said. "When I returned to the sidelines feeling happy, you guessed it - I became a monkey. I sat the rest of the game on the far end of the bench."

Woe to the football players found on the streets of McDonald after 8:30 p.m. on a night before practice.

"He rode around looking for anyone who might be coming out of the Grand or Dreamland theaters," Ayres said. "It was extra sprints for us the next day if he did find anyone."

Chiff said, "Everyone in town knew about the '49 grey Plymouth that he drove. Even the merchants worked with the coach to make sure we were nowhere to be found when his car appeared. He would ride around about 8:15 _ you could set your watch on it. He had a rule that you had to be home by 8:30, no matter what."

Tornabene also coached both junior high and varsity basketball in McDonald until John Berdell took over the reins. Serving as assistant coaches during the memorable three-year era, in addition to Berdell, were Ed Hepe and Ed Blockowicz.

In the 1953 season, McDonald eked

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■ Harry Rigo

out a pair of victories over neighboring rivals Hickory (14-13) and Midway (7-6) to clinch an undefeated year. Brookins ran the winning extra point in the win over the Midway Blue Knights.

"For some reason we got to Midway late that night, about five minutes before the kick-off," Ayres recalls. "And we were down at halftime, 6-0. I had lime in my eyes and was attempting to get the stuff off my face in the locker room. Mr. Tornabene glared at me and shouted 'pay attention,' so the face washing ended right there! The whole team picked up after that, and we went back onto the field and won the game."

Chiff said, when Tornabene spoke at halftime during a varsity contest, no one dared to say a word.

There was complete quiet," Chiff said. "No one talked unless he was given permission. This was not due to fear; instead it was respect. He demanded it, and got it."

At the Washington County Coach of the Year banquet in 1954, Tornabene was honored by his peers as the award's first recipient.

"McDonald was proud of its football team, and so were the players," Ayres said. "We thought we were the best in the WPIAL, and we came oh so close two years in a row to proving it. But Mr. Tornabene was the principle reason why the Red Devils had powerhouse football teams year after year. He was our coach, our leader and our inspiration."

Tornabene taught biology and coached football at Midway, North Fayette and McDonald high schools.

It was at the latter school where he attained his greatest success, and where many of his proteges still reside.

The old coach never forgot them: "You're still my boys," was a message to be remembered forever.

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Trimmer Reunion.

The Trimmer family reunion will be held on Labor Day, September 7, 1931, on the Burgettstown fair grounds. This branch of the Trimmer family are descendents of the General Anthony Wayne family. All knowing themselves to be related in any way are invited to attend the reunion. Mrs. E. O. Kraer, 127 Arabella street, McDonald, is the secretary of the family organization.

**Trimmer Reunion-Descendants of General Anthony Wayne
Burgettstown Enterprise- September 3, 1931 Edition**



TWO OF THE children who died in 1885.



TWO OF THE children who died in 1885.



THE TWO OLDEST of the second family, Oscar and Ida.

Six little graves in Eldersville are remembered again

By Kathryn Campbell Siasor
For The Enterprise

Remember the story of "The Silence of Six Little Graves" that appeared in this column May 4, 1994?

The six children of William K.

and Emma Gardner Truax had died within a month's time in the year 1885, in a diphtheria epidemic. All are buried in the Eldersville Church Cemetery. The children were Walter E., one year old; Earl A., age four; Freddie W., seven; Harry E., nine; Clara B., age ten;

and Lydia, age sixteen. A year and a half after the six silent little graves became a chapter in the history of Eldersville, another son was born to William K. and Emma. Oscar died in 1966 at age 80. The second child of the second family was Ida Ann Truax, who married

M.A. Cheesebrough and who lived to be nearly 98, having passed away in 1986. The third was W.M. Truax, who died in 1984 at the age of 90. The fourth child of the second family is Viola Truax Cassidy, who lives today in Meadville at the age of 99, the only surviving member of

the family of William K. and Emma Gardner Truax.

Shown here are four of the children who died in 1885, unidentified as to names, as no one is alive today who can distinguish one from another.

Shown in the third picture are

the two oldest of the second family, Oscar and Ida.

All are full brothers and sisters, with a tragic gap between the oldest six and the four who followed.

(Pictures courtesy Viola Gillespie)

Six Little Graves in Eldersville are Remembered Again
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Eugene Tucci – Citizen of the Year May 1993

It's a pleasure to be back with family members and among long-time friends. Even though I have spent most of the last twenty years away from here, the memories, the associations and the influences from my early years are a daily part of my life.

Not only did the years of growing up in Burgettstown shape my character and fate, but the person I am now is still partly the I was then.

It is good to keep in touch with that; it is marvelous to be here for such an honorable occasion. Needless to say, my whole family is thrilled that our main of every year is being honored tonight as the Lions Club's Citizen of the Year.

Both the community and its civic organizations such as the Lions Club have always been important to my father. It is gratifying to have his efforts recognized. We have always been proud that Eugene Tucci is our father and we are especially so tonight.

This evening I would like to tell you a little about him as I have known him. My father is a simple man, an honest man and a man of strong and good character. His beginnings were humble. He was the only son of immigrant parents, the third of five children. His father died when he was three. At an early age he had to quit school to work to help support his family. He continued to work hard until his retirement ten years ago. He is a man of tremendous energy. I remember hearing him say that he never knew what it was like to be tired, until he was sixty-five. Previous to that he thought anyone who said he was tired was just lazy. I don't think I ever saw him just sit around during my growing years.

My father is a man of modest needs and tastes. His main goal has always seemed to be to provide for his family and to live honestly. When he earned money he did not spend it on himself, he spent it on his family. He was an automobile dealer who never drove a new car until he retired, his usual attire was his coveralls, his favorite entertainment was the Union High School football games. During our growing years he worked hard to feed, clothe, house and educate us. From a very young age I remember having him tell me and my brothers that he was saving money for our college educations because he much wanted for us to have the opportunity for an education.

My father has always been a giving person and seems truly happiest giving of himself, his time and his energy.

I think my father was a successful businessman because he is intelligent and personable. His business motto was "Not better than the rest but as good as the best.". That is how he tried to live his life and conduct his business. He tried to do things in a professional way. I remember once after a dental check-up; he received a bill from Dr. Spiegel which included a charge for "Analysis of Roxanne's X-rays". Not to be outdone by the dental profession the next time the Spiegel's car was in the garage for service the Spiegels received a comparable bill from my father for "Analysis of the Spiegel's car's engine." And, since the car was not a Dodge it probably need therapy also.

One of my father's favorite stories to tell you about my Dad, is a kind of family secret. Whenever someone complained to him about some problem with their car and after he or she was out of

earshot Dad would say: "There's nothing wrong with that car, he just doesn't know how to drive it."

What was it like growing up with Eugene Tucci as my father? He so obviously had a tremendous pride in his family and as his child you wanted to be worthy of it. Sometimes it was even embarrassing; for too many years, a picture of "Our Roxy" graced the several hundred calendars given out by Tucci's Garage every Christmas. He was that proud of me and my brothers.

Dad taught us by thought and by example. He was always telling us to work hard, especially in school. He always taught us to be thrifty, to do our share and give our share for any our endeavors or obligations. He was busy with business and civic obligations but he always had time for us. In fact, we were first. If we called him with some problem he often came home to help us solve it. He took us to places we need or wanted to go, even to and from school dances when the last person we wanted to be seen with was a father.

He made sure we were able to attend activities as diverse as Brownie Scouts and college weekends. I think I can speak for my brother Bob who could not be here tonight. For three years my father took Bob to the Soldier's and Sailor's Hall in Pittsburgh on Sundays during the orchestra season to rehearse with the Youth Symphony. His dedication and sacrifice helped Bob become a professional musician. We always knew that we came first with our parents.

When I think of my father the characteristics that are prominent in my mind are patience, kindness and generosity.

My brothers and I did a lot of dumb things in our growing years but Dad always took us in his stride. During my first driving lesson I promptly put the car in a ditch and he didn't even yell; he just walked two miles to call a tow truck. I never saw my father do a mean thing or hurt anyone or try to hurt anyone.

Then as now he has been generous to us, sharing everything he has. No children could ask for more.

As I said earlier, we are very proud that his community service is being recognized tonight and that Eugene Tucci is being honored. In closing I'd like to add a personal note. On Wednesday evening when I arrived in Burgettstown my mother showed me a copy of the Burgettstown Enterprise article describing tonight's program. When I saw my name listed as the principal speaker I must confess some mixed feelings. I felt awed and overwhelmed and frankly, I wanted to head out of town immediately. To me, principal speaker designates someone who ought to inspire, enlighten at least entertain his audience. I felt inadequate to deliver any of those things. However, it caused me to think about what of value I might have to say tonight. I realized then that my father has lived the "American Dream". He has shown that the poor son of immigrant parents could succeed in our society. Eugene Tucci was able to raise and support a family, be a successful businessman, run for political office, serve in local government and help others personally as a member of civic organizations like the Lions Club. And, he is now retired and living comfortably. In a sense it is remarkable, but in a great sense, his life is an example that others of us can aspire to hope we can achieve.

Miss Frances E. Tucci, well known as a vocalist will sing over station KQV Sunday, May 15th, between 5 and 5:45 p. m. E. S. T. Miss Tucci who sings over the radio and on the Stage is also with the Steubenville Symphony Orchestra of Steubenville, as a coloratura soprano. She has studied voice for five years and this summer expects to visit the Sher-



wood Conservatory of Chicago, where she will later qualify as voice instructress.

She is an aunt of Richard Henry Gerrero, 7 year old child violin prodigy of Weirton who is being heralded by music critics as the ranking child prodigy of the panhandle district. Richard made his last appearance at Union high school in November, when he was very highly praised for his fine playing.

Tucker Family

The Indians were quieted and highways were taking place of Indian trails. Once was Briceland crossroads, now Florence, PA. James Briceland opened up a general store, Later the store was conducted by the Livingstones and then by the Clelands.

John and Henrietta Tuckers children moved. Martha married the Millers brother, Samuel Ralston. Drusilla married Lewis Sadler, Anna's Husband Johnston, Elizabeth never marries. John was given a farm where the Tucker land entered the pike. Johnathan married Margret Wright, daughter of a pioneer family from Eldersville. They shared the home of his father and mother. Thomas and David married sisters, Eleanor and Christy Hill. Thomas settled on the east of the property. David was given the west tract. Samuel had been a minister and was killed by Indians enroute.

John Tucker was addressed by the Quakers; "Father Tucker" conducted service in his cabin known as "Tucker Methodist Station"

In 1823 a stone church was begun and erected for \$85. Stone quarried on the land and completed in 1824. John Tucker gave the land, John died April 6, 1830 at the age of 100.

It is believed that the Tucker family received communion for the first time.

The Tucker stone house on Tucker Lane in Hanover Township has been owned by Larry and Judy Lofholm since 1989. Lately, it has of interest to University of Delaware student Kari Main.

Kari visited the Lofholms in April, having become acquainted with them when Kari's parents and the Lofholms were living in Idaho.

In 1995 Kari became the recipient of a two-year fellowship offered by the Winterthur Museum in Delaware to students interested in Early American Culture. She was one of 10 in 100 applicants to receive such a scholarship and she is pursuing her master's degree in the field.

She came to the Burgettstown area not only to visit the Lofholms but also to expand her knowledge of Western Pennsylvania architecture. She is currently writing a paper in which details about the Tucker stone house will be included.

Built about 1818 by John Tucker, the house was originally used in part as a meeting place for the Tucker Methodist congregation before the Tucker stone church was built on Route 22. The house has two front doors which lead Kari and the Lofholms to believe that one opened into the meeting room. This is not a usual feature of early stone houses in the area.

Kari has carefully checked the measurements of the house, the beams and other features and her interest has even been quickened by shards of old pottery found in the yard.

In her study at the university and the museum, she has taken five weeks instruction in each of the following branches of early artifacts: silver, furniture, base metals, ceramics, glass and textiles.

Kari completed her undergraduate work at the University of Puget Sound in Washington. She has been working on her master's degree at Delaware since July 1995.

While in Burgettstown, she used of the local library, spending time in the historical room studying about the Tuckers and various phases of Western Pennsylvania culture.

**Tucker House Under Study by College Student
The Record-Enterprise-May 1, 1996 Edition**

Tucker Reunion

"Nil Desperandum", the english version being, "Never Despair" from the coat of arms of the Tucker family, pioneer settlers in Hanover township, will be the subject of a sermon to be delivered by a Tucker descendant, Rev. David S. Graham of Valencia, Pa. at a reunion of members of this family in the Tucker Methodist Episcopal church on Sunday morning, June 2 at 11 o'clock.

John Tucker, hardy pioneer who built Tucker church in 1823 will gather from three states on Sunday morning to pay tribute to his memory. After a sermon by Rev. Graham, the clan will adjourn to the Farm for dinner and will return to the church in the afternoon for a reunion.

John Tucker, hardy pioneerr who was born in 1731 and died exactly one hundred years later, 1831, settled in Hanover township when it was still a part of the state of Maryland. For fifty years he held divine worship in his own home, not being a Minister of the Gospel, but a gentleman of pious leanings. A few years before his death, in 1823 he built the Tucker church, and it stands today as a monument to his memory.

Present for the services, Sunday, will be descendants of Thomas Tucker, son of John, who left Florence 102 years ago and settled near Marietta, O. They will include Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Townsend and Mr. Culver of Mansfield, O. and Miss Rowena Tucker of Beverly.

Shirley Bruce, well known mail carrier and descendant of Jehn Tucker has prepared a chart, showing the descendants in the various Tucker families and will display same at the Sunday reunion.

Friends of the Tucker clan will be welcomed at the reunion.

Tucker Reunion
June 2, 1940

GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Huey Tustin celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in their home in Cherry Valley. Present were their 5 children, Mrs. Ora Tustin McConnell and husband, John and their children, Mr. and Mrs. Huey E. McConnell and three children, Fred Tustin, Mrs. Thelma Tustin and three children, Harry Tustin, Mr. and Mrs. Verna Tustin and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Crawford, Ray, and Flossie Tustin. Mrs. Tustin's brothers, John, Jacob and William Antill, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boling, Mr. and Mrs. James Calhoun, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Maiata, Bert Covert, Harry Antill, Mr. and Mrs. William Burries, and children, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Henda, and son, Miss Lucy Venturini and Joseph Bertovich. Fifty-one guests were present and took of the chicken supper. Pictures were taken of the bride and groom and wedding cake. Mr. Tustin played some tunes on the snare drum, Mrs. Tustin played on the violin and the Burris family

Mr. and Mrs. Huey Tustin Celebrate 50th Anniversary
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 24, 1938 Edition

Bruce Tuttle and Mae White sprang a surprise on most of their friends on Tuesday evening, September 28, by going to the manse and being united in marriage by Rev. O. S. McFarland. They were unattended. Immediately after the ceremony some of their associates having heard the news, sought out a vehicle of ancient design, trimmed it with an array of tinware and gave the bride and bridegroom a pressing invitation to get in and receive a good start in life. Having accepted, they were taken to the end of the brick road where they were left to walk back. They took it all as a joke and on their return were given a respectable serenade and taken to

Bruce Tuttle and Mae White
Marriage-September 28, 1915
Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Underwood Explains Cause of Defeat

Thomas J. Underwood, defeated candidate for Sheriff, says that it is an easy matter to explain why he was defeated at the primaries on Tuesday. In the first place his name, Tom J. Underwood, contains 13 letters. 113 voters signed his petition, the license number on his yellow car was 113. Besides this on Friday, August 13, while driving along the highway in his campaign car he ran over and killed a black cat, and with him in the car at the time was a candidate, who is also numbered among the "also rans." Who could expect to win with such a list of hoodoos.

MIDWAY WOMAN DIES WHEN STRUCK BY CAR

Fatal Accident on Public Road at
Midway Caused by Alleged
Reckless Driving

Automobile accidents in Washington county over the week end resulted in a fatality at Midway, several other motorists were more or less severely injured and many cars were badly damaged as result of skidding on highways made treacherous by drizzling rainfall.

Mrs. Johanna Urbanic, aged 28 years of Midway was fatally injured when struck by an automobile as she walked along the highway about 8 o'clock Sunday evening. The accident occurred in the vicinity of the west end of the town of Midway.

John Oldock 23, Polish, of Cherry Valley, driver of the machine, was arraigned by Constables Mike Robb and John Kucera before Justice of the Peace George Powelson, and in default of bail of \$1,000, committed to the county jail on a temporary charge of reckless driving.

Mrs. Urbanic was walking with Mr. and Mrs. F. Urbanic to the home of Frank Daudet, when the accident occurred. Oldock, continuing toward Burgettstown, crashed his sedan into the automobile of Earl Smiley, of Bulger, which was parked along the road.

The collision turned Oldock's machine over in the highway and he was severely cut and bruised about the head and face. Oldock had recently returned from New Jersey, and was using New Jersey license plates on his automobile. He was given treatment by Dr. J. M. Steiner, of Midway.

The body of Mrs. Urbanic was taken to the mortuary of Deputy Coroner Ed Wilson, at Midway.

**Johanna Urbanic, Midway Women Dies When Struck by Car
Burgettstown Enterprise-October 29, 1931 Edition**

Mr. And Mrs. Dominic Vajentic To Keep Open House On Their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Vajentic of No. 1 East Market street will observe their Golden Wedding anniversary on Saturday, November 15 by holding open house for their family and friends from 5:30 to 8 p. m. The celebration will be an informal one because of the delicate state of Mrs. Vajentic's health.

Mr. and Mrs. Vajentic who were united in marriage in St. Nicholas church, Pittsburgh in 1902 have resided in Burgettstown for 37 years and are well revered and well respected residents of the community. Mr. Vajentic is retired, but during his business career conducted a grocery store and also worked in the area mines.

They are the parents of Mrs. Hannah Lawrence of Detroit, Mich., Mrs. Mary Gusteau of Burgettstown, Dominic, Jr. of Washington, Pa., Joseph, Rudy and Mrs. Margaret Godish all of Burgettstown.

Rev. W. J. McCashin will hold mass for the Vajentic family in Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic church Saturday morning at 7:30 o'clock and at 2:30 in the afternoon there will be a dinner for the family in Hannah and Fred's Restaurant.

Mr. and Mrs. Vajentic were both born in Jugo Slavia and Mrs. Vajentic is the former Johanna Klarich.*

**Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Vajentic
To Keep Open House on Their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 13, 1952 Edition**

Many Relatives Attend Vajentic Golden Wedding



Relatives and friends from the greater Burgettstown Community, also from Detroit, Florida, Pittsburgh, Sewickley, Weirton, Washington and McKeesport called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Vajentic last Saturday, Nov. 15 to offer congratulations on their Golden Wedding anniversary. Highlight of the occasion was the receipt of a cablegram from their grandson, Captain and Mrs. Robert Lawrence and their two daughters from Toyko, Japan. Captain Lawrence is with the air force intelligence.

The day began with high mass for the family said by Rev. W. J. McCashin in Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic church. A family dinner for 60 relatives was held at noon in Pompe's restaurant and the remainder of the day was spent with an open house to receive friends and relatives in the Vajentic home at 1 East Market street.

The three daughters and three sons of the Vajentics and their 15

grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren were nearly all present for the occasion. Other interesting guests were Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Vajentic of Sewickley. Mr. Vajentic was best man at the wedding 50 years ago.

Out of town guests included: Dominic Vajentic and children of Washington, Mrs. Mary Klarich, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Klarich and children, Mrs. Anthony Klarich and children, Mrs. Josephine Grum and children, and Edward Lawrence all of Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. Anthony Lopick and sons of Grand Rapids, Mich.

**Many Relatives Attend Vajentic Golden Wedding
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 20, 1952 Edition**

The Greatest Generation
An Interview/Story of

Isadore Valenti
WWII Veteran

Interviewed by
Stephen Laborec
Burgettstown Area School Project

Fort Vance Historical Society

- Q: Good morning Mr. Valenti. Please state your name and where you are originally from.
- A: Good Morning. My name is Isadore Valenti and I'm originally from Ford City which is about 30 miles north of Pittsburgh, PA. I moved to Penn Hills in 1962.
- Q: Were you drafted or did you join the army?
- A: I joined the army on my own on February 5, 1946.
- Q: How old were you at this time?
- A: I was about 26 years old.
- Q: Do you remember what you were doing when Pearl Harbor was bombed and what did you think?
- A: We were on a North Carolina Maneuvers. I remember sitting around a bonfire . It was around 5:00 P.M. when the news came over about the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor. Even though we were around a bonfire the news chilled us.
- Q: What did you think of Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini, and the other enemy leaders?
- A: Hitler, when he first became Chancellor of Germany in 1933, was like a fresh breath of air to the German people. Germany at the time was going through an inflationary period, whereby a loaf of bread cost one million marks, which is German money, until he put the country on a war-footing which brought employment back. After he started taking over one country after another Hitler became more power mad. His biggest mistake was the invasion of Russia, but it was a mistake in our favor. Mussolini in comparison was a puppet compared to Hitler. Italy was involved in a war which it never won because of Hitler's intimidation of Mussolini.
- Q: What battles did you fight in?
- A: I was in four campaigns. The campaign of North Africa in the Tunisian campaign in November 1942, which included the battle of Kasserine Pass. The invasion of Sicily which took place July 10, 1943 under General George S. Patton, Jr. The next campaign was the Landings in Italy in November of 1943. Then the invasion of southern France on August 15, 1944. Then the invasion of Germany on March 16, 1945 and the capture of Berchtesgarden, Germany where Hitler had his estate, May 4, 1945. The war ended on May 7, 1945. I was on my way home on May 12, 1945.
- Q: What were your duties during battle?
- A: I was a medic that took care of general wounds. I was in Company K of the 7th Infantry Regiment.

Q: What were your thoughts during battle?

A: Like most other people there was an inner fright. Also, I would think if I make it back I will finish school.

Q: What was it like to be a medic during the war?

A: There were a lot of sad moments due to the incapability of taking care of the many wounded at times who died unnecessarily because of shock. They died, even though their wounds were minor, because of shock.

Q: What was your biggest fear during the war?

A: I hardly ever gave it a thought, however, I did have a fear of losing an arm or a leg and also getting through alive.

Q: What did you think of the war?

A: All in all, I think the war didn't solve anything. People were killed needlessly. However winning the war guaranteed our freedom that we enjoy today.

Q: Do you have any stories to tell?

A: Any overseas veteran has stories to tell; however, only a few are willing to share them. In my case, I had to write a book to tell my stories because I had to get them out of my memory.

Q: O.K. Thank you very much for your time. Have a good day.

A: You too. Good-by.

One worth repeating

Practice makes perfect as Vallina earns second boys title

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BELLE VERNON — After shooting a one-over-par 73 here Monday, David Vallina was sitting in the Cedarbrook Golf Course restaurant, munching on a sandwich and receiving congratulations for successfully defending the WPIAL individual boys golf championship. He felt pretty good about his day.

Then his uncle, Burgettstown High School golf coach Jon Vallina, walked into the restaurant with the news. Upper St. Clair junior Mark Cimarolli had just holed an 80-yard wedge shot at No. 18 for an eagle. Cimarolli also would finish with a 73 to force a sudden death playoff.

"My heart dropped straight to my stomach," Vallina said.

A good workout on the practice range helped Vallina to regain his composure, and a brilliant eight-iron shot that he had worked on during the warm-up led to a six-foot birdie putt on the second extra hole. And this time, Vallina really won his second straight WPIAL championship.

Vallina, a senior at Burgettstown, becomes the first Washington County player to win a pair of WPIAL titles and joins some rare company of two-time winners. Included on that list of eight players is a guy who won a few tournaments in his career, Latrobe High School graduate Arnold Palmer.

It was a memorable day for the Burgettstown team, as seniors Ryan Zurowski (78) and Sean Dove (79) joined Vallina in qualifying for the PIAA Championships, to be held Oct. 22-23 at Penn State. Zurowski placed fifth while Dove was sixth. Only six players managed to break 80.

Waynesburg sophomore Robert Rohanna edged Pine-Richland's David Dankmyer for third place in a playoff after shooting a 77.

Frank Palermo, a senior at Upper St. Clair, and USC sophomore Matt McGinnis also qualified for the state championships with 81s.

Vallina, who started the day

'I was trying to think of what shots I would be playing on the first few playoff holes, so I practiced those shots.'

David Vallina
Burgettstown golfer

with a six-inch, tap-in birdie at No. 1, appeared to be cruising to the title defense, as putting horror stories wiped out the competition. When Vallina finished with seven straight pars for the 73, it appeared no one could challenge him.

But along came Cimarolli. And he pulled off the shot of the tournament, even if he never saw it, or had no idea what its impact would be.

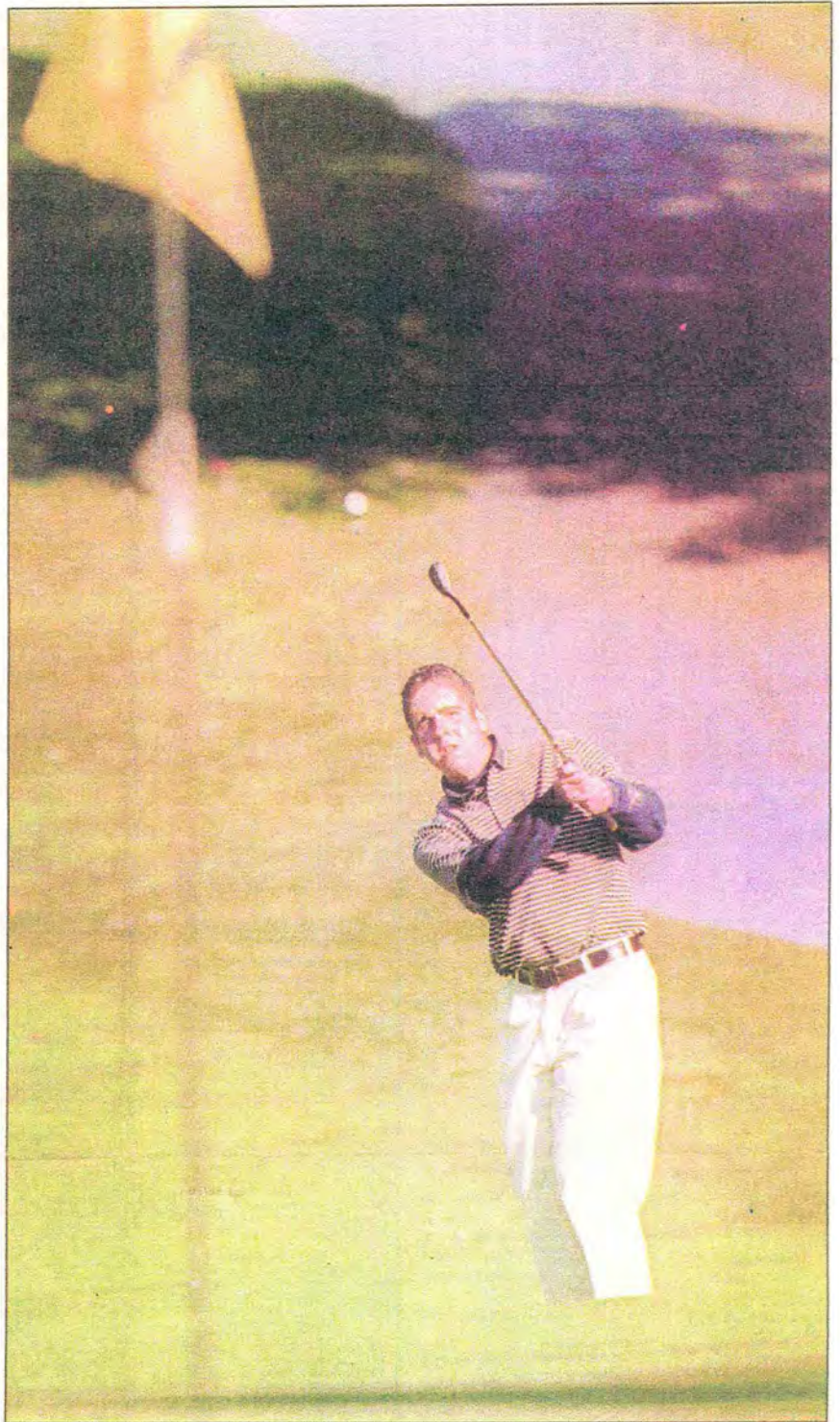
"They said it just trickled in," said Cimarolli, who was hitting into an elevated 18th green. "Then my teammates came and told me what it meant."

Both players had par on the first extra hole. But at the second sudden death hole, a par-three, 184-yard shot over a pond, Vallina hit an eight-iron to within six feet. Cimarolli also hit an eight-iron, but was a bit strong and was faced with a long downhill putt for birdie. His attempt slid past the hole, and Vallina calmly sank his twisting, six-foot putt to win a tournament he thought he had wrapped up two hours earlier.

"I hit 10 balls on the practice range with a punch eight-iron and it paid off," Vallina said. "I was trying to think of what shots I would be playing on the first few playoff holes, so I practiced those shots. It paid off."

Rohanna will be making his second straight trip to the PIAA tournament, and was excited with the playoff win for a third place medal.

"I said on the way here that shooting below 78 was my goal," said Rohanna. "I didn't think 77 would place me as high as it did, but the course played hard."



DAVE GRIB / THE OBSERVER-REPORTER

Burgettstown High School's David Vallina watches his chip shot fly toward the pin on the No. 17 hole Monday in the WPIAL Golf Championships at Cedarbrook Golf Club. Vallina won his second consecutive title when he defeated Upper St. Clair's Mark Cimarolli on the second playoff hole.

**David Vallina Wins Second Boy's Title
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A job done right

Vallina will retire from Burgettstown

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Jon Vallina worked by a simple rule: Do the best job you can to create the best results.

In his 39 years as a teacher in Burgettstown Area School District, including 28 years as athletic director, 16 years as assistant wrestling coach, eight years as assistant football coach and 28 as varsity golf coach, Vallina used that formula for some marvelous achievements.

He inspired students in the classroom, motivated them on the wrestling mats and on the golf courses, and fought for them in his associations with the WPIAL and PIAA.

It was a job well done because it was job done right.

Vallina will finally get a well-deserved break Aug. 1, when he will retire as AD.

Terry Havelka, who already is the varsity head coach in wrestling and football, will replace Vallina and continue on in those other two positions, for now.

"I enjoyed all my jobs," said the 62-year-old Vallina. "I enjoyed going to work every day. If I didn't enjoy it, I would have gotten out sooner. I put a lot of 12-hour days in, getting to



Vallina

Vallina

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to school at 6 a.m. and not leaving until 6 p.m. It took a lot of time to do the job right. If it took 12 hours, then that's what I would do."

As golf coach, Vallina led the Blue Devils to a 352-82 record and five WPIAL Team Tournament titles and coached three WPIAL individual champions and one PIAA champion.

Vallina got the teaching position at his alma mater shortly after graduating from Slippery Rock University in 1972.

"Wrestling was really my area coming out of college, but the job was taken," said Vallina.

Vallina spent part of his school day teaching health and physical education and used the remaining part of the day to tend to his athletic director duties. He said the responsibilities of an AD have grown tremendously over the years.

"They seem to put more and more on the athletic director's plate," said Vallina. "The job has become huge now. Most small schools have part-time ADs. People don't understand the amount of time it takes to do this job."

Vallina helped raise more than \$12,000 to replace the scoreboard at the baseball field, more than \$60,000 to renovate defective light poles at the school's football field and established the Burgettstown Area Scholarship Foundation, which has raised more than \$120,000 to fund scholarships for high school seniors. The foundation awards scholarships to 17 students on an annual basis.

Vallina has run the Southwest Pennsylvania Junior Golf Tour, which is attended by approximately 240 golfers each summer. He has been an instructor at Ponderosa Golf Course, conducting summer clinics for the past 26 years.

"The kids are about the

Vallina file

Name: Jon Vallina
Education: Burgettstown High School, 1968
Slippery Rock University, 1972
Teacher: 39 years
Athletic director: 28 years
Golf head coach: 28 years, 352-82
Wrestling coach: 16 years
Football coach: 8 years
PIAA Board of Control 2000-02, 2006-13
Served on numerous committees
WPIAL Golf Steering Committee 1991-2001
WPIAL Board of Control 2001-present
WPIAL Treasurer 2006-10
WPIAL Vice President 2010-13
Pa. State Athletic Directors Association Executive Council 1998-present
PSADA Secretary 1992-99
PSADA President 2000-02
President TriCADA 1998-2000
President of Southwest Pa. Junior Golf Tour 1990-present
Also: Junior Golf Instructor Ponderosa Golf Course President, Burgettstown Area Scholarship Foundation

same as when I started at Burgettstown," he said. "We have some great kids here."

Vallina has held prominent positions in the WPIAL and PIAA, serving as treasurer and vice president in the former and on the board of control of the latter. He was president of the Tri-County Athletic Directors' Association and has run the organization's main fundraiser golf tournament for the past eight years.

"I have no real plans after retirement," he said. "I'll travel. The 12-hour days I put in at work will be 12 hours I can put into retirement now."

Jon Vallina

Washington Observer-May 27, 2013 Edition

The gang's all here at Vallina's in Langeloth

Anyone who would like to hear discussions of today's world problems (and leave with most of those problems solved) should join the group at Vallina's Market in Langeloth each morning.

True, the accommodations are not the greatest: The meeting time — 6:30 a.m. — is not conducive to large audiences, and the space for the meeting — the small aisle behind the meat counter — leaves a lot to be desired. It could be said, however, that the seating arrangement has improved considerably during the last few years.

In the beginning, seats consisted of orange crates and an assortment of boxes that usually got kicked around. Then someone suggested that they each bring a chair. This worked for a while, until storekeeper Johnny Vallina decided that the group of hometown retired neighbors was here to stay, so he bought six folding chairs that he can store out of the way, at 7:30 a.m., after the jolly group of men has gone home for breakfast.

Johnny's wife, Shirley, makes the coffee, which they all devour eagerly. Then everybody wants to pay for everybody, but Johnny and Shirley believe that the friendship of these happy gentlemen is worth more to them than anything money could buy.

This group shares a common bond of friendship. They observe each other's birthdays and anniversaries and other high points in their lives, with a cake that Shirley has baked for the occasion. When one is missing temporarily from the gathering due to illness, or when one is called away by death, all share the sorrow, so close is their bond.

Occasionally, one of them is away for quite some time.

Even though Cris Maropis lives in Texas, he is considered a member of the group. He arrives home in Langeloth each summer in time for Community Day. Chris spent 25 years in the



KATHRYN SLASOR

Coast Guard, retiring as chief warrant officer in 1974. He was educated in a number of schools and universities.

Pat Maropis is another who does not answer "present" for much of the year; He will return home from Greece in September.

Pete Maropis is semi-retired. For 47 years he has been manager of the All American Co. in Langeloth, well-known for its work with sports equipment.

Dr. Angelo Spanogians, educated at the University of Georgetown Medical School, became Pennsylvania licensed in 1940, retiring in 1992.

"He is always late," quipped one of the others when Doc still had not arrived by 7 a.m.

"But we let it go because he gives us free medical advice," laughed another.

The group celebrated Doc's 88th birthday on June 15.

Dante Filippini is a retired grocer. His father, Ralph, started in business 78 years ago, and Dante has been part of the business since his high school days. He was with the PX group for 25 years. His years number 45 with WGA.

Elmer Gilson is a retired painter, and has worked with paint and wall covering for more than 40 years. The Gilson family has always been well-known for its paint and wallpaper business in Burgettstown.

Frank Sprando spent many years in Chicago. He has worked in metal mechanics for 27 years. Following retirement from metal works, he became



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COFFEE HOUNDS — The early morning coffee group is a familiar site at Vallina's Market in Langeloth. Pictured, from left, are (front) Elmer Gilson, Pete Maropis and Dr. Angelo Spanogians, (rear) Frank Sprando, Bill Buxton, Cris Maropis and Dante Filippini.

associated with the Brach Candy Co.

Bill Buxton wandered in a little late for the meeting, but the others excused him.

"He hasn't been voted in yet," someone remembered, teasing him.

Bill retired after 44 years at Wheeling-Pitt Steel Corp.. He then worked for 10 years for the late Glenn Conklin at the service station at Langeloth. Bill said their motto at the station was, "We grease to please."

The last to arrive was Pat McGraw, who, most of the time, the others say, does not attend at all. Or he arrives late — in this case, too late for the group picture.

He is also excused by the others due to the fact he occasionally provides them with a delicacy from his garden, a recipe or a sample of his cooking. Being grand knight of the Knights of Columbus, Pat promotes activities for the family, the church and the community. He has been with the local high school for 38 years in the athletics department. While in the service, he flew 30 missions with the Eighth Air Force.

The group is still mourning the loss of a "charter member," Charles Havelka, who passed away recently.

Last but not least is Johnny Vallina, who has been absent from the group for several weeks. Johnny has been seriously ill and hospitalized for long periods of time.

Johnny Vallina began working with the late Gus Barbush, owner of Langeloth Townsite, when he was 9 years old. Gus hired him to deliver groceries, then taught him the butchering trade. He has been in the meat and grocery business every since.

He bought his present building from Otis Wilgocki 12 years ago. He previously "kept store" in an adjoining building for a total of 39 years, in business for himself. The first building, which was later torn down, he rented from Gus. It was about this time when Gus closed the big "company store," which stands today, empty, across the parking lot.

On Valentine's Day, 1950, Johnny and Shirley were married. By Thanksgiving, the first of their six children was born. The year 1950 is infamous in weather history as being "the year of the big snow."

That was the time when the stork decided to make a call. But all turned out well with the help of friends, strangers and police. They have since added



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HAPPY HOSTS — Shirley and Johnny Vallina are the unofficial hosts of the early morning coffee group, which meets at an early hour in a small aisle in their store, Vallina's Market in Langeloth.

10 grandchildren to the brood.

Shirley carried on her own business for 10 years, along with the work in the store and raising the children.

Her dress shop in her basement attracted much attention. She went to the big cities as a buyer, coming home laden with the latest fashions for the ladies.

For six years she also worked with home interiors. She and her friends shared much fun and companionship during her buying sprees.

Johnny is well-known for his love of sports. He talks every type of sports language, his specialty being soccer, with softball running a close second.

Meanwhile, as Johnny recu-

perates, his "early morning coffee group" continues daily with chatter and discussion of myriad topics but their concern for their host and friend is very real.

"We are the Langeloth Aborigines," quipped one of the fellows just as a lively session was breaking up. "We hope to expand our situations, win the lottery, become rich, give money to everyone who needs it, help the world become a better place ...," his voice trailing off as his departing friends pushed back their chairs, echoed his sentiments and nodded in agreement.

(Slasor is a special correspondent with the Pennsylvania Focus.)

The VanEman Family

G. S. VanEman, of Oklahoma City Oklahoma, is visiting his sisters and other friends in this neighborhood. The fact is, Mr. VanEman has been here for more than a week but he kept so quiet that the Call man learned of his presence only a few days ago.

Mr. VanEman, who is in the 77th year of his age, is visiting four sisters whose average age is 88 years, all living within the bounds of the Burgettstown postoffice. They are: Rebecca, widow of Samuel Dunbar, in her 95th year; Miss Margaret H. VanEman, in her 88th year; Isabelle D., widow of William Dunbar, in her 86th year, and Hannah Park Stevenson, widow of James M. Stevenson, in her 84th year. Hugh Lee VanEman, a brother, is living in Michigan Bluffs, Cal., in his 82d year. The following brother and sisters are deceased: James Adams VanEman, born 1817; Mrs. Amelia Riddile, born 1822; Mrs. Rachel Duncan, born 1824; Mrs. Mary Jane Shipley, born 1835. They are children of Garrett and Rachel Logan Van Eman. The father died at the age of 63 years and the mother at the age of 48.

VANCE ANNIVERSARIES

Three wedding anniversaries were given recognition at the dinner party held recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Vance, Bulger, R. D. 1. A cafeteria dinner was served.

The occasion marked the 25th wedding anniversary of Mrs. Vance's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Weigel, New Brighton; the second anniversary of the Vances' son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Barhurst, Zelianople, and the 20th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Walton Estein of Industry. Mrs. Estein is a step-sister of Mrs. Vance.

The Weigels were united in marriage at Wheeling, W. Va., by Rev. Grosse and they spent their honeymoon at the Vance home, then at Colliers, W. Va.

Congregations of the Harmony and Zelianople church held an anniversary party at the Weigel home at New Brighton Monday night, honoring the couple.

Abstracts of the Washington Reporter 1817-1820

Monday, September 29, 1817

299. Regimental Orders. In pursuance of an agreement entered into by the commissioned and staff officers of the 66th regiment, at the battalion training in May last, to meet the officers of the brigade ay Washington, in October coming. Therefore the commissioned and staff officers of the 66th regiment, Washington county militia are ordered to parade at the court house on the 3rd Monday of October next, at ten o'clock A. M. properly armed and equipped for training as the law directs three whole and successive days.

/s/JOHN VANCE, Col. Commandant.

Monday, April 27, 1818

553. Regimental Orders. The enrolled inhabitants of the 66th regiment, Penn. Militia, will meet for training, as follows: The 1st battalion in Burgettstown, on Wednesday the 13th of May next. The second battalion on Thursday the 14th. Officers and soldiers, are ordered to parade on the ground each of the above days, at ten o'clock. A. M. properly armed and equipped as law directs. The court of appeal for the 1st battalion, will be held on the 27th of May, in Burgettstown-and for the second battalion on the same day in Mt. Pleasant.

/2/John Vance, Col. Com'dant

Monday, December 7, 1818

847. Sherriff's sales. There will be exposed to public sale, at the courthouse in the borough of Washington, on Monday the 28th of this inst. the following property

A tract of land in Somerset township, adjoining lands of Eliez'r JENKINS esq. Joseph Lawrence, and heirs of **John Vance**, containing 176 acres more or less, 80 acres of which were cleared, and 15 in meadow, on which are erected one log house, 1 ½ stories high, one barn, 60 by 24 feet, and out out buildings, and a large and valuable orchard. Seized and taken in execution as the property of Jacob VANDERGRIFT, administrator of the estate of Henry A. Williams, dec'd. at the suit of the commonwealth.

Abstracts of the Washington Reporter 1817-1820

Monday, October 11, 1819

1194. Volunteer training. The officers and privates composing the volunteer companies, belonging to the 66th regiment, Pennsylvania militia, are requested to meet in Burgettstown, on the 26th inst. At 10 o'clock, A. M. completely uniformed for training-and to take into consideration the propriety of forming themselves into a battalion, and for other purposes tending to the interest of said companies. Volunteer companies belonging to the same brigade, are invited to attend if they see proper. /s/ **John Vance, Col. Com't.**

Monday, November 29, 1819

1248. Regimental Orders. The field officers of the 66th Regt. P.M. will meet on the 2nd Monday of Dec. next, at nine o'clock, A.M. in Mount Pleasant, at which time and place all the collectors of the regiment are notified to attend for settlement, as the law directs. /s/**John Vance, Col. Com.**

Vance to Liggett

Andrew Vance + Jane Hoge
1690-1754 ? - ?

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Major William Vance + # 1 Grace Hathorn
1718-1788 #2 Mary Gilkerson
? -1735

Revolutionary & Indian Wars, uncle of Cpt. Robert Vance of
Coraopolis Fort Vance. Son of William's brother Samuel.

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Colonel Joseph Vance + Ann Vance (1st cousin)
1750-1832 1751-1788

Revolutionary & Indian Wars, cousin of Cpt. Robert Vance of Coraopolis, Pa.
Pennsylvania State Legislative. Built Cross Creek Fort Vance.

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Captain William Vance + Rachel Patterson (See Patterson Chart)
1 775-1856 1778-1817
War of 1812, Pa. State Legislative. After Rachel's death, Wm. married her sister.

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James Vance + Susan Walker
1804-1881 1809-1827

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Rachel Vance + Perry Liggett (See Liggett Chart)
1834-1916 1838-1928

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Raymond Liggett → Ralph → Lanis ←
Matthew → Alex
Tim → Adam

The Vance-Patterson Story

By Edna Foster Chambers

The Vances and the Pattersons are gone from the Cross Creek and Smith Township areas, and that is strange, for in the early years there were so many of them, Joseph Vance and William Patterson were among the earliest settlers. They were hardy Scotch-Irish Presbyterian who had come over the mountains to establish homes in the wilderness. Joseph Vance, his wife, and his father, Major William Vance came from Virginia about 1773 and settled on a tract in the present Smith Township, building a temporary cabin and very soon after that a fort known as "Vance's Fort." Major William being the older man at the time of emigration from Virginia, it fell to his son Joseph, a young man of about 23, to take the lead in clearing the land and building the necessary shelters. He and his wife became the parents of six children, three boys and three girls, of whom William, the oldest, born in 1775, will become the subject of this story.

William Patterson was born in Little Brittain, Lancaster County in 1733. His first wife, Rosanna Scott, bore five children before her death in 1769. In 1770 he married Elizabeth Brown, and they came to settle on Cross Creek in the present Cross Creek Township about 1779, following Patterson's service as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Ten children were born to the second marriage-some before they left Lancaster County and others after settling on Cross Creek. Their eighth child, Hannah, born on the Patterson farm in 1786, was later to become the second wife of William Vance and also the subject of our story. William Patterson and his son Thomas built the well known Patterson's Mill and in the year 1794 the family constructed a sturdy stone home which stood until a few years ago.

The principals in the following story are my great grandparents. It is a story I have heard all my life and is well documented in A.D. White's "History of the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church," for that is indeed where it began. As a child attending the Cross Creek Church I asked my mother one day following communion service why an uncle did not take communion, to which she replied, "Some of the Vance men do not belong to the Church." Most likely the next question was "Why?" and it was then that I heard the story for the first time, But let us return to the beginning.

Following earlier services held at Vance's Fort the Cross Creek Church was formally organized in 1779, Joseph Vance becoming an elder a few years later. The Pattersons, who arrived about that time, also became members of

the Church. And it is not surprising that about 20 years later William Vance as a young man of 24 chose his wife a young women of the congregation, William Patterson's daughter Rachel, 18 at the time, and married her the day before Christmas 1799. They took up residence on the Vance tract, and the year 1817 when Rachel died, they had become the parents of nine children. It was the custom of the day when women often died young, for an unmarried sister of the deceased to attend to the motherless children, and so it happened that Hannah Patterson, Rachel's younger sister, came to live in the Vance household. She was about 31 at the time. About a year and a half after Rachel's death, William, who had apparently become enamored of Hannah, announced to the Church that he and Hannah wanted to be married. "Oh, no said the elders of Cross Creek Church, you cannot do that" and cited chapter and verse in the Book of Leviticus which they said forbad the union of a man and his dead wife's sister.

The rebuff was not taken kindly by William who was then a mature man of 43, had become a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature in 1816, a counselor and advisor among his friends, and no doubt considered himself quite a local power. He was not persuaded by the Church fathers that his union was either illegal or against the rules of the Church, and he and Hannah were forthwith married "Brought the house down"- the house of Presbyterian doctrine upon the shoulders of William Vance. The session of the Church met and voted to excommunicate him, and so far as I know, his wife also. This so angered William that he had an appeal to the Synod and later to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church but was turned down all the way, because they upheld the local Church's decision. In later years, the ban against such a marriage was reversed, but not in William's lifetime. Even though William and Hannah continued to attend and contribute to the Church they were never again received into membership, and as a point of loyalty or perhaps obstinacy, some of the Vance men in succeeding generations did likewise-attended, contributed, but did not become members of the church.

All this consternation did not keep William and Hannah from producing a second family of five children, of whom my grandfather, John Stockton Vance, was the fourth. The greatest furor centered in the Church itself, as families formed their own opinions of the ruling, and it made a very difficult the pastorate of the Rev. Thomas Marquis, a "home town boy" who with his wife, Jane, had been converted much earlier at a service in Vance's Fort. However, he survived it and in fact was a well known preacher popularly called "silver-tongued Marquis" because of his oratory.

And what did the Pattersons think of all this? They accepted the decision of the Church elders and refused to let daughter Hannah return to her former home. On a visit to Mary Patterson, the last of the Pattersons, at the homestead about 1955, she told me that Hannah's saddle was still hanging in the barn and that William Patterson had left Hannah out of his will but said if Hannah was ever in need the family was to help her. This, Mary said, was the family joke, for the Vances were much more affluent than the Pattersons.

And so ends the story of William and Hannah. Many of their descendants live in the area, but none, I believe bearing the surnames of Vance and Patterson. All the nine farms in the Vance name have been sold, and some of the following generations have scattered the length and breadth of the United States. The last of the direct descendants of William Patterson—two bachelors and three spinsters—ended with death of Mary Patterson and the homestead was sold. But it remained for the Pattersons to be true to their faith and their church to the end. The will of Mary Patterson contained a bequest of \$50,000 to the Cross Creek Church. This, I am sure, was money that had been saved through generations of the Pattersons, earned by hard work on their farm and at the Mill, it went at last to the church where they most likely would have wanted it to go. Some of this legacy was greatly needed at the time to put the interior and exterior on the church building (the fifth on the site) into its fine present condition and a visible tribute to the "Faith of the Fathers."

Leaves is happy to share with you a true story of an episode that occurred in the ancestral history of the author, Edna Foster Chambers, of Zelenople, PA. Mrs. Chamber was born in Jefferson Township on the Lee farm, and moved with her family to Burgettstown at the age of ten. The story deals with prominent settlers of the Cross Creek area and reveals how one small event can change the course of life for succeeding generations.

*Shared with Fort Vance Historical Society
by the
Vance Family Association*

CANDIDATE

Henry Vega, a life long resident of Burgettstown aspires to the office of Constable for the Borough. Henry is a product of our local schools and has been active as a civic booster and takes pride in the progress of Burgettstown. He is an active member of the Burgettstown Volunteer Fire



HENRY VEGA

Department and is employed as an ore charger at the American Zinc and Chemical Company. He is married to the former Ruth Taylor and is the father of one son, Robert.

Henry goes before the voters at the November 4th election on a platform to "continue his interest in civic improvement and betterment and to work conscientiously to boost Burgettstown and to use his youthful energy in faithfully performing the requirements of a public trust."

Henry Vega

Burgettstown Enterprise-October 23, 1941 Edition

Langeloth PTA Sponsors Herman Verdin Concert

The Langeloth Parent-Teacher Association is sponsoring a recital to be given in the Langeloth Community church by Herman Verdin, talented young musician of Langeloth, on Thursday evening, January 30, at 7:45 p. m.

Herman Verdin, the son of Mrs. Aurora Verdin of Langeloth, began his studies on the violin at the age of nine years with Martin Rangel of Langeloth. His advance in music has been rapid and he is now studying with Samuel Colove of Pittsburgh, a member of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. Herman's present ambition is to qualify for a position in this organization now conducted by Fritz Reiner.



HERMAN VERDIN

In 1940 Herman graduated from Union High School and during his high-school days he twice won honors as a violin soloist in the Pennsylvania state high school music contests. In 1939 at Philadelphia and in 1940 at Harrisburg, with eleven competitors in the finals, Herman placed second each year with Miss Carol Walsh of Harrisburg taking first place both times, in a very close decision.

When fourteen years old, in 1936, Herman won local attention when he took the grand prize on the Wilkins Amateur hour over radio station WJAS Pittsburgh. In 1937 he was granted an audition in competition for a scholarship with the Curtiss Institute in Philadelphia and played for Zimbalist the great Russian violinist, in Philadelphia.

At the recital in Langeloth he will have Julian Myers, a junior in Union high school, as his accompanist at the piano. The music-lovers of Langeloth and Burgettstown and vicinity are cordially invited to attend this recital. The admission will be free and a silver offering will be taken, all proceeds beyond expenses going to assist the young man in his musical education. The Langeloth Parent-Teacher Association feels that such an outstanding student should receive all the encouragement possible from his home community and gladly has sponsored this recital for his benefit.

Herman Verdin Concert
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 23, 1941 Edition

FIRST IN COUNTY

Herman Verdin, well known Union Senior and Violinist placed first in violin in the semi-finals held at California last Saturday. This entitles Herman to enter the state finals at Harrisburg on April 26 and 27. He was accompanied by Julian Myers, in the competitions. Last year Herman came in second in the state finals at Norristown, Pa.

On Friday, April 12 at Bellevue contest, the mixed chorus of Union placed fourth in Class A. and B.

O. Glenn Aiken, music director at Union announces the school will observe Music Week by presenting a concert on May 10. This concert will mark the first appearance of the New Boys Chorus. The proceeds will be for the benefit instrument fund.

**Herman Verdin Placed 1st Place in Semi-Finals
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 18, 1940 Edition**

HERMAN VERDIN PLAYS
SUCCESSFUL CONCERT

A fine concert was presented in the Community Church at Langeloth on the evening of Jnuary 30, by Herman Verdin, talented young violinist and recent alumni of Union High school. He was sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association of that community.

A large audience enjoyed the program which consisted of classical and modern compositions.

The Ballade and Polonaise of Vieux Temps was executed with great feeling and emotion. In direct contrast was Drigo's Valse Blurette which was light and airy, and very pleasing. The rich tonal quality of Bach's Arioso was admirably brought out by Mr. Verdin as also was the ever popular "Poeme" by Fibich.

The real talent of the soloist was displayed with a brilliant performance of Zigeunerweisen (Gypsy Airs) by the great Spanish violinist, Sarasate. This is Herman's favorite composition and he put his whole heart and soul into it.

Miss Olga Wisnowski, Herman's nine year old niece played two numbers: "Beautiful Night on the Sea" by Iorio and the enchanting "Moment Musical" of Shubert. Miss Wisnowski has the makings of a very fine violinist.

A silver offering was taken to help Herman with his studies. He is at present studying under Samuel Colave, and is preparing for an audition for a position in the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra.

**Herman Verdin Plays Successful Concert
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 6, 1941 Edition**

MICHAEL VERNELLO RETURNS TO ITALY

Michael Vernello, a resident of Burgettstown for the past ten years and father of Dominick Vernello of Bell avenue, left for Europe last Friday, November 11 where he will retire in Benevento, Italy, his native country. Mr. Vernello left on the "Counte Savoie."

Before his departure, a party was held in his honor, the occasion being his seventy-second birthday. The evening was spent in reminiscing and playing games. The guests included Ben Tuno, Mr. and Mrs. James Egan and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mate Leonardi of Mingo Junction, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Muscaro and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Vernello and family, Mrs. Ida Robb, Mr. and Mrs. John Muscaro, and Dominick Ciechera of Mingo Junction, O.

Mr. Vernello was a recipient of many gifts. He will join his wife and children whom he hasn't seen for the past ten years.

Rose Verno Weds Gene Sprando At All White Wedding

At a double ring ceremony performed at Nuptial High Mass by Rev. Father J. Edward Istocin in the St. Patrick's R. C. Church, Canonsburg, on Monday morning May 19, at 9 a.m., Miss Rose Verno, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Verno, 148 East College street, Canonsburg, became the bride of Gene Sprando, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sprando, Sr., of Slovan.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a white, slipper satin gown, fashioned with sweetheart neckline trimmed with seed pearls, fitted bodice, long puffed sleeves which came to a point over the wrist and full skirt ending in full court train. Her ruffled-edged net fingertip veil fell from a gathered net tiara and she carried a bouquet of calla lilies.

As her maid of honor she chose Miss Inez Sprando, of Slovan, sister of the groom. Miss Sprando was attired in a white taffeta gown with white picture hat trimmed in blue velvet and blue short lace gloves. She carried a bouquet of yellow roses.

The bridesmaids were Mrs. Eleanor Ross, sister of the bride, and Miss Lenore Cancilla. They wore white taffeta gowns with white picture hats with pink velvet ribbon and pink gloves. Their bouquets were pink roses.

The best man was John Verno, Jr., brother of the bride, and the ushers were Albert Sprando, brother of the groom, and Harry Ross.

John DiFife, nephew of the bride, served as ring-bearer.

The bride's mother, Mrs. Verno, wore a cinnamon brown suit with black accessories and Mrs. Sprando was attired in a black suit with black accessories. Both mothers wore an orchid corsage.

Following the ceremony a dinner was held at the Coffee Shoppe for the bridal party and immediate families.

The groom is a graduate of Union high school, class of '37. He served in the U. S. Army. At present he is employed by Climax and also has his own orchestra.

The couple left for a few days wedding trip to Uniontown and are now residing at the Mungello apartment in Slovan. 5-29-'47

BURNED IN EXPLOSION

Jack Vincenti of Paris, was very painfully burned about the body and hands, Sunday evening, when a can of gasoline exploded and saturated his clothing, as he was working on his automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harlan and Ed Gorby, neighbors, saw flames coming from the garage and saw Mr. Vincenti run out of the building with his clothing burning, and trying to cover himself with a blanket from the car. Mr. Harlan wrapped him in the blanket and rolled him on the ground, putting out the flames. Mr. Harlan received burns on his hands also.

Mr. Vincenti was rushed to the Emergency Hospital of the Weirton Steel Company and given First Aid, and was later taken to the Ohio Valley Hospital, Steubenville, where he is reported to be getting along nicely.

Local Trooper Has Busy Day



State Trooper Robert Vizyak had a busy day recently. Stationed in Chippewa Township, Butler County, he was alerted that a prisoner had escaped from Beaver County jail. He and several other troopers converged near the scene, and after forty minutes, Trooper Vizyak spotted the prisoner in the woods. The prisoner had a gun pointed at the trooper, but offered no resistance at being captured.

The prisoner was 18-year-old Donald McFarland, who had been apprehended August 12 in West Middlesex, on suspicion of connection with a motorcycle pack that had been run out of the county. He has now been charged with prison break, assault, resisting arrest, and violation of the uniform firearms act.

Trooper Vizyak is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Vizyak, of Eldersville.

Vorhes Family Has Double Celebration

A family reunion and birthday party was held July 4 in honor of S. W. Vorhes at his home near West Middletown. Almost 50 members of his family, including his five children, grandchildren, and great-grand-children were in attendance. The group played ball, badminton and other games, and enjoyed conversation during the afternoon and evening. A picnic dinner was served on the lawn and an outdoor barbecue was held for the evening meal. Mr. Vorhes' birthday was July 5.

Present were Mrs. Otto Miller and Mrs. Harold Brownlee and children, Pamela, and Dougie, Toledo, O.; Mr. and Mrs. Willis Brownlee and children, Mary, Faith, Tammy, and Stevie, Williamston, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Brownlee and children, Terry and Wally, Falls Church, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brownlee and sons, David, Danny, and Tommy, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Phillips and

Slovan Man Sues Lodge.

A claim for \$800 as benefits, alleged due for injuries received in the course of his employment, is made in a suit filed by Steve Voksanovich, of Slovan, against the Croation Fraternal Union of America. In his statement of claim the plaintiff sets forth that he has been a member of this organization since April, 1913, and that he has paid and is now paying the sum of \$1 a month, which, it is alleged, entitled him to \$5 a week for disability. In April, 1924, the plaintiff suffered a fractured pelvis and it is alleged that since June 1, 1931, the defendant organization has refused to pay the \$5 a week. He appealed to the Supreme Trial Board of the defendant organization, asking that he continue to receive sick benefits, but the petition was refused. He sets forth that he is permanently disabled.

WADE REUNION

The descendants of Anna and Luke K. Wade held their ninth annual family reunion Sunday, June 19, at the Burgettstown Community Park, with approximately 40 members present. A business meeting was held with the president, C.R. Wade, presiding. Officers were re-elected for 1967. They are as follows: president, C.R. Wade; vice-president, Clarence Wade; secretary-treasurer, Darla Neil. A buffet supper was served. The rest of the day was spent playing games, swimming and visiting. Members of the clan present were Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Wade and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Neil, of Burgettstown; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Davis and Mrs. William Wade, of McDonald; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Baumgardner and children, of Hendersonville; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wade and son, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wade, Mr. and Mrs. David Wade and children and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Evanski and children, all of Pittsburgh; Carl Davids, of East Rochester; Percy Wade, of Rennerdale; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Wade, Jr., and son, of Canonsburg; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hanold and children, of East Carnegie; and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Richards and children, of Hickory.

ELDERSVILLE COUPLE MARRIED SEVENTY YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Walker, both natives of Washington County and until three years ago residents of the Eldersville district, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary Saturday, January 27, at the home of their only living descendant, Judson Gardner, a great-grandson, of 1245 Main street, Follansbee, W. Va.

Mr. Walker, who is 91 years of age, was born July 1, 1848, at Paris, and his wife, Mrs. Sara Millie Walker, was born October 12, 1850, in Eldersville. She is a daughter of George and Eliza Criss.

For the last three years they have resided with their great-grandson, who is a prominent undertaker of Follansbee.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker are believed to have been married longer than any other couple living in West Virginia. They are among the oldest residents of Brooke County, but both remain active. Mrs. Walker is perfectly able to care for her own room.

They were married January 27, 1870, in the Fifth Avenue Hotel, Pittsburgh, by the Rev. William H. Locke, pastor of the Liberty Street Methodist Episcopal church. The only attendants were Israel Wright and Edmund Wright, both now deceased.

All their married life was spent in the Eldersville district, except for 20 years at Parkersburg after their marriage. Three years ago they went to Follansbee.

Mr. Walker was a stone mason the early part of his life, and spent the rest as a farmer. In his childhood days the family moved to Parkersburg, W. Va. He cast his first vote for Ulysses S. Grant for President.

They were parents of one daughter, Nettie, who married William Harris. She became the mother of a daughter, Blanche Harris, who married W. E. Gardner of Eldersville. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner were the parents of Judson Gardner, with whom Mr. and Mrs. Walker now make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Walker Married Seventy Years
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 1, 1940 Edition

No 25

2 Shares

The Cross Creek Cemetery Company.

CAPITAL STOCK, \$10,000.

SHARES \$25.00 EACH.

This is to Certify, that *W. Vance Walker*
is entitled to *Two* shares 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 person, 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 17th day of October A. D. 1891.

Geo L Vance President.
W. K. Stephenson Treasurer.

Cross Creek Cemetery Company
Certificate No. 25 was Issued to W. Vance Walker on October 17, 1891
Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

MIDWAY MAN RETIRES AFTER LONG SERVICE

Railroad Conductor Placed on Honor
Roll With Clear Record of
Over Forty Years

James E. Wallace, P. R. R. freight conductor of Midway, was placed on the honor roll on November 1st, after 41 years and 4 months of service. Mr. Wallace was born January 29, 1865, at Stewardson Furnace, Armstrong county, and received his education in the country schools of that district. At the age of 17 he entered the mines, where he worked four years. He also spent two years working on a saw mill, but feeling that there were greater opportunities for a young man in the Pittsburgh district, he moved to McDonald, where he again took up mining for a livelihood.

Due to the many strikes occurring at the mines, he became disgusted with the mining industry and entered the service of the Pennsylvania railroad on June 28, 1890, as a brakeman, and was assigned to work in old Sheraden yard, now Corliss yard. On the third day he met with an accident which nearly resulted in the loss of his right arm and hand, the arm being broken in three places and hand badly crushed. On arrival at the hospital, the surgeon insisted on amputating his hand, but Mr. Wallace steadfastly refused to permit the operation, insisting that an effort be made to save the hand. The surgeon was successful, and this proved to be the only injury received during his long service.

He was promoted to conductor January 11, 1895 and has always worked in the Carnegie, McDonald and Burgettstown districts. The past 20 years he has been on various runs out of Burgettstown, where he is well known and has many friends. Mr. Wallace was united in marriage on June 24, 1886, to Elizabeth Finney of Midway, to which union a son and daughter were born. Immediately after marriage, he took his bride to Midway where they began house-keeping and has continued to reside in Midway during his entire married life.

Mr. Wallace is a great baseball enthusiast and takes a lively interest in the Pittsburgh Pirates. At one time he had quite a reputation as a ball player, and for several seasons was a catcher for the famous R. E. McCarty ball team. He has made no plans for the future, but says he has several invitations from former associates to visit Florida and California this winter, and may decide to do so.

James E. Wallace

Burgettstown Enterprise-November 5, 1931 Edition

State Rep. White gets primary challenger

Burgettstown attorney plans to challenge incumbent in 2014 Democratic primary

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A Burgettstown attorney says he's challenging state Rep. Jesse White in next year's Democratic primary because he thinks the four-term incumbent has lost credibility with constituents in his district.

Paul Walsh, 49, announced on Thursday that he plans to seek the Democratic nomination for the newly redrawn

46th Legislative District that draws a triangle between Smith Township, Canton Township and Bridgeville.

"My primary focus is to restore leadership to the district," Walsh said. "Mr. White, through his conduct, has failed to be the type of leader we need both in the district and in Harrisburg."

Walsh said he decided to run for office in May when it was revealed that White was posting anonymous online comments on various web-

sites under numerous pseudonyms. In some cases, he attacked constituents or impersonated them.

"He essentially has taken sides and has been critical of his own constituents who don't have the same opinion as his," Walsh said. "I want everyone to understand clearly that I am willing to sit down and listen to everyone involved in this process."

White, D-Cecil, countered that he has apologized for his actions and hoped they would



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are so many things that are going on that are so important that I've been throwing myself into that work. The response and support from my constituents has been overwhelming. I may stumble along the way, but I think they understand what I'm doing and why I'm doing it."

This is not the first time the two have faced each other in the Democratic primary. White and Walsh ran against each other for an open seat in 2006 when then-state Rep. Vic Lescovitz retired. White defeated Walsh 53 to 47 percent, winning the primary by 437 votes before beating

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Primary

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Republican candidate Paul Snatchko in the general election.

"I've obviously run against Paul (Walsh) before and came out victorious," White said "I think I can do it again."

One of the biggest differences in policy appears to surround the Marcellus Shale natural gas drilling industry. White has clashed with drilling supporters in the past while Walsh said he supports "shale gas developed responsibly" in the state. However, the new district includes Robinson, Mt. Pleasant, Cecil

and South Fayette townships, all of which are challenging the state's controversial Act 13 natural gas drilling law.

Walsh said he understands those concerns and wants to have a serious discussion with those communities and their residents.

"I recognize their concerns and agree there are definitely quality of life issues," Walsh said. "I would want to be active working with those leaders to make sure those quality of life issues are completely addressed. I think that it's appropriate for those folks to be concerned about noise and use of roads and environmental safety concerns."

Meanwhile, White sees the new district as an advantage as

he's reached out to community leaders and already represents part of South Fayette in Allegheny County.

"I will live smack dab in the middle of my new district," White said. "I think that will definitely help me."

Walsh has lived in Burgettstown for the past 17 years and has worked as a solicitor representing various school districts, municipalities and sewer authorities during that time. He also has a private law office in Slovan and works as a probation violations hearing officer for Allegheny County Criminal Court.

White, who has served as a state representative since 2007, lives in Cecil Township and has a law office there.

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This is not the first time the two have faced each other in the Democratic primary. White and Walsh ran against each other for an open seat in 2006 when then-state Rep. Vic Lescovitz retired. White defeated Walsh 53 to 47 percent, winning the primary by 437 votes before beating

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Republican candidate Paul Snatchko in the general election.

"I've obviously run against Paul (Walsh) before and came out victorious," White said "I think I can do it again."

One of the biggest differences in policy appears to surround the Marcellus Shale natural gas drilling industry. White has clashed with drilling supporters in the past while Walsh said he supports "shale gas developed responsibly" in the state. However, the new district includes Robinson, Mt. Pleasant, Cecil

and South Fayette townships, all of which are challenging the state's controversial Act 13 natural gas drilling law.

Walsh said he understands those concerns and wants to have a serious discussion with those communities and their residents.

"I recognize their concerns and agree there are definitely quality of life issues," Walsh said. "I would want to be active working with those leaders to make sure those quality of life issues are completely addressed. I think that it's appropriate for those folks to be concerned about noise and use of roads and environmental safety concerns."

Meanwhile, White sees the new district as an advantage as

he's reached out to community leaders and already represents part of South Fayette in Allegheny County.

"I will live smack dab in the middle of my new district," White said. "I think that will definitely help me."

Walsh has lived in Burgettstown for the past 17 years and has worked as a solicitor representing various school districts, municipalities and sewer authorities during that time. He also has a private law office in Slovan and works as a probation violations hearing officer for Allegheny County Criminal Court.

White, who has served as a state representative since 2007, lives in Cecil Township and has a law office there.

**Paul Walsh Plans to Challenge Incumbent in 2014 Democratic Primary
Observer-Reporter-September 7, 2013 Edition**

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
WASHINGTON

October 16, 1940

Re: George Washington
Warrick

Mr. George Washington Warrick,
Route 1, Box 239,
Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

The following information was secured at the Census of 1900 taken as of June 1:

Montgomery township

County of Indiana State of Pennsylvania

Name	Relation-ship	Age	Month and Year of Birth	Place of Birth	Citizenship
Warrick, George enumerated with the family of John and Hannah Warrick	Son	27	Feb. 1873	Pennsylvania	

The above information (spelling of name, relationship, age, etc.) is an exact copy of Census enumeration for the individual and can not be changed.

Month and year of birth shown only at Census of 1900.

Very truly yours,



Director.

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**George Washington Warrick
1900 Census**

FOUR GENERATIONS



Four generations of a well known Raccoon family are shown in the above picture: Mrs. Jules Watlet and her daughter, Mrs. Camille DeValoneer of Raccoon and her daughter, Mrs. Alex Hannequan, and her three months old son, Aldon Lee Hannequant of Sheridan.

Four Generation of Watlet Family
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 1, 1942 Edition

Weigmans Receive Friends On Fiftieth Anniversary

More than 125 friends and neighbors joined in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wiegmann of Eldersville on their fiftieth wedding anniversary December 20. An informal reception for the couple was held at the Odd Fellows' Hall in Eldersville Monday evening. The table was centered with a large three tiered wedding cake topped with a bride and groom. Several gifts were received including a radio from the family of the couple.

Among those present were the Wiegmann's two daughters Mrs. Ralph Newman of Cross Creek and Mrs. Gaylord Martin of Hanlin, R. D. 1, and two sons Dale and Van Nest Wiegmann of Eldersville. A third son Paul could not be present since he is a patient in West Penn Hospital. Eight grandchildren and one great grandchild also attended. Walter Newman, another grand child, a student at Ohio State College was unable to attend.

Some of the guests enjoyed square dancing during the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiegmann have resided in the Eldersville community for about 30 years. They were married in Hickory, December 20, 1898, by Rev. J. W. Bourne. Mr. Wiegmann farmed most of his life and has been an active member of the Jefferson Grange.

**J. WILBERT WELCH
UHS PRINCIPAL - TEACHER**

John Wilbert Welch, former principal and teacher at Union High School, began his teaching career in 1920-21 in Smith Township; the same year he coached the local football team. He later taught in West Virginia but returned to teach at Union High School where he was employed for 31 years.

As a classroom teacher, Mr. Welch taught math and science. He also coached both girls and boys basketball at various times. In 1937, his boys' team won the WPIAL Basketball Championship for Class B.

In the late Thirties and Forties, he was a member of Burgettstown Borough Council.

Since his retirement in 1958, he has enjoyed playing golf and darts. He has been a member of the Fort Vance Historical Society and has served as an elder in the Hillcrest Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Welch was 88 years old January 28, 1981. He and his wife, the former Lucille Culley, will celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary July 30, 1981. They reside on the corner of Church and Culley Street.

Funeral Services Delayed.

Due to the extremely cold weather and the impassability of many roads in the community, the funeral services for the late Mrs. Margaret A. Welch, which were to have been held on Thursday, were postponed until Saturday afternoon. The services were held in the First United Presbyterian church, and interment made in Fairview cemetery. Numerous other funerals in various parts of the county were delayed by the state of the weather and by drifted roads.

THE WELLS FAMILY OF THE CROSSCREEK COUNTRY by A. D. White

One of the earliest if not the earliest of the well-known families to come into the Cross Creek Country for permanent settlement was the Wells Family, led by Alexander Wells. This family, of English decent, having been located for a time in Baltimore County, Maryland, upon coming to this "western country," immediately made its impression in these frontier settlements. Some descendants, still bearing the Wells name and many others bearing other family names, can still be found in this area.

Before leaving Baltimore to come to this western country, it is said that Alexander Wells purchased soldiers' rights to land here, so when he arrived in this area, he very soon acquired large areas of land, totaling probably around 2,000 acres. Some of this land he took out in his own name, while other tracts were patented in the names of other members of his family. The larger part of the land acquired lay in the valley of the main stream of Cross Creek in present Cross Creek, Jefferson and Independence Townships, while a smaller tract of about 500 acres lay on the North Fork of this stream and in the vicinity of Cross Creek Village.

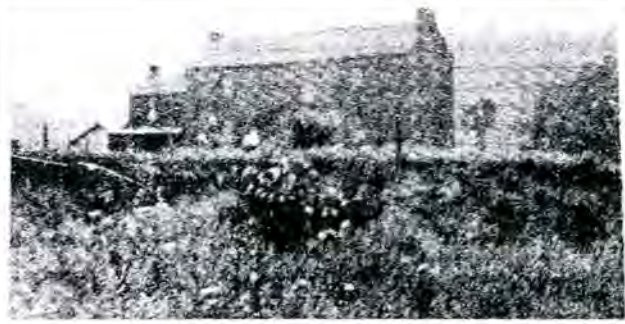
Mr. Wells established his home near the junction of North Fork with the main stream at the site of present day Avella. Mr. Wells very early sensed the importance and value of the water-ways in this new land, and in running his property lines, he was careful to do so in such a way as to practically monopolize them and to exclude others from the use of these streams. He knew that the streams would produce water power, and also that the valleys of the streams would be of value in establishing trails and roads for communication.

Down the main stream a few hundred yards from its junction with North Fork, in 1775 Mr. Wells established his two mills, a grist mill and a saw mill, and these he operated under his personal direction until 1796, when he sold them to his nephew, Richard Wells. It is said that Alexander Wells built and lived in the first frame house erected in Washington County, the earlier houses having been log-cabins or log-houses. For protection of his family and neighbors from Indian incursions, Mr. Wells built a fort on the hill just northwest of present Avella. And near the site of the fort is the old Wells Graveyard, where Mr. Wells and a number of his descendants are buried.

After the sale of his properties here, Mr. Wells moved to Charleston on the Ohio River. Sometime after he located there, by act of the Legislature of the State of Virginia, the name of the settlement there was changed to Wellsburg, ostensibly to honor Mr. Wells or other members of his family. In this growing town, Alexander Wells built a flour warehouse, the first ever erected on the Ohio River. From this place 50,000 barrels of flour were shipped annually to New Orleans and to other settlements along the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. At Wellsburg on December 9, 1813, occurred the death of Alexander Wells, and his body was brought back to the family graveyard for interment. His wife, Leah Owings Wells, died two years later, and she was buried by the side of her husband.

Richard Wells, who succeeded Alexander as proprietor of the properties here in the Cross Creek Country, was Alexander Wells' nephew and also his son-in-law, having married Alexander's daughter, Helen. Some time after taking over the property, he built on the estate the large stone house which was the home of his family and succeeding generations for some years. A picture of this old house is shown herewith. The old stone house was torn down by Emile Lerby about 20 years ago, and the stone from it was hauled to his property near the former West Middletown station on the Wabash Railroad.

The Wells Mills became an important trading post for the surrounding settlements; an advertisement dated October 25, 1795, stated that "John Kerr and Company have opened and are now selling at Alexander Wells' mills on Cross Creek a neat assortment of merchandise suitable for the season, for cash or country produce." Although most of the products of the mills, sawed lumber and flour were probably consumed locally (the nearby growing settlements would require considerable of these commodities), yet some of the grain and flour were



The Old Wells Stone House, built at the western edge of present Avella in an early day by Richard Wells. It was used as a dwelling for many years, but had stood vacant for several years before being dismantled about 20 years ago.

shipped down Cross Creek during times of high water, and on reaching the river, it could be re-loaded and shipped further down stream. The writer has in his possession an old news clipping the information of which was furnished to James Simpson by Eliza Wells Patterson, daughter of Richard Wells, telling of her father's having built a boat at his mill which he loaded with flour, put it in charge of an Irishman, not named, and sent the cargo down Cross Creek and the river and on to New Orleans for sale. The Irishman was a long time absent, and no communication being then possible, he was given up for lost. Finally, one evening he appeared back at the mill, leading an old skeleton of a horse carrying saddle-bags full of silver. He had sold the flour for a good price, taking it all in silver. He had hired someone to help him get away from the city at night, and then had walked and led the horse all the way back home. When asked by Mr. Wells why he hadn't taken his pay in paper money, which would have been more easily carried, he said, "Oh, I just wanted to bring you good Democratic money."

Upon Richard Wells' death, the property except the mills was inherited by his daughter, Eliza, wife of Thomas Patterson, while the mills were left to Bazileel Wells, who operated them for some time and then sold them to Thomas Patterson. Other owners in turn were James Patterson, David Campbell, William Bushfield and William Fullerton. Under the ownership of the last named, the grist-mill was discontinued, but the sawmill continued in use into the closing years of the nineteenth century. At the site of the old grist mill can be seen one of the old stone burrs, imbedded in concrete in front of a store building erected on the spot. Bazileel Wells moved to the western side of the Ohio River and there founded the town of Steubenville. Father up the river the town of Wellsville, Ohio, was founded and named for another member of the Wells family.

Following the deaths of the older members of this family, most of those bearing the family name moved across the border into the Virginia Panhandle and into the valley of the Ohio River, where they were prominent in the settlement of that area and in the development of important towns along the river as just stated.

Perhaps those of this family name made their chief contribution to the Cross Creek Country in those earlier days when they settled large areas of land, cleared the forests and made the early settlements and gave valuable assistance in the developing of trade in this new land. It took men of the stature and business acumen of Alexander Wells to clear the forests and to subdue the wild life including the Indians, and to make this country livable and safe for other pioneers to follow. Mr. Wells was not an educated man; some accounts imply that he could neither read nor write, but when land surveys were made for him, he had an ingenious way of computing the areas, and with the help of his wife he was able to conduct his business and his dealings with his fellow pioneers. After locating at Wellsburg, he gave great help and encouragement to the establishing of the Methodist Episcopal Church in that town.

But people of the Wells name did not all leave the Cross Creek Country. Richard Wells and his wife, Helen, had three sons: Cyrus, Jefferson and Richard, all of whom remained in the Cross Creek Country and who married and have descendants who are still here. Cyrus Wells married, first, Jane Rea, of Cross Creek Township, and,

second, Mary Jane Buchanan, of near Candor. Of his several children, John Wells married Clara Amspoker, and they were the parents of Cyrus Wells, late of Brooke County, West Virginia, and of Mrs. Flossie Wells Pollock, still living in Brooke County. Ella Wells, daughter of the first Cyrus Wells, married Thomas Albert Miller, of Jefferson Township, and they were the grandparents of Louis Albert Miller and of Delvin Miller, proprietors of Meadowcroft Village, often referred to in these columns.

Jefferson Wells married Sarah Campbell, of Mt. Pleasant Township, and among their descendants are the family of the late William G. and Kate Wells Simpson, of Hickory. This family is represented in the Hickory section today by W. Denny Simpson and his family, he being a great-grandson of Jefferson and Sara Campbell Wells. On a trip to the Far West in 1866, Jefferson Wells contracted the dread disease, cholera, from which he soon died and he was buried there. His widow is buried on the Simpson lot in Mt. Prospect Cemetery at Hickory.

Richard Wells, third son of the first Richard, married Mary Amanda Patterson, of the well-known family of that name, in Cross Creek Township. They spent their lives on a farm on the North Fork of Cross Creek, just north of the present village of Cedar Grove. Mr. Wells was long a member of the session of Cross Creek Church, but he left that church in 1883, and affiliated with the U.P. Church, then at Patterson Mills, but when that church disbanded a few years later, he returned to the Cross Creek Church, but he was not re-elected to the session. Through their daughter, Eliza Ann Bell Wells, who married Joseph B. Lawton, and in turn, through their daughter, Margaretta Wells Lawton, who married R. Lyle Cooke, Cross Creek Township has the three Cooke Brothers: Leroy, Leonard and Wayne, to carry on the Wells tradition in the Cross Creek Country. Two of these brothers, Leonard and Wayne, have followed their great-grandfather, Richard Wells, and their father, R. Lyle Cooke, in the eldership in the Cross Creek Church, while Leroy has served as trustee in that congregation and as a member of Cross Creek Cemetery Association.

And so the Wells Family line, now known in other family names, still carries on in the Cross Creek Country, still making a worthwhile contribution to the daily life of the community in which they and their forebears have lived for so many years. Other Wells families, no doubt related to the family of our pioneer, Alexander Wells, also came into our general area. One of these, another Richard Wells, known as Greybeard, settled just over the State Line on the Eldersville-Follansbee road in Brooke County, West Virginia, and the land on which he settled is still owned and occupied by his descendants. And like many others of the First Families of this area, too, the Wells Family migrated into Ohio and other western and mid-western states as they were settled. The Wells family made a number of settlements in Fairfield County, Ohio, where at one time there was another Wellsville, now apparently known by another name.

Next - The Vance Family.

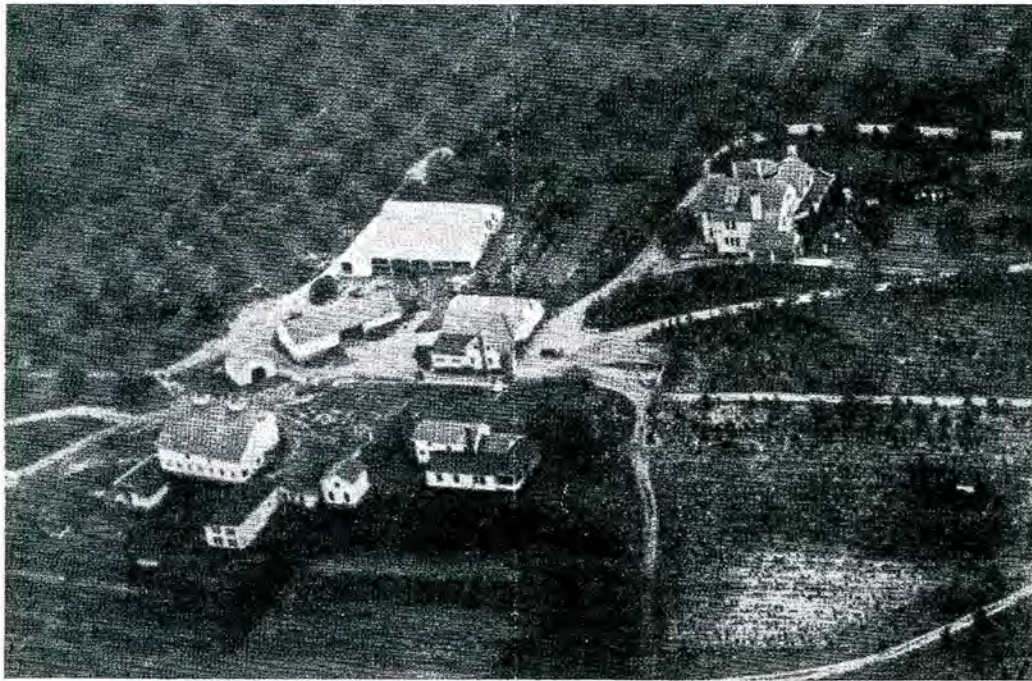
The Wells Family of Cross Creek (Pg. 2) **Burgettstown Enterprise-May 8, 1968 Edition**

**An Historical Sketch
of
Richard “Graybeard” Wells
and
His pioneer Farm and Family**

By W. Elza Scott

August 18, 1940

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An Airplane View of the Wells Farm, Located on the George Washington Trail, Five Miles East of Follansbee, Brooke County, West Virginia.

By W. Elza Scott

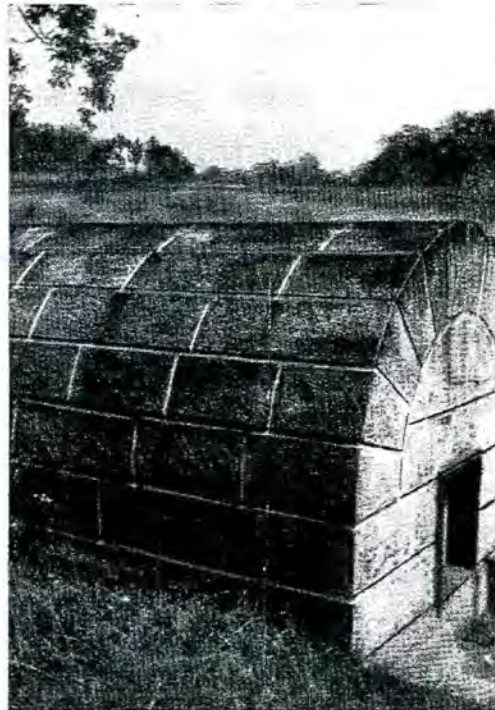
Historian, Radio Lecturer and President of
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HISTORICAL SKETCH

PREPARED FOR

THE TRI-STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S THIRD ANNUAL
PIONEER SUNDAY MEETING HELD ON THE BERT WELLS FARM
SUNDAY, AUGUST 18th, 1940

The Tri-State Historical Society, in cooperation with Mr. Bert Wells, the present owner of the Wells farm, and a direct descendent (the great-great grandson) of the original settler, Richard "Graybeard" Wells, is happy to present this informative sketch in appreciation of your attendance and interest



**Burial Vault 102 Years Old Stands Within Stones-throw of
Historical Society Meeting Place. Remains of Richard Wells
Were Re-interred in the Vault 42 Years After His Death.**

in this, our 3rd annual "Pioneer Sunday Meeting." We hope this information may add to your enjoyment and rekindle or quicken your interest in local history, and the various objectives and activities of our organization.

Aside from being one of the earliest homesteads in the Tri-State district, this place, or rather, the Indian fort on this farm, which was located about 200

yards northwest of the historical old burial vault, was the seed-bed or starting place of two very important and far-reaching social movements in this tri-state section.

One was the very early church services held here at Wells Fort under the leadership of Robert McCready, John Morrison, William McCandless, Samuel Strain and other Christian settlers of the neighborhood. As the attendance increased, together with similar meetings at Vance's Fort near Cross Creek Village, Pa., the news of the religious activity reached the Presbytery at Philadelphia which sent Reverend Powers into the region to investigate. As a result he preached one of the first regular church sermons under an oak tree in front of Vance's Fort, and later Dr. McMillan came into the region to serve as regular pastor. He eventually established the academy at Canonsburg which later developed into Washington and Jefferson College. Wells fort was the Church, the School and also a place of retreat from Indian attack, and the Social Center of a wide community for at least 6 or 8 years.

The other historical social movement was the teaching of the first school in this whole region in the Wells Fort by Robert McCready about 1777 or 1778.

Wells Fort also had its place in the military history of the district. It was the stopping place, in the summer of 1782, of a portion of Colonel William Crawford's army when he, with 480 men from the tri-state region came west, from what is now Fayette, West Moreland and Washington Counties, Pennsylvania, to Mingo Bottom (now Follansbee) on their way to attack the Indians at Sandusky. Col. Marshall, Lieutenant, of Washington County, Pa., in the summer of 1782, wrote as follows to Gen. Irvine, in command of the Western Department for protection of the settlements: "Tomorrow I intend marching whatever men may rendezvous in this quarter, to Richard Wells' Fort, which is within five miles of Mingo Bottom, at which place I intend to stay, if circumstances will admit, until I hear from you."—Butterfield Crawford Expedition P. 265. Among that group was Major Rose, a Russian nobleman, and the only Russian who fought in the American Revolution. It was this same Major Rose, who, after Col. Crawford's capture, gave valuable services in directing the retreat and bringing the defeated troops back to Mingo. Colonel Crawford was a chum and very close friend of George Washington. He was a brave Revolutionary soldier who suffered most cruel torture for two hours, and death by burning at the stake. The retreating soldiers reached the Ohio River at what is now Déparasiert for protection of the settlements: tomorrow I intend marching whatever men may rendezvous in this quarter, to Richard Wells' Fort, which is within five miles of Mingo Bottom, at which place I intend to stay, if circumstances will admit, until I hear from you."—Butterfield Crawford Expedition P. 265. Among that group was Major Rose, a Russian nobleman, and the only Russian who fought in the American Revolution. It was this same Major Rose, who, after Col. Crawford's capture, gave valuable services in directing the retreat and bringing the defeated troops back to Mingo. Colonel Crawford was a chum and very close friend of George Washington. He was a brave Revolutionary soldier who suffered most cruel torture for two hours, and death by burning at the stake. The retreating soldiers reached the Ohio River at what is now Mingo Junction, in the evening and recrossed the river to the Follansbee side to spend the night, feeling that they would be much safer on the Virginia side from the pursuing savages. The next day they disbanded and returned to their homes.

Richard Wells who settled this farm in 1772 was generally known as "Graybeard" to distinguish him from two others named Richard Wells who also settled claims only a few miles away. He was a native of Baltimore County, Maryland, being born there October 25, 1742. In 1772, when he was 30 years of age he emigrated west and settled four hundred acres of land in what was the Youghiogheny county, later Ohio County, Virginia. Is is now in Brooke County, W. Va., this farm comprises 115 acres of the original 400. The balance of the original tract lies north and to the west of this farm. It is bounded on the east by the Pennsylvania state line.

Immediately after establishing his claim Richard Wells returned to Baltimore and brought back with him a party of men, some of whom he secured by buying their time of an emigrant vessel, his payment to the Master of the ship to go to paying the fares of the bondmen. It was the practice in those



Tablet Forming Door of Old Vault. Inscription Reads "Sacred to the Memory of Richard Wells, who Emigrated from Maryland and Settled on This Farm in 1776. Died Sept. 24, 1831, in His 89th Year. Also His Only Daughter, Jemima Wells, Who Erected This Vault in 1838. Died Aug. 6, 1860, In Her 81st Year." (The Inscription Is An Error In That the Farm Was Settled In 1772 Instead of in 1776.)

days for emigrant vessels to bring passengers from Ireland to America, who were unable to pay their fares, and sell their time to the settlers, who needed laborers and would pay their passage money for their labor. The emigrant entered into an indenture to work a certain length of time for the sum paid. It is said the conditions of these obligations were always faithfully complied with.

With his party of men, Mr. Wells brought horses, tools and such farming utensils as he could pack across the mountains, arriving at his destination early in the spring of 1773. The first thing they did was to build a stockade, or picket

fort, to protect themselves and other settlers from attacks by the Indians, who were, at that time and for many years after, frequently committing murders among the frontier settlements. The fort was built by cutting white oak logs about twenty feet long, splitting them in two pieces, digging a ditch six or seven feet deep around a plat of ground sufficiently large to build their cabins inside and for other convenient room. These split logs were set on end in the ditch, two pieces facing inward and one set inside, facing out, to cover the joint, tamping them solid with earth or stone, thus surrounding the grounds, cutting a small door and a number of small port holes, from which to fire on Indians in case of an attack.

Thus protected, Mr. Wells commenced clearing his lands for cultivation, and in a few years with his force of men, converted a large portion of the forest into fruitful lands. He soon became one of the leading and most prosperous farmers in the then frontier settlement. His fort was never molested, while others in the surrounding country were frequently attacked. He often related an incident which he believed was one of the causes of his fort and property not being injured by the savages. One day he was out some distance from the fort, with only his dog and gun, when he saw two Indians dodging through the woods. He prepared for attack, but they made signs of friendliness; he responded, and they came together in a friendly manner. They then made signs of hunger; he invited them home with him, fed them bountifully, kept them over night, gave them breakfast the next morning, and when they started gave them provisions enough to last them two or three days. When they left they expressed their gratitude by calling him "much good man," "friend of Indian," and other demonstrations of gratitude. Mr. Wells always thought these two Indians reported to their tribes his kindness to them and true to their natural instinct, they remembered not to return evil for good.

As time passed he made frequent trips east, stopping in Bedford County, Pa., where in 1776 he married Edith Coale, born July 17, 1740. Believing it dangerous to bring his wife to the new settlement while the Indian troubles menaced, he allowed her to remain at her old home, where he went himself to spend the winters, returning to the farm in the spring times, till she died February 10, 1783, leaving a son, Jesse, who was born January 3, 1779, and a daughter, Jemima, born June 25, 1780. In 1783 he brought these two children to the fort. To bring them across the mountains he procured two large baskets, tied a rope to each handle and swung them across a horse, over what was then called a wooden pack-saddle, the baskets being well cushioned and lined with sufficient blankets for comfort; the children were put, one in each basket, and in this manner they made the trip across the Allegheny Mountains. They safely arrived at the fort, where, with the aid of a negress servant and house-keeper, he remained, raised his children and settled for life.

After Mr. Wells became permanently located in his new residence, which he built about the year 1790, he went back to Baltimore and brought home with him his aged father and mother, James and Honora Wells. The exact ages of these pioneers are not recorded, but sufficient is known to say they were born early in the 17th century. Both lived to be nearly one hundred years old. Mrs. Wells died in the year 1796, and her husband James dies in 1804. Both are buried on the old homestead farm of their son Richard, now held by his direct descendants.

Up to the present time eight generations of Wells' have lived on this farm. The present owner is the sixth generation, and his children and grand children constitute the seventh and eighth generations.

When Ohio County was organized, by division of Youghiogheny County, it embraced the whole Panhandle of Virginia. Richard Wells, being one of the earliest and most prominent of the Pioneer settlers, was appointed by the



Nathaniel Wells
Grandson of Richard Wells, Settler

Governor, one of the first board of Justices of Peace, who organized the first County Court to West Liberty, which was selected as the County Seat.

In 1797 he purchased a tract of 217 acres of land in Brooke County on the banks of the Ohio River immediately opposite where Steubenville now stands. The price paid was small. The deed shows a sum of five shillings, but it is now believed it was five shillings an acre. Two years later, by legislative act, he established a ferry from this land to the Ohio shore, his friend and relative Bazaleel Wells, at that time owning land on the Ohio side, who had, in conjunction with James Ross, laid out the town of Steubenville. The rapid growth of this new town, with the large emigration from the east into Ohio, made his ferry very profitable. It was continued as a ferry without intermission till about 1905 when a bridge was built for electric cars, vehicles and pedestrians.

A circumstance occurred with Mr. Wells, which may be worthy of notice here. It was about the time the continental money became worthless, and it required many days for the news to reach the frontier settlements. Some sharpers in the east gathered large quantities of it and hastened to the west to purchase improved farms. Mr. Wells by this time had his land in a high state of cultivation, when one of these sharpers called on him, offered a high price for his premises, in continental money, which he agreed to take. They were

to meet the next day at the office of a notary public to close the contract, but that evening a friend arrived from the east and reported the depreciation of this paper. The next day, meeting the sharper, Wells exhibited such wrath that the scamp fled the country. From that time to the day of his death, Mr. Wells would never receive any paper money in his business transactions, and it became understood by traders that whatever they bought of him must be paid in gold or silver.

He lived to the ripe old age of 89 years and was buried on this farm beside his father. In 1838—102 years ago, Jemima Wells, his daughter erected the burial vault to which she removed her father's remains. In 1860 she died and her remains were also placed in the family burial vault which after more than a hundred years is in excellent state of preservation. The remains of Richard's son Jesse, and his wife and one son James, and his wife are also buried in the stone walled enclosure around the vault.

Nathaniel Wells, youngest son of Jesse and Susan Wells, before mentioned, was born in Brooke County, Va., June 19, 1809. At the age of twenty-seven he was married to Mary Atkinson, daughter of William Atkinson, Esq., of Brooke County, on the 28th day of February, 1836, and on the first day of April, following, removed to and took charge of the ferry property and hotel opposite Steubenville. This property at that time belonged to his father, Jesse Wells and Jesse's sister, Jemima, before mentioned. He immediately commenced improving it, by removing the old stone building, replacing it with a large, spacious brick hotel, and necessary outbuildings, doing a prosperous business until August 18, 1840, when his wife died, leaving one son, Lewis. Mr. Wells continued on in business, and on June 31, 1842, married Rebecca Owings, daughter of Asa and Mary Owings, of Brooke County.

In 1849 Nathaniel Wells was elected to represent Brooke and Hancock Counties in the Virginia Legislature, in which he served from 1849 to 1852. During his term in the legislature the people of his district were petitioning that body for a grant of the right of way for the Pittsburgh and Steubenville Railroad across Virginia, now West Virginia, along the Harmon's creek Valley. Mr. Wells labored hard to procure the necessary legislation for the road. The right of way for several miles across the territory of Virginia would connect two great lines of railroads in Ohio and Pennsylvania, but the question which was beginning to boil at this time between the free and slave states had aroused a deep seated prejudice in the Virginia heart against the free or "Abolition States," as they chose to call them, and any legislation that had for its object the benefit of Ohio or Pennsylvania received a cold shoulder from the Virginia legislature. From this and other causes the right of way was rejected at every session from 1847 to 1853. The prospect of obtaining it from Virginia being hopeless, Mr. Wells in company with Jesse Edgington, who was a man of large means, possessed the energy and public spirit, purchased from the owners along the route 100 feet from the Ohio River to the Pennsylvania line, received titles in fee, simple, put the road under contract and built it in private account, under the firm of Edgington & Wells. The work was commenced in June, 1853, and on July 4, 1854, a passenger train ran from the Ohio River across Virginia to the Pennsylvania line. When completed, it became a part of the great Pan-handle road.

Virginia prejudice ran so high against the road that the governor ordered

the attorney general to institute legal proceedings against the parties to stop the work. A suit was commenced by state authority against Edgington & Wells, in the circuit court of Ohio County. With able counsel they met the issue and the proceedings were quashed. Not satisfied with this repulse, the state commenced a suit in the Brooke County circuit court, charging Edgington & Wells with conspiracy against the laws of the state. They again met the issue and were sustained. The enemies of the road, still unwilling to abandon their opposition to it, procured the introduction into the Legislature of a bill, declaring it a misdemeanor, punishable by fine and imprisonment in the penitentiary, for any person or persons to build a railroad in the state without first obtaining a charter from the legislature. Edgington & Wells, hearing of this, proceeded to Richmond to look after their interest. The result was, the bill failed to become a law. Thus ended legal proceedings and matters stood as they were, until after the rebellion began when the state of West Virginia was established, and upon an application to its legislature in session in Wheeling, an act was passed legalizing the road and authorizing the building of a bridge over the Ohio River at Steubenville.



Welshans Reunion

The eighth annual reunion of the Welshans, Burris and Linn families was held at the Follansbee Municipal Park with 135 relatives and friends attending.

Prizes were awarded to Mr. and Mrs. George Welshans and mother-in-law, Mrs. Gertrude Honaker, of Bluefield, West Virginia, traveling the longest distance; Jessie Cole, 77, and Charles Welshans, 73, oldest members present; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McGaughey and Mr. and Mrs. George Cole, most children present, six each; Kimberly Sue Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Cole, youngest girl, three months; Bryan Daniel Wargo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wargo, youngest boy, four months; Susan Crago, youngest bride married to Glenn Stewart, one year; and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Welshans, oldest couple married, 47 years.

Attending from far distances were Rev. and Mrs. Vernon Welshans, son Joel and Marlene Curtis, of Montezuma, Ohio, children of the president of the clan, Joseph Welshans.

Officers were re-elected as follows: Joseph Welshans, president; Frederick Cantor, vice-president; and Mrs. Steve Wargo, secretary-treasurer. Named to the ways and means committee were Mrs. James McFarland, Mrs. James Williams, Mrs. Joe Welshans, Mrs. Richard Stutermaster, Charles Knoblock and Russell Graham.

A friendship offering was taken up at the close for a relative who was missed and has been hospitalized for some time. He is Earl Johnson, whose wife was formerly Irene Welshans, daughter of John Welshans.

The 1965 reunion will be held on the last Saturday of July at the Follansbee Park.

Welshans Reunion

Burgettstown Enterprise-July 29, 1964 Edition

Walt West Returns To Pitt University

Atlasburg's famed Walt West returned to Pitt recently, but not to play football. For Walt enrolled to take two physical education courses to further himself in his chosen field of physical education. Walt has visions of some day being a head football coach at a major school, and is working toward that end. One of his ambitions is to return to Pitt as a coach but--without the de-emphasis.

Walt West played quarterback for Charley Bowser in 1940-41 and 42, in the beginning of the de-emphasis program at Pitt. Specializing in the defensive and blocking department, Walt doesn't say much about his years at Pitt except for the familiar, "the schedules were too tough for the material we had".

The former Union High gridiron great, graduated from Pitt in 1943, and reversing his college role, West played offensive ball at fullback for the powerful Randolph Field Air Force eleven. The following year, 1944, Walt went into the 'pay-for-play' ranks, performing with the Cleveland Rams of the National Professional Football League, and was their leading ground gainer.

The following season, Walt was faced with a difficult problem. His chief rival for his position was none other than his kid brother, Pat. Admitting that the pay was 'pretty nice' Walt decided to quit, because, he said, "the physical beating you have to take to protect your position, sometimes, isn't worth it."

At present, Walt is physical education director at Geneva College, and assistant football coach under Slim Ransom.

His kid brother, Pat, is playing his fourth season with the Rams which are now located in Los Angeles.

Walt West Returns to Pitt University
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 18, 1948 Edition



**Emma Westlake's Calligraphy Exercise
Personal Scrapbook**

**“BUSH” WHALEN
IS ENDORSED
FOR ASSEMBLY**

“Bush” Whalen, as he is familiarly known to his many friends and associates in this section is making a final canvass of Democratic voters this week in the interests of his campaign for the Democratic nomination to Assembly, from the First District of Washington county.

Mr. Whalen has already received the voluntary endorsement of a number of prominent Democratic organizations in the Burgettstown and Washington areas. Among the clubs endorsing Mr. Whalen's candidacy for Assembly are: Democratic committee of the City of Washington; Democratic Veterans of Foreign Wars of Washington County; Francis Mine local of the United Mine Workers; Colored Elks Lodge of Canonsburg; First Ward Political Club of Canonsburg; Young Democratic Club of Canonsburg.

The ballots returned by Democratic party leaders of Washington on the endorsement of candidates for State Legislature from this district, polled recently, gave Mr. Whalen 149 out of 171 votes.

Burgettstown's candidate has served efficiently as secretary to the Borough Council for the past five years and has made many trips to the State Capitol in recent months in the interests of the local sewer and creek straightening jobs and to secure government and state aid for proposed projects in this area. He has never served as a state or county representative but following his appointment by Governor Earle as Justice of the Peace in 1934, he was elected for a six year term in the fall of 1935. Mr. Whalen succeeded the late W. P. Friday as a local Justice of the Peace.

**“Bush “ Whalen
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 12, 1938 Edition**

Whalen To Direct County U. S. O. Drive

W. J. Whalen, Jr., has accepted the chairmanship of Washington County's final appeal for funds for the USO which will be conducted beginning the latter part of this month.

Mr. Whalen is familiar with the territory to be covered in this campaign and is well known throughout the county. He served as regional manager of the War Finance Committee for five counties during the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and Victory Loan Drives.

USO is campaigning nationally for \$10,000,000, while Pennsylvania's share of this amount is \$1,700,000. The quota for Washington County is \$30,000, all of which will go to give the boys still in service a "bit of home away from home."



"I am glad to take on this new responsibility in order to finish the job for USO", said Mr. Whalen. "There are still a lot of boys in uniform all over the world, and 6,772 of them are from Washington County.

"These 6,772 who are still in service from our county are still fighting valiantly, only this time it is the Battle of Boredom in which they are engaged. I'm willing to do my part, and I am appealing to everyone in Washington County to back this campaign to the limit."

Promptly upon taking over the county leadership, Chairman Whalen set in motion machinery for organizing the county effort to raise funds for the USO in its final year.

"I hope to have a full organization under way in a very short time, and we intend to issue an order for 'full steam ahead' in order that we may reach our goal within the time limit," Mr. Whalen said. "We will emphasize to all the county that the USO must stay on the job in 1947."

Whalen to Direct County U.S.O. Drive
Burgettstown Enterprise-1946 Enterprise



Whitaker House-2017
Burgettstown, PA.

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Good Prices at Sale.

At least 1,000 persons attended the sale of the personal property of the late J. P. White in Mt. Pleasant township on Thursday and good prices were realized. A matched team of six and seven-year-old Percheons sold for nearly \$400; clover and alfalfa hay sold from \$23 to \$25 per ton; corn went for 41 cents a bushel and oats for 52 cents. The herd of registered Holstein dairy cows, considered one of the best in the community, brought good prices. The average including the calves and heifers, was \$63 per head.

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Kidd's Mill continued to operate until shortly after the turn of the century when it was closed down. At this place, Mrs. Agnes Murchland, sister of Robert Kidd, served as Postmistress at the Bancroft Post Office and also, for a period of ten or twelve years, conducted a summer resort hotel for working girls from Pittsburgh who came here for two-weeks vacations. The Post Office here was discontinued upon the installation of the rural free delivery of mail.

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Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

A.D. White's Funeral Eulogy

by June Campbell Grossman

I am honored to have been asked by Bob to give a tribute to Mr. White, and also to read the tribute I wrote and gave for his testimonial dinner on September 28, 1991. But before I read that, I would certainly be remiss if I did not tell you, his beloved ten children, who your father was. Because like all families, you have been much too close to the trees to see the forest. We had the testimonial dinner for him because of the tremendous amount of historical and genealogical information that he had collected. Where did he get it? Well, he must have been a historian from day one, because he talked to people when he was very young and he remembered everything they had ever told him. Everything! He had talked to people who had been born in the 1840s and 1850s, and the stories they told him of the early settlers, he remembered – word for word. When he retired, 35 years ago, instead of playing golf or watching the horse races, he wrote history. He wrote in story form the histories of at least a dozen of the first families of the area, and he collected information on at least 250 to 300 other families, intending sometime to be able to do likewise to them. But his sight failed. He wanted his original copies to be preserved, and I would like to commend Bob and Jack, and Dick, and any others who had a hand in making certain that this will be done. But he also wanted people to have access to them. So he developed the idea that if only they could be copied and put somewhere where the public could use them, this would please him very much, because for all of his long life he never failed to help anyone who came to him, wanting information on his family roots.

So Max bought a copier. And we began. For two years, I read, and I read, and I read – file folder after file folder of information that he had collected over his lifetime. I read to sort out what was valuable and needed to be copied, and what perhaps we did not need to copy.

He had collected cemetery information. And I am so grateful that while he still lived, I was able to spend a month or so of concentrated work, going through all of his notes, about two reams of paper, where he had written tombstone inscriptions as he walked through old graveyards. They were inscriptions that he thought were fading over the years and he wanted to save them. So I was able to put them into a form where people will be able to use them. He gave my sister shoebox after shoebox of obituaries that he had collected from the beginning of his lifetime. And Kathryn organized them and Max copied them and put them into books so people could use them. This involved not only obituaries, but all sorts of other historical items. Max checked last night, and although it may not be an EXACT total, he has copied in the neighborhood of 130,000 sheets of paper, most of which were either typewritten or written by hand by A.D. White.

If we are to continue this work, because this is what he wanted us to do, we hope someday, and we are firmly committed to this, to make a memorial library in his name – open to the public. We do not know where the finances will come from, but they will appear.

One day when I was going through his envelopes, I found a church bulletin, where, at one time after he had retired, he and Laura had apparently visited somewhere in the mid-west. And either something the minister said struck a chord in him, or perhaps he wrote it himself. But he had put it in a place where I could see it was important to him. It said this: "*We have given our todays for their tomorrows - our unearned increment. I have left too many comrades stranded on the slopes to abandon the quest.*" I think that was what his life was all about. Everybody came to him and he loaned all sorts of materials that he had, and with but two exceptions, he told us that they had always returned his materials.

But in addition to having them read about their ancestors, he wanted them to know WHERE these ancestors had lived. So he came up with a suggestion that we should take him on a little jaunt each week - and he would plan the little trip. So he would set up an itinerary, and away we would go - down some little country road - and he would tell us who lived there and all about it. So Max traded my car on a van, so he could get in and out of it a little easier, then Max bought a good camera, and Kathryn bought a tape recorder - and away we went.

When we began the trips, A.D. took a map and showed us exactly where we were going to go, then Max clocked the mileage along the way so we would know how far it was to the particular homestead that was our goal. Kathryn put him on tape as he talked, and I took other notes to give us a better idea later of all of that marvelous information that he gave us.

He would say things such as, "Stop here, Max. Now down over the east about 250 feet, there was the old springhouse, and I'm pretty sure that is where the first log cabin sat." And because of his tremendous school background, he had visited in the homes of all of the children who went to school under his superintendency. He had information about all of them that only exists in his files. He knew who their parents were, and their grand-parents. He knew who everybody married, where they went to school after leaving grade school or high school, and when they did it. He had such a fantastic memory for detail as I have never seen. It wasn't a bit unusual for him to begin telling a story in which he would say: "Now it was a Friday afternoon, about 2:15, on a muggy day - May 13th in 1856." And he would proceed to tell us that John Hartford had just come in from plowing the corn, and had unhitched the team - and he would tell us a story that had been related to him by somebody who had been there and had heard it.

But what we did not account for was that as the days went by, and the weeks spread into years, that although we had always admired him, and stood somewhat in awe of him, we had learned to love him. Here was when he began to share with us the intimate things of his life - things which I charge you, his children, to pass on to his grandchildren and his great grandchildren - the marvelous stories that he told us.

And he would say, "Max, before you take me back to my condominium," (that was how he always referred to his little house) "How about taking me down my courting road." And we would go down past the old McGugan Railroad Station, and he would relate to us how, when he and Laura were dating, and he would take her to a social affair, he would say, "I would get her into the buggy and then take her the long way

home. And I always liked that road because of the good places where you could get the horse to stop off on the side.”

And then he showed us where his father went to school, and his own path to school the first year of his education. And he would say, “You know, my mother kept me back a year because she said that my legs were too short and I wouldn’t be able to get through the snow.” And he showed us down another road where he had built a fence the day before he was married. And then he began to ask us to take him places for “One More Time!” “Just one more time,” he would say. “How about taking me over to Beaver County where Laura and I were married”. And then he would tell us about how the couple who were witnesses to their marriage had taken them in an open car for a ride. That was their wedding trip. And then he said, “You know, it poured down rain, and I was worried to death that I was going to start this marriage the wrong way. Why she would just have a fit.” Then I said, “And did she?” And he said, “NO. She just laughed and laughed.” After all, it was their wedding day, and she loved him.

We took him to Millers Run in Allegheny County where his ancestor, James Dinsmore, had settled in 1772. And we stood with him under the big trees while he stated where he was pretty sure the original log cabin had been. And he told us the old stories about how, in 1769, Dinsmore had crossed the Allegheny Mountains on wooden snow shoes that he had made for himself. And of course he told us that they were 17 inches long and 8 inches wide.

We took him to Mingo Creek where he told us, and made live again for us, the story of the old Whiskey Insurrection. And then there was the one incident that we would remember most of all. It was one day when he wasn’t in too great a humor, and he said, “I want you to take me to such and such a little town. There’s a woman there who had a book that belongs to me. And I’m going to get it back!”

So we took him over there and while Max stopped with him in a restaurant, and got him a bite to eat, I was sent out, he said, as Sherlock Holmes – to find the woman and the book. Eventually I did locate her. And it’s a long story that I won’t repeat. But when I finally pinned her down, she DID have the book. But there was NO WAY that she was giving it up. She said, “It was GIVEN to me!” And I said, “Who gave it to you?” And she said, “A man from Hickory.” And I said, “Well, what was his name?” And she said, “A. B. Dinsmore”. And from that time on, that became our term of endearment for him. We always referred to him, when no one else was around, as A. B. Dinsmore. And we loved him. And we told him we loved him. Whenever we would leave him, we would always say, “Goodbye, A.B. Dinsmore.” And he would laugh. “We love you!” And Max would say, “You know, you mean the world to us.” And then he would answer, “Now you know the feeling is mutual. And don’t you be gone too long.” But the time went by and his steps grew slower and his eyes grew dimmer. And then finally – time ran out.

And now, after a hundred years, he has gone back home. And I have a strange feeling that before he begins his marvelous new life, he will want to finish up a few little odds and ends of the old one. I wouldn’t be a bit surprised that as we sit here in tears, that he is somewhere under a tree, with – maybe old James Simpson – filling in blanks in the old Cross Creek Cemetery Book. Filling in dates that they didn’t

know when they were here. But one thing is certain. He no longer sees through a glass darkly.

And now I would like to share with you the tribute that I wrote and gave for him at his testimonial dinner in 1991. I wrote it to him as our gift from all of us who were children of the despair and hopelessness of the Great Depression, but who were fortunate enough to have crossed our paths, a man of vision.

Goodbye, A.B. Dinsmore, We love you. We won't be gone too long. Just until we meet again - Over There.

Form V. S. No. 5.-50M-1-16-08.

PLACE OF DEATH.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH.

County of Washington
Township of Smith Registration District No. 195
or
Borough of Burgessstown Primary Registration District No. 1612
or
City of _____ (No. _____ St.; _____ Ward) [If death occurred in a Hospital or Institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.]

File No. 81972

Registered No. _____

[If death occurs away from USUAL RESIDENCE give facts called for under "Special Information"]

FULL NAME John Cooke White

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

SEX Male COLOR White

DATE OF BIRTH Oct. 27 1862
(Month) (Day) (Year)

AGE 49 years, 10 months, 4 days.

SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED Married

BIRTHPLACE (State or County) Smith Twp.

OCCUPATION Teamster

NAME OF FATHER Alexander M White

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or County) Washington Co.

MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Martha J. Cook

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or County) Washington Co.

THE ABOVE STATED PERSONAL PARTICULARS ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF

(Informant) Mrs. C. White
(Address) Burgessstown

Filed Sept 4 1902 Mrs. C. White
Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DATE OF DEATH Sept 2 1902
(Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from _____ 190_____ to _____ 190_____

that I last saw h_____ alive on _____ 190_____

and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at _____

M. The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows:
From drowning. Being caught in flood

Contributory _____ (Duration) _____ Days

(Signed) A. J. Humphreys, Dep. S. D.
Sept 3 1902 (Address) In. Donald

SPECIAL INFORMATION only for Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents.
Former or Usual Residence _____ How long at _____ Place of Death _____? Days

Where was disease contracted? _____

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Havview Cemetery DATE OF BURIAL _____ 190_____

UNDERTAKER J. V. Lee ADDRESS Burgessstown Pa

WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD.

N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, that it may be properly classified. The "Special Information" for persons dying away from home should be given in every instance.

John Cooke White drowned in the Flood of September 2, 1912.

Cook, White, who was a farmer on the outskirts of Burgettstown, heard the sound of the flood and hastened to his stable to save his horses. He was drowned, and his son who went to his rescue was swept away, but catching the branches of an overhanging tree, drew himself to safety.



Flood of 1912-Photo taken from Shady Avenue, Burgettstown, PA.

The scene is the rear view of Main Street behind what is now the location of Rite Aid and Dr. Shields dental office. The only person killed in Burgettstown during this flood was John Cooke White. He was in the barn trying to get out a team of horses. The barn referred to is at a tilted angle.

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

John H. White Is Appointed Manager At Climax Molybdenum; Murphy Resigns Apr. 1

Announcement is made by Arthur H. Bunker, President of Climax Molybdenum company of the appointment of John H. White, Jr., as Vice President and Manager of the Langeloth plant. Mr. White succeeds M. W. Murphy of Highland avenue, who terminated a 27 year association with Climax Molybdenum company, by his resignation, effective April 1.

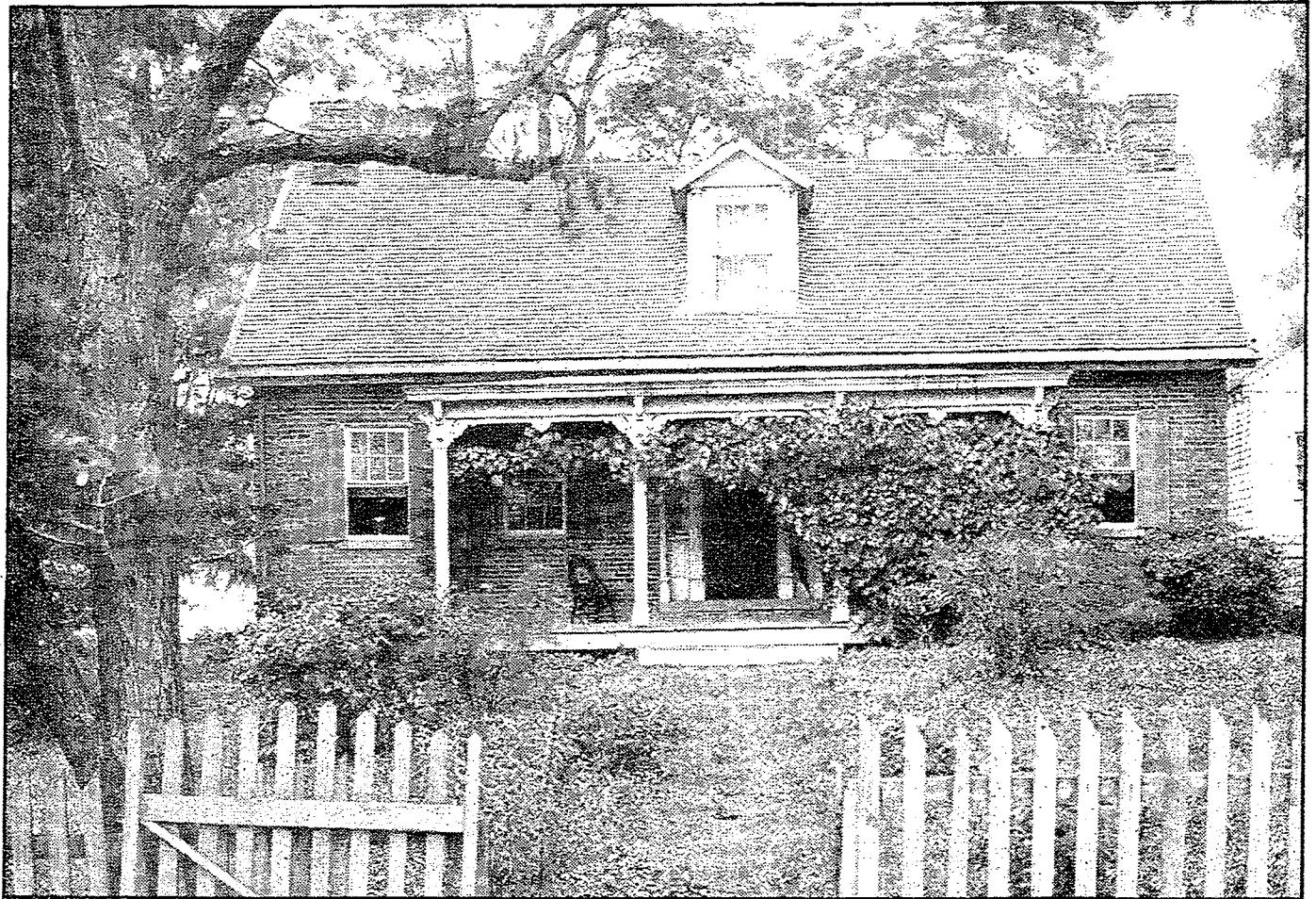
The new manager of the hilltop plant is a reserve Colonel in the United States Army and is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, N. Y. He is a veteran of both World War I and II. He is married to Alice Louise Benton, daughter of the late Judge Alden Benton of New York. The Whites are the parents of one daughter, Kathryn, who is a member of the Junior class at Connecticut college and is majoring in history. They are now residing in Short Hills, N. J., but hope to make their future home in the Burgettstown Community as soon as housing is available.

Mr. White until recently was president of Ames Rubber Corporation; prior to that time he was vice president and general manager of Radio Chemical and Rubber Corporation. During the period from 1945 to 1948 he acted as director of promotion for the American Gas Association, and during that time organized and operated the first promotional program for the gas industry.

From March, 1942, until December, 1945, he held the positions of chief of administration and chief of manufacturing with the Picatinny Arsenal at Dover, N. J., with the rank of colonel. This latter activity included among other things the supervision of the metal components division at the arsenal, the explosives and ammunition loading divisions. It also involved the installation of the multi-million volt betatron used to X-ray loaded projectiles.



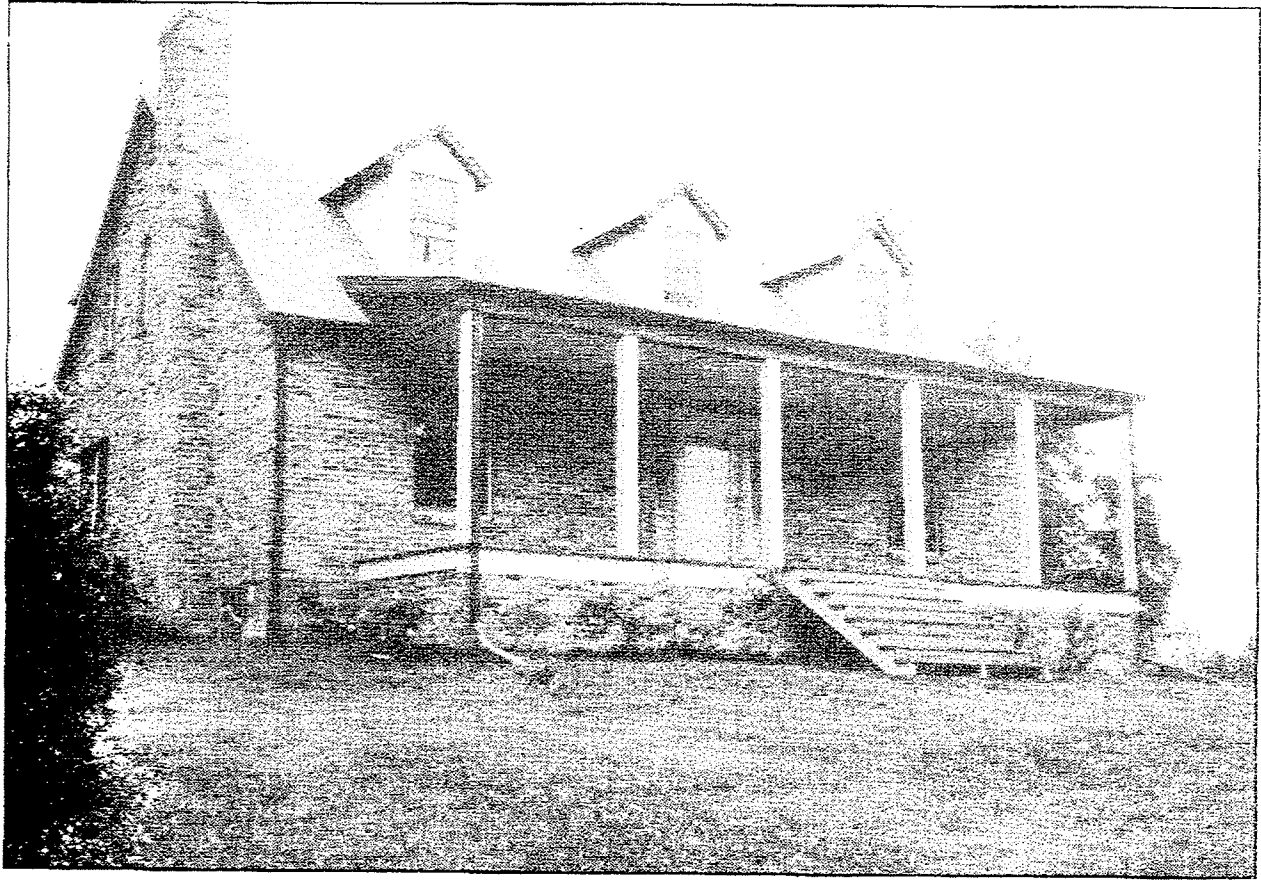
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KNOWN IN LATER years as the Farrar house, built by John White III in 1840-1842 on Bonnymeade Farm.

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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."

From out of the past....

John Tomn and others of Bonnymeade Farm (pg. 5)

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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.

From out of the past....

John Tomn and others of Bonnymeade Farm (pg. 4)

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Bruce Tuttle and Mae White sprang a surprise on most of their friends on Tuesday evening, September 28, by going to the manse and being united in marriage by Rev. O. S. McFarland. They were unattended. Immediately after the ceremony some of their associates having heard the news, sought out a vehicle of ancient design, trimmed it with an array of tinware and gave the bride and bridegroom a pressing invitation to get in and receive a good start in life. Having accepted, they were taken to the end of the brick road where they were left to walk back. They took it all as a joke and on their return were given a respectable serenade and taken to

Bruce Tuttle and Mae White
Marriage-September 28, 1915
Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

The will of Margaret A. White, late of Hickory, has been probated and letters issued to James S. Buchanan. A lot in Hickory, with buildings thereon, is given to a daughter, Emma L. Moore. A personal bequest is made to children of Andrew Armstrong, a son-in-law. Shares of stock in the Iron Spring Mining company are given to her children, McClure White, Martin H. White, Margaret S. Buchanan and Emma L. Moore.

Margaret A. White
Burgettstown Herald-November 30, 1910 Edition

Tribute to A.D.White for his Testimonial Dinner

We came from every walk of life.

You called us each by name.

Our backgrounds were a patchwork quilt.

You treated all the same.

If great, great granddad came across

In seventeen eighty-two,

Or if Dad came on the last boat,

It was all the same to you.

You could pronounce and spell our last names

And never bat an eye,

If they had eleven consonants

And ended S-K-I.

You didn't care if home to us

Was in a miner's camp

Where the only light to read by

Was a miner's carbide lamp.

You didn't care if where we lived

Was just an ugly shack.

THINGS didn't matter with you.

For you didn't see the lack.

You never saw the chubby boy

Whose britches were too small.

You never saw the skinny girl

Who thought she was too tall.

You saw the mind. You saw the soul.

No pretense and no fuss.

You held the torch of life up high

And passed it on to us.



**There may not be a monument
To set your name apart,
But you WILL live forever
For you live within our heart.**

**So we are here this evening
To say thanks for what you've done,
For giving us the knowing
That the battle can be won.**

**To pay tribute to your record
We have come from near and far,
But we honor and we love you
Most of all, for WHAT you are!**

by June Campbell Grossman

**This is from those of us who were children of the despair and
hopelessness of the Great Depression, but who were fortunate enough to have
cross our paths, a man of vision.**

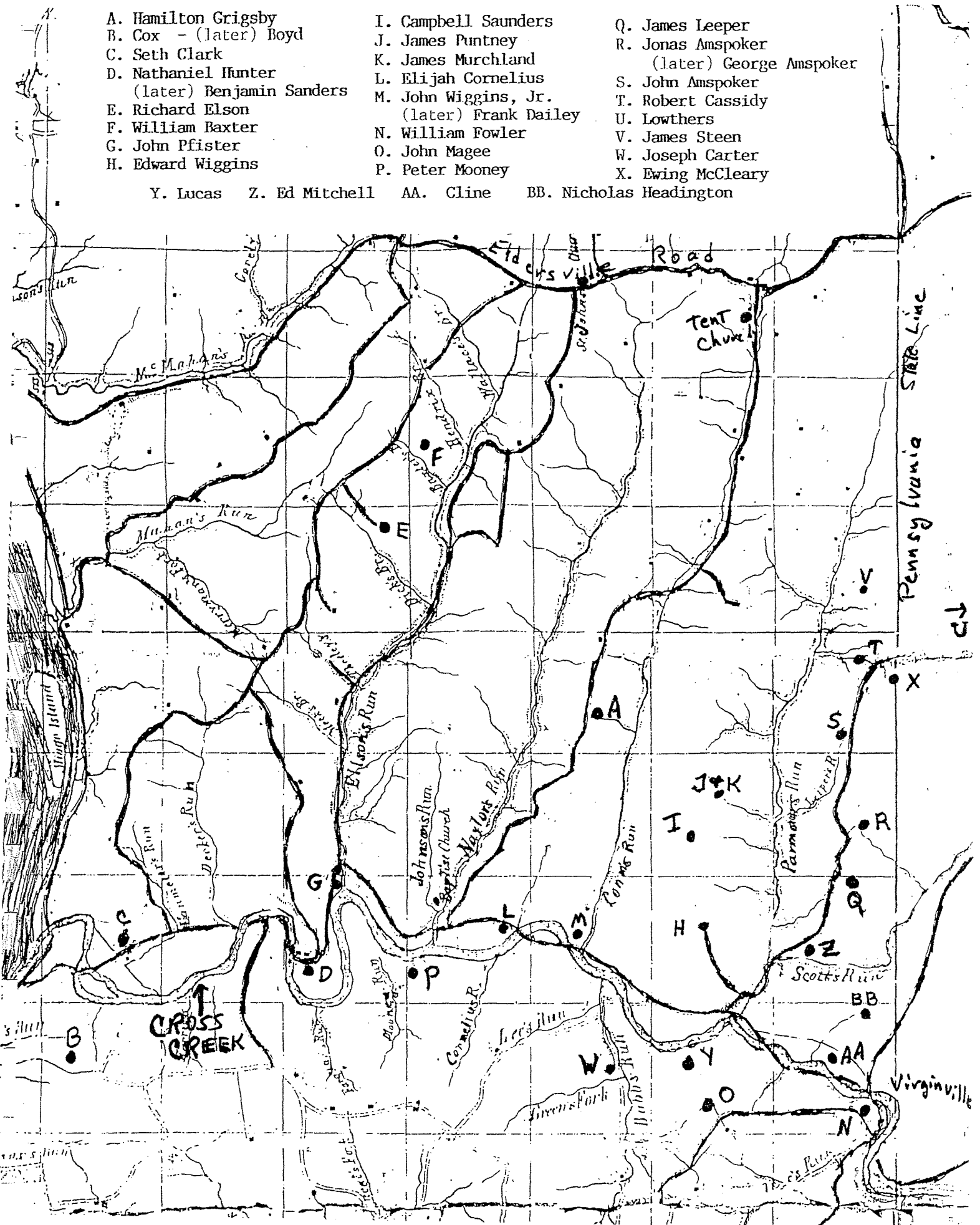
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Just until we meet again - Over There.**

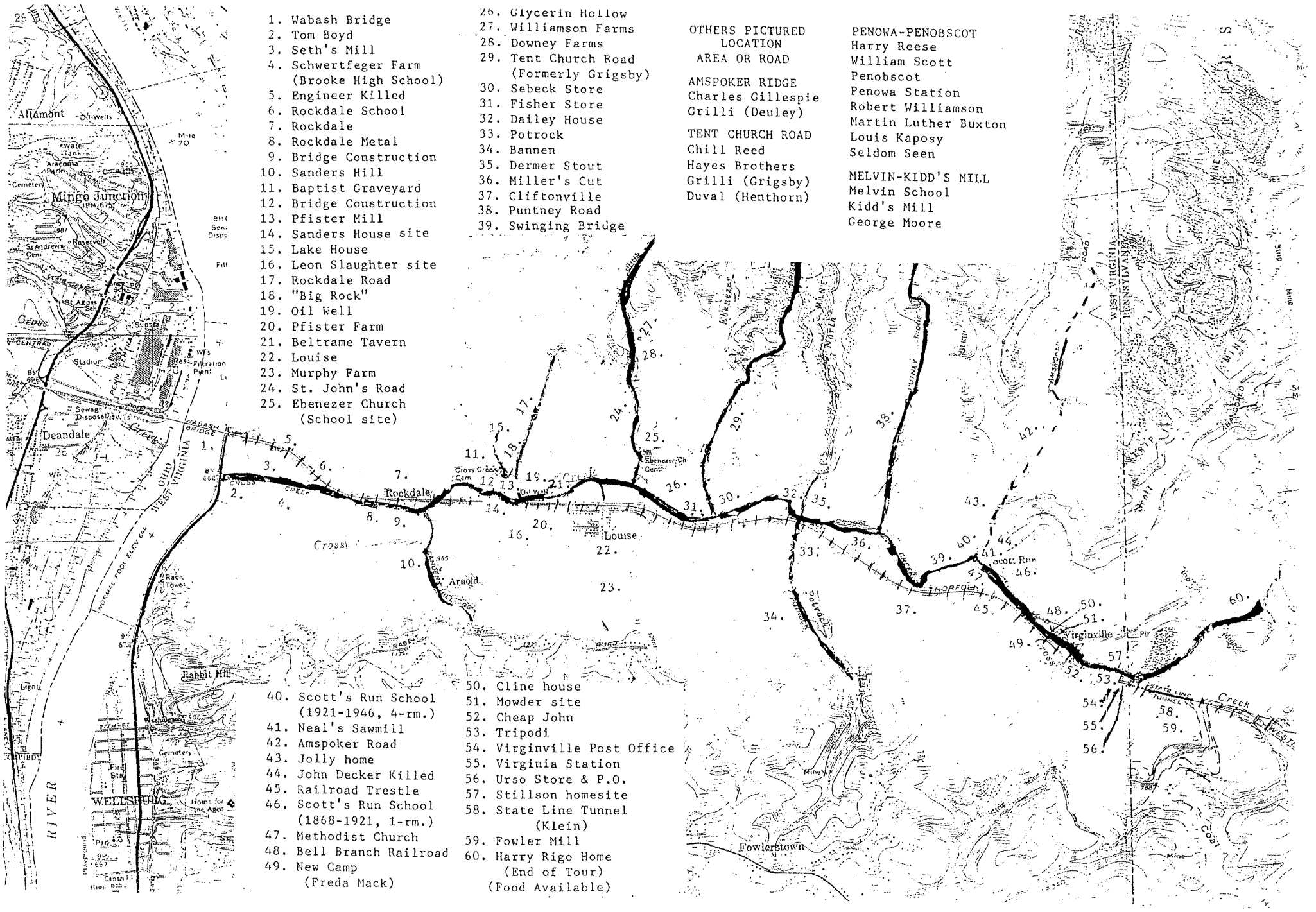
Wiggins Family

**Leaves of History-Cross Creek, Brooke County-Part II
Online use, Refer to Obituaries**

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
(later) Benjamin Sanders | L. Elijah Cornelius | S. John Amspoker |
| E. Richard Elson | M. John Wiggins, Jr.
(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)

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W I G G I N S

One of Cross Creek Valley's earliest settlers and largest land-owners was Edward Wiggins. Noted historian, Raymond M. Bell, has written that Wiggins was listed as a land-owner in the area when it was part of the District of West Augusta, Virginia, along with the other earliest settlers: Richard Elson, John Morrison, George Naylor, William Baxter, Moses Decker, and Samuel Leeper. He is also recorded in the Virginia Tax List of 1787. Sims Index to Land Grants shows his holdings in 1787 as being two tracts, one of 300 acres and the other of 400. In his will, he mentions having two tracts. Wiggins' 700 acres of land covered most of what is today known as Scotts Run, running up Puntney Ridge to join lands of Robert Murchland to the north, and Jonas Amspoker to the east. This writer has been unable to find a survey of these early patents, but it is possible that his holdings may have been bounded on the west by lands of Richard Elson.

Edward Wiggins was a Private, 2nd Class, in Captain Edmund Baxter's Company in the Revolutionary War, and it is believed that part of his land holdings were in payment of this Revolutionary service. He and his wife were large slave holders, she maintaining this status for many years after Edward's death in 1799.

Prior to coming to Brooke County, Edward married Charity Preble, the daughter of Thomas and Mary Elizabeth Teagarden Preble. They were the parents of three sons and six daughters.



Pictured above is the Wiggins mansion located high above Cross Creek on the south end of Puntney Ridge. It was built many years after the death of Edward by his youngest son, John Wiggins. It is believed that John built it in 1840. It was torn down in 1976. The bricks were made on the land.

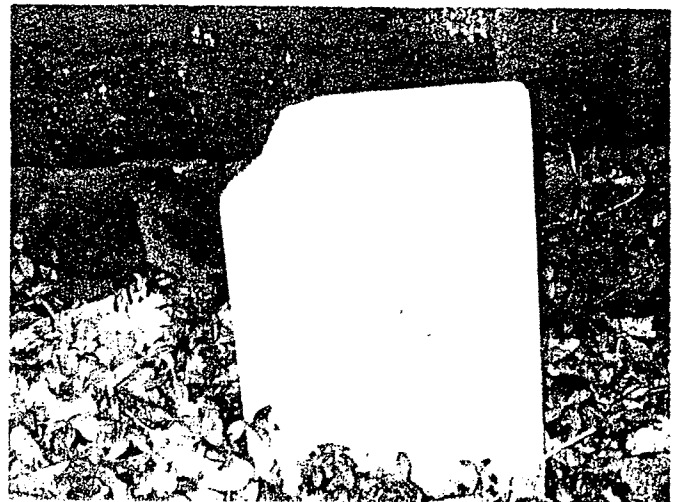
Edward and Charity's eldest daughter, Nancy, married Matthew Rolands, who owned the land near Virginville which later became the Headington farm. Her sister Margaret, married John Harris Elson, and Elizabeth married a Smith, probably a neighbor of the Wiggins and Elson families who had settled very early down on Cross Creek. Mary Wiggins married Edward Crawford and Charity wed John Hendricks, a large landowner in the Goodwill area of St. Johns Church. Elinor died young and is buried in the family plot on the Wiggins farm, not far from where the brick mansion was constructed.

The first born and eldest son, Thomas, married Jennie McGuire, while the second son, Edward, Jr. married Mary Greentree. Prior to his death, Edward Sr. willed his two tracts of land to his two oldest sons, Thomas and Edward, but after Edward's death at age 60 in 1799, both of these young men took their wives and small children and moved to Coshocton County, Ohio. The story is told of the wife of Edward, Jr., Mary Greentree Wiggins, and her journey to Ohio. Tradition has it that she rode a horse, carrying her fourth child, an infant, in her arms, leading a cow, with her churn and dash tied to her saddle. The three older children were all under the age of five at the time. Mary was one of a kind to endure such hardships of the day. She became the mother of fourteen children.



Pictured above is Mary Elizabeth Hendricks Campbell, great-grand daughter of Edward and Charity Wiggins. Her grandmother was their daughter, Charity Wiggins Hendricks.

Pictured on the right is the oldest grandson of Mary Elizabeth. He is Harry W. Campbell, eldest child of her son, Earl Campbell.



The only remaining original tombstone in the Wiggins Private Burial Ground. It is that of Mary, a granddaughter of Edward and Charity.





After Thomas and Edward, Jr. moved to Ohio, the Wiggins land fell to the youngest son, John, who was but thirteen years of age when his father died. John later married a neighbor girl, Margaret Baxter, the daughter of William and Ruth Elson Baxter. John and Margaret lived out their lives on the land and raised their children there. It was this son, John, who, after the death of his mother, Charity Wiggins, in 1832, replaced the old log dwelling with the brick mansion pictured on another page.

One child of John and Margaret Baxter Wiggins was their son, John, Jr. who married Isabelle Headington, daughter of John and Jane Murchland Headington. Pictured on the left is one of their daughters, Rachel, who married James W. Saunders. Rachel died at the age of 28 with the birth of her fifth son. She is buried in old Ebenezer Cemetery. She was known for her beauty and her great skill in riding horseback side-saddle. Among her sons was Campbell Saunders, the grandfather of William Saunders of Puntney Ridge and of his sisters, Freda Saunders Dunn, and Lois Saunders Dami, also both of Puntney Ridge.

On the right are two other daughters of John Wiggins, Jr. and his wife, Isabelle Headington Wiggins. It is not known which two girls are pictured, but they are two of the following:

Mary Wiggins who married
Moses C. Patton

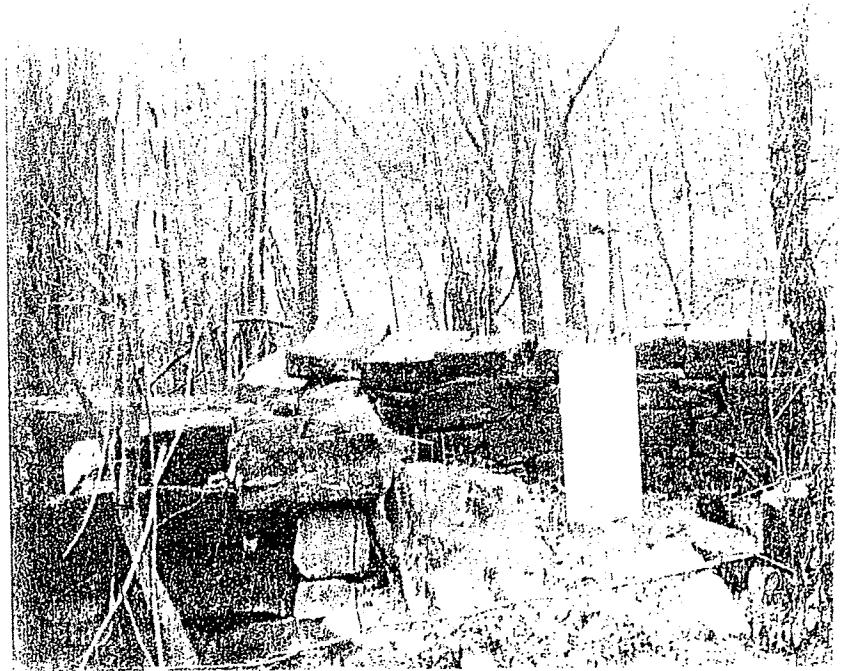
Isabelle Wiggins who married
Charles Waddle

Sarah J. Wiggins who married
a man named Miller

The eldest daughter, Margaret died in a diptheria epidemic at the age of 12. Their two sons were John A. Wiggins and George.



The pictures on the right are of the Wiggins Private Burial Ground, located not far from the mansion house on Puntney Ridge. It is believed that only five persons are buried there: Edward Wiggins; Charity Preble Wiggins, his wife; Elinor, their daughter; Mary, a granddaughter; and John Decker, the first to be interred here, and the last white man killed by the Indians in Brooke County. (The story of Decker appears on another page.)



The white marker visible in the pictures was placed here by Sidney Woods, a lineal descendant of Edward. It is in honor of his Revolutionary service.

The first Wiggins log cabin was the meeting place of the earliest adherents of the Presbyterian Seceder faith who later established the Tent Presbyterian Church. Although Edward may have been of this faith, most of his descendants who died in the Brooke County area are buried at Olde St. Johns.



John Wiggins, Jr. died in his early forties. The Wiggins property seems to have fallen to his sister, Margaret, who married Silas Magee. Their son, John Wiggins Magee, became the owner in later years. Another sister, Damaris, married William M. Fowler, but died young. The only brother of John, Jr., William Baxter Wiggins married Catherine Cornelius. Their descendants remained in the Brooke County area for a number of years. Although the Wiggins name may be nearly gone, the bloodline is still present in Brooke County.



BOTTOM RIGHT: Marjorie Magee, daughter of John Wiggins Magee.

Ava Wilcoxon Of Frankfort Springs Has 91st Birthday

Ava Wilcoxon, of Route 168, Frankfort Springs, celebrated her 91st birthday on March 8 with several relatives and friends at home. According to an article in the *Panhandle Press*, Mrs. Wilcoxon does all her own cooking and cleaning. She is interested in the happenings around her and in world affairs.

Mrs. Wilcoxon was born in 1891 in Washington County, the only daughter of Campbell and Mary Tarr. She is the only one in her family left, her brother, William, having passed away in February at the age of 85.

In 1915 she married Edgar F. Wilcoxon in Pittsburgh. Together they operated a cattle and grain farm on Route 18 near Florence. Their four-year old daughter, Mary, died in 1926 from measles. In the early 1970's the family moved from their farm to Frankfort Springs. Mr. Wilcoxon died in 1976.

To pass the time away Mrs. Wilcoxon does a lot of reading. She is quoted as saying that she never had any inclination to develop other hobbies because "working on a farm, there's not much idle time." She is a member of the Frankfort Springs United Presbyterian Church.

To celebrate her birthday her sister-in-law, Mrs. Brodmerkel, baked a large cake for the occasion.

BEGINS BASIC TRAINING



Norman C. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman C. Williams, Sr., of Burgettstown, R. D. 3, has begun basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

Upon completion of basic training, Pvt. Williams will go to the U. S. Army Unit and Organizational Supply Procedures School at Fort Lee, Virginia.

After completion of school, he will be assigned to the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii.

Pvt. Williams attended Burgettstown Area High School.

Norman C. Williams Begins Basic Training
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 13, 1972 Edition

Wedding at Imperial. *Sept. 15, 1903*

A pretty home wedding yesterday was that of Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson McNall, of Imperial, and Mr. D. Stewart Morgan, of Burgettstown. The ceremony, which took place at noon, was performed by Rev. David Dunseith, a brother-in-law of the bride, assisted by Rev. Thomas A. Gibson, of the Robinson United Presbyterian church. The bride was attended by Miss Mary Douglas, of this city, as honor maid. William Donaldson, of Allegheny, was the best man. The ushers were Dr. J. Slater Crawford and Samuel Dundseith, of Crafton. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a modish gown of white crepe de chine over white taffeta. The veil fell the full length of the train, and she carried a bouquet of white roses. A breakfast followed the ceremony. The decorations of the house carried out the color scheme of pink and white. Later in the day the bride and groom left for a lake trip.

**Wedding of Margaret Wilson and D. Stewart Morgan
September 15, 1903**

GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Witherspoon, of Robinson Township, Married Fifty Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Witherspoon, of Robinson township, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage on Tuesday, December 9, 1913. About thirty-five guests were present, coming from Pittsburg, Oakmont, Verona, Ohio, Parkersburg, Fairview, etc. An elaborate turkey dinner was served. The decorations were yellow chrysanthemums, smilax, pinks, white carnations and Christmas greens.

Dr. J. W. Witherspoon, the only surviving brother of the groom, made an address, after which the company joined in singing the 23d Psalm, and Dr. Witherspoon closed with prayer.

Samuel Witherspoon and Miss Jane Armor were united in marriage December 9, 1863, by their pastor, Rev. Hunter, and have spent their entire married life on the farm where Mr. Witherspoon was born. Those now living who were at the wedding fifty years ago are Rev. James Witherspoon, D. D., of Allegheny, only surviving brother of the groom; J. Ray Armor, of Burgettstown, only surviving brother of the bride; Dr. J. G. McCoy, of Warren; Mrs. J. H. Veasey, formerly Miss Mattie Armor; Mrs. W. W. Inglefield, of Murdocksville, formerly Miss Lizzie Armor; Mrs. W. S. Armor, Miss Sarah Moreland; Joseph Culley, B. A. Bubbett and Mrs. H. E. Riggle. Five of these guests were present at the celebration last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Witherspoon are among the most highly respected residents of this community, where they have spent their lives, and it is the wish of all that they may be spared to each other and to their friends for many years yet. The Call feels honored in having Mr. Witherspoon as its first subscriber.

**Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Witherspoon
Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary**

W. H. WITHERSPOON

W. H. Witherspoon, a member of the first Borough Council, was a wool and grain merchant in Burgettstown. His business was located across the railroad tracks from the station. He was born August 3, 1831, in Robinson Township. In 1854 he married Mary Hood. He lived for seven years in Robinson Township and six years in Hanover Township before moving to Burgettstown. He first opened a general store here but later specialized in wool. He served on the building committee for the United Presbyterian Church (Westminster).

Witherspoon-Bigger.

On Thursday, August 30th, at noon the marriage of Elizabeth Armour Witherspoon to Thomas Culley Bigger was solemnized in the home of the bride's father James Witherspoon near Burgettstown. The wedding was an informal affair with only near relatives and the immediate family present. The ring ceremony was performed by Dr. E. A. Culley of Pittsburgh, uncle of the bride and groom, assisted by their pastor, Rev. J. Walter Irwin of Robinson. Miss Clara Witherspoon, aunt of the bride, played Mendelssohn's Wedding March. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white satin and carried a bouquet of yellow roses and baby's breath. She had as her only attendant Helen Bigger, sister of the groom, who wore pale blue and carried pink asters. Thomas Witherspoon, brother of the bride, served as the groom's best man. After an informal luncheon Mr. and Mrs. Bigger left on a trip to Niagara Falls and other points of interest.

Elizabeth Armour Witherspoon-Thomas Culley Bigger
August 30, 1934

WOLFE—BOLE

On Wednesday morning, June 18, at the parsonage of the First United Presbyterian church, occurred the marriage of Miss Ethel Wolfe and Mr. Clifton S. Bole, the Rev. J. L. Thome, Jr., officiating. The happy couple are both well known in Burgettstown. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Wolfe, and was employed as bookkeeper for the A. K. Carter Co., of Pittsburgh.

The groom is employed with the American Zinc & Chemical Co., and has been manager of the supply department at Langeloth for several years.

They left immediately, for an automobile trip, through the eastern states, and will be gone about two weeks. Their plans for this trip were not made known but we all wish them a happy trip.

Mr. and Mrs. James N. Wolf
announce the marriage of their daughter
Jeanetta Ethel
to
Mr. Clifton S. Bole
on Wednesday, the eighteenth of June
nineteen hundred and twenty-four
Burgettstown, Pennsylvania

Wolf -Bole
Wedding announcement and Invitation

Wolf-Llewellyn.

Saturday, October 7 at 4:30
the Smithfield and Seventh
church, Pittsburg, occurred
riage of Miss Ellen Llewellyn of Mea
owlands, and Randall D. Wolf of Was
ington. The sermon was read by Re
W. L. Hogg, the ring ceremony being
used. Miss Llewellyn is the daughter
of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lle
wellyn and Mr. Wolf is a son of H. D.
Wolf, of near Youngstown, O., but for
merly of Washington county. Mr. Wolf
is a World War veteran having served
as corporal and later a First sergeant
in the medical department of the U.
S. army while in France. He is a grad
uate of the Washington Business col
lege and has held a responsible posi
tion for several years with the Yough
iegheny and Ohio Coal company of
Manifold. The young couple will reside
in Duncan avenue Washington.

**Wedding Announcement of Helen (Ellen) Llewellyn and Randall D. Wolf
October 7, 1922**

John Wood mastered pottery, farming

By Kathryn Slasor
Special correspondent

John P. Wood, in his lifetime, was one of the leading citizens of Burgettstown.

He was born Nov. 27, 1815, in Lancaster County, of English ancestry.

His grandfather, Peter Wood, was born and raised in the mother country, where he married and raised a large family.

They crossed the ocean and settled in Philadelphia where the grandfather engaged in the wholesale dry goods business. They later moved to Bucks County and resided there several years.

Peter was a Quaker, but mar-

ried a Baptist wife and was dismissed from the Society.

His son, Ingham Wood, was born on the farm in Bucks County. In early life he spent three years in the pottery business, as an apprentice.

He continued that vocation the rest of his life. He was married in Lancaster County to Catherine Hoffman. Among their eight children was John P.

At the age of 17, John P. began to learn the pottery trade, serving a full apprenticeship with this father.

When he was 21, he came to Burgettstown, purchased a pottery establishment from Robert Brown and conducted that business for 16 years.

He then sold out and bought the farm upon which he resided until March 1877.

On Jan. 2, 1839, he married Esther, daughter of Thomas Miller and grandchild of Samuel Miller, who had come from Ireland.

This family made its way to Mount Pleasant Township and purchased a large tract of land.

Thomas Miller was born July 15, 1788, in Cecil County, Md., and married Elizabeth Simpson. The young couple made their bridal trip on horseback from Cecil County to Mount Pleasant Township, where they lived until 1810.

They then purchased a hotel in Burgettstown. He became a

drover in early life, buying and selling cattle and driving them over the mountains to the eastern markets.

Thomas was captain in the militia during the War of 1812, assisting in the defense at Lake Erie. He kept the first post office in Burgettstown. He died Sept. 3, 1819, with his widow living until 1871.

John P. Wood died suddenly June 27, 1892. At the time of his death, he was serving his third term as Justice of the Peace.

He was a member of the U.P. Church and served on the building committee that supervised the construction of the present house of worship in Burgettstown.

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THOMAS L. WOODROW

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Thomas L. Woodrow-Carpenter
Burgettstown Enterprise-Centennial Edition, May 20, 1981



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Awarded Student Office.

Miss Betty Ann Wray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David C. Wray of Lange-loth, has been awarded one of the most important student offices at Bucknell University, where she is a Junior, according to a bulletin issued by the University. Miss Wray has been elected president of the Women's Athletic association, the organization which supervises all athletic activities for Bucknell's co-eds. Her election followed two years of service on the executive board of the association, which conducts an extensive intra-mural program for the University's women students. Miss Wray was recently elected to the Women's Senate, the co-ed governing body at Bucknell. She is enrolled in the Biology course and is now completing her third year of study. A member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority, Miss Wray is one of the outstanding women students on the campus.

MARRIED.—At the parsonage, by
Rev. J. T. Fredericks, May 29, J. M.
Myres to Miss Annie Wright, both of
Holiday's Cove, W. Va.

Annie Wright-J. M. Myres Marriage
The Burgettstown Call-May 31, 1883 Edition

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.

Local Couple Have 33rd Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Yacoviello, of Bell avenue, Burgettstown, celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary Saturday, April 2, with a dinner at Weirton, West Virginia, and then by attending a movie.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bartoletti, also of Bell avenue, joining the couple on their anniversary date.

The couple were married April 4, 1934, at Mingo Junction, Ohio, in St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church.

Mrs. Yacoviello is the former Mary Leeper, of Mingo Junction.

They have four children: Mrs. Chris Gillette (Angela), of Weirton, Nick Yacoviello, of Weirton; Mrs. John Emanuel (Carmel Jean), of Mingo Junction; and Patricia, at home. They also have eight grandchildren.

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Golden Anniversary For Pete Yandrich's



Mr. and Mrs. Pete Yandrich, of Atlasburg, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Monday, November 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Yandrich have resided in Atlasburg for 29 years. They are the parents of six children: Emil, of Texas; Mrs. Diana Krivonak, of North Carolina; John, of Follansbee, West Virginia; Mrs. Emily Hoberek, of Slovan; Danny, of Wheeling, West Virginia; and Edward, at home.

The couple had two children who are deceased: Steven, who died in a plane crash, and Alex, killed in World War II.

They have 16 grandchildren.

Mrs. Yandrich was born in Austria May 5, 1897, and came to the United States in 1914. Mr. Yandrich was born in Yugo-

slavia July 12, 1890, and came to the United State in 1906.

The couple were married in Hollidaysburg, Pa., on November 15, 1915.

Mr. Yandrich is a retired coal miner.

Both attend Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church, and both enjoy good health.

**Mr. and Mrs. Pete Yandrich-Golden Anniversary
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 10, 1965 Edition**

WWII aviator's Purple Heart returns to Pa.

By MICHAEL RUBINKAM
Associated Press

Gordon H. Yates was a tall, skinny redhead who joined the Navy during World War II when he was 17. Two years later, the young aviator was dead, beheaded by the enemy after his patrol bomber was shot down in waters off southeast Asia.

Saturday, Purple Hearts Reunited presented the medal he was awarded decades ago to his sister in southeastern Pennsylvania. Yates' family had lost track of the medal at least as far back as 1979 when his father died.

Yates' 80-year-old sister, Alva Brickner, now afflicted

with Parkinson's disease, can't communicate very well, but her son said her reaction was unmistakable when he told her the medal had been found.

"She teared up," Daniel Brickner said. "She just kept writing, 'Thank you.'"

Yates was aboard a patrol bomber flying its 36th mission when it was shot down, according to an account provided by Purple Hearts Reunited. The crew made it to shore and hid in the jungle - aided by French Resistance fighters - but Yates and his mates eventually fell into Japanese hands.

While some of Yates' comrades were shot, Yates was beheaded April 27, 1945. He was 19.

Zachariah Fike, founder of Purple Hearts Reunited, surmised that Yates was either defiant or perhaps his captors believed they were according him an honor by killing him with a sword.

"No one will ever know why," said Fike.

Daniel Brickner said he believes the Purple Heart - a combat decoration awarded to those wounded or killed in action - was likely in the possession of his grandfather, then inadvertently sold at an estate sale following his 1979 death.

The medal wound up with a woman in Ashland, Va., who had it for more than 30 years. The woman recently told the adjutant of the Richmond

chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart that she couldn't remember where she got it, but had always planned to find its rightful owner.

At some point, the Purple Heart was misplaced. But the woman recently located it in her home again and turned it in, according to Fike, whose nonprofit has returned 60 lost or stolen medals. Fike presided over Saturday's ceremony in Narvon, Lancaster County, where Alva Brickner lives in a nursing home.

"It was probably one of the most heartwarming events I've been to, with the family dynamic," Fike said afterward. "There were about 20 family members in attendance. It was an awesome event."

Indian Trouble

1781, West Virginia Pan-Handle

From an article published in the Wheeling Intelligencer, of May, 1866, the following is obtained:

Colonel Samul P. Baker, from whom these facts were ascertained, lives near Benwood, Union district. He is the second son of Henry Baker, and was born in the year 1798. In the year 1825 he married Caroline, oldest daughter of Samuel Tomlinson. He now lives on a part of the 600 acre tract of land formerly owned by Tomlinson, and is now in his eighty-first year, and is the oldest native born citizen living in Marshall county. He is a very intelligent old gentleman and what he relates is authentic. The following was wirtten nearly verbatim:

"John Baker, my grandfather, was a Prussian, and he came to the United States in the year 1755. He landed at Philadelphia, where he married a German lady by the name of Elizabeth Sullivan, in the year 1760. Immediately after his marriage he moved to the Shenandoah valley, Virginia, where in the year 1773 Henry Baker, my father, was born. In the year 1767 he emigrated from there to Dunkard creek, Greene county, PA and settled among the Indians, four tribes of whom were then living there in peace with the whites, vix: the Delaware, the Wyandots, the Swanees, and the Mingoes. He remained there until the breaking out of Dunmore's war, when he took refuge, with his family in what was then called Redstone Old Fort, now Brownsville, PA.

In the year 1781 he went to where Washington, PA now stands, then known as Catfish Camp. About this time the country about there was very much alarmed and the people were on the look out for the Indians, who were reported to have crossed the river near Holliday's Cove and were expected to make inroads upon the settlements. An express was sent to Wheeling fort to give the alarm concerning it. The party sent consisted of Henry Baker, my father (then 18 years of age), Henry Yoho, and ___ Starnater. They traveled in safety until they came to the Narrows, on Wheeling creek, near where Col. Woods lived and died. Here they were ambushed by a party of Indians. Starnater shot the Indian nearest him and in return he and his horse were immediately killed. Yoho's horse was shot and fell but arising almost immediately it dashed through the Indians, carrying him away in safety to Wheeling fort. Baker's horse was shot but ran some hundred yards when it fell on him. Extricating himself as soon as possible, and throwing away his arms to lighten himself, he ran for about a quarter of a mile, when, seeing a very large red skin approaching him directly in front with a pistol in one hand and a tomahawk in the other, he saw that escape was impossible and stopped. He said the Indian took him by the hair of the head and shook him till he almost thought he would shake his head off, telling him at the same time in good English, You are a prisoner.

He was taken back to the body of the Indians, among whom was a brother of the one killed by Starnater. This Indian was raving mad, and was determined to kill Baker in revenge for the death of his brother, but he was prevented from doing so by the chief. They came rapidly down this ridge where I live, no doubt thinking they would be pursued. They struck the river at Kate's Rock, where they found several canoes filled with Indians, who seemed to be waiting for them. From this point, after rowing a short distance down the river, they left the stream, and going back of the Grave creek flats they crossed the creek new where the water station now is and struck the river again at the lower end of the Round Bottom. Here they crossed the river and encamped for the night at the head of Captine Island. All this time he carried his own and Starnater's and the dead Indian's rifles strapped to his back. He was tied to a sapling and passed the night without food.

Henry Yoho, Jr.
1781-1862

They started early next morning and traveled three days and three nights without stopping to camp, or with scarcely anything to eat. At the end of this time they arrived at Chillicothe. Here, thinking they were out of danger of pursuit, they traveled more leisurely and killing some deer, they had plenty to eat. Arriving at Sandusky they found a band of at least three hundred warriors, and there were nine other men from Kentucky as prisoners. They were all compelled to run the gauntlet. My father being young and active ran it easily, which so enraged a young Indian that he knocked him down with his club after he had entered the house. He witnessed the burning of the nine Kentuckians, one being burned each day, all the time being warned that his fate was to be the same as theirs. On the tenth day he was ordered to be taken out and tied to the stake by an old Indian. He resisted somewhat, and tried to parley with them, but on starting out toward the stake he saw a horseman rapidly approaching. When the horseman came up he saw a man dressed in the uniform of a British officer. He immediately ran to the man. He told him that the Indians were about to burn him, and he wanted him to save him. He found out the man to be Simon Girty, who on finding who Baker was and where he was from, plead with the Indians for two hours to spare his life, and finally succeeded. My father always supposed that Girty anticipated making an attack on Wheeling and expected him to be useful to him as a guide, for he took him aside and asked him all manner of questions concerning Wheeling and vicinity. Through the interposition of Girty he was sent to Detroit and reported to the Governor. He was then set at liberty. Hiring himself to an Indian trader, he remained with him some time trading with the Indians.

At length he started with two others for Virginia and after a tedious march, getting lost as one time for near three weeks, they arrived at the point where Birdgeport now stands. The inhabitants of Wheeling were some of them on that side of the river, making sugar and selling it. They supposed them to be Indians and fled to the fort and gave the alarm. Finally, when the inhabitants of the fort found out who they were, they welcomed them within its walls.

Baker here found that during his absence his father had moved to the Round Bottom, whither he went, and when summer opened they all went to Fort Tomlinson.

In the year 1784 my father built what was long known as Baker's station, near Cresap's grove. In the same year a family by the name of Parr settled in the Flats, and a short time thereafter Henry Baker married one of his daughters. After marriage he settled at Tomlinson's fort, and in the year 1786 his first son, John Baker, was born. (He was the father of Captain A. O. Baker, present clerk of the circuit court.) He lived at the fort until Wayne's treaty in 1791, when he moved to Round Bottom, where he bought a tract of land at the lower end of the bottom, including also Captine island. Here he lived and died. His oldest son, John, married Elizabeth, daughter of Jonathan Roberts.

Joseph Tomlinson left his house, near Fort Cumberland, MD in the year 1770, in company with his brother Samuel, traveling on horseback, until reaching the valley, since known as Grave creek flats. Being delighted with the beautiful appearance and the rich soil, they took possession of it and much of the hill lands, deciding to make it their future home. They erected a cabin near where the residence of the late Judge Caldwell now stands. He remained during that summer, then returned to Maryland and married a Miss Elizabeth Harkness, and removed back to his land in the spring of 1773. The journey was made by the young couple on horseback, the bride using as a saddle-cloth, the only piece of household goods she possessed, a bed-tick. When they arrived at their destination, she found in one corner of the cabin a pile of wild turkey feathers, with which she filled her bed. This constituted all her household goods."

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Henry Yoho, Jr.
1781-1862

Dick Yolton Is Hospitalized After Collision

Richard Yolton, former resident of Burgettstown, is reported to be improving at Washington hospital this week following an accident last Friday evening. Richard was driving his 1940 Ford convertible toward Raccoon about midnight when he crashed into a freight train on the railroad crossing near Pagasky's. His skull was fractured and he received lacerations about the face. He did not regain consciousness until Sunday evening, but was able to take nourishment on Monday.

The Ford, was a total wreck.

Richard, who has been living near Inglewood, California, drove east with two companions last week to visit his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taucher of Burgettstown. He intended to return this past Monday. Mrs. Gilbert Yolton, his mother flew from California upon receiving notice of the accident, and is now visiting at the Taucher home.

YOLTON—McCULLOUGH

The marriage of Miss Louise A. Yolton and Mr. Oren Rex McCullough took place in the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Annette Yolton, in Midway, at five-fifty o'clock Saturday evening, June 21, 1924. The bride was attired in a gown of poudre blue crepe Elizabeth, trimmed in ecru lace and carried a bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley. Miss Hilda Briceland, of Midway was Miss Yolton's bridesmaid and wore yellow chiffon and carried pink roses. Mr. Kenneth Yolton, brother of the bride, was Mr. McCullough's best man. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. W. Nairn, D. D., pastor of the Center United Presbyterian church of Midway, in the presence of only the immediate relatives of the bride and bridegroom. After a wedding dinner the young couple left for a trip to Cleveland and other lake points. The bride is a daughter of the late D. K. Yolton, for a number of years cashier of the Midway National bank. The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCullough of Noblestown.

**Marriage of Aida Louise Yolton to Oren Rex McCullough
June 21, 1924**

Mrs. Annette Yoltan
announces the marriage of her daughter
Aida Louise
to
Mr. Oren Rex McCullough
on Saturday, the twenty-first of June
Midway, Pennsylvania

**Wedding Invitation of Aida Louise Yoltan to Oren Rex McCullough
June 21, 1924**

Children Save Playmate As Clothing Ignites

The quick thinking of Floyd Marshall, seven year old son of Elmer Marshall, and his little niece Shelby Jean, saved the life of five year old Bobby Yost, when Bobby's clothes caught fire. The three had been playing in front of the grate fire at the home of their grand parents on R. D. 1, Burgettstown. Floyd and Shelby tore Bobby's clothes from him quickly as they had ignited, and saved Bobby from serious burns. Their screams and anxious cries were heard by Bobby's mother but when she rushed to the scene of alarm, she found the "situation well in hand", and treated Bobby for small burns on his legs and arms.

**Children Save Bobby Yost Life as Clothing Ignites
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 18, 1948 Edition**

No 43

Two Shares

The Cross Creek Cemetery Company.

CAPITAL STOCK, \$10,000.

SHARES \$25.00 EACH.

This is to Certify, that *A. F. Zaebisch*
is entitled to *Two* shares 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 person, 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 17th day of May A. D. 1937

H. S. Lee President.

L. E. Foster Treasurer.

Cross Creek Cemetery Company
Certificate No. 43 was Issued to A. F. Zaebisch on May 17, 1937

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Mrs. Zamberlan Honored On 80th Birthday

Mrs. Alexandrina Zamberlan of Main Street, Burgettstown, was pleasantly surprised March 12, when her children held a party at the Slovan Vets in celebration of her 80th birthday. About 75 friends and relatives attended the buffet dinner served at 2 p.m.

The hall was decorated in red, white and green in recognition of Mrs. Zamberlan's Italian heritage. A sheet cake decorated with the words, "Happy Birthday, Mom," was also served in her honor, and she was presented with many gifts.

The occasion was the first time in 24 years that all of Mrs. Zamberlan's children had been together at one time. They included Lucio of Norwalk, Cal.; Joseph of Valencia, Cal.; Gregory of Hephzibah, Ga.; Albert of Ann Arbor, Mich.; and Mrs. Ilde Kreszock of Franics Mine. Of Mrs. Zamberlan's eight grandchildren, four were present. She also has one great-grandchild.

Besides guests from the local area, relatives came from Ohio, West Virginia, Indiana and other communities in Pennsylvania. Mrs. Zamberlan's sister, Mrs. Josephine Taliani of Indiana, was among those present.

Mrs. Zamberlan was born aboard ship when her mother was enroute from America to Italy. She lived in Italy for 12 years before returning to the United States. For the past 60 years, Mrs. Zamberlan has lived in the Burgettstown community. Her husband, Attilio, died in 1964, the last time the family was home together.

**Alexandrina Zamberlan Honored on 80th Birthday
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Zatta - 100 years

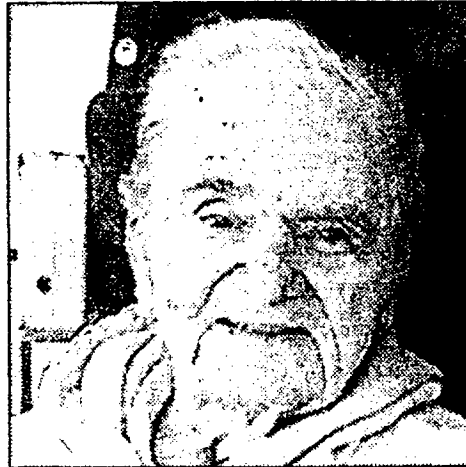
Theodore Zatta of Avella celebrated his 100th birthday with family.

He was born May 27, 1915, in Avella.

Mr. Zatta married his wife, Susan, on May 1, 1934.

His children are Sandy (Lenny) Iovine of Pickerington, Ohio; Frank (Dotty) Zatta of Washington; Ed (Susan) Zatta of Wellsburg, W.Va.; Rich (Ruby) Zatta of Garfield Heights, Ohio; and Teo Zatta of Washington.

His grandchildren are Ed Zatta, Dave Zatta, Ted Zatta, Mike Zatta, Christy Craig, Rick Zatta, Rich Zatta, Lisa Zatta, Tony Iovine, Nicole Iovine, Frank Zatta, Mindy and Shelly Zatta.



Mr. Zatta also has 21 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

Mr. Zatta was inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame Western Region for soccer in 1989. He played soccer for Avella for 28 years. He also was a volunteer firefighter for Avella.

Winners In Dancing Contest At Zanesville



Tambria Zelenko, left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Zelenko, of Harmon Creek, and Bernadette, Hirkala and Stephanie D'Andrea, both of Weirton, West Virginia, were recent winners, performing as a class, in a tap number

at the Ohio Youth Talent Contests, held at Zanesville, Ohio.

The girls attend the Casey Sisters School of Dance, in Weirton, and received a ribbon of outstanding rating and a first place trophy.

Interviewed: Paul and Sally Zibritosky

Interviewer: Frank Zibritosky

My mother was born in Pittsburgh, Pa. Her parents had come over from Germany, where they had lived and worked. When they came over from Germany they brought over several traditions. The traditions that my grandmother brought over were mostly dealing with cooking or baking of certain German foods.

My father's father and mother came over from Czechoslovakia. They brought over the regular Czechoslovakian traditions. By this I mean that they, too, had also brought over food dishes that were popular there. My grandfather had worked in the coal mine for several years until he found something he liked better. By then my father was old enough and since times were hard (economic situation), he too had to go to the coal mines where he made his livelihood. He advanced up to a boss where he retired recently. He had also managed to hold our present orchard and nursery business.

We live in Joffre today, where we own 157 acres of land which is mainly taken up with orchards and woods and a dam. We go out to the Washington Farmers Market and Hielderberg Farmers Market. Each market consists of many local people who grow and have large vegetable and fruit gardens. Each market is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We sell, when in season, peaches, plums, apples, pears, nectarines, apple cider and some vegetables.

As an ending for my paper, I would like to say that we really ought to listen to our parents or grandparents when they are talking about what it was like back then. There is so much to learn from them, if we just take the time to do so.

Paul and Sally Zibritosky
Interviewed as Problems of Democracy class project
October 1975

Interviewed: Louisa Zuccaro

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"My name is Louisa Zuccaro, and I came from a village in Italy called Supino, which is basically a small village. I will begin to tell you about the way food was derived for the people of Supino.

"As far back as I can remember, 1923 to be exact, the village had many little stores where the people could purchase their food. Quite a few beer gardens were located in Supino. Owners of these beer gardens set up stands and sell beer and sandwiches to the villagers. This was done occasionally and was extremely popular on Halloween.

"Homemade wine was also made by each family. Each member would unload cartons and cartons of grapes into a large tub, and everyone would climb into the tub and start crushing the grapes by walking on them. Of course, special rubber boots were required for this process.

"Gardens were scarce in the cities, but in the villages, they were very ample. The planting of their crops was done during certain months. Potatoes were planted in March, while tomatoes, beans and corn were planted in April.

"There were many butchers found in each town; the larger the town, the more butchers. When a customer wanted meat, he told the butcher, the butcher would then kill the animal, skin and clean it, cut the meat into the preferred portions and hang it up to dry. When the meat was ready, the customer would take it home and cook it for supper. If the meat was not going to be cooked the same day, they would have to preserve it by packing it in salt. This would only preserve the meat for a couple days. The reason for doing this was because they had no refrigerators or freezers in which to keep their foods and meat. Now, however, they are much more modernized; they have refrigerators and freezers. They also had to find a different way to cook their meat and vegetables, for they had no gas or electric stoves. The process of creating an artificial gas or electric stove was quite simple. They would burn wood until it was completely charcoaled, and they would turn and make this into pure, clean coal.

"Everyone in the village raised their own chickens and pigs in their back yard, which could be considered their farm. Men worked on these farms all day long for six days a week with a salary of only one dollar or five lira a day. The men would kill their own chickens and pigs while the women, who worked only for the men, cleaned and cooked them.

"Going about this job of cleaning wasn't an easy or pleasant task. They would dip the chickens into boiling water, remove the feathers with their fingers, and chop their heads off. Now, it's ready for a meal.

"The main food dishes in the home were ravioli, pasta con brodo di gallina (chicken noodle soup), spaghetti, minestrone (beans, potatoes, zucchini, cabbage and tomatoes with macaroni), gnocci, and pasta e fagioli.

"Extra curricular activities played an important part in the village. Dances would be held by each family where everyone would get together. Whoever could play an instrument would play, for no pay.

"On Sundays, large bands played for open dances. Each member of the town enjoyed these dances and attended weekly."

Louisa Zuccaro

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