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THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE BELONGED FOR MANY YEARS KNOW YOUR DUES ARE DUE SO WE APPRECIATE THE PAYMENT OF $15 FOR ONE OR $25 FOR FAMILY. BY THE WAY THIS MAKES A NICE PRESENT FOR SOMEONE!!!!!!!!

THE WINESBURGS, TINSMITHS OF EDINBURG, AND THE CCC

Norma Burnette gave the following picture and information. The children in the picture from l to r are Charles 4/24/1878 to 5/2/58, Fred 4/16/56 to 1/2/ 56, Linnie 8/21/81 to 1/23/68. Not shown is Harry 11/27/88 to 9/30/95.

September 18,1999

CAMP ROOSEVELT

On April 17, 1933, about two hundred young men marched over a section of the Blue Ridge Mountains into the George Washington National Forest, about 25 miles west of Edinburg. to build and work in Camp Roosevelt, the First Civilian Conservation Corps Camp in the United States. These men, who volunteered for this job, had almost nothing with them and did not know exactly what they were getting into. A few did not stay to find out. However, they were confident that Uncle Sam would provide for their future. They were to do forest conservation work and other tasks to carry out President Roosevelt's plan to bring the country out of a severe depression. The men earned $30.00 a month. $25.00 was sent home to their families and the men kept $5.00.

On this first day, the truck with the food got lost and food was gotten from the nearby towns. With optimism, they pitched camp and spent their first night in the wilderness. The next day, with the same positive spirit, they began moving brush and erecting a camp that was to be their home. At first they had a tent city and later built buildings. Even though the buildings are gone (one foundation can still be seen) the camp site remains there, with plaques giving information about the camp and a picnic pavilion.

By 1942, when the CCC ended, because it was no longer needed, about 3,000,000 men had passed through this program. They had helped bring the country out of the depression and the country had made strong, healthy, hard working patriotic men out of them.

Henry Rich, who is recognized as America's first CCC enrollee, was inducted in Washington, D.C., and sent to Camp Roosevelt the first day. He went to Edinburg, from the camp, on his time off, and met Jennie Winesburg, daughter of Linnie Winesburg, tinsmith and long time resident of Edinburg. They knew each other 6 weeks when they got married. They are now both deceased. They had a boy and a girl. Their son passed away at age 14. Their daughter, Norma Burnette, lives in Woodbridge, Virginia. She and her husband have three grown children, but no grandchildren. Norma is active with the CCC Alumni because she wants to continue the CCC legacy in her father's name. She and some of the "CCC boys" enjoy riding on the CCC float in the parade at Edinburg Ole' Time Festival.

THE DAY FAMILY

At least four members of the Day family were connected with Union Forge Furnace. They were Benjamin, James, William and John. Jan Turner sent family info which fills in many gaps on this family.

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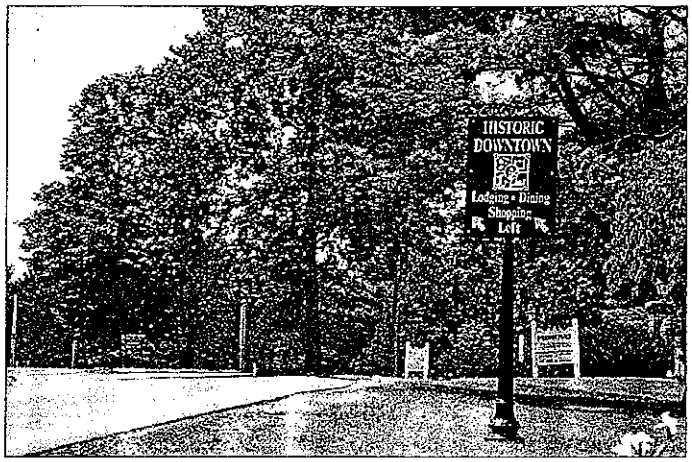
My 3-gr grandparents were John Day, b. about 1798 in VA (probably in/around Lantz Mill) and his wife Ellenora Tanner, b. 1810 in VA. He was the son of John Day - date and place of birth unknown. We *believe* he may have been married to Catherine Coffelt about 1785 in Shenandoah Co, however, we have also heard from "someone" who at one time said they had found a John DAKE married to Catherine Coffelt, so we're not sure.

THOUGHTS FOR THE NEW YEAR

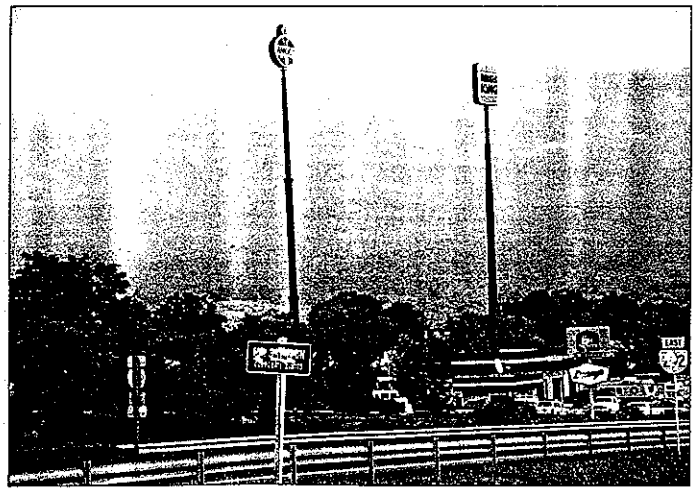
Better Models for Development in the Shenandoah Valley has just been printed by the Valley Conservation Council and The Conservation Fund. I especially was impressed with building liveable comunities and preserving historic resources.

Gateways are the entrances into a community. Look at the pictures and say what would you rather have? Our gateways into Edinburg are still pristine and still a chance for us to keep them that way.



Northern gateway to Staunton

Gateway to Edinburg



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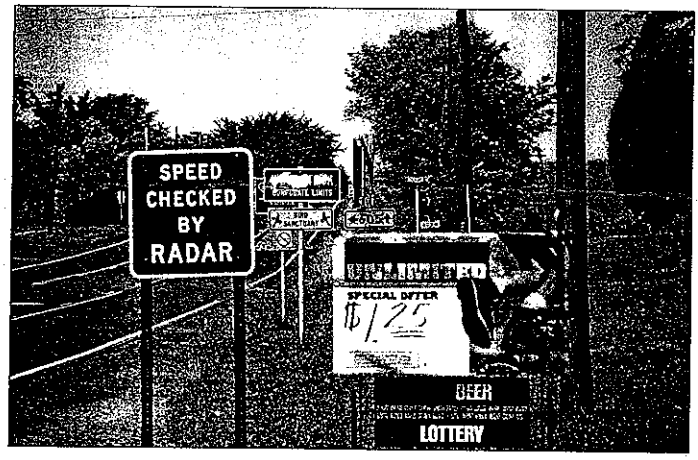

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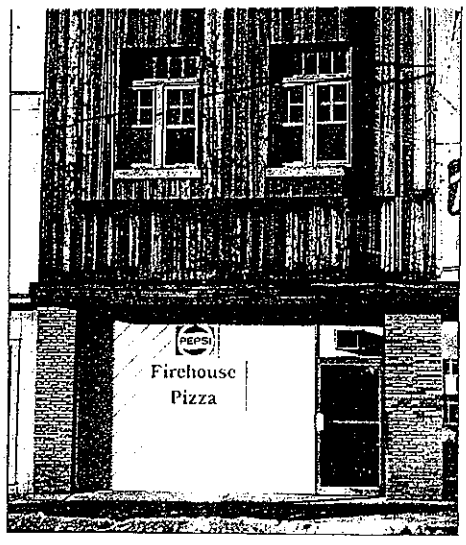
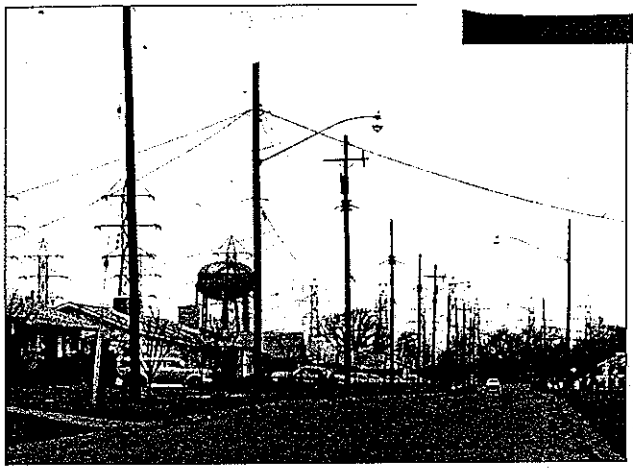
Fixing up and modifying buildings we already have in town is better than not taking care to keep the beautiful old buildings. Compare these two pictures.



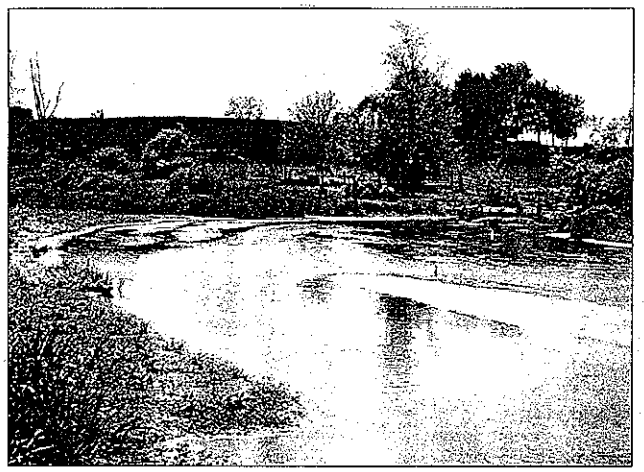
Do your historic downtown buildings look like this? Or like this?

Compare these two and see which has the highest property value.



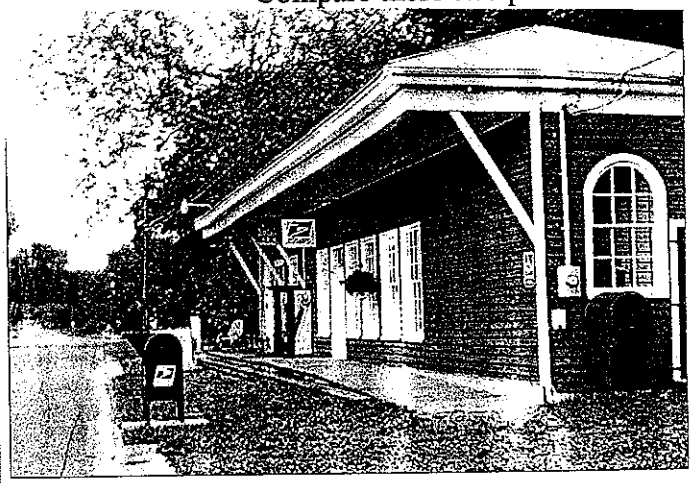
Which street would you rather live on? Which street has higher property values?
Which street has lower utility bills?

Which is the better view of Stony Creek? (Creeks shown are not our creek)

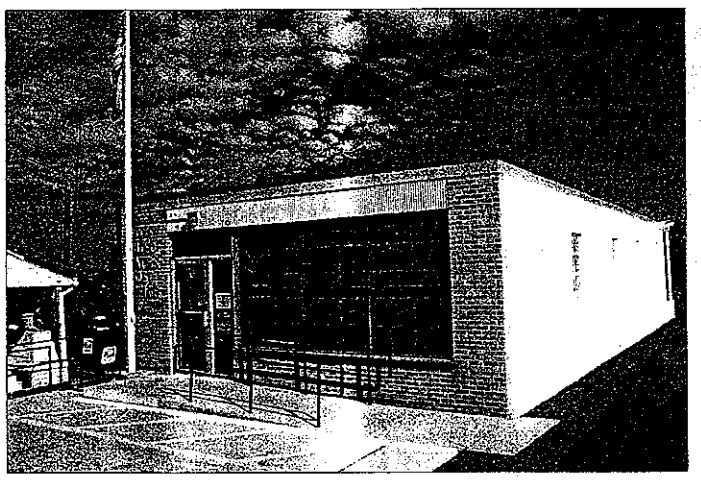


Which stream is more likely to be a better place to fish?

Compare these two post offices-which appeals to you?



Rockbridge Baths post office



Scenes of Staunton-before and after utilities were placed underground.

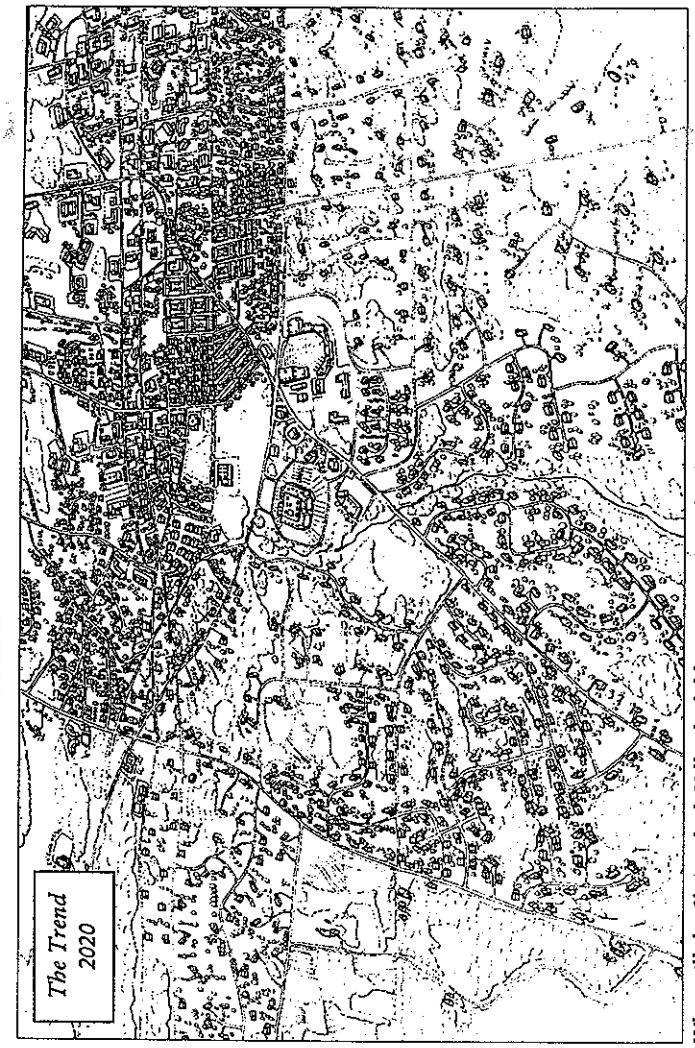
Staunton downtown before...

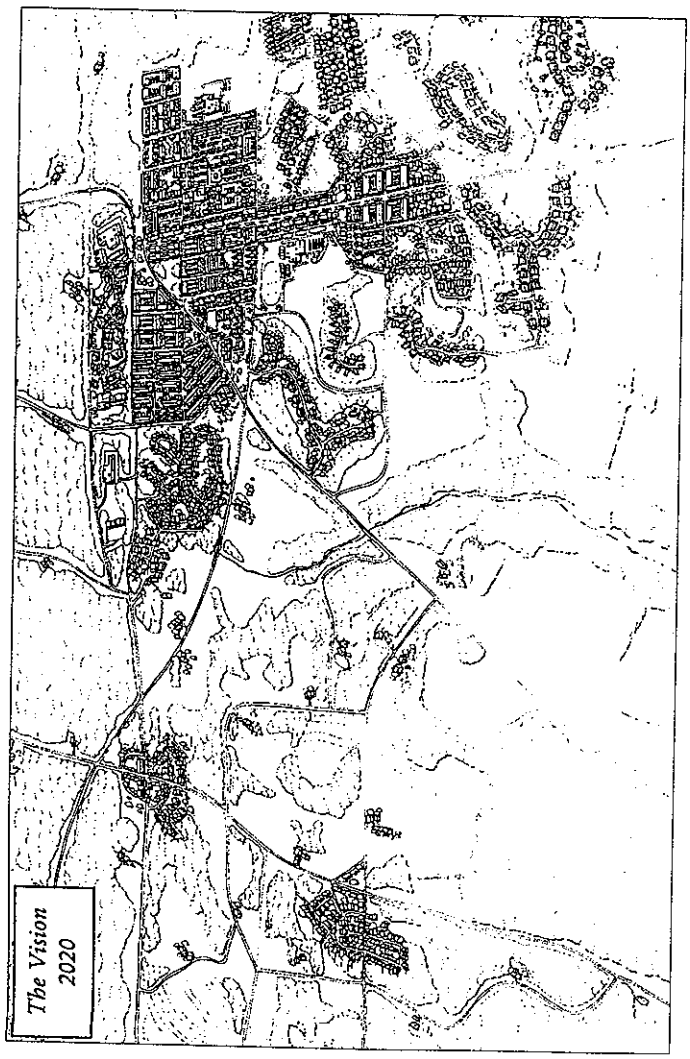
...and after utilities were placed underground

Look at the trend of the Valley by 2020 and the vision of 2020. Seems as if grouping of developments (commercial or homes) goes better with our village system. So far there is a clear edge in Edinburg between town and country.

A copy of this report can be ordered from The Valley Conservation Council, P. O. Box 2335, Staunton, Va 24402. I am not sure if there is a charge.

MAINTAIN A CLEAR EDGE BETWEEN TOWN AND COUNTRYSIDE





What will the Shenandoah Valley look like in 20 years? Like the illustration above, if current development trends continue. On the next page is an alternative pattern for accommodating the same amount of growth.

Subject: Windle family
Date: Fri, 24 Sep 1999 19:04:47 -0500
From: "jsmarsh" <jsmarsh@hiwaay.net>
To: <mlw@shentel.net>

I am a descendant of Daniel Windle who married Mary Hawkins in Shenandoah Co. VA, April 21, 1774. Do you know of any additional info regarding the Windle's or could you put me on the right tract for info. I am already familiar with the book History of Shenandoah Co VA by J. W. Wayland, where some info about my family was found.

Thank you for any help you could give me.

Sincerely,
Sally Windle Marsh

IN MEMORY OF PAT COFFMAN

Louise Wisman Payne sent a check to EHF in memory of Pat and wrote the following note: "Pat made a wicked apple pie...I remember once when we went out for dinner she couldn't unlock the restroom door so she crawled out the opening at the bottom of the door. Such priceless memories. I'll miss her."

A GREAT NEW BOOK

I process information (notice how contemporary I am getting-I no longer type-I process!) sometimes months ahead so I always have something for the newsletter. This is * November but you get the information in the next century about a book made in 1997 by the Virginia Canals and Navigation Society and NOW published by the Friends of the North Fork. The book is *The Shenandoah River Atlas; Rediscovering the History of the Shenandoah and Its Branches* which I picked up at the drug store. I wrote to the author who gave the EHF permission to use anything for display and I am sure we will use a lot in our transportation museum of the Valley.

2000! Jan. 1999.

* When this is written.

The first map is the 19th century inland navigations of the Virginias showing the canals, navigations and ditches of the land. There is a topical history of navigation on the Shenandoah with such info as "Meetings of irate North Fork citizens led in 1815 to the formation of the New Shenandoah Company, which extended gundalow navigation up to New Market in 1832. Alas, the Valley Turnpike in 1841 and the railway in the 1850's probably put an early end to navigation on the North Fork." You can see how interesting this book is. By the way, a gundalow (a river boat) drawing is given in the book and I am sure the picture in *The History of Edinburg* (navigating on the Shenandoah in an old issue of *Harper's Weekly*) is of a gundalow. I had been to Richmond and researched the Shenandoah Navigation Company but this atlas really fleshes out the story.

I was pleased to note in the book that our *History of Edinburg* was used as a reference. Would anyone who has a picture of a mill, boat, house, dam etc on the river (or creeks) please photocopy it and send it to me for use with the maps.

The second John Day and Ellenora had a number of children, and the known ones are:

1. Mary Catherine DAY. b/ 1830 in Shen. Co. m. Amos SHIREMAN. 1855 in Shen Co.
2. John, (Jr.) DAY, b. 1826, m. Susan ? in 1855.
3. William DAY , B. 1825, m.Sarah Ellen SHIP in 1847.
4. Robert DAY, B. 1833, Shen Co, m. Mary CARSH in 1853, Shen Co.
5. Jacob DAY, b. 1837, Shen. Co, m. Mary Ann LINDMOOD in 1860.
6. Nancy DAY, B. 1835, m. Jacob BOWERS 1860
7. Thomas DAY, B. 1835 OR 1838.
8. Benjamin Franklin DAY, b. 1831, Lantz Mills, Shen. Co., m. Elvira THOMPSON (daughter of Shelton THOMPSON & Sarah Ann CALVERT) in 1851 in Union Forge by Rev. Henry St. John Rinker.
9. James DAY, b. 1820, m. Elizabeth BRADFORD, 1844
10. Henrietta DAY, b. 1840, Shen Co., VA, m. Henry B. CASH in 1865, Shen Co.
11. Richard DAY, B. 1843/44, Shen Co., (d. 1913), m. Rebecca Jane MINNICK in 1867
12. Caleb DAY, b. 1843
13. Lucinda DAY, b. 1845
14. Charles W. DAY, b. 1848, Shen. Co.

The above info is just about all that I have on the above people. Would love to know more about John Day and Ellenora Tanner. Also about Shelton Thompson. I know that the Thompsons left for Illinois in the late 1850's or early 1860's, but know nothing further about them. I have a pedigree chart (given to me) that traces the Calverts back to England.

My 2-gr-grandparents were Benjamin Franklin DAY and his wife, Elvira Thompson. This is where the story gets really interesting, because it is a mystery:

> According to my grandfather, who got it from his father (son of Benjamin F.) - "One day, B.F. and Elvira and their 5 children were sitting around the breakfast table along with the sister of either B.F. or Elvira, and HER five children. Suddenly a group of men rode up to their home, B.F. went outside to talk to them, then got on his horse and rode away with them. He was never seen again.
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> That night, Elvira and the sister gathered up their children (each had a toddler and a baby in arms), all the food and blankets they could carry and left the country. They walked by night and hid out by day and eventually, arrived in Illinois at the home of Elvira's parents. After 9 years, Elvira remarried.
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> Now comes the mystery: According to the story told by my grandfather, (his father was only about 7-8 years old when this occurred), B.F. was kidnapped and murdered - and Elvira ran for her life. Why??? According to the story handed down by my grandfather's sisters to their descendants - BF was killed in a mine explosion.
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> My own thoughts are that it is somewhere between the two stories and/or a combination of them both. I suspect that it was his neighbors that called him out - probably to fight against the Union army which I understand made raids into the mine/mill/forge areas, burned homes, etc. Otherwise, why would the women run away? I would think that they would have gone to one of their many kinfolks in the area if they were being threatened by something that BF did or did not do that angered his neighbors. After all, there were a lot of DAY brothers, sisters, uncles, aunts and cousins around at the time. On the other hand, if they were fleeing the Union soldiers, it would be logical for the women to try to hide from them, and to do their traveling when the children were less likely to make noise, and also less likely to be seen.
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> I'm hoping that somewhere in all of your records there, I can find info that not only tells me who the ancestors were, but also what happened to them.

By the way, the children of Benjamin Franklin DAY and Elvira Thompson were:
1. William DAY, b. 1852, Lantz Mill
2. Milton Monroe DEAIGH **(NOTE CHANGE OF SPELLING)**, b. 1854, Lantz Mill, d. 1896, Grapevine, TX m. Juliah Aggendeccah HENSLEY in Grapevine, TX 1878.
3. Benjamin Franklin, DAY Jr., b. 1857, Lantz Mill, d. 1950, Grapevine, TX, m. Emma Irene GRAY
4. George DAY (#1), b. 1859, d. 1862 - Lantz Mill
5. Joseph Samuel DAY, b. 1863, Lantz Mill
6. George DAY (#2), b. 1863

There has been some speculation between those of us "cousins" who descend through this DAY line that they may have been part of the Germanna colony at some point. Could that be the reason that Milton Monroe changed the spelling of his name to DEAIGH? Could he have been changing it BACK? It is still pronounced Day. (these days, at least). Could John DAKE have been John DEAIGH (Day) with a German accent when he spoke to the census taker? Or an Irish accent? I'm even wondering if he could have been one of the Hessian troops sent here by England who "disappeared into the forests" during the revolution?

I could go on and on, but hope this gives you enough for your newsletter. Incidentally, for anyone who may need them, I have the actual dates for a great deal of the above.

I ENJOY YOUR EDINBURG HERITAGE FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER. COULD I SUGGEST A CORRECTION TO THE NOVEMBER EDITION ARTICLE ENTITLED "BACK IN EDINBURG - PEOPLE YOU KNOW."

THE HOUSE WAS BUILT BY ROBERT STONEBURNER, FATHER OF MABEL STONEBURNER ZIRKLE. "MISS MABEL" WAS BORN IN THIS HOUSE IN 1895. AROUND 1906, JOHN AND PEARL SWANN MOVED TO THE HOUSE WITH THEIR DAUGHTER, ANNA. "MISS MABEL" AND HER FAMILY MOVED ACROSS THE STREET TO THE ANNIE HITE HOUSE. ANNA SWANN MARRIED C. GRAYDON CLEM, SR., AND IN 1926 C. GRAYDON CLEM, JR. WAS BORN IN THIS HOUSE. THE HOUSE WAS MOST RECENTLY OCCUPIED BY JOHN GRAYDON CLEM, SON OF GRAYDON, JR. AND GREAT-GRANDSON OF JOHN AND PEARL SWANN.

KEEP UP YOUR INTERESTING WORK AND DEDICATION TO OUR HERITAGE.

SINCERELY, JANICE CLEM

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A LOVE LETTER OF 1898

John Clem loaned me this love letter to Nellie Clinedinst who did not marry the writer of the letter but married Robert Lantz. It certainly is a typical late Victorian letter and very sweet with all the elements of a love-sick swain!

May 5, 1898

My dearest Sweetheart

Your sweet-toned letter was received Wednesday after five o'clock and carefully read over and over again, it was most pleasing for me to read such an epistle.

Nellie you said you supposed I was at church last Monday evening, no you are mistaken, I did not go to church I assure you. Sweetheart I think you must be mistaken about me "wishing I merely said "If" and meant nothing when I said it. I can see now that it did sound strangely, but Nellie you ought to have known that I was only joking. But you will not think ill of me for being or speaking too thoughtless I hope. Nothing would be more pleasing than to go with you to the Christain Endeavor meeting, or Prayer meeting some evening.

Nellie, I looked for this writing from you until last Tuesday evening and when I did not get it then, I just thought you were fooling me again, but I am willing to forgive and forget, since you were so kind to forgive me that one time.

Sweetheart I intended coming to see you last Wednesday evening but it was raining and I thought I would not come with the first evening when it was not raining. I certainly was sorry when the rain began to fall for I knew then that I could not see you. Nellie I will be down the first evening that is suitable not raining or muddy. Hoping to see you soon probably this Thursday eve or soon after I am

Your loving Sweetheart
Dick
sealed with a kiss for Nellie

Nellie Clinedinst Lantz

Julia Ann Grandstaff's family: **From:** "Kenneth J McAuliffe Jr." <ken.mcauliffe@juno.com>

Julia Ann Grandstaff's parents were Ann Julia Shryock and John Jackson Grandstaff. Ann Julia and John J. were married in 1834. I found where they had obtained their marriage license in Baltimore, MD. Julia Ann was their only child. In March 1835, fourteen months after Julia Ann's birth, John J. Grandstaff married Isabella A. Murray. John J. and Isabella Grandstaff had nine children, giving Julia six half-sisters, Mary Margaret, Virginia M., Rebecca Sydney, Sarah Ellen, Melinda and Alelia A., and three half-brothers, George J., Alonzo Frank, and William Locke. In

the 1850 Census, John J.'s occupation is listed as Commissioner of Revenue. In the 1860 Census, his occupation is listed as high sheriff. In the 1870 Census, his occupation is listed as farmer. Isabella Murray Grandstaff died in 1877. In the 1880 Census, John J. Grandstaff was still a farmer and was living in the home of his daughter, Sarah Ellen, and her husband John Ludwig. John J. Grandstaff died in 1884. Both Isabella and John J. are buried in the Old Edinburg Cemetery.

No mention has been found as to what happened to Ann Julia. I have been unable to find a birth date, a death date or a grave for Ann Julia Shryock Grandstaff.

Ann Julia and John J. Grandstaff both came from Edinburg families.

Ann Julia Shryock 's parents were Amelia Heiskell and Jacob Shryock. Jacob Shryock was one of the first settlers in the Edinburg area. He was born in what is now Hagerstown, MD. Ann Julia's grandparents were Catherine Soloday and Henry Shryock. Henry Shryock was a prominent citizen of Hagerstown, being a city commissioner, a veteran of the Revolutionary War, a member of the Maryland Assembly and a signer of the ratification of the U.S. Constitution for Maryland. Ann Julia's great grandparents were Barbara Wolf and Jakop Schreyack, who was an immigrant from Prussia. They married in Pennsylvania, before settling in the Hagerstown area.

John Jackson Grandstaff 's parents were Polly Reedy and George P. Grandstaff, who built the Edinburg Mill in 1848. His grandparents were Elizabeth Haas and Philip Grandstaff. Philip also lived in Edinburg and was a gunsmith and mill operator. John J.'s great grandparents were Magdalina Hough and George Grandstaff Sr. George Sr. was in the army during both the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. He had settled in Edinburg from Pennsylvania and was a gunsmith and mill operator.

CHRISTMAS 1944

Laura Crabill Marks who lived at "Westover", on the hill above Edinburg Motors, kept a daily diary. Eventually most of the diaries will be published but, for now, here is her account of Christmas and New's Year's 1944.

For dinner she served baked chicken and dressing, celery, cranberry sauce, peas, mashed potatoes, stewed tomatoes, bread and butter, hot tea, buttermilk, pumpkin pie and fruit cake. After dinner the family played Monoply. In the evening they listened to the King of England giving his Christmas message. She also talked about people in Edinburg suffering from "Cat Fever". She was not sure what that was.

For Christmas she received two outing gowns, stationary and a book of stamps, crocheted scarf, $1.00, the book *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*, pair silk hose,two handkerchiefs and a memo pad, acorn design breast pin, calendar and Gold Craft chocolates (which she and the dog enjoyed) Her dog, Patsy, received $1.00 and a box of raisins.

THE DINKEY RAILROAD

I thought *Dinkey* was a nickname just for the little railroad car which ran from the furnaces to Edinburg but I am wrong. Janet send me info off the internet about a *Dinkey* which is owned by the Fennimore Railroad Historical Society Museum (www.fennimore.com/dinkey.html) They have a 1907 Davenport 2-6-0 locomotive similar to the original narrow gauge *Dinkey*. Ours was purchased in 1891 and sold in 1917 to someone in Pittsburgh. The information stated that were narrow gauge tracks scattered across the country. If any railroad buff is willing would you find out more info.

DEDICATION

The grave of George Grandstaff, buried near Narrow Passage, was dedicated by the Narrow Passage DAR. Jean Allen Davis attended the ceremony and reported it as very impressive.

ANNOUNCEMENT

At present I am only printing the first page or so of family histories in the newsletter although they all will be printed in full in a future booklet. If however you see a history you want complete send me a note. Not everyone is kin to some of the families but then again some are.

From: Dorothy Lowe <dorolowe@swbell.net>

MARTIN SWARTZ was born before September 27, 1774 & died in Dunmore County, Virginia. He had at least three sons. Martin and the three boys used Swartz or Black as their surname. This is pretty much what I know about him.

His sons were PETER SWARTZ (SR.), MARTIN SWARTZ, and JOHN SWARTZ. Peter is shown in Will Book K - page 178; Martin in Will Book I - page 60; and John in Will Book K - page 27.

My line runs through Peter; so for now I will concentrate on him. Peter was born before 1754 and died in 1816 - both events happening in Virginia. He married Susannah Patton and I have nothing more on her. Their children were:

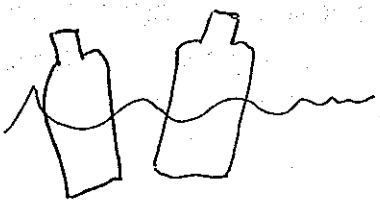
ELIZABETH SWARTZ who married JOHN HOTTEL
REGEL SWARTZ who married EMANUEL WENDEL on April 13, 1793
HANNAH SWARTZ who married PETER BLIND
BARBARA SWARTZ who married PHILIP WENDEL on May 19, 1787
CATHARINE SWARTZ who married JOHN KLINE on August 1, 1795
PETER SWARTZ, JR. who married ELIZABETH WINDLE on June 18, 1793
GEORGE SWARTZ

PETER SWARTZ/BLACK, JR. was born June 4, 1770 in Shenandoah County, Virginia.
He married ELIZABETH WINDLE on June 18, 1793; he died before January, 1828 - all of these events occurred in Shenandoah. Elizabeth was the daughter of JOHN WINDLE, SR. and MARY MAGDALEN (Unknown).

The only child I have for Peter and Elizabeth is SAMUEL S. SWARTZ. He was born in 1812 and married MARY KIBLER December 23, 1833 in Shenandoah. Samuel was killed in an accident at Lantz Mill November 29, 1858. I have been unable to find a death certificate on him - or any information regarding the cause of his death.

Samuel and Mary (Kibler) Swartz, along with three others are buried on their old farm outside of Woodstock in the general vicinity of St. Luke. I have had the pleasure of standing at their gravesite a couple of years ago when visiting Iva Wakeman, whose great grandmother was Maria Swartz Kibler. This was quite a feeling. The graves were not being well taken care of at that time and I do hope at some time to be able to do better by them.

FROM JANET



Subject: **Several funnies**
Date: Fri, 8 Oct 1999 10:12:45 -0700
From: "Janet Wagniere" <janwag@jps.net>
To: "Carl & Vivian Whitehead" <VICAR1905@aol.com>

A Boston preacher was completing a temperance sermon:
with great enthusiasm he said, "If I had all the beer in the world,
I'd take it and throw it into the river."
With even greater enthusiasm he said, "And if I had all the wine
in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river."
And then finally, he said, "And if I had all the whiskey in
the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river." He sat down.
The song leader then stood very cautiously and announced with a smile,
"For our closing song, let us sing Hymn # 365:
"Shall We Gather at the River."

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Dues due for
you & Rosemary.
Thanks!

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THANKS

Thanks to Lorraine Zirkle for her donation in memory of Pat Coffman.

MY FAVORITE NAME

I come across names from our history which are different-had a list somewhere but it got lost in the shuffle. However, one I remember is Atlantic Ocean Walton. Do you have a favorite?

NAMES YOU MAY HAVE IN YOUR FAMILY

I have, by way of Ted and Dottie Graves, the genealogy of families Antrim and Butcher if anyone needs a copy. These are primarily New Jersey names.

AL EVANS GROCERY STORE IN THE 30'S AND 40'S

Al Evans had a grocery store in the corner of the Masonic Building on Main Street. His official address was "next to the post office". Al sent out cards to customers advertising sale items. Sample of some were saurkraut 12 cents, 3 cans Campbell's Soups 25 cents, regular 65 cents KOW LARE "known and used by all good dairymen" and this sale 50 cents, 24 pounds Mother's Spring Wheat Flour 90 cents. He wrote "when in town we solicit your business". Does anyone know what KOW LARE was?

GIDEON COFFELT

(Information from Harry Evans) "My great grandfather was Gideon Coffelt from Lantz Mills. He served in the 1st Brigade of Virginia Infantry (the Stonewall Brigade) He was wounded in the battle of Chancellorsville and was sent to Howard's Grove Hospital in Richmond and then transferred to the hospital in Staunton. The records for Howard's Grove Hospital are supposed to be in archives in Washington. Gideon had a very severe wound. He was shot in the mouth, knocked out four of his teeth, scored his tongue and came out the back of his neck. He lived through this and he did not require medical attention. Gideon was grandmother's, Fannie Hollingsworth, father. Gideon had five girls and quite a few people in Edinburg are descended from him.

CONDOLENCES

We regret to report the death of John Hutcheson, formerly of Edinburg and then living in Berwyn, Pennsylvania. He has been a member of EHF from the beginning and we will miss him.

THE WATCHFUL TIGER

The Watchful Tiger, the Valley's newest women's boutique at 201 N. Main St. in Edinburg is nearing the end of its first year in business. Support from both local residents and visitors to the area has been very encouraging. With Spring just around the corner, new lines are arriving daily. The remaining pieces of their "cold weather" lines will be on sale for up to 50% off through mid-Spring. A unique aspect of this particular shop is the gradual development of a full assortment of plus sizes in quality, colorful, young-at-heart styles not usually found in department stores. Casual and dressy apparel is available in sizes XS - XXXL with coordinated accessories and jewelry. The location of this shop in the beautiful historic Virginia House makes shopping for clothes and accessories a pleasant experience with as much individual attention as anyone would like. The Watchful Tiger is open everyday 10 - 5 (Sundays 1-4) all year round. Be sure to stop in and meet Margaret, Karen, and Trudy.

Hal Sharpe and I have attended the meetings of the commission (Hal more than I) and December 10 we received a report on the recommendations of the commission as to where battlefield information and interpretation centers would be. The report called for five clusters at Winchester (Second Kernstown, Second Winchester and Winchester) Cedar Creek/Fisher's Hill/ Tom's Brook-including Strasburg, New Market, Cross Keys/Port Republic, McDowell. By the end of October, everything will be finalized. Hal and I argued long that the mill should be a center for interpretation of Valley life but so far the battlefields have won out. All is not lost however because nowhere is there a center for day-to-day Valley life, particularly on the importance of mills. The report does recommend "emphasize Life of the People-contribution of the people in the Valley, e.g., Edinburg Mill and RR, Roadways, Iron production." We probably have more information on hand of these topics than anyone anywhere else and we must build on them.

THE VALLEY PIKE

For those who watched for the PBS special on the Valley Turnpike in December, I suspect you wonder where it went. The story is that Ned Barker, the producer, had to be rushed to the hospital with a gall-bladder operation and was not available to finish the program. It is re-scheduled for March 5 and I hope it won't be changed.

I did not have the information in time for you to schedule watching a NOVA program in February which featured the reconstructed medieval weapon made and tested by Warren and Pat French's son-in-law and reported on in one of your previous newsletters.

THE LATEST PURCHASE

Your EHF Board voted to purchase a roll-top desk which had been used in the Edinburg Mill. This purchase costs close to $1,000 and came out of our membership fund and not the "save the mill" fund. We were given pictures of it and learned it had been removed from the mill and sold to an antique shop in northern Virginia-all very legitimate. We were delighted to learn of it and have an offer from a Board member to get it. It will be stored in an empty room in a church to keep it safe for awhile. We urge all members to donate anything which reflects transportation, pieces which reflect a mill or Civil War or what ever collections may be of interest to the public. We operate on a shoestring so that nearly every penny can be put to good use.

Edinburg Mill Project Update:
from Clyde Beachy, EHF President

On February 16, 2000, the Town of Edinburg, on behalf of the Foundation, settled on the Edinburg Mill and its real estate. Thanks to the Save the Mill Task Force and the many volunteers, this phase of the project has been concluded successfully. Obviously, this could not have accomplished this without the support of the Foundation members, supporters, and many contributors of our fund raising campaigns. I thank you very much.

A Management Committee, established by the Board of Directors to manage this project, has drafted some very preliminary plans for Mill renovations, modifications, and use. These plans are not yet ready for publication since they must be update based on discussions with representatives of Virginia's Department of Historic Resources. The Historic Easement which has been established for the Mill, requires approval from the Department of Historic Resources before any modifications are undertaken. The initial meeting with DHR representatives will take place before the end of the month.

There has been some progress made on securing additional funds needed to continue this project. Last month, the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District Commission awarded the Edinburg Mill Project a grant in the amount of $10,000. This, along with the required matching funds, will be used for exterior repairs and modifications required to protect the Mill from any additional deterioration. Additionally, the Town of Edinburg, on behalf of the Foundation, has applied for a follow-on TEA-21 Grant. This submission was made last month and it is expected that announcements on awarding of those Grants will be made public in the Summer of 2000. Finally, one of the primary near-term activities of the Management Committee is to develop and conduct the next phase of the fund raising program. The main focus of this fund raising phase will be to visit local corporations in an attempt to develop corporate financial support.

I expect significant progress on the Mill Project to occur in the upcoming months. I will attempt to keep you up to date through these newsletter articles. If anyone has comments, suggestions, or wishes to inquire about the progress of the project you may call me at 540-984-9492 or drop a line to the Foundation's address or the e-mail address of savemil@shentel.net.

May I close with a well deserved thank you for your past support and hope that you will continue to support the Mill Project.

NVD 15 Feb. 2000

By Wendy Pagonis

Local battlefields and museums will get federal grant money to help on educational projects about the Civil War, according to a news release.

The Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District Commission has awarded $70,000 in grants to 13 projects in the Shenandoah Valley, including four local projects aimed at increasing battlefield interpretation, according to the release. All of the grants require at least 20 percent in matching funds, commission Executive Director Howard J. Kittell said.

The Edinburg Mill restoration received $10,000; Camp No. 1587, "The Strasburg Guard" Sons of Confederate Veterans received $4,600; New Market Battlefield State Historical Park received $10,000, and Shenandoah County Travel Council and visitors bureaus in neighboring counties received $6,000, Kittell said.

The money will be used to help pay for exterior improvement to the mill and a handicapped-accessible entrance, the release says. Edinburg Mayor Daniel Harshman said it will be used to paint the outside of the mill and repair the building's roof. The town plans to sign the purchase contract for the mill Wednesday, he said.

"This will help quite a bit," Harshman said.

Heritage Foundation succeeds in purchasing mill

NVD 17 Feb 2000

By Wendy Pagonis

"The whole project started as a preservation project so it is what we want."

Daniel J. Harshman, mayor and town manager

The Edinburg Heritage Foundation's 18-month effort to buy the historic Edinburg Mill ended Wednesday with a signed purchase agreement.

In a previously arranged method of financing the sale, the town purchased the mill from Mae and Paul H. Bynum for $300,000 and $5,416.22 in closing costs, Mayor and Town Manager Daniel J. Harshman said.

Foundation President Clyde S. Beachy said the group's members continuously worked to preserve the mill and raise money to buy it.

"It's just a very ambitious project for a town the size of Edinburg," Beachy said. "What we were trying to do is be able to preserve it and make it a center not only of Edinburg, but this part of the valley."

The foundation will take ownership of the mill when it repays the town for a $360,000 loan, he said. The foundation paid a $10,000 deposit on the mill and $35,416.22 toward the purchase, Harshman said.

Harshman plans to have the exterior of the mill painted and repaired in time for the Ole' Time Festival, he said.

The mill has a historic easement, granted by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources in 1998, so any alteration to the building and grounds has to be approved by the state beforehand, Harshman said. The Bynums received a reduced tax rate on the property for the easement aimed at preserving the property, Harshman said.

"You can't even move dirt without their permission," Harshman said. "The whole project started as a preservation project so it is what we want."

Town and foundation officials will meet with a department representative before moving ahead with plans for the building to save time and make the work easier once it starts, Harshman and Beachy said. Adjustments can be made beforehand if the department objects to any part of the plans, they said.

The foundation wants approval to build a three-sided flood wall around the lower sides of the mill closest to the water, Harshman said. It would be about 4 feet tall, possibly fronted with wood planks similar to those on the mill, and filled with dirt, he said. The wall would keep water out of the building during floods and allow the foundation to place a planned museum in the bottom floor of the building, which it would not do without flood protection, Harshman said. A restaurant is also planned for the building, he said.

Most recently, the mill flooded twice in 1996, Beachy said.

The foundation will approach corporate donors for in-kind contributions after plans for the mill are decided, Beachy said. So far, individuals have made the contributions to the mill project, he said. Businesses should be involved in the mill project as well, he said.

The town signed a $260,000 loan with Marathon Bank on behalf of the foundation. The loan will be repaid with grant money already designated to the mill project, he said. The $300,000 federal grant requires that the money be spent first, then reimbursed, Harshman said.

Beachy said the closing costs will be submitted to the Virginia Department of Transportation for reimbursement. The foundation has applied for an additional $60,000 in grant money from VDOT. The mill qualifies for the funds because it is a historic building beside a historic highway, and will include a museum about U.S. Route 11, Harshman said.

A WISH

When you get your financial report you will notice money for stamps cost $406 for the year. As we get more members, the cost will go up. We have saved money by personally delivering all the newsletters we can which are quite a few but there are only so many we can hand deliver. St. Paul's UCC here has been generous in helping us with items and I can't ask them to help with the stamps. If you feel like helping us with the stamps it would be appreciated. No matter what we appreciate your interest in the organization and THE MILL!

NOTE TO BUSINESSES

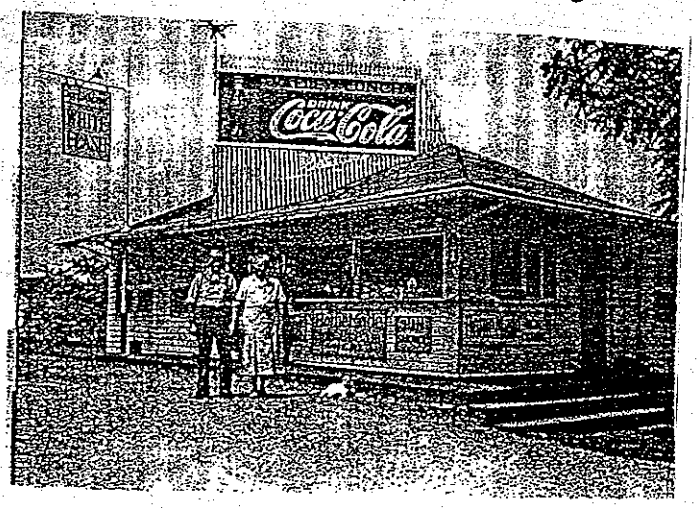
So that I can try to space out "ads" for our business members I hope you will feel free to write anything you want to say about your business and send it to me, otherwise, I will have to write what I see and like!

WHOLESOME FOODS COUNTRY DELI AND BUTCHER SHOP

(986 S. Ox Rd) I spoke with Nathan Pence, son of owners, Dean and Sybilla Pence, about the new bar-be-que pit located at the store. He told me they usually bar-be-que once a month (the last was 26 Feb.) The sauce was developed by the firm-it is spicy and is called Old Dominion Sauce. The product is ready at 10:30 and pre-orders can be made by calling 984-8219, ext. 1. The pit can be used by other groups if the supplies are purchased at the store. Two clubs, Skyline Street Rods and 4-H Club, already are signed up to use the pit. Nathan asked me to tell you that their sausage recipe has been changed to conform more closely to Valley tastes, only containing salt and pepper.

THE VALLEY LUNCH

16235 Old Valley Pike, phone 984-9438. Thought you would enjoy a picture of the first business on the site and the first generation to operate this establishment. Note the White Flash Sign, a product of Atlantic Oil. It is fun to go there very early in the morning during hunting season when it is still dark and misty and take part in the ambiance of men coming and going, off to get a deer for the larder. They serve the perfect light lunch-everyone's favorite-vegetable soup and a grilled cheese sandwich plus a slice of pie from the large collection of desserts.



country ham sandwiches

1934

Homemade Ice Cream for 10 cents a cone.

Roasted Pork Bar-B-Q sandwiches

SWEET SENSATIONS

107 N. Main St., phone 984-8400. I have "been switched" by the doctor to non-caffinated coffee so I no longer enjoyed the lift or the taste of "real" coffee. A search was begun to try different brands, both expensive and not, to find a non-caffinated coffee which would at least have taste. We found such a coffee at Sweet Sensations called Supreme 100% Columbian Decaf. Carmella specializes in fine coffee as well as other specialized drinks and what a wonderful break it is to stop for coffee in the winter (or take it home to brew) and an Italian syrup flavored drink in the summer. I was going to say an Italian flavored drink but have never found an Italian willing to step into the cup!

SPINELLI'S NEW YORK PIZZA AND PASTA

125 S. Main St., phone 984-9300. Are you aware you can get home-made desserts at the restaurant? I particularly speak of a favorite, tiramisu, that creamy confection, which delights the taste-buds. I suggest you not only go there for pizza (or chicken or veal etc.) but take an afternoon break with a dessert at the restaurant. I think the English have the right idea of afternoon tea which takes "the edge off" until dinner. You will find the cooking here to your delight and the servings are guaranteed to fill you up.

AN ADDED NOTE ABOUT JOHN HUTCHESON

Robin, John's wife, wrote a note telling us that John spent his last days doing things he wanted to do and we are glad his life was such that he fulfilled his tasks until the end (Robin joined the EHF so the family could continue to be involved in our organization) By the way, for those of you who may be kin to the Hutcheson's there will be memorial service later in Edinburg.

SYMPATHY

We extend sympathy to Pearl Mullins on the death of her nephew, Bennie Merkley. Bennie was here last summer working on family history and he was to meet with me another time to give me information. Alas, he is gone. Bennie owned a Grandstaff house on Water Street and intended to retire there. A memorial service will be held at a later time.

Juniper Trees and Directory at Cedarwood Cemetery

NANCY SULLIVAN is a realtor with Country Homes Real Estate in Woodstock who kindly wrote this at my request (Robin Bell supplied the photo) During Christmas I was there for an open house and seldom have I seen such an old house so nicely restored.

207 SOUTH MAIN / ADA STONEBURNER HOUSE

Most of you Edinburg historians already know the history and stories connected with the 1835 structure at 207 South Main Street. Now my daughter, Betsy, and I have another story to tell.

Some people collect coins, others collect old cars, but my affliction is collecting old houses! As I approach my 70th birthday you would think I could find a less demanding hobby, but there is a satisfaction which comes with bringing an old house, which has been neglected, back to its former style and grace.

That's what Bets and I hope we have done with what we call, the Hite House. (We purchased it from Ann (Fleming), Dick & Ed Hite a little over one year ago.) I'm not sure we knew just how much work we had ahead of us, but plunged right in removing very old wallpaper on walls and ceilings; taking up floor boards to make sure the "bug man" did a thorough job; removing decades of dust from the hot water heating system; reopening closed fireplaces; replacing ceilings and rewiring the whole house.

Once we had "undone" we started to "redo". Picking colors for the walls and woodwork was the fun part, all the while making sure the decor was in keeping with the age and style of the house. I don't think we realized what a BIG house it is until we started scraping, priming, and painting every inch of it. Nine rooms and two bathrooms kept us and two painters busy for a good while.

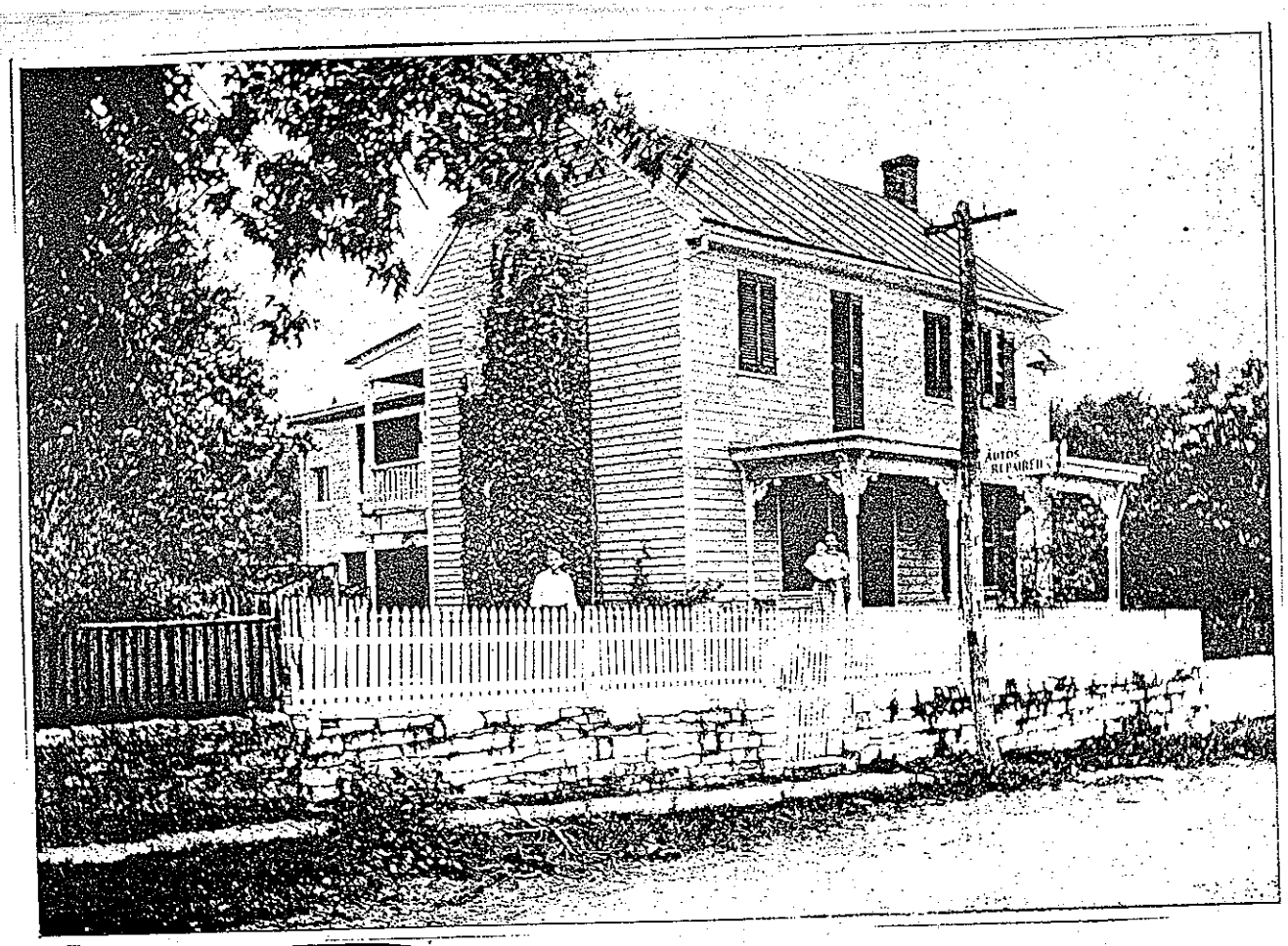
The dining room, papered with yellow and blue country toile above the chair rail, and blue and white check below, is my favorite room. Bety's favorite is the upstairs front bedroom where we uncovered another fireplace and hearth, and restored and installed an old mantle which we found in the basement furnace room. The original old clawfoot bathtub and an old corner medicine cabinet are still in the upstairs bath, while both bathrooms are papered above the newly added wainscotting.

The final job of sanding the beautiful old heart pines floors almost kept us from having our Christmas party in the house. We could not invite some of our local friends and neighbors until we knew that the polyurethane on the floors would be dry. It was and at the last minute we welcomed those who could make it to a candlelight open. The old house came alive again.

Unfortunately, the weather caught up with us before we could get the exterior trim, porches and gingerbread scraped and painted, but that will be a good job for spring. We hope to rent the house out for shops or a residence and shop to add to the growing number of merchants along the attractive Main Street of Edinburg. Watch and see.

PHOTO: This picture was taken sometime after 1914 when a second story was added to back of the house, and electric or telephone wires were put up along Main Street. Note auto repair sign.

Nancy Sullivan



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Dear Souls, there comes a time when we have to send reports to you thus limiting some historical tid-bits. Here they are with a few choice items in and this month we will have mailed you all the necessary reports and can return to FUN!!! (I have taken as my motto "You can't be afraid all the time...you have to leave time to being neurotic." quoted from SHOE by Jeff MacNelly) First an update from our president (Who is NOT neurotic but a cheerful, lots of fun person)

Edinburg Mill Project Update
from Clyde Beachy

The Mill Project's Management Committee met with a representative of Virginia's Department of Historic Resources on 28 February to discuss preliminary plans for the restoration and use of the Mill. The discussions centered on renovations that we feel are needed, for example: installation of a flood wall, parking lot improvements, external building repairs to include painting, and modifications to the interior of the building. From my prospective, I believe that as long as the Foundation keeps the preservation of the building as its primary objective, obtaining approval from DHR officials, on proposed modifications, should not be a major issue.

Since a majority of the plans on how to use the Mill depend on protecting the it from flood waters, our priority now is to establish more formal plans on the layout and construction of the flood wall. Once this is accomplished we will have these plans evaluated by a engineering firm for feasibility, estimate the construction costs, and submit the plans to DHR for review and approval.

I will continue to keep the membership updated on the project as significant tasks are planned, implemented, and accomplished.

UPDATE ON SOME NEW BOOKS (All available from Cosco and book shops)

1. *Uncommon Wealth: Essays on Virginia's Wild Places* is a great little book to take on trips through Virginia. One section is on Shenandoah National Park.
2. Another great readable book is *Drawn to the Civil War* by Lang and Caplanis. This book for the amateur profiles Civil War notables. As the authors write," Most (books) are dull as dishwater...because most don't have the tid-bits which makes a good book to read...For those of you who yawned or slept your way through history class, here is history for the sheer enjoyment of it."
3. Another book for the amateur is *1001 Things Everyone Should Know About the Civil War* by Frank Vandiver. The book is divided into years of the war and after an introduction events are written. For instance, not only important events but such as Varina Davis' letter from her husband about his worries about the war. The book also helps us learn what leaders learned as they progressed. For instance, "Jackson, compelled to withdraw, learned a lesson; he never again attacked without proper scouting."

JULY 21, 1870 COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Suit pending between Christian Comer, complainant and Philip Grandstaff, adm'r., widow and heirs, shall sell at late residence of Philip Grandstaff, dec'd near the town of Edinburg... the home tract containing 592 acres, also a piece of land containing 10 acres adjoining the lands of Samuel Boehm near Taylor Town. Mark Bird, Comm'r.

AN ANSWER TO AN APPEAL

We had a nice chatty letter from Quentin Silone Proctor (I will save his letter for a future newsletter) and he enclosed a book of stamps-my favorite kind-the "love" stamps. Quentin graduated from Edinburg in 1919 and one of his teachers was John Hutcheson. Thanks for your lovely letter and your continued financial help.

OUR CONDOLENCES

We regret to report the death of Jack Wightman, father of member Rex Wightman. Jack was a member of a prominent Edinburg family and the town will miss him.

We also regret to report the death of Charles Bennie Merkley, nephew of Pearl Mullins. Bennie lived in California but hoped to return to his Grandstaff home of Water Street .

We also extend sympathy to Dan and Sue Harshman on the death of his nephew.

CORRECTION

The tel. number of Valley Lunch is 984-4466.

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OUR VITAL VOLUNTEERS

We entertained our save the mill volunteers one Sunday. These are the people who held various fund raising events to raise the initial money to buy the mill. God bless these civic and historic minded people. We need you so much to help with the mill now we have it.

TIME FOR A FEW JOKES

I found this paper of WW 11 jokes at the church and I presume they were taken from some 40's magazine.

The following statements are from letters requesting discharge from mothers, wives, etc., of men in the service. They were also making applications for allotments.

1. Please send me my elopement, as I have a four month old baby and he is my only support and I need all I can get every day to buy food and keep him in close.

2. Both sides of my family is poor and I can't expect nothing from them as my mother has been in bed with the same doctor for one year and won't change.

3. Please send my wife's form to fill out.

4. Please send me a letter and tell me if my husband has made application for a wife and baby.

5. This is my eighth child . What are you going to do about it?

6. Please find out for certain if my husband is dead as the man I am living with Won't eat or do anything until he nose for sure.

7. I am annoyed to find you branded my children as illiterate. It is a shame and a dirty lie, as I married his father a week before he was born.

In answer to your letter, I gave birth to a 10 pound boy. I hope this is satisfactory.

9. I have no children as my husband is a truck driver and works day and night.

10. In accordence with your instructions I gave birth to twins in the enclosed envelope.

> *Talking To God*
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> *A man was taking it easy, laying on the grass and looking up at the* clouds.
> *He was identifying shapes when he decided to talk to God.*
> *"God", he said, "how long is a million years?"*
> *God answered, "In my frame of reference, it's about a minute."*
> *The man asked, "God, how much is a million dollars?"*
> *God answered, "To me, it's a penny."*
> *The man then asked, "God, can I have a penny?"*
> *God answered, "In a minute."*

I'm convinced God put me here to accomplish a c number of things; right now, I'm so far behind I'l

Protons have mass!!??? I didn't even know they v

Sects, sects, sects. Is that all you monks ever think about?

Puritanism: The haunting fear that someone, son may be happy.

OLD TIME VALLEY SAYINGS

Snickelfritz-lively children called this. Geman.
Shitepoke- a bird. German.
As useful as a milk bucket under a bull.
Between you and me and the fencepost.
Don't put all your eggs in one basket.
Fell off'n the tater wagon
Had to tie a porkchop around his neck so the dog would play with him. (That was one ugly baby)
Even a blind hog finds an acorn. (Dumb Luck)
Ain't got the sense that God gave a goose.
(NOT from the Valley but one I like) *Busier than a cat watching nine rat holes.*

More and more computer terms are being used in une distinguished William Manchester in one of his histor medieval woman as "user friendly". Can you let me k

Subject:
Date: Sun, 3
From: MARY
To: mlw@

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Subject: Ancestry Research
Date: Mon, 24 Jan 2000 21:29:14 -0500
From: "Ruth Jones" <erjones@bestnetpc.com>
To: <mlw@shentel.net>

Dear mlw, I am searching for some kind of information referring to the Senedos Indians..I have reason to believe that my great Grandfather surname of Sherman married an Indian Woman by the last name of Mook..Would any of your writings have any such information so that I could trace my ancestors on the Sherman side to find out more about the Senedos tribe and names or Surnames? My great grandfather and the Indian Woman (Katy or Kitty Mook) were parents of my Grandfather John W. Sherman who married Armedia Andrick..My Grandfather and Grandmother moved from near Orkney Springs or nearby to WV when my mother was only 6 years old and my mother was born in Orkney Springs in 1898..My Grandfather died in Moore WV around the 1940's and my grandmother Armedia died in the 1950's. I have been searching for months thru my computer and have always run into a brick wall. If there is anything in the material that you have printed relating to any of the above ancestors I will be glad to purchase your materials.. my e-mail address is Name is Ruth Jones address:2100 Ave. A Flagler Beach, FL 32136 If I can find evidence that I have Indian Ancestry it would be very valuable to me...God Bless

Subject: Shank Genealogy
Date: Thu, 17 Feb 2000 19:23:19 -0500
From: "Mick and Susie" <sbloom@mail.gcnet.net>
To: <mlw@shentel.net>

I am looking for my gggrandfather's parents. I know that George Washington Shank was married in Shenandoah County, VA on 7 sep 1840 to Catherine Wendell. I have some info on Catherine, but haven't been able to find any on George. I know that George and Catherine had about 7 children, one of whom is John Thomas Shank (from whom I am decended) born 30 mar 1856 in Shenandoah County. Any help that you could provide with finding Geo Washington Shank's parents would be greatly appreciated. Thanks Susie

SHENANDOAH BYWAYS TOUR

Mary Ann asked me to write an article about bicycling in and around Edinburg. After much wrangling over the amount of my fee, we finally settled on an amount the same as my previous fee. She's tough! If this results in an increase in dues then I apologize. But, after all, a writer of my stature doesn't come cheap! Then, again----

Well, bicycles and bicycling are my hobbies. The new ones to ride—the old ones to work on and restore. I love finding an old 50's era balloon-tire bike that just needs some TLC to make it look respectable again. But I also love riding my new 24-speed aluminum frame bike. And on our hilly terrain, there simply is no comparison with riding the old 60 lb. bikes unless you have some very young legs. A fairly easy ride on a modern bike is a 20-25 mile ride on the quiet paved roads such as Palmyra Church, Red Bank, Swover Creek, etc.

Included is a map of the 12 mile ride which the Lions Club will be offering (along with a 25 and 40 mile ride) as a part of our first annual Shenandoah Byways Tour which will be held on September 9, 2000, the Saturday prior to the Ole Time Festival.

Put this date on your calendar and tell your young(er) folk about it. Participants will pay $25.00. For their money, they will get a deluxe breakfast, a tee shirt with the tour name on the front and sponsors' names on the back, a map and other amenities.

Maybe some day we will have a trail which would be easier and some of you folk who can't handle the hills could once again enjoy the pleasures of bicycling. Questions? Call me at 984-8040.

Gerald Buttram

(As usual, after wrangling with Gerald Buttram over his fee for writing, we finally settled on an amount. He's tough and a hard bargainer but he settled for his usual fee-nothing, not one dollar! Gerald has been thinking about bike trails for years and is quite an expert on trails and bikes. If his plans come to fruition this will be great for Edinburg, the district and the County. Nothing like bike riding to show off our lovely County to people. Gerald is very approachable so call him with any of your questions or suggestions. P. S. You notice we used the royal we in this statement-it indicates we have a large staff and many departments-ha ha ho ho!)

A POSSIBILITY FOR MAY

The representatives of "Restore America" program which comes on the Home and Garden channel has contacted us about the possibility of filming in Edinburg. These people had been told about Edinburg and Dan Harshman as mayor as being in the process of restoration and improvement. The representatives are interested in filming businesses which have been restored. They particularly would like buildings which show before and after pictures. They are also interested in the Edinburg Heritage Foundation's projects, foremost of which are the mill, book, plaques and historic district. If they do decide to use Edinburg as a project we will try to get the word out ahead of time. We are contacting building owners to seek co-operation in the event they do select Edinburg. Read about the building being restored which is featured in this issue.

Dear Ancestors

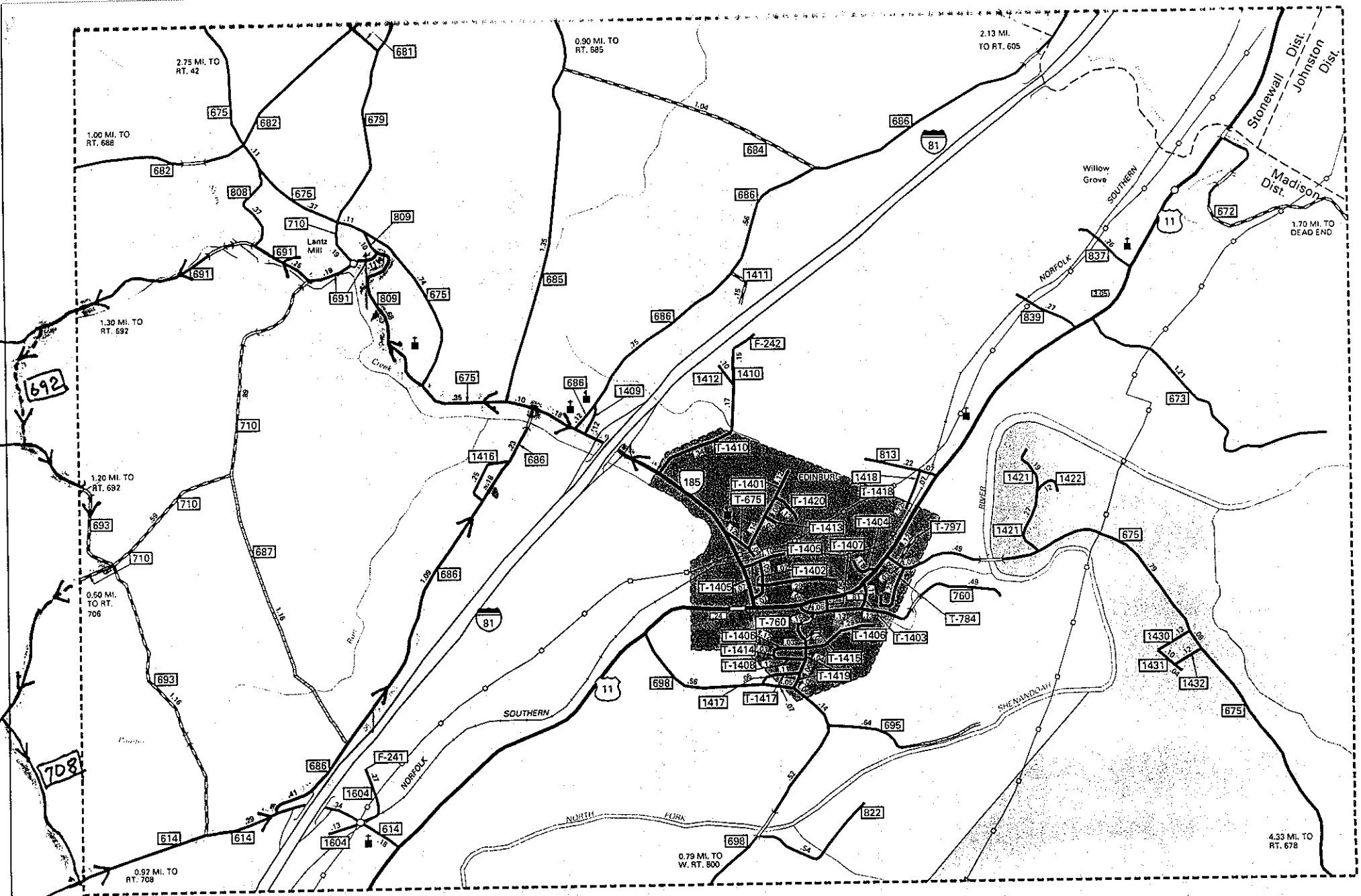
Author Unknown
Submitted by Jackie Gilligan,

ur tombstone stands among the rest;
Neglected and alone.
e name and date are chiseled out
On polished, marbled stone.

It reaches out to all who care
It is too late to mourn.
You did not know that I exist
You died and I was born.
Yet each of us are cells of you
In flesh, in blood, in bone.
Our blood contracts and beats a pulse
Entirely not our own.

Dear Ancestors, the place you filled
One hundred years ago
Spreads out among the ones you left
Who would have loved you so.
I wonder if you lived and loved,
I wonder if you knew
That someday I would find this spot,
And come and visit you.

Bulletin of the John Clough Genealogical Society
March 2000. Submitted by the Rev. Bob Lewis
whose brother is president of the organization.



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EDINBURG AREA

FOUR TIMES MAP SCALE

Bike Tour - 12 miles

THE STORY OF ANOTHER HOUSE RESTORATION IN EDINBURG

PICCADILLY HOUSE; a.k.a. EDINBURG PRINTING COMPANY; a.k.a. MARSTON'S BOARDING HOUSE, IS TAKING ON AN OLD FACE.

The Porches on the front and side of this historic old house at 212 N. Main Street in Edinburg, are currently being replaced. T.J. Marston, (Marston's Boarding House), and his heirs built the porches, circa 1850, and maintained them until about 1939, at which time the responsibility fell to Raymond Miller, (Edinburg Printing), and He and his heirs kept the old porches together until 1995,when this arduous task became the cause of David and Nancy McDonald, (Piccadilly House Home Design Center). However, after five years of battle to "Save The Porch", the 150 year porch had to be replaced.

But! There is a bright side to this defeat. Now David and Nancy have the opportunity to give it back it's original face, (at least to the degree that the building codes will allow), and prepare it for another 150 year tenure as the highest parade viewing seat in town.

The reconstruction will be modeled after an existing picture taken about 1860, before the side porch was added. The post will be hand crafted box post with fluted corners like the original. The railings will be replaced on all three levels as they were many years before. From a stroke of good fortune seven of the original railing balusters were found in the attic and they will provide the pattern for 270 more that will be hand sawn. Moldings, trims, and ornamentation will be replaced as near as they are distinguishable.

There is much sawing to be done by David and Nancy McDonald, but the work is progressing and they have hope that The Piccadilly House: a.k.a. Edinburg Printing Company: a.k.a. Marston's Boarding House: will be able to show off it's old face during the Spring Fling.

FOUR STAR PRINTING

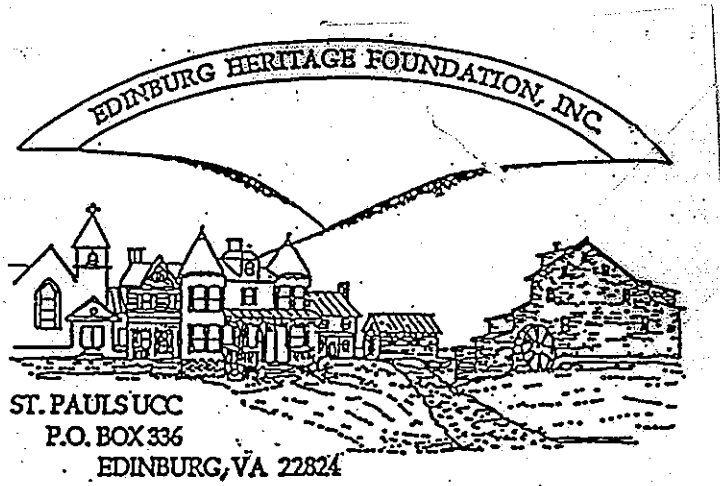
(141 N. Main St., Woodstock. 459-2247) FOUR STAR PRINTING is a company so valuable for printing needs. They have been printing our EHF cards and our invitations and have helped us select paper which has been suitable but not expensive. I suppose I am saying that, for personal service, FOUR STAR PRINTING can't be beat.

CELIA'S ANTIQUES AND OTHER ITEMS

CELIA'S shop has moved to THE EDINBURG VILLAGE SHOPS at 127 S. Main. (984-9785) She also has a shop in Leesburg. We always enjoy seeing what Celia has for sale. We were quite taken with a beautiful desk and had we had room would have bought it. She also featured a pair of bronze birds which would grace a library with flair. Go visit her new shops. While at the VILLAGE SHOPS we saw a notice that Lynn Crumpacker Miller is now making bunnies in her kiln. Lynn never stops being creative and her work is to be collected.

Next month: Family information and an a "maizing" adventure new to the Valley!!!!!!

FOUND IN THE WALLS OF THE EDINBURG INN BESIDE THE MILL



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THANKS

It was thoughtful of Richard and Leslie Fravel to donate 33 stamps for the newsletters. We had personality in the gift of love stamps and now an unusual gift in 33 stamps-lots of people have imagination and the gifts are really appreciated.

Thanks to Darlene Lindamood and Betty Showman who identified everyone and Charlotte Wilkins for sharing the picture.

(1st row R to L) Jimmy Blair, Sonny Myers, Mark Dellinger, Galen Wilkins, Edsall Dellinger, Rev. Rudicell. (2nd row R to L) Betty Wikins Morris, Mary Ann Ward Frye, Irene Spitzer Crisman, Frances Barb, Betty Ward Showman, Anna Wilkins Bowers, Darlene Dellinger Lindamood,. (3rd row R to L) Helen Didawick Flemings, Dorothy Barb Hulvey, May Spitzer Will, Irene Heishman Downey, Betty Didawick Newland, Elizabeth Wilkins Newland, Marvin Gochenour, Randolph Foltz, Charles Wilkins, Robert Polk

From *The Three Steeples.* 1941-42 snapshot of St. John's, Hamburg, youth. Edited by Lois Polk (Mrs. Robert). We would like to have other pictures of groups such as this. It all helps with genealogy (these children are already some peoples' grand and great grand parents!)

Stephens City, Virginia, The Stone House Foundation of Stephens City, Virginia will sponsor two exhibits and a program focusing on the preservation and care of family bibles and other religious artifacts from Frederick County, Virginia and the surrounding region. The purpose of these events is to heighten awareness of the information often contained in these valuable religious books, which have become because of their varied contents mini-time capsules from our religious and cultural past.

The exhibition, *In the Beginning...Religious Books of Newtown* will be held in the Stone House Museum, 5428 Main Street, Stephens City, Virginia on June 3rd and 4th, during the Heritage Festival. It will feature a selection of family bibles from various collections printed during the late 18th and to the end of the 19th century. Displayed with the bibles will be the various artifacts found in the volumes such as dried leaves and flowers, photographs, sermon texts, funeral notices, valentines, locks of hair, and religious tracts.

A related program *Caring for a Family Bible* will be held at the Stone House Foundation Office, 805 Fairfax Street, Stephens City, Virginia. The program is scheduled for Sunday, June 4, 2000 from 1 PM – 4 PM.

Maize Quest

The Cornfield Maze Adventure at Meems Bottom Bridge

Shenandoah Valley's Newest Attraction!

View of the maze from the Maze Master's Tower. We watch to ensure guests' safety.

Come experience a Shenandoah Valley adventure through living cornstalks! Immerse your clients in a life-size maze where they explore bridges, tunnels, fountains, play games and emerge victorious. All ages enjoy challenging the maze of pathways over 8,000 feet long! The journey takes 1-2 hours, but it is one of the most memorable events around!

Bring your group to Bridgemont Farms to
Join the Quest!

The maze is a great attraction for family tours, student tours and grandparent / grandchild tours. There's lots to learn about agriculture, corn, and navigation along your journey!

Victorious Maize Questers Find the Exit!

Maize Quest at Meems Bottom Bridge is located in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley just off Route 81, Shenandoah Caverns Exit 269.

2000 Season is July 21 - October 29
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All the action takes place right next to the Meems Bottom Covered Bridge, a Mt. Jackson, VA attraction since 1893.

Newest info and pictures at www.CornMaze.com/VA

An Edinburg Clockmaker

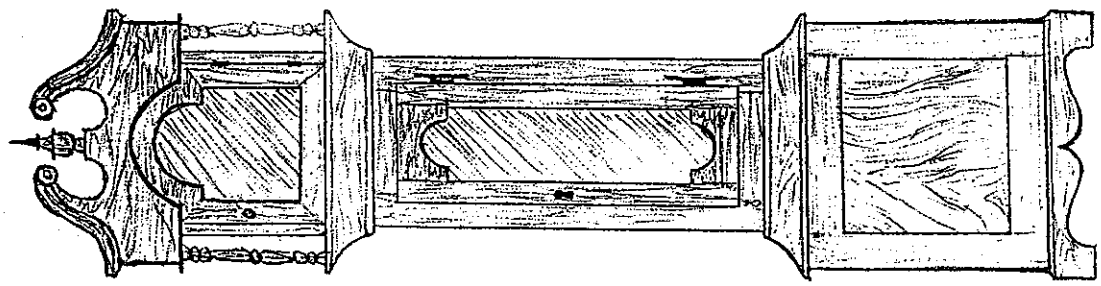
In the spring of 1946 when Jack "Mike" Zirkle returned from the Philippines where he served in the U.S. Navy, he had no idea where he could find a job. He wanted to be in Edinburg - to live and work in his hometown. For a few weeks he worked for his uncles, Frank and Ken Stoneburner at the Atlantic Service Station (it was demolished in the widening of Stoney Creek Boulevard). Then he worked for a short while at Ward's Garage (now Edinburg Motors).

One day he was approached by the late Jake Sheetz - a well known master cabinetmaker in Edinburg - and was offered a job. For six years Jack served an apprenticeship under Jake's guidance and tutelage. It was during this time that he learned the fine art of making antique reproduction furniture. It was soon apparent that Jack had the patience, skill and keen eye to faithfully replicate both the actual construction and finish of fine furniture.

For years he specialized in dining room and bedroom furniture occasionally making other custom pieces. Most of the furniture was of the American Chippendale or Hepplewhite style with an occasional Sheraton style piece for a special order.

In the early 1960's Jack designed and fabricated his first Grandfather (tall case) clock. Black walnut lumber was used for this "prototype". As the decade progressed, customers requested cherry and mahogany as well as the black walnut. The movements were imported from Germany, each one tailored to the customers desire, some were simple, others were elaborate with moon dials, chimes, and ornate pendulums. Each clock was individually made and bears the distinguishing hand-rubbed finish that characterizes Jack's work. All clocks were tall case with one exception, that one was made shorter to accommodate the low ceilings in a very old home. By 1993 he had made 46 clocks. One clock was crated and shipped by rail to New Mexico, others are in Florida, Maryland, Georgia, Pennsylvania, as well as throughout Virginia. Many clocks grace the homes of local residents.

Jack W. Zirkle added to the beauty of many homes and enriched the lives of those who appreciate fine solid wood, hand rubbed, truly custom made furniture. And so, another very skilled craftsman's name can be added to the long list of those who lived and worked in Edinburg.



JACK W. ZIRKLE GRANDFATHER CLOCK

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We are filled with fish theme treasures in antiques, jewelry, pottery, stained glass, crafts, and rare, one-of-a-kind collectibles. In addition, our porcelains, books, flies, prints, chocolates, soaps, santas, and ornaments are only a few of the unique fish surprises that will catch your fancy... Our Victorian fly catchers will catch more than that!

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Please stop in... You don't need a rod & reel to 'fish' our shop!

A REVIEW OF A VIRGINIA BOOK

I just finished reading *Big Stone Gap* by Adriana Trigiani which kept me laughing enough to read it at one sitting. Any writing which comes out of Virginia interests me, particularly if written by people who lived their experiences in Virginia. This book was a joy from the beginning to the end and is available from Costco and any other book store as well as your local library.

As you may or may not know, Big Stone Gap (Wise County) is in the Blue Ridge Mountains. The narrator of the story is Ava Maria Mulligan who is the local pharmacist who also directs *The Trail of the Lonesome Pine* (an outdoor drama) and is co-captain of the local rescue squad. The story centers around the fact that Ava Maria has found out her father is not the late Mr. Mulligan but the mayor of a town in Italy. From then on Ava Maria has her hands full in solving her family mystery as well as her usual involvement into town activities.

One interesting activity is when John Warner arrives at Big Stone Gap with his wife, Elizabeth Taylor, to make a campaign speech. This fictional account will keep you in stitches. Keeping you in stitches also are the descriptions that Ava Maria gives of people by which she makes character judgments. She is an avid reader and checks out armsful of books from the Wise County bookmobile, one of which is a book on how to read faces. Thus we learn that "the placement of ears indicates intelligence, deep-set eyes suggest a secretive nature, chins which stick out reflect stubborness." In no time at all you will feel as if you know all of Ava Maria's friends and enemies.

One character example is Fleeta Mullins "the chain-smoking pharmacy cashier with a penchant for professional wrestling". Fleeta also keeps a recipe file and you will want to try her recipe for MAMAW SKEEN'S POSSUM.

Skin your possum. Place in a large pot and boil 'til tender. Add salt and pepper to taste. Make gravy with broth and add 4 tablespoons flour and ½ cup of milk. Cook until thick. Save a foot to sop gravy!

This book claims to be the story of a woman who feels that life has passed her by, but gradually learns "that the best is yet to come". To me, it was much more and reading it you will find out that this is a book you will read more than once.

HAVE HALTEMAN INFO-LEGAL PAPERS-ON FILE-NOTICE Christian Holdiman (and Eve)were in county by 1784. Bought land from Michael and Frances Reed. Have more info.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Edinburg Mill Project Update:
from Clyde Beachy, EHF President

Since my last update we have been making some slow progress on the Mill Project. The Management Committee has identified individuals to lead in fundraising and publicity, renovations, and creation of the business plan. Work is progressing in all of these areas and you will be updated as significant plans are finalized.

As many of you probably know, working with government grants can be a time consuming and tedious process. Dan Harshman has been working with both the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Executive Director of the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District Commission in attempting to obtain authorization to expend funds to purchase materials and hire contractors to work those areas of the renovation project which we will be focused on the remainder of this year. These include: roof repairs, exterior repairs and painting, flood control wall, and creation of the parking area. In response to our requests for proposals, we have received two estimates regarding repair of the roof and up to five interested contractors for exterior repairs and painting. We are optimistic that approval will be forthcoming in the near future so that we can commence with these projects.

A significant event occurred at the April Edinburg Town Council meeting. A motion was made and approved which authorized the Edinburg Heritage Foundation to handle restoration work and leasing of the Mill. Even though the Mill is currently owned by the Town of Edinburg, this action establishes the Foundation as solely responsible for all repairs, renovations, leasing of space, and operations of the Mill. Additionally, the Foundation accepts the responsibility to reimburse the Town for any of its expenditures related to the Mill property.

Currently, our plan is to have the Mill open for tours on Sunday, 4 June, during Edinburg's Spring Fling Weekend. In addition to the tours, the Mill Store will also be open during that weekend. We are also planning to host various events at the Mill during Edinburg's Ole Time Festival, scheduled for 15, 16, and 17 September. We are working with the Ole Time Festival Committee to coordinate all the activities. I will update you on these events in upcoming newsletters.

Subject: Daniel Dozer (Doser)
Date: Sun, 5 Mar 2000 13:47:29 -0800
From: "Dozer, Jodi L. & Derek J." <jld@y-city.net>
To: <mlw@shentel.net>

Good afternoon,
My name is Derek Dozer and I live in Roseville, Ohio (just South of Zanesville). I am looking for any information on Daniel Dozer who lived in the Shenandoah Valley area in the 1750's and 60's. Daniel immigrated from Germany between 1725 and 1757 on a ship called "Nancy." Daniel and wife Elizabeth ? had Henry who married Mary Zirkle. (daughter of Michael Zirkle) Do you have anything that might be of help to me? Anything would be appreciated and if not let me thank you in advance for your time.
Have a good day.
Derek Dozer

Subject: Anthony Dean Estep
Date: Tue, 29 Feb 2000 01:04:27 -0300
From: Gerald Dawkins <Gerald.Dawkins@worldnet.att.net>
To: mlw@shentel.net

My name is Judy Dawkins and I am doing a family tree. Anthony Dean Estep married my sister-Maria Annette Phillips, which a child was born-Stephanie Lane Estep. Any information you have and could share would be appreciated.

The Tysinger-Fleek's of Cumberland, Md.

I have traced the Tysinger's from Wiley Ford, WV. to Edinburg, Va. I understand our family ancestors in Virginia originally came from Alsace-Lorraine, Germany. This is a small area in Germany that over the years belonged to France. Seems there was some kind of fight over who owned the land. Four brothers moved to the U.S. One settled in Ohio, one settled in S. Carolina, and two settled in Virgina. I would be interested in learning more factual information in addition to the hearsay passed from the generations past. Wilbur Isacc Tisinger & Ida May Coffman were my gramdparents. They were both from Edinburg, Va. They were married on May 25, 1905 in Cumberland, Md. They made their home on Humbird Street, Cumberland, Md. until finally moving to Wiley Ford, WV (on Tunnel Hill) where they spent the rest of their life. They had 5 children: Arlene (Tysinger) Bennett Williams; Agatha (Tysinger) Abe Johnston Osbourne; Kedrick Tysinger, Sr., Gladissa (Tysinger) Myers; and Leon Tysinger. Gladissa & Leon were twins; however, Leon died of pneumonia at 18 months old. When the Tysingers lived in Virginia, they spelled their name Tisinger. It was changed when they moved to Md. My granddad's parents were Charles & Virginia Ellen (Ort or Urt) Tisinger. My grandmother's parents were Frank & Ella (Sheetz) Coffman of Wakeman Grove, Vriginia. I understand the Coffman's or Sheetz families originally came from England. My grandmother, Ida May had 2 sisters: Vallee, married to Sam Burke, Oldtown Rd., Cumberland, Md. and Mattie Wolverton, Columbia Furnace, Virginia. My great-grandfather Charles Tisinger had a sister, Aunt Beck (probably Rebecca) who was married to Charlie Fox. Charles and Virginia Tisinger had seven children: Stella (married name Jordan), Ada (married name Zirkle), Sam (wife's name was Bertha), Elwood (married Ruth Frye), Charles (married to Alice Scothern), Wilbur (married to Ida May Coffman), and Raymond (Pete)wife's name Eleanor(?). Frank Coffman had two brothers Jim & Charles Coffman. Jim's daughter's name was Nora. Frank Coffman had a sister Anna. Her nickname was Annie. Her married name was Holler. My great-great grandfather Sheetz was killed in the Civil War. I don't know what his first name was at this time. Any information would be appreciated. Please feel free to contact me if you know/knew any of these people.

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http://www/genealogy.com/users/t/y/s/Joanna-R-Tysingerfleek/index.html

CONFEDERATE CIVIL WAR OOPSIE

To VASHEREN-l@rootsweb.com from RMonroe237@aol.com by way of Sandi Yelton at sehyelton@triad.rr.com to wburruss@shentel.net to mlw@shentel.net

> *This is from "The War of the Rebellion" Website. It is part of a report*
> *written by Union Officer George W. Cothran about skirmishes around* Edinburg.
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> *"This morning the enemy used an imported percussion shell, but few of* which
> *exploded. The cap is of most ingenious and excellent pattern. On* removing
> *the cap of several of them I discovered that no percussion cap had been*
> *inserted; consequently no explosion could take place....."*
>
> *Oops!!!!!!!!!*
>
> *Rick Monroe*

Subject: **Shenandoah County History**
Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 02:25:46 -0600
From: Frank Mayberry <rambo1@oknet1.net>
Organization: Retired in Muskogee, Oklahoma
To: mlw@shentel.net

Hello! I just ran onto your website, and I think it's great to have someone who is so interested in history and preserving it for our future generations. I have some connections through my surname MAYBERRY. My ggggrandfather was in the area for many years. He and his brother were Refiners of Iron their names were George and William Mayberry, another Thomas Mayberry is thought to be a relative and possibly a brother. Thomas Mayberry was known in Pennsylvania as "The Iron Master". My ggggrandfather George Mayberry was married to Rebecca Pennybacker daughter of Dirck Pennybacker of Pennsylvania. I am presently searching for information on these MAYBERRY's in Franklin County, they were in that area near the Richmond Furnace and Mount Holly Furnace. George Mayberry was owner and partner with Benjamin Pennybacker a brother to Rebecca and the son of Dirck Pennybacker. The name of the business was "George Mayberry & Company" he was involved in refining iron. During that time Thomas Mayberry had a contract with the Continental Army Quartermaster to furnish and deliver sheet iron to the Quartermaster Stores for manufactor of Kettles for the soldiers of the Continental Army. I made copies of it from the site on the internet but, cannot find it at the present time. I remember reading about Thomas Mayberry being paid in excess of $117,000.00 by the Quartermaster of the Continental Army Stores, this payment was directed by John Q. Adams to be paid to settle a claim made by Thomas Mayberry of Pennsylvania.

I am wondering if you have access to any information on my ancestor George or any of his sons especially Israel Mayberry who is my gggrandfather. I am looking for information on where and when he died and any other members of the Mayberry name. my USPS address is: 318 North 'G' Street Muskogee, Ok 74403-3469. Phone: 918.686.8433

Thanks, Frank R. Mayberry

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Dues due?

JULY! The month of national celebration, family reunions, picnics, bugs, mowed grass, porch sitting.

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KINGREE INFORMATION

Emma Kearns, a new member, wrote about her family history. She is the daughter of Wilbur Kingree (brother of Gilbert) whose parents were John Allen and Emma Jane Larkin Kingree. Emma would really like to know about her family history and I hope any Kingree, Larkin or Allen will contact her at Emma Kearns, 921 Cross Creek Rd., Henderson, N. C. 27536. She was also interested in buying a history of Edinburg book. Does any one have an extra they could sell her? By the way, we have had requests to reprint our history but at this moment it is too expensive.

OUR COUNTY LIBRARY IS OPEN!!!!!

We are as proud as can be as our County Library (Built by C. E. Thompson's and Sons, our faithful members) is open on Stoney Creek Blvd. The County archives is moving to this beautiful facility and we will have a real archivist. Now when you come here to research family you will find a much improved situation. Your editor is on the Library Board as are Pat French and Nancye Bowman (members of EHF) and Warren French is chair of the Library Foundation and Sallie Smith is also on the Foundation Board. When I see what is in the archives I will put a list in the newsletter. I know you will be able to find family info there and artifacts you have never seen before. P. S. Our Grand Opening is this month so watch the newspapers for particulars. The other libraries in the system are really doing a great job also. For instance check www.shenandoah.co.lib.va.us for information about the many programs available. I was interested in the Fort Valley Library Schedule. July 15 they are having a program entitled "Vintners: The Art of Winemaking" Shenandoah Vineyards; "Bees: Hives, Honey and Handlers" on August 19; September 16 there is a program on "Seed Saving: Collecting, Saving and Preserving"; On October 21 there is a program "Civil War" by our Civil War expert and member, Richard Kleese; on November 18 is a program "The Appalachian Trail" presented by the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club. Just thought you would like to see a sample of what our library system offers.

RECIPES "RECEIPTS" YOU MAY ENJOY

I came across old recipes and these I date from the 20's. One is from Hamburg, Virginia and is called Mokd (?) Cake. It calls for 4 eggs, 11/2 cups sugar, 3/4/ butter, 3/4 sour milk, 2 cups flour, 2 t cream tartar, 1 t soda dissolved in a little milk. Beat all together and add flavor to taste. Usually cooking times and temperature are not given

In 1921 was given a mash for chickens which called for bran, corn meal, middling wheat, alfalfa meal and panacea.

I remember hearing about chloroform being used in medicine and sure enough I found a recipe for healing tooth ache. It called for equal parts of carbolic acid, chloroform and oil of cloves. This was Mrs. Dunlap's recipe. I suspect the recipe would knock you unconscious.

Ladies passed along recipes and tips. Here is one from Mrs. Frank Dinges. When your cream refuses to whip add the white of an egg to the cream and set it on ice. When thoroughly cold beat again and your cream will be lovely and firm.

Jennie Winesburg's cough cure called for 2 T grain alcohol, 2 T ground ginger, t oil of peppermint,10 drops oil of tar.,1 lb. brown sugar syrup. An extra note from her read to make anyone vomit, take 1 t ground mustard in one cup hot water.

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FORMER EDINBURGER MURDERED IN W. VA.

Burns Grandstaff, Shot By Supposed Robber in B. & O. Transfer Office At Wheeling, West Va.

A telegram was received on Tuesday of last week (19th) by Mrs. Elizabeth Grandstaff of Edinburg announcing the death of her son, Burns Grandstaff at Wheeling, W. Va., and no particulars were given. It was supposed that he had died of heart failure, and no one in Edinburg, where everyone was his friend, dreamed that his life had been cut short by an assassin's hand, as was learned later. He was for several years before going to W. Va., a teacher in the Edinburg schools. It seems that he had talked to his brother-in-law about 11:45 as he (Burns) was on his way to his office at Tunnel Green—B. & O. Transfer. The murder evidently occurred between 12 and 12:15 o'clock p. m. When the body was found in his office, he was half reclining against his desk with limbs on the floor where it appeared he had "crumpled" and slid to the floor, when shot. It is thought that the murderer was in the building for the purpose of robbery of the building and was surprised by Mr. Grandstaff. Upon Mr. Grandstaff's body was found $123.93 and his watch, so robbery from the person was evidently not the object. However heart disease was thought to be the cause of death until the body was being prepared for removal to his late home, at the undertaking establishment in Wheeling. An autopsy was performed and it was discovered that a bullet had penetrated the abdomen on the left side just under the ribs and death came from internal hemorrhage. The bullet was located in the 6th vertebra of the spinal column. After the inquest the body was conveyed to his home at Mt. Dechantel, a suburb of Wheeling, where at 3 o'clock p. m. on Thursday, October 21st, funeral services were conducted by three friends of the deceased, Rev. Mr. Holt of Zion M. E. Church of Wheeling, Rev. Fred Helford of the First Christian Church of Bethany, W. Va., and Rev. Harry Gilbert of First Christian Church of Elm Grove.

The body, accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Maude Gilbert Grandstaff, his son, Robert Grandstaff, his mother-in-law, Mrs. Elijah Gilbert and son, Raymond Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. Baltz and Mrs. Southern of Wheeling, left Wheeling on the 6:40 train Thursday evening and arrived in Edinburg at 8:15 Friday morning, and was taken to the home of his aunt, Miss Mary Grandstaff, on West Main street. Funeral services were conducted from the house Saturday afternoon at three o'clock by Rev. S. L. Baugher of the United Brethren Church.

Interment was made in the old cemetery on the hill in the Grandstaff square, where sleep his ancestors, first settlers of this part of the Valley.

Mr. Grandstaff went to Wheeling about eighteen years ago and for fifteen years was with the B. & O. R. R. as Joint Car Inspector. He was born at the old home place near Red Banks, October 4, 1872 and at the time of his death was but 48 years and 15 days of age. He was married about nineteen years ago to Miss Maude Gilbert, who with a son, Robert, survive. No more popular man than "Grandstaff" as his acquaintanceship called him, lived in Wheeling. The crowd at his funeral obsequies there was immense. He was a member of Jr. O. U. A. M. of Toms Brook, and of United Order Brotherhood R. R. Trainmen of Wheeling, W. Va., which sent handsome floral pieces.

Besides his sorrowing wife and son, he is survived by his aged mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Grandstaff, his sisters, Mrs. Ida Rudacille, Mrs. Mollie Coffman, and Mrs. Mittie Stout; his brothers, William, Edward and Joseph Grandstaff, all of Edinburg and vicinity.

Other relatives from a distance attending the funeral at Edinburg were Brent Rudacille and wife and daughters, Misses Celia and Emma Rudacille, and son, Browne; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rudacille and daughter, Miss Marjorie Rudacille all of Williard, Ohio, Dr. H. B. Winton Rau of Berkley Springs, W. Va., William Gaunt and son, Charley Gaunt, and Miss Gaunt of Boyce, Va.

Friends and relatives of the deceased left for their respective homes Monday (25th).

B. & O. detectives and the Wheeling City detectives are following every scent that may help to run to earth the slayer of Burns Grantstaff. Anything that may be discovered along that line will be telegraphed at once to Edinburg for publication in this paper.

On Sunday Mrs. Grandstaff received a telegram which stated that two men had been apprehended who confessed to the murder, giving the intent to rob Mr. Grandstaff as their object.

LIST OF DEATHS DURING 1905

We are indebted to Mr. J. B. Sheffler for the following list of deaths that occurred in our town during 1905:

Mrs. J. B. Sheffler, January 4, aged 65 years.

Robt. F. Hisey, February 22, aged 81 years.

L. W. Grove, February 23, aged 81 years.

Miss Bessie Steadman, April 15, aged 15 years.

Mrs. Mary Whissen, April 29, aged 84 years.

Miss Ursula Poduean, June 27, aged 20 years.

W. H. Wightman, July 14, aged 49 years.

Mrs. Julia Simmons, July 31, aged 22 years.

Miss Bessie Evans, August 23, aged 15 years.

Mrs. Ann Taylor, August 27, aged 65 years.

Fred. Evans, November 1, aged 9½ years.

Carl Wightman, November 12, aged 3 years.

Mrs. Lydia Rau, December 17, aged 65 years.

In addition to the above the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Sheffler died January 10, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam'l Marston's 8 months' old baby in July.

Mrs. Eveline Grandstaff, who lived near here, died February 12, aged 91 years.

Glenn C. Fry, son of Turner Fry, February 13, aged 4 years.

P. M. Grandstaff, Mayor, aged 79 years.

J. M. Racey, April 22, aged 68 years.

Mrs. A. B. Clinedinst, November 17, aged 69 years.

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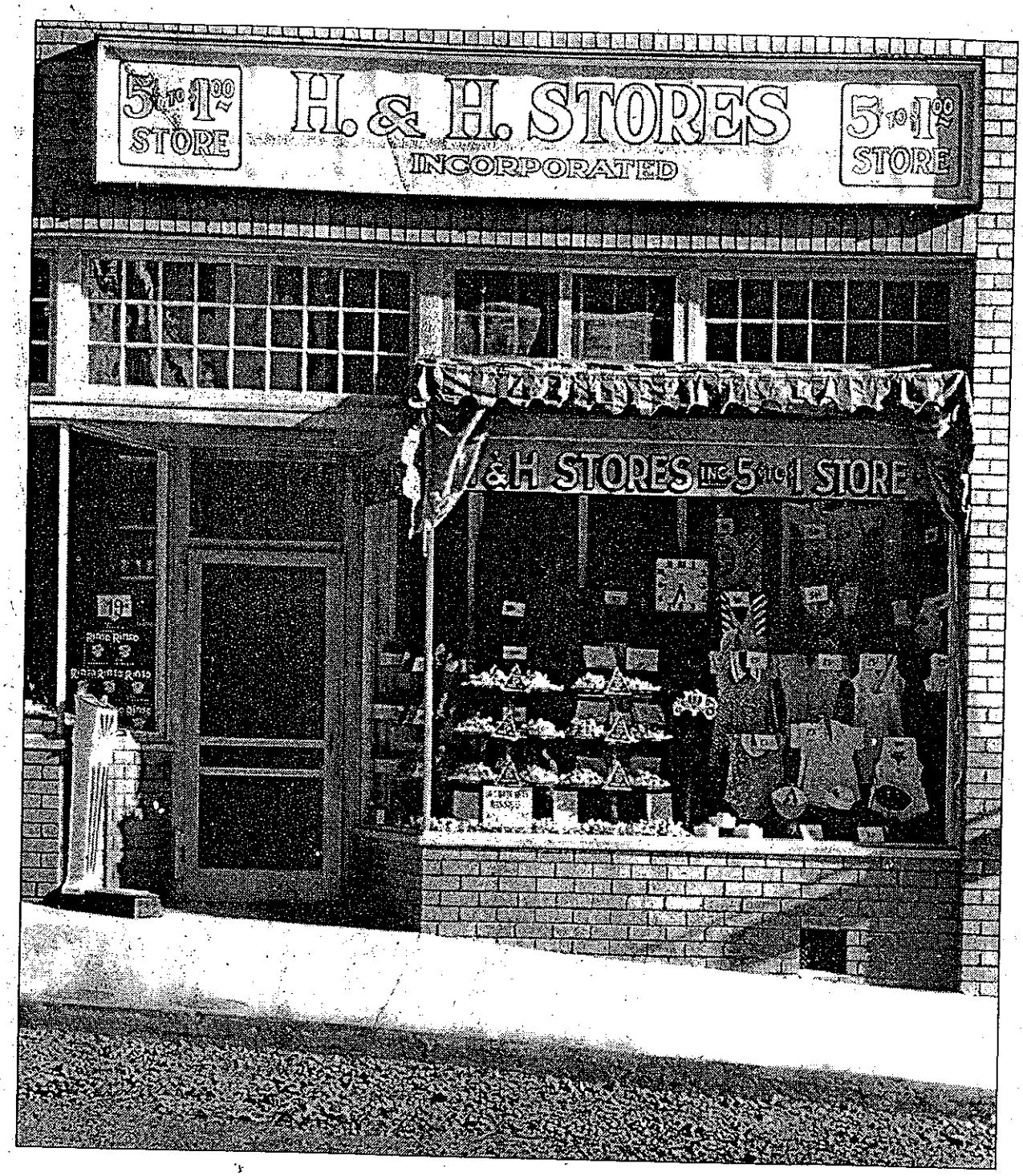
THE END OF AN ERA

Dr. Malcolm "Mac" Harrell contributed this information about his family's store in Luray. I am sure many of you have shopped there or, at least, have seen the store.



Courtesy photo

Luray's Main Street was still unpaved in 1931, when the H&H store opened two doors down from its present-day location. It closed its doors for good on Saturday, Jan. 8.

LURAY'S 5 TO $1 STORE

On January 8, 2000 the H & H Variety Store in Luray, billed as a "5 cents and $1 store", closed after 69 years in business. It was operated continuously throughout its existence by the same Harrell family. In November of 1931 C. P. Harrell and a business partner first opened the store as a 5 and dime. This was the depth of the depression and "5 & 10's" were popular as 'the place' to shop. "C P" operated the store by himself with the help of young lady clerks as business dictated. As his 2 sons (Malcolm and Philip) came of age they were also involved in working in the store as was their mother Shirley.

Just before World War II broke out, H&H moved two doors up the street to 16 East Main Street to larger more spacious quarters. "C P" bought out his partner's interest in the store in 1946, and the Harrell family became the sole owners. In 1960 Philip joined his father in the business. They expanded the store and the merchandise to become a true variety store.

In 1964 "CP" suffered a fatal heart attack leaving Philip and his mother, Shirley, the task of continuing the business. Shirley continued in the business until the 1980's when she retired leaving Philip, his wife and son to continue until the closing. The closings of these small town stores mark the end of an era of "Americana", falling victim to the corporate giants such as Wal-Mart.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Mason Johnson for receiving the Chamber of Commerce "Citizen of the Year" award and to C. E. Thompson and Sons Inc. for receiving the "Business of the Year" award-two well-deserved awards!

From *The Wall Street Journal*

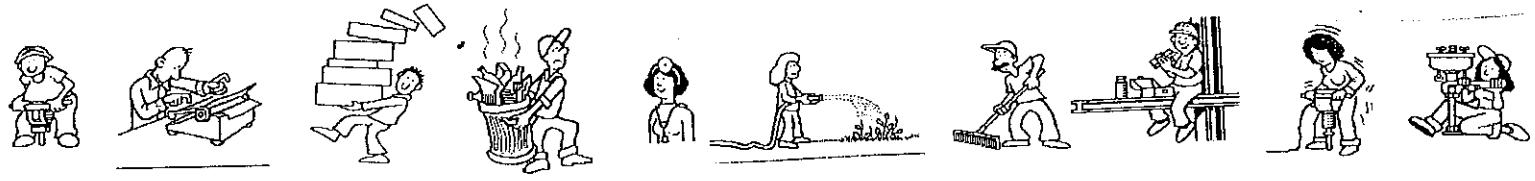
There is a great article in the WST of 4-13-00 by Sue Shellenbarger. I was not able to print and give you the whole article. However, it is titled "Leaving the Busy City for Small-Town ? You'll Be Even Busier" and I will give you some of the details.

This is about a man, Ron Shepherd, who thought he was leaving the bustling metro life for the quiet, retired life in the small town of Mt. Jackson.

The story of Ron and his family reflects the situation for hundreds of families in the Valley. Ron retained his business since moving here since the computer and like communication tools enable him to keep business. He has also started a new business. His wife commutes to her job in the Washington suburbs "where jobs pay well". While he has found "a closeness to nature and a sense of community" he has found something more which he may not have expected.

Ron tells about the need for volunteerism in small communities. He himself gives 30 hours a week to community work. The town manager " estimates the value of volunteers' contributions to Mt. Jackson as more than half again the town's entire annual budget of $1.25 million."

I expect that this story of Mt. Jackson can be repeated over and over for every town in the Valley.



OH SAY CAN YOU SEE

Diane Evans Huffman told me a memory which came from Edinburg people which I found interesting. The Great Baltimore Fire occurred ca. 1903-04 and it is remembered that Edinburg people could see the red sky coming from that fire.

First snow, then silence.
This thousand dollar screen dies
So beautifully.

FOR FRUSTRATED COMPUTER USERS (from a member)

In Japan, the Sony computer systems have replaced the impersonal and unhelpful Microsoft Windows 95/98 error messages with their own Japanese haiku poetry, each only 17 syllables. Here are some samples:

Yesterday it worked.
Today it is not working.
Windows is like that.

The Tao that is seen
Is not the true Tao--until
You bring fresh toner.

ABORTED effort:
Close all that you have worked on.
You ask far too much.

With searching comes loss
And the presence of absence:
"My Novel" not found.

A crash reduces
Your expensive computer
To a simple stone.

Chaos reigns within.
Reflect, repent, and reboot.
Order shall return.

Windows NT crashed.
I am the Blue Screen of Death.
No one hears your screams.

Three things are certain:
Death, taxes, and lost data.
Guess which has occurred.

Serious error.
All shortcuts have disappeared.
Screen. Mind. Both are blank.

Stay the patient course.
Of little worth is your ire.
The network is down.

The Web site you seek
Can not be located but
Countless more exist.

You step in the stream,
But the water has moved on.
This page is not here.

Having been erased,
The document you're seeking
Must now be retyped.

Out of memory.
We wish to hold the whole sky,
But we never will.

A file that big?
It might be very useful.
But now it is gone.

PARTLOW wrote. She is the
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nd ran the Edinburg Mill at
. Contact me if anyone
d in contacting her

Subject: Lutz information
Date: Tue, 23 Mar 1999 17:16:11 -0500
From: "Matthew A. Getz" <MatthewAGetz@compuserve.com>
To: "mlw@shentel.net" <mlw@shentel.net>

Hello there! I've also been collection genealogy information from the Shenandoah County and may be able to share some information.

Have you run across a Magdel Lutz? She was married to Hans Balthess Gotz(Getz) when they lived in PA and died shortly before he moved to the Valley. I have some other Lutz names from the Valley as well.

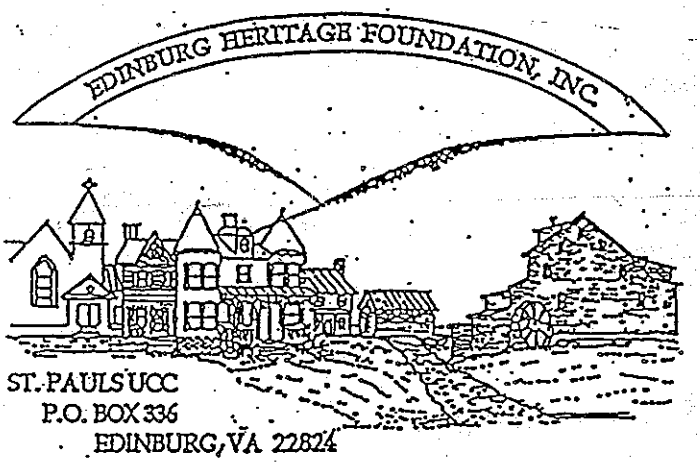
Subject: William Howard/Hannah Psalter
Date: Thu, 2 Mar 2000 07:44:44 EST
From: SVTHOMPTTT@aol.com
To: mlw@shentel.net

I noted your post on the Shenandoah Valley. For a number of years I have been searching for a William Howard, wife Hannah Psalter who, by family legend owned an
"iron works" in the Shenandoah Valley c. 1776-80 before coming to Montgomery County VA. William was supposed to have been born in England, but this has never been documented, even by professional researchers. William was an ordained Primative Baptist minister in Montgomery County. Again, family legend says he was a Captain in the British army prior to the RevWar.

Would you by any chance have information on forges in the Valley. I have not been able to identify this William with the forges around Fredericksburg.

Many thanks for any help.

Tom Thompson
Wilmington, NC



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GENEALOGICAL NOTES FROM ED EVANS

Dear Mary Ann;

It is hard to believe it has been two months since we visited Edinburg. I thank you so much for inviting us into your home to talk. We certainly enjoyed our vacation which, after Edinburg, took us down part of the Blue Ridge Parkway, in to Staunton and Lynchburg, and back home thru West Virginia. I believe that you asked me to write to describe what I know of my Grandfather, Robert Lemuel Evans.

Robert Lemuel Evans was born June 7, 1869 in Edinburg, VA. His parents were David Evans and Sara Catherine _?_ . My grandpa was commonly called 'Lem'. He left home at an early age and went to Dayton Ohio where we believe a brother lived. He went to work for the Crawford, MacGregor, and Canby Company which made golf clubs, ten pins and shoe lasts. Around 1901, Lem was transferred to Gaylord, Michigan where the company was building a plant to cut, haul and dry birds-eye maple for use in their products.

According to my information, Grandpa had several brothers and sisters but I am somewhat confused by the information I have. Old family letters say my great-grandmother, Sara Catherine had two husbands. It appears she had at least two children - Hiram and Mahlon (b1848 d1913) - with her first husband, Joseph Evans. My information also shows brothers Joseph and Albert as well as sisters Laura Ellen, Bessie and Virginia. I don't know whether these children were fathered by Joseph Evans or David Evans.

In some old letters I have, Nelia Evans Folds tells of Charlie Evans who moved from Weyers Cave to New Hope in 1921. He manufactured chairs just as his father (Hiram) and grandfather (Joseph) had for 120 years. The chair company was known as the Valley Chair Manufacturer.

I don't know if this is what you had in mind when you asked me to write. I came to Edinburg mostly to see where my Grandfather was born and with a hope to learn something about his family. I truly enjoyed my short visit to town even though it did not produce any significant information about his family.

Sincerely,

Ed Evans

THE DIARY OF A VIRGINIA GENTLEWOMAN 1943-1947

Some years ago Hugh Hollar gave me the diaries of Laura Crabill Evans (Mrs. Lem) Most of you know that she lived in the house (called *Westover*) north east of the pike in town. It is on the hill before you get to Edinburg Motors. Laura kept extensive diaries from 1943-47. What makes the diaries fascinating is that she wrote her observations on everything that passed her way or heard on the radio.

Laura lived in Edinburg but settled also with her son-in-law, Bill Marks, and daughter, Lois, when they lived in army camps. She was, like most Americans, intimately familiar with World War 11 events and often gives her opinions. "20 Oct. 1944...Tonight we heard Gen. McArthur talking from the Philippines. The Japs were surprised as they thought the Americans were coming in from the south but they came in from the east coast. I hope the prisoners will be found alive. Billy Hawkins and Edna Stoneburner of Edinburg are prisoners there of the Japs."

Laura hopes from one subject to another so prepare yourself for a lady who writes as she thinks. "22 Sept. 1944...Lois' 47th birthday anniversary. I can't realize it all. What a dear tiny white baby she was-3 lbs 2 oz and all her life she has been dear and cute and good. I heard on the news that one plane had bombed Manila and 3 airbases there destroyed and Japan had declared martial law. I colored the Nucoa"(*ed's note: the first margarine was white and came with a small package of yellow food coloring)*

Laura tells about her holidays, local events, people she knows-and she makes friends easily, recipes, prices, her favorite people (among them Willie and Paul Kagey, parents of Hilda Kagey Coffelt , and Jack Rinker) The diaries are illustrated with her drawings which are quite good and make the book even more interesting.

This is not just a local set of diaries but the diaries reflect an era through which many of us lived. With the interest in World War 11 this book will bring back memories for some and provide a fascinating look at the era though the eyes of an expressive woman.

Her description of herself tells you something about the women of the era. "I often hear folks talk of some they've known as smart, clever, talented so I set me down to take stock. I've lived a long and useful life and helped lame dogs over the stiles and taught kids how to play. I cooked and baked and fried and stewed and jellied and jammed and canned and brewed and dusted and no time wasted! Kept a garden, hoed beans and corn, pushed a lawn mower from early morn five days a week on my hill side yard and never complained. I can make a dress; I can trim a hat; can crochet, embroider, knit and tat. I can draw a picture and tint it too so the beholder can tell what I have drawn. I can play the piano and dance and sing NOT JAZZ but some good old fashioned thing like "Kathleen Mauoureen" or "Home Over There" or "Annie Laurie" or "My Lady Fair". I've time to write letters and read books and take some time to attend to my looks. One thing I know well HOW TO MAKE FRIENDS. They stick to me like glue. As a new year I start number 72 and I wonder if I will live it through but I leave it up to God."

Truly, for a wonderful original read about the era, this is your book. To tell the truth, Laura's diaries would not only be good reading for any adult but also for teen-agers. It is rare to get the observations of a woman during this era and, through her, one learns what people really thought. So many books are written with some political purpose but this book is simply "the way it was."

I am having 250 copies made. After I get back my original investment, the money will go to the Edinburg Mill project-which is what I think Laura would like very much. So the cost of a

We have celebrated the millennium (or you will next year). Here is an account of how it was celebrated in 1800. "A young preacher... was carried away by delusion as were many other preachers that the millennium was the beginning of spiritual work and there was much shouting, crying etc... That, according to reckoning, the millennium had come in and that (religious) meetings must be increased... Houses were not large enough to hold the crowds. Tents and huts were erected in which they remained from Friday to Monday. During this time there was constant preaching or exhortations. Anyone who wanted to could preach. Many uttered the severest things about death, the devil, judgment and hell. Many fell unconscious and awakening repented of their sins."

Particularly on the then frontier revivals were held. One man who had been a manufacturer of Anise Brandy had been converted and instead of being a manufacturer of strong drink became a "fiery preacher". He invited Paul to attend a revival that he attended more than once to learn about revivals. "The camp was placed in the densest woods, where the briars and brush were the thickest. The pulpit or platform was built on a small elevation large enough to hold ten men. At first several preached in due rotation, but as the crowd could not be moved in this way three or four preachers harrangued at the same time with the most fearful expressions that they could invent, till finally two young women rushed to the platform among the preachers, began to sink to the floor and to cry out with agony and agitation, through this others were aroused until everyone was screaming and shouting. I left the place as this spiritual fanaticism is too great." Paul became especially angry with the "English preachers who were very hot for starting revival emotions in people." To give you a full image of what camp meetings or revivals were like here is another account. "After breakfast we went to the camp. The report of the number of wagons was not exactly given but there were not fewer than three 300 besides other vehicles as carriages, chaises etc. And there were just as many fires as wagons and as many tents. The meeting began on Friday and continued through Tuesday. Almost all the wood was consumed for fires and for the erection of huts and platforms. The quantity required for the fires was immense as the exercises continued day and night, without interruption. It was at the coldest time of the year. The wagons and tents were placed in a regular circle and those that were within this circle were also placed in order. In different directions a person could see small groups like little villages. On all sides were heard preaching, exhorting, weeping, lamenting, shouting, singing, praying, praising God, thanksgiving. In many of the tents people were lying, with covered faces, praying and reproving. Some were lying in a trance... Some of the old Presbyterians preached the gospel as I love to hear it, in spite of the fact that they let all that was said that was wrong and unscriptural pass unnoticed and unchallenged."

Paul tried very hard to have people retain their Germanness, as against becoming like the English. For instance, one man asked Paul to visit the man's wife who "was a German but was carried away by the American spirit, for which reason all the children were brought up in English." Paul was really afraid of those of the Lutheran flock who joined with other groups as this same man's wife "and several of her daughters have united with the Methodist Church and with that are ignorant and headstrong." While Paul talks about revivalists, Deists, Presbyterians and Baptists, he really had more competition from the Methodists. Read how he describes English Methodist women "The English people are mostly Methodists; the women are lean and consumptive-looking creatures. Each one has her pipe with her in her mouth, smoking incessantly before and after the services." Let's say that Paul had quite a few strong opinions!!

Paul writes about the soldiers who attended services and about others in his far-flung congregations in Virginia and North Carolina who would be called to serve during the War of 1812. Because of newspapers and news carriers arriving from Philadelphia almost daily he learned about " the good news of the victory of our navy on the Lake over the British. We had great bonfires." (Building bonfires was the primary way to wildly celebrate "victories" or holidays such as New Year's as well as national elections)

I pulled out all of Paul's records of marriages, deaths, baptisms etc and put them in my book *Union Forge*. This is what people are firstly interested in. However, Paul Henkel's writings give us an excellent picture of life in on the frontier, if in the Valley or further south.

TWO NEW TALENTS IN TOWN

Bob and Sandy Treadwell purchased the victorian style house across from Cedarwood Cemetery and have set up shop as *Cakes, Inc.* (Sandy) and *Leaded and Stained Glass Services* (Bob)

Sandy has been baking custom designed cakes for customers for the past 15 years. She limits her efforts to preparing multi-tiered cakes for weddings and anniversary celebrations within the greater Shenandoah Valley on a contractural basis. She has an extensive portfolio and offers a variety of beautiful designs, numerous flavor options and "special day" services. She bakes in her home and may be reached there to discuss event dates and other consultation appointments.

Bob, as an artisan, has been creating custom leaded stained glass panels for nearly 20 years. He prefers to direct his efforts toward personalized services rather than retail sales although some of his work may be purchased at some of the local art galleries. His business was formally established in 1990 following his retirement from the General Electric Company. He has created scores of window panels for private residences and churches. He also specializes in window and lamp-shade repair as well as restoration of antique windows. He participated in restoration of some of the stained glass windows in the West Point Chapel in New York. He is frequently requested to give demonstrations at the local heritage and craft festivals in the Valley. While most of his work is by commission, examples may be seen by appointment at his studio.

As time goes by you will be hearing more about this talented couple. Several things I must mention. Go by Gallery 201 and see the stained glass screen Bob make. It is beautiful and would be perfect as a divider between a living and dining room in an open space house. Secondly, in Sandy's kitchen I saw a Vulcan double oven stove. The best way to describe it is if you put a motor in it, took it out on the road, it would be the most beautiful machine going down the pike. First time I have ever seen one of those fantastic appliances.

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A SURPRISE VISIT

It was great to have a visit from a member who I felt I knew. Allie Blackford , who lives in Florida, was in Virginia to do some family research came by and we talked ancestors for an hour or so. Allie is kin to McWilliams and Showers and Craig and would like any info on these family names.

IDENTIFYING "GUESS WHO"

Girls ca. 1946 were Julia Ring Lambert, Bebe Mantz Sweitzer and Christine Coffman Barrick.

copy is $25 plus 4.5 percent sales tax. if you pick up a copy from me or at the Mill Store. Otherwise it is $25 plus $5 which includes tax, shipping and handling.

THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY PEOPLE AND LIFE BEGINNING 1789

From 1935-37 the Rev. William Finck began to collect the Rev. Paul Henkel's papers and translating them from the German to English. Most of you know that the Henkel family had a famous printing and publishing company in New Market. This company was started to print Lutheran papers from children's stories to doctrinal works to newspapers. Paul was the patriarch of the family and he left a voluminous amount of material from which we can glimpse life in the Valley beginning 1789. I will only select sections but I think you can begin to glimpse life, in particular religious life, in the Valley. Please remember that Paul was a strong Lutheran so he was not always tolerant of other denominations or groups which competed for his members. Paul probably would not be completely pleased with the ELCA of today as he was more like the conservative Missouri Synod and actually is considered the founder.
So here are excerpts:
"1789-90...I preached and administered the Lord's Supper in the Fort Valley and had a devout mixture of English and Germans (editor's note: in the 18th century there were Germans and there were English which tells us that many people were not calling themselves Americans or Virginians. Paul, like Peter Muhlenburg, spoke two languages, unlike most Americans) I had the help of a young English preacher who left the Methodists at the time when they began to introduce their new mode of shouting and tumalt...On the 30th of March we moved to New Market and erected a cabin. This was a troublesome time for me as Pastor George Schumaker, who was 19, and manifested an irresistable urge to study, could not or would not find any place to stay except with us...Everything became a burden...Oh how very burdensome is the office of the minister!" He speaks of riding all the way to Lexington from New Market to preach at various places and then returning home. "It was a very cold night and twelve miles away, through the mountains; my horse was lame, so there was nothing for me to do but walk...The earth was covered with snow (March) It was so cold that in crossing the high hills we had (he and Schmucker) to hold our cloaks close around us...Our home had been built to meet the barest of needs; our family was large, there was no pasturage for our cattle; many demands were made on us by strangers. Our income was very small...My good friend, John Rausch, had given me at his own expense a coat, vest, trousers made of the best cloth, linen sufficient for two shirts, all of which amounted to thirty dollars...He was a good man and in 1791 became a citizen of New Market." Paul blamed misfortunes on the devil who operated with a fierce force on earth. For instance "While I was preaching my horse forsook me, my saddle and saddlebags. Whether or not the sermon that I delivered was objectionable to Satan I do not know but he gladly would have hindered my travel."

"I learned that it is necessary for us to be wise as serpents in order to deal with these ignorant and tricky and sharp-witted people." In one case a man accused his wife of being lazy so Paul had them both stand in front of church elders and extend their hands. Seeing the rough hands of the wife the elders made the decision to chastise the husband instead of the wife.

Paul had more of a problem with Methodists than any other group. He claimed that he more or less softened up people to receive religion and the Methodists took advantage of this and beat him to the punch in gathering them to the Methodist fold.

For those of you familiar with Solomon's Church at Quicksburg here are some Henkel notes. "In 1794 I had the care of the work of building Solomon's Church, which was begun two years before...The church at New Market was under construction at the same time but this did not give me any concern as both the useful man George Adam Zirkle of blessed memory and John Rausch superintended this work (of Solomon's)"

AN UPCOMING EVENT YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS

Most of you who come to the Valley are aware of the SHENANDOAH VALLEY MUSIC FESTIVAL organization. This year we are having a German festival at Orkney Springs. Nancye Bowman and I are on the Board of the Festival and we are very excited about this upcoming event. Since it is German it should be of interest to all of you with German ancestors or interests. There will be a drawing for two tickets on the German airlines as well as food, music, dancing and items for sale. I am sending out your newsletter a little early so you have time to plan on being with us at this event. For those of you who have never driven to Orkney please be careful on the road as it is winding and there is a lot of travel on the road. If you have never been there you have a treat in store seeing the beautiful resort restored by the Episcopal Church.

To reach Orkney Springs, follow I-81 to Mt. Jackson (Exit #273) in the northern Shenandoah Valley. Turn east on Rt. 703; right (south) on US 11; right on Rt. 263 and continue approximately 15 miles to Orkney Springs.

Check us out on line at www.musicfest.org or email us at svmf@shentel.net

July 28 & 29 — Fairfax Symphony, 8 p.m.
Another weekend of sweet symphony—pops on Friday and a German Festival on Saturday. The German Festival will include German musical selections and German food vendors.

July 29 — MusicMakers Family Program, 2 p.m.
This family program will be part of the German Festival and will feature traditional German songs and dances.

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HORSEFEATHERS

Horsefeathers is a homebound booklet of about 175 pages written by Marie Shull of Lebanon Church, Va in 1987. The reason for the title is that the book is full of old-timers' stories, some of which are "horsefeathers" (made-up, elaborated upon etc) For your information Lebanon Church is five miles outside of Strasburg on route 55 and is one of those hamlets which used to be thriving but now is only a place of repose.

Dorothy Lowe, one of our members, has been searching for information on the Swartz family and I noticed in this book that there is some information on the Swartzs. According to the book, in the 1700's, four brothers left the Palatinate for America and one, named John, came to Cotton Town (I presume a part of Lebanon Church) with his wife, Catherine, to farm. They had sons, John, Phillip, Noah and Joseph. Phillip married Regina Funkhouser and from then on we read the story of their life. The book has a picture of the Swartz family home. There are stories from Joel Swartz (1827-1914) and a great picture of him.

In this book is information on the Windle family, complete with a picture of their house and of the family. "Squire Joe" was a more colorful member of the family who would walk to Woodstock when Court Day was held to catch up on all the news. "Squire Joe's" will is in the appendix. In the appendix is Augustine Windle's will and naturalization certificate. There is a picture of Absolom Funkhouser and his wife, Elizabeth, and one page from his day book. The wills of Levi Pitman and William Wilson are in the book.

Here are names from the index for you who are searching for ancestors: Baker, Beeler, Blind, Brill, Brumbach, Campbell, Colvin, Cover, Cooper, Dodson, Everett, Fisher, Frye, Funk, Groves, Heishman, Helsley, Hockman, Hodson,Keckley, Keller, Kremer, Lindamood, McDonald, Miller, Pangle, Sager, Rhodes, Snarr, Stickley, Unger, Wilkins.

This is only a book review since the book is copyrighted-however, I will let you know if it is important info on a family. I don't think any more copies are available but we do have a copy.

One section of the book was termed Valley Vocabulary. One term I found interesting was pound party which means giving a shower for a couple at which people give them a pound of something for their pantry. Another was "you'll have to lick your calf over" meaning do something again as it was not done right the first time.

Subject: Downey
Date: Thu, 22 Jun 2000 16:16:27 -0400
From: "Lysa Wright" <lysa@gardner-tobin.com>
To: <mlw@shentel.net>

I am looking for information on Darby Downey - family settled in Valley in early 1700's.
I would appreciate any information on obtaining information (as I live in Ohio) on this beginning of my family in America.

Thank you
Lysa Sizemore

A FAMILY HISTORY

Frances Arnold brought me a lot of material on the Grandstaff family and related families. It is so much I hope I can keep it straight. First, some pictures after I tell you that a stone was laid June 16, 2000 for the grave of George W. Grandstaff and his wife at the Old Edinburg Cemetery. The first picture at the old cemetery is of the three great grandchildren of George W. (l to r) Olive Hawkins, Frances Arnold and Geraldine Fadeley. The second picture is laying the new stone by Rinker and Frye Company of Mt. Jackson. The third picture is of the new stone next to the stone of George Abel, son of Elizabeth and George W. George Abel was killed at Kernstown railroad station.

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Grandstaff
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5th VA Inf Co K
Confederate Forces
Civil War
AUG 29 1833
OCT 9 1912
HIS WIFE
Eliza Ann
Mar 6 1837
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George Washington and Eliza (Elizabeth) Ann Artz Grandstaff.

THANKS TO VICKIE BROWN

Some families we have more information on than others because members like Vickie Brown mail information to us. Wish all of you would do the same. Thanks also to Vickie for sending "love" stamps for us to use. I really appreciate it as it does help out a lot. Mailing is expensive. I try to cram all the paper into one newsletter I can but steer clear of two stamps unless I absolutely have to. Most of you know my husband and I hand-deliver a lot of papers to save mailing but good exercise is a side benefit.

I've enjoying reading your newsletter each month; although I feel far removed from your county history. My Coffelt family history has its roots in Shenandoah Co VA. Distant cousins have helped fill in the bland spaces of my family history. Below is a brief outline from information provided to me.

Elias Kaufeldt born in Germany in 1655; died in 1728 in Germany. Elias was married to Barbara Elisabetha. She was born in Germany in 1667 and died in 1744 in Germany. Their children were:

Johann Christoph Kaufeldt, born in Germany and died in Virginia. He arrived in America in 1738 on the ship "Glasgow."

Hedwig Sophia Kaufeldt born in Germany.

Johann Georg Kaufeldt was born in Germany and died in America. He came to America with his brothers in 1746 on the ship "Neptune."

Johann Nicolaus Kaufeldt, born 22 Dec 1691 in Germany and died after 1764 in Pennsylvania. Arrived in America in 1746 on the ship "Neptune."

Johannes Kaufeldt was born in Germany and died in America. Arrived in America in 1746 on the ship "Neptune."

I descend from Johann Nicolaus. He and Anna Maria Grundt had 10 children and he and his second wife, Maria Barbara Rausch, had two sons. Johann Valentin Kaufeldt, sixth child of Nicolaus and Anna Maria, was born 9 Aug 1731 and died in 1806. Valentin is my great-great-great-great grandfather. Valentin, is believed, to have come to America with his father. He married Catharine Loray in York Co PA, 25 Nov 1757. Catharine was born in Germany and died in 1812 in Shenandoah Co VA. She was the daughter of Johann Heinrich and Anna Elizabeth Lorey.

George Jacob Coffelt, third child of Valentin and Catharine, was born in Shenandoah Co VA 10 Feb 1762. Jacob Coffelt married first, Elizabeth Henline. Their daughter, Gartrout Coffelt, born circa 1796 married Jacob Smith in Shenandoah Co VA in 1814. Jacob married Barbara Shoemaker (Schumacher) in Shenandoah Co VA 28 Apr 1802.

In 1817, George Jacob and Barbara Coffelt moved their family of eight children to Greene Co OH. Moses, the youngest son, is my great-great grandfather. He was born in Shenandoah Co VA 18 Jun/Jul 1815. He died 2 Jun 1895 in Greene Co OH. Moses married twice. First to Mary Smith, 9 Mar 1837. They had three children. Moses then marries Elizabeth Smith, 5 Oct 1845. Family lore has it that the two wives were sisters. My great grandfather, Henry, born 7 Feb 1852, is a product of the second marriage.

Henry moved to Nodaway Co MO before 1880. He married Lydia/Lida Woodard 16 Dec 1880. Henry and Lydia had 10 children. Eldon, next to the youngest, was born 14 Jan 1897 and died 31 Oct 1995. Eldon married Minnie Bell Messner on Valentine's Day 1920. They had 10 children. Minnie celebrated her 99th birthday on 1 Mar of this year. My father, Wesley Dean Coffelt, born in 1921, died in 1992.

Pages from newspapers past

The following items were published between 1848 and 1852 in the Tenth Legion, a newspaper published in Woodstock during that time.

June 13, 1850

LIST OF DELINQUENT TITHEABLES FOR YEAR 1850:

John Almond, Reuben Almond, William Almond, Alexander Anderson, James Alexander, Wash'ton Alexander, Zachariah Allen, Abraham Bowman, Wm Brinker, Jacob Baker, Arnst Benner, Jonas Bodell, Samuel Beydler, George Bodell, Jacob Bowers, Wm Bodell, John Boon, Jacob Bachtell, John Baker, John Baxter, Noah Beetle, Levi Baker, Samuel Brady, George W Barr, Jacob Baker, Gabriel Bradigum, Jonas Bealer, Samuel Beetle, John Beetle, Jonathan Baker, George Baker, Godfrey Barb, Israel Baker, Reuben Burke, Abraham Bryant, Daniel Brown, James G Clark, John Cooley, Adam Coffman, Abel Campbell, John Carsh, Samuel Click, Mark Cauldwell, James A Compton, Thomas A Chapman, Moses Cummings, Isaac Coffman, Richard Carrier, Shelton Carrier, Robert Colbert, Harman Click, Samuel Click, John Craig jr, Jonas Clem, David Craig;

Samuel Drummond, Absalom Dellinger, William Dunaway, Benjamin Dawson, William Dodson, Charles Dodson, Robert Drummond, Henry Drummond, William Drummond, Philip Dellinger, John Day jr, Thornton Dugans, Joseph Evans, Jacob Emswiller, James Eaton, Jacob Estep, Harison Estep, Conrad Eberline, Elijah Evans, Thomas Evans, Jesse Evans, Joseph Evans sen, Reuben Estep, John Estep, William Fetzer, Erasmus Fletcher, Henry Frye, Israel Frye, Jonathan Frye, Jacob Frye, George Frye, Joseph Fawley, Christian Funkhouser, William Finfruck, Booten Grandstaff, Jacob Grandstaff, Jacob Gets, Joseph Good, William Gess, Hiram Grim, Samuel Gets, Nathaniel Griffey, Jacob Golladay, Philip Grim, Isaac Grim, Mark Griffey, Benjamin Golladay, Benjamin Grandstaff, Wash Grayson, James Green, James Gumby, John Hamilton, Thomas Hanson, John Harris, Jacob Hottell, Henry of P Holler, John Hoffman, Oliver Hoffman, William Hanson, Aquilla Hanson, John Hayman, John Hannibal, George Hepner, Daniel Hayman, Samuel Hottinger, Elias Hall, Adam Houdershell, John Hudson, Abr'm Hubbard, John Hubbard, Charles Jenkins, French Jones, Christian Jenkins, Addison Jenkins, William Jenkins, Gideon Johnston, Wesley Keefer, John Kingan, Amos Keyes, John Koontz;

Peter Liggett, George Long, Levi Long, Benjamin Lear, Richard Lamberson, Michael Lindamood, Reuben Lindamood, Jonathan Lucas, Patrick Lynch, William Litten, Samuel Liggett, Abraham Litten, William Latham, Thomas Lecount, Jacob Lindamood, Isaac Lindamood, Ephraim Lett, Philip Lucas, Philip Miller, John McKay, John Miller, Jacob Miller, Joseph of Jos, Miller, Abraham Myers, Henry Montague, Hamilton McDaniel, John McDaniel, Isaac Moore, Powell Masston, Lewis McElvey, Braxton McKenney, Jacob Myers, Fondel Morris, James McWilliams, David May, William Miller, Harrison Miller, Abraham Minick, John Miller, Henry Miller, George Moore, Harrison Moore, Joseph Newland, Theophilus Newman, John Oroark sen, Nathaniel Oroark, Isaac Pence, William Proctor, John Payton, John Pearson, George Phillips, Charles M Philips, Henry Pearson, James Proctor, John Proctor, John W Pearson, Benjamin Pearson, George Plauger, Adam Profater, Jacob Profater, S S Pichard, Harrison Reynard, Eliabeth Reynard, George Riffey, Robert Russell, George M Robers, Daniel Reamer sen, Daniel Reamer jr, James Reaves, William Rucker, George Rinehart, Samuel Rinehart, Philip Reedy, George Rawls, Aaron Rawls;

I found this clipping from *The Free Press* (May, 1999) At this point I don't recall the rest of the list of names which should complete the alphabet but I eventually will. I thought you in genealogy would appreciate having this list to see if an ancestor was living in the County in 1850. We all know that important information comes from just such lists. *The Free Press* prints information from several old newspapers every week in the paper. I am sorry I did not clip each one. However, I will be in contact with someone who may be able to help and will let you know. It would be a lot easier than getting on the machine to look at old papers.

TRAVEL SHENANDOAH

Shentel has announced a "first of its kind rural traffic, traveler and tourism information service for the Shenandoah Valley... will provide incident, construction, weather and special event information along the I-81 corridor from just north of Winchester to Lexington, Virginia". Access this at www.travelshenandoah.com or "by way of a free telephone call from any conventional or mobile phone by dialing: 1-800-578-4111. Mobile customers will be charged only for roaming costs." We here appreciate this service as "travelers spend $33,880,000 on lodging, meals, gasoline, shopping, transportation, admissions and other services". Their motto is "know the road before you go".

Hello Mary Ann,

Remember me? I visited with you on July 8, with Alley Blackford. Thanks for chatting with us, and taking up your whole afternoon on such short notice, or should I say, no notice at all? I had a great time and Alley did too.

Sunday I went to Harrisonburg and came back on Route 42, what a surprise! I've never been on that road before. The views are spectacular! That road must be a well-kept secret. I saw a road sign saying "Lutz Hollow." I've always wondered where it was, or if it still existed by that name. I can't wait to get back there when I have time to explore. Also I found out where Forrestville is! I have a great granduncle (Reuben Grim) who is buried in Forrestville. He was killed at the Battle of Chancelorsville on the same day Stonewall Jackson was shot. Reuben was just 20 years old.

Thanks again for taking time to visit with us.

Lynnie Sager
lsager@shentel.net

Subject: Living Towns IV - A Living Town Recipe: Heritage, Town Scale and the Arts - Agenda & Registration
Date: Tue, 18 Jul 2000 12:37:21 -0400
From: "Tom Christoffel (E-mail)" <lfpdc@shentel.net>
To: "A Distribution (E-mail)" <lfpdc@shentel.net>

Ladies & Gentlemen:

This year's event is hosted by Middletown on September 19. There is a benefit to registration by September 1. The theme: "A Living Town Recipe: Heritage, Town Scale and the Arts" looks at how the Town uses its history to the benefit of the community. It also looks at the cooperation in place for its major event - the annual Cedar Creek Battlefield Reenactment. Attached is the program and registration. It will be printed and mailed, but you may print out the form and register now if you wish. As additional information, I'm enclosing the recent Neil Pierce newspaper column: Festival America -- "It Don't Get No Better Than This"

Please forward this to others you think may be interested.

Tom Christoffel
Senior Planner

I wish everyone could see the Edinburg Mill now. It is being given a coat of creamy white paint with white trim. Initial work was done to the siding in repairing some boards. There is still much work to be done and if you can volunteer please contact Clyde Beachy or Dan Harshman. The next step will be meeting with an architectural consulting firm to help with many decisions to be made. People are still buying bricks at $250. These bricks are inscribed with what you want as far as room allows and will be used for a memory walk at the mill so please buy one. Address is Edinburg Heritage Foundation Inc, Box 336, Edinburg, Va 22824

The Edinburg Mill ARTSHOW

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Edinburg Mill Project Update
from Clyde Beachy, EHF President, and
EHF Member, Dan Harshman, Edinburg Mayor/Town Manager

When the Foundation began the "Save the Mill" Project the initial thinking was that the Foundation would own the Mill once the real estate was purchased. However, due to the manner that the Grant funding is administered, the Town of Edinburg currently is the owner of record of the Mill. Mr. Harshman addressed this topic in the July 2000 issue of the Town Newsletter. The following is a synopsis of the article.

There has been some questions related to the partnership of the Town and the Edinburg Heritage Foundation regarding the ownership of the Mill. The Foundation has had the good fortune to secure grant funds to help with the Mill Project. Two TEA-21 Grants have been awarded in the amounts of $300,000 and $60,000. Additionally, a $10,000 Grant has been awarded from the Civil War Battlefield Commission. The Foundation has also raised over $70,000 in donations to use toward the Project.

All of the Grants are funded with Federal Government dollars, therefore, a Local Government must administer the Grants, which is where the Town becomes involved. For the Foundation to receive any grant money it must pass through the Town. These Grants are reimbursable grants which means the Foundation must first spend the money and then request reimbursement. The Foundation is responsible for the matching funds called for in the Grants which can be in the form of cash, donations of materials or services, and volunteer labor.

The only way to purchase the building and get the Project started was to borrow the money needed. With the Foundation accepting the responsibility of paying the interest and principal of any loans secured by the Town for the Project, the Town Council approved securing a 12 month note for $260,000 at 5.57% interest. The loan, along with $58,000 in Foundation funds and donated services, was used to purchase the Mill. Once the purchase was complete a request for reimbursement was filed and the Town received $246,763. This was used to pay down the loan with $40,000 being retained by the Foundation to fund the next phase of the project. It is expected that additional loans will be needed to meet the reimbursement constraints of the Grants.

Because the Town secured the loan, the Mill is currently owned by the Town. Initially, the plan was that once all loans are paid, the Town would turn the Mill over to the Foundation. However, due to the following benefits, there has been some discussion about the Town retaining ownership and instituting a 99 year lease to the Foundation. The benefits of the Town remaining the owner of record are numerous and cost saving. The Foundation would need to pay four times as much for insurance and they also would be responsible for almost $3,000 in annual real estate taxes, which the Town would not have to pay. The Town also does not pay State Sales Tax, which could add up to thousands of dollars as equipment and materials are purchased for the project. The Town also has lower utility costs.

No matter what the final decision is, the Town must be the owner at this time. Whether the Town owns the Mill, or the Foundation does, the Foundation will always be the financial force behind the Edinburg Mill. Additionally, the Town Council has authorized the Foundation as the Managing Agent with responsibility for the renovation and utilization of the property.

Hopefully, this explains the situation associated with the Mill's ownership, management, and financial arrangements currently in place. If anyone has any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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Gerald Buttram asked me to remind you not to forget the Annual Bicycle Race sponsored by the Lions' Club on the second week-end in Sept.
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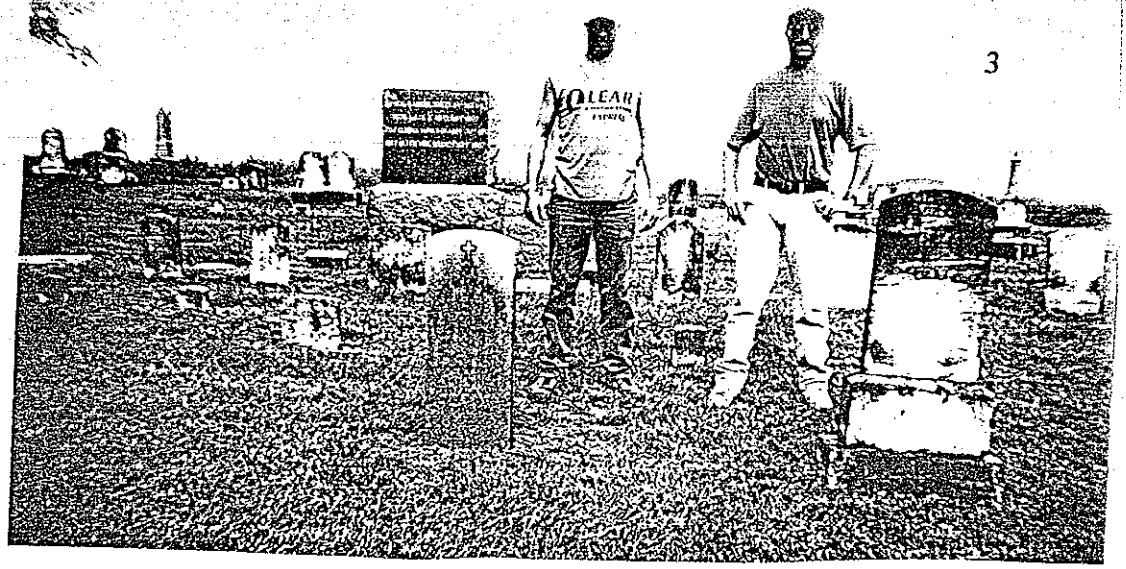
The formal dedication of the Shenandoah County Library will be at 2 on Sept. 10.



EXCERPTS MOSTLY FROM FAMILY NOTES ON GEORGE W. GRANDSTAFF

George w. Born 29 August 1833. Died 9 October 1912
Married to Eliza Ann Artz on 14 June 1856
Eliza born 6 March 1837. Died 11 September 1911.
Military: Fifth Va. Infantry, Co. K, Pvt., enlisted 23 March 1862 at Rude's Hill; AWOL 16 April 1862; returned Dec. 1862, in arrest and so noted on rolls to April 1863. Sentenced by Gen. court martial, 18 May 1863, to forfeit pay through 1 May 1863 and to policing and cutting wood for thirty days in addition to his regular duties. Sick on June 1862-April 1864. Present Oct. 1864. Civilian occupation was farmer.
Made wagon wheels and guns
Joined the Christian Church, Edinburg at age 11 and was a faithful member.
Children:
(1) Samuel M. Grandstaff
Born 6 March 1859 and died 19 June 1873.
(2) Mary Elizabeth (a.k.a. Mollie E.)
Born 26 August 1860 and died 14 November 1913.
Married Harrison Fadeley on 13 February 1883.
(3) George Abell
Born 17 October 1867 and died 21 November 1895.
Black man struck him in the head with a brick and he died three days later at Kernstown.
(4) Gertrude Julia
Born 31 January 1870 and died 16 October 1931.
Married George L. Crissman on 24 December 1896
Born 3 may 1874 and died 16 March 1934.
Both buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Falls Church, Va.
(5) Sallie
Born 30 May 1873 and died 27 July 1873.
(6) and (7) twins-Nannie L. and Mattie B.
Born 4 March 1875
Nannie died 14 July 1875.
Mattie died 19 July 1875.
(8)Josie Lou
Born 15 August 1880.
Married Charles B. Marston on 20 July 1903
Lived in Newark, Ohio in 1912

to be continued

SPEAKING OF RECIPES

Edinburg Mill pumpkin muffins

2 cups flour
2¼ cups sugar
3 eggs
1½ teaspoons cinnamon
1 teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon salt
¾ cup oil
½ cup water
½ teaspoon soda
2 cups pureed pumpkin

Mix all ingredients well and pour into cupcake papers in muffin tins. Bake 20-25 minutes at 350 degrees F.

I found this recipe for Edinburg Mill muffins. It was an old undated newspaper clipping. I suspect it was from the time when Becky and Jim Ellis owned the mill and established the first restaurant there. It's not an old time recipe certainly but it was one which someone used and liked a lot. I would be interested in having any old time recipes which used the products of a mill of any grain which was ground at a mill.
I would also like to know how far did our mill go in grinding and refining grain. I can't imagine that the process at the mill went so far as preparing the all-purpose white flour we use today. If anyone has information on the kinds of grains and process I'd like to know. What animal grains and people grains were processed there?

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THE HOUSEKEEPER BEAUTIFUL

I ran across a book *(The Housekeeper Beautiful)* written by Patricia Childs in 1971 which I will review for you by giving a few excerpts. When I found the book I had just finished watching the PBS special, *The 1900 House,* so I read the book where articles were not dated but I think you could date them from 1890 to 1920.

"Leanness is generally caused by lack of power in the digestive organs... To restore... drink all the water the stomach will bear in the morning; eat oatmeal, cracked wheat, graham mush, baked sweet apple, roasted and boiled beef; cultivate jolly people and bathe daily." There you have it if you need to gain weight!

The woman who would have the fashionable glossy hair... must be careful not to wash it too often." For women there are recipes for mixtures to reduce an over developed bust and recipes for developing the bust. For developing the bust take a T of the following before each meal: simple syrup, lactophosphate of lime, tincture of fennel and true extract of galega. Deep breathing exercises will help and well as dashing cold water on oneself. Beauty cures were given such as "to take wrinkles out of your face, steam your skin." The cure for nervousness is a cold water bath and "especially, don't frequent the society of nervous persons. Nerves are catching."

The last "recipe" to give you is the cure for arthritis which is to "catch an eel, skin it down and wrap the skin around the affected limb." No one need to thank me for this but if I see you along Stony Creek fishing I will know you are hunting for that eel!

To end this little writing I concluded from the PBS special that a housewife's life was not only hard but boring one hundred years ago. I remember visiting my step-grandmother, Mary Catherine Lutz (daughter of Nathaniel Foltz) at her family home in Forestville and how exciting it was for me. There was no inside bathroom, no electric or gas stove, no central heating. There were electric lights, but no refrigerator or any appliance which would take advantage of electricity. For entertainment there was visiting among the neighbors, listening to the radio, playing the organ, reading old books or the newspaper, playing with old toys, taking walks. Food was good but simple and sometimes repetitious- fried ham, caramel cake, garden vegetables, fruit (usually sugared) chicken on Sunday. The differences then and now included ten times more clothes in a wardrobe now than then; use of the automobile instead of then walking from the house to Forestville to the store or church, diverse foods now. I can imagine one hundred years ago if one was not tired to death one was bored to death. I do remember people then read everything they could get their hands on and they did know more of what was going on in the larger world than I would think. For instance, do you remember the Scopes trial? Out of this I remember asking my grandmother about our family tree. She laughed and said not to look too hard up the family tree as you might find some monkeys. Her family story was the same as for many at the end of the last century. There were four children, three girls and one boy. The boy heeded the lure of

the wild west leaving home to seek his fortune. Charles ended up in Washington State and never came home. The three girls, Nora, Mary Catherine and Caroline were left to keep the homestead going. Nora died young, Caroline never married and Mary Catherine became the second wife of a man who lost his young wife to typhoid fever and really needed a second wife to raise his four children. Her husband died after they had one child. Mary Catherine returned to her family home where the girls lived a genteel, if not prosperous, life.

The only hardship for me was how dark it was at night in the country. I was used to street lights and real pitch-black darkness was hard to get used to.

I would like to have stories of valley people who went west or family stories etc. It is what makes history interesting. For instance, there are so many of our members who have roots here in the Valley and I would like to hear the story of how and when the family member left the Valley to start elsewhere- I know the lure of the west was strong and there must be other stories also. I know also many families left the Valley right after the Civil War so there are stories there too.

From: Virginiam958@cs.com
To: mlw@shentel.net

Hi, I just am new to computers and new to the Family Tree Maker.

My mother was a Whissen, born at Cootes Store in Broadway, Virginia.

Her father was John Whissen, who moved to Colorado around 1921. His Dad's name

was Jacob and he married a Susan Funk.

Any possibility to be related.

Trying to take a shortcut on your history..I have 11 brothers and sisters.

Please bear with me...Thanks I am Virginia Musser and I live in OK, currently.

Appreciate an answer, even it is negative...Thanks again

> *If you look like your passport picture, you*
> *probably need the trip.*

> *Before you criticize someone, walk a mile in*
> *his shoes. That way, if he gets angry, he'll*
> *be a mile away - and barefoot.*

> *My idea of housework is to sweep the room with a*
> *glance.*

> *Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves for they shall never cease*
to be
> *amused*

Edinburg Mill Project Update
from Clyde Beachy, EHF President

The painting contractor has completed his portion of the exterior painting of the Mill. Volunteers still have a small amount of trim work and the doors to complete. It is looking great and we have received only positive responses on the improvement of the appearance of the Mill. The new color is cream with white trim and maroon accent for the doors.

The Mill was used during the Edinburg Ole' Time Festival which was held the third weekend of September. Board of Director Members, Karen Trent and Elizabeth Strippy organized an art fair on the two main floors of the Mill and arranged for 15 artisans to show their works. A good number of festival attendees visited the Mill to view and purchase the art. On Friday evening, a reunion of the folks who attended dances at the Edinburg Teen Center was held in the Mill Lounge. Janet Jones Wagniere, EHF Member, organized the reunion and approximately 100 people attended. All enjoyed the good food and renewing of old friendships. The Mill Store was busy the entire weekend and sales were good. The good sales were led by the booking signing held by EHF Member, Mary Ann Lutz Williamson. Her new book 'The Diary of a Virginia Gentlewoman 1943-1947' was completely sold out by Sunday. It was encouraging to see the Mill put to good use as a Community Center of activity. May I say Thank You, on behalf of the Board and Members of the Foundation, to all who gave many hours of their time to making the Festival weekend activities at the Mill a success.

We are continuing to work with a consulting company to provide us a fresh look at planning for the Mill Project. I will keep you informed as to the results of the consultants work and their suggestions.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Restore America on HG tv is coming to Edinburg to feature Piccadilly House Home Design Center (212 N. Main St., Edinburg) on television. Nancy and David McDonald, owners, are asking for any documentation or photos which has to do with the building when it was Edinburg Printing Company or Marston's Boarding House or at any time. This building was selected because of its history, beauty, faithful restoration and the video and written records kept during restoration. People do remember the house and several told the McDonalds during Old Time Days that they were born in the house. So what ever you know or if you know anyone who can help with this fantastic project contact the McDonalds at 984-8975. This is a great honor for Edinburg and will give us national publicity so please help if you can.

The reconstruction will be modeled after an existing picture taken about 1860, before the side porch was added. The post will be hand crafted box post with fluted corners like the original. The railings will be replaced on all three levels as they were many years before. From a stroke of good fortune seven of the original railing balusters were found in the attic and they will provide the pattern for 270 more that will be hand sawn. Moldings, trims, and ornamentation will be replaced as near as they are distinguishable.

Grand Opening

Saturday, September 2

Beyond the Moon

Antiques
Collectables
Olde English Stained Glass
Fine Art by Local Artists

Beneath the Stars

Extensive line of Militaria.
Prints by nationally known artists.
Full line of military and area histories.
Museum of Civil War relics.
Full line of military and state flags.
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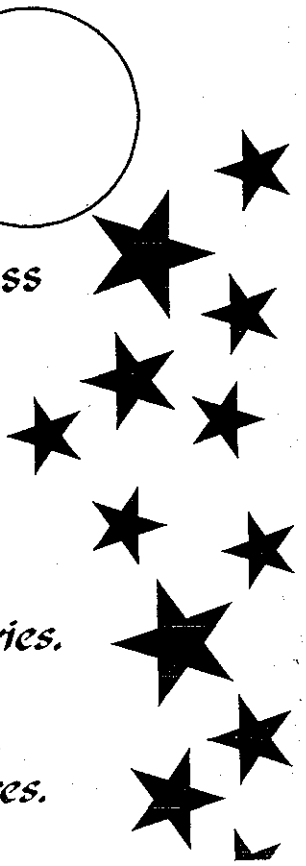

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Hours
Thursday thru Monday 11 'til 5.

UNION FORGE, SHENANDOAH COUNTY VIRGINIA

Union Forge, Shenandoah County Virginia is a 320 page book composed of nearly all original materials, most of which has never been in print. The chapters include Union Forge and Union Forge Store records 1853-1859, genealogical records of forge families, Reformed and union church charge minutes 1855-1926, Civil War letters, Shenandoah Valley family genealogies, Lutz farm ledger records of 1883-1902, Paul Henkel's genealogical records 1789-1825 (Virginia, Ohio and the Carolinas) previously unpublished pictures, hundreds of family references. Sample among the family names include Alexander, Allen, Baker, Barb, Barton, Bauserman, Bowers, Bowman, Campbell, Clem, Clinedinst, Coffelt, Coffman, Dellinger, Dinges, Downey, Eastep, Evans, Fadley, Foltz, Frye, Funkhouser, Grandstaff, Hite, Marston, Miller, Myers, Newland, Painter, Patton, Pence, Prescott, Rinker, Sheetz, Spiggle, Stoneburner, Stout, Tallhelm, Thompson, Tysinger, Wightman, Whissen, Williams, Williamson, Windle, Wisman, Wolff, Zimmerman, Zirkle.

Profits go to Library

This is a limited edition book (too expensive to reprint) and well worth the $25 plus $1.13 Virginia State Tax for a total of $26.13 and can be picked up at the Shenandoah County Library, 514 Stony Creek Blvd, Edinburg, Va 22824. If you wish to have it mailed the cost is $30 total and can be ordered from the library. It is also available at the Edinburg Mill.

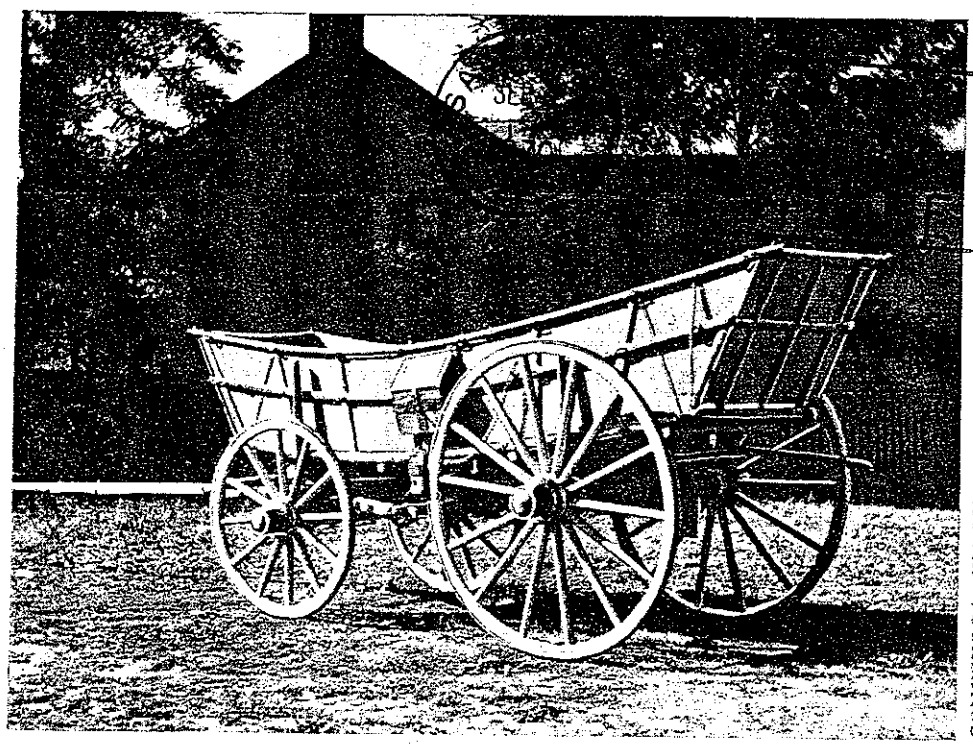
No husband has ever been shot while doing the dishes.

Subject: wagon photo
Date: Tue, 27 Jun 2000 15:03:19 -0400
From: stonehse <stonehse@shentel.net>
To: mlw@shentel.net

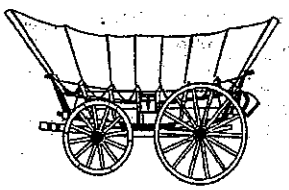
Dear Mrs. Williamson,
Here is a picture of a Conestoga wagon you requested from Butch Fravel. I am so sorry it has been awhile to send it to you. I have had some scanning problems. Let me know that you got this ok and if we can be of any other help.
Kim Dodd
Executige Director

WAGONS BRINGING SETTLERS TO THE VALLEY

Julie Davidson got me in touch with the Stonehouse Foundation in Stephens City and they were helpful in getting pictures to me which help us to tell the story of transportation through the Valley at the Mill



CONESTOGA WAGON, ZIRKLEDALE MUSEUM NEAR NEW MARKET, VIRGINIA. This type of wagon known to the present generation mostly as the prairie schooner and at one time as the "gold rush," to California or the coming of railroads. This wagon was built early in the nineteenth century and was used by four generations of the Minnick family. It was seldom used after 1896 and never after 1882. It was built at New Market, the ornamental hand-wrought irons being made at the iron furnaces then in operation nearby. The wagon is now on display at Zirkledale Museum.



This is called the Newtown wagon,supposedly a little different from the "regular" (larger?) Conastoga wagon. This is not the wagon that went west carrying settlers. Somewhere I have a picture of that if I ever can find it,

Newtown is the old name for Stephens City.

Subject: Shauman,Showman,Sherman Lineage from Shenandoah,Co.
Date: Fri, 5 May 2000 08:21:28 EDT
From: WRINKLE713@aol.com
To: mlw@shentel.net

I noticed your review of your book "History of Edinburg, Va." and some of the surnames were neighbors or inlaws of my ancestors. In some of the records I have located they lived in or around Stoney Creek. I think Stoney Creek may be close to Edinburg, I am not familiar with the area. I was looking for any info you may have on my lineage Stephen ShowmanSr. and Jr.,Jr.son, Jacob Showman (Shauman).
I have some info on them but no birth dates, no birth or death dates for Jacob and not much info on their spouses. I will share any info I have on them if you so desire. I don't know why they changed their surnames from generation to generation. I believe Jacob moved to Rockingham Co. and his children changed their surnames to the present day spelling of Sherman. Stephen, Sr. died in 1774 and Jr. died in 1823, I located their wills at the Library of Va. in Richmond. I hope to get to Edinburg soon and do you have any suggestions where for me to search for my ancestors.
Hope i'm not out of place sending you this e-mail.
Thanks
Charlie Sherman

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A VIRGINIA GENTLEWOMAN 1943-47

Please notice that the new book prices have been reduced. It is $15 tax included for pick-up and $20 includes tax and s&h for mailing.

MORE REGIONAL INFORMATION FOR YOU

I am enclosing a brief history of Jerome, Virginia that I picked up at the first Heritage Days. Save this info as it is the first time I have seen such a detailed description of a back-roads community. It will be of special interest to those related to Dellinger, Miller, Boyer, Ryan (who came here to work at Liberty Furnace) Funkhouser, Barb, Rinker, Stickley and Coffman.

We went to the Heritage Days and were really impressed that such a small community could have such a wonderful display of heritage. The only crafts sold were small rag rugs. Food was simple-hamburgers and the like and HOME-MADE ice cream. On the map you see the places which were open to the public. The p.o./store building was set up as in the last century-complete to a game of checkers on the table. The school had a terrific collection of old quilts dating back in the mid-1800's as well as other memorabilia. The church had a display as well as a tour of the building that is one of the most spectacular in the County. Set on a hill it remains the center of what community was and is there. Let's hope their heritage days is copied by other communities because Shenandoah County was never just the active towns we have now but dozens of active communities.

STONY CREEK ROLLER MILL

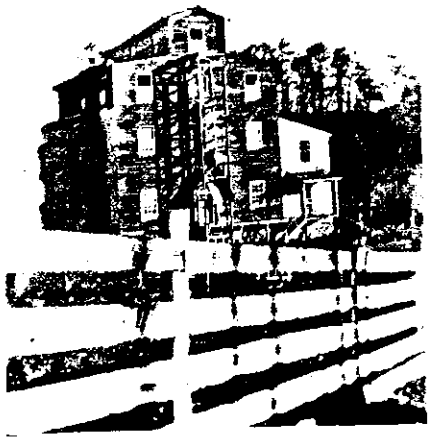
Frances Arnold brought me information and pictures about her grand-father's mill on Stony Creek. Stony Creek Roller Mills was owned and operated by Harrison Fadeley Sr. It may have previously been French's Mill-we are not sure. It was turned into a facility for raising chickens by Earl Didawick. An elevator was built in front to lift feed to each story. The mill was torn down in the 1940's The man in the picture is Mr. Fadeley.

EDINBURG MILL

Frances also gave me information about the Edinburg Mill. Products were flour, bran, bran and middlins (cracked corn and corn meal). They made dairy feed also for beef cattle which was a secret (at one time) mixture of ground hay, corn, added cotton seed meal, molasses, added supplement and salt. Through winter the mill exchanged wheat for flour (kept in bins) Joe Whissen sharpened the burrow (cut grain for feed) Stanley Getz told me a lot of information which I will add once he writes it down as I could not remember it all. He did say it was a roller mill. The rollers were a secession of different size rollers. The flour was then fed through a sieve. I won't say anymore as I don't want to give out inaccurate information.

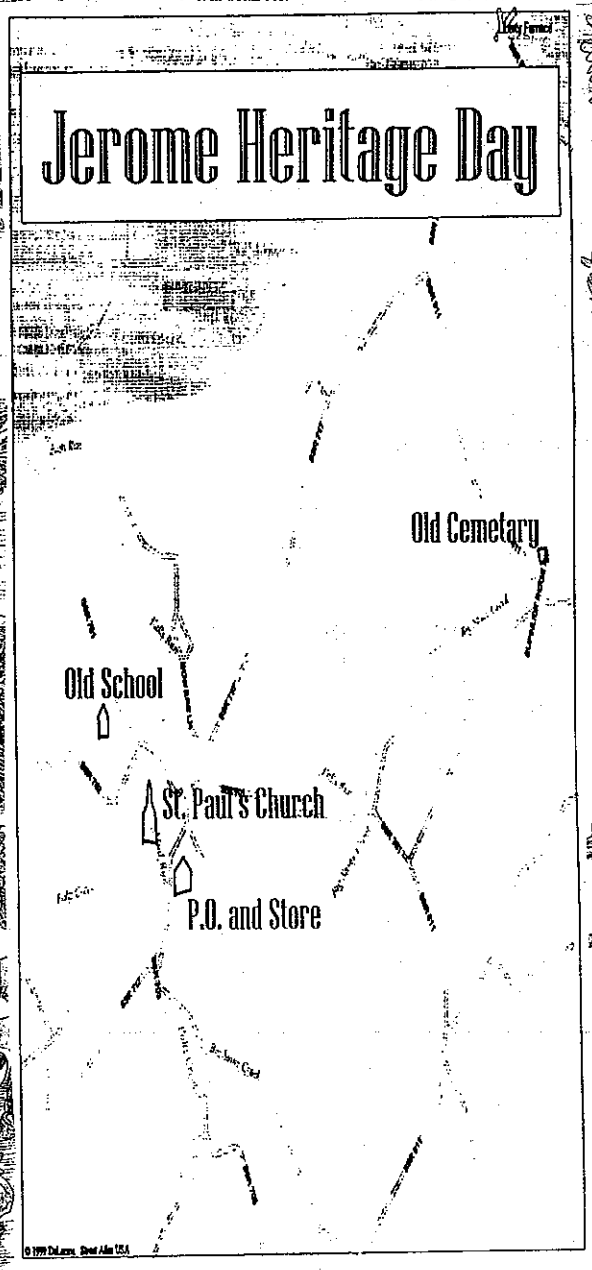
SPECIAL TO BUSINESSES

Please write me something about your business to put in the newsletter. I don't want to bother anyone and I don't want to not advertise if you would like it. If you don't care to be advertised let me know (984-8544) Whatever you want put in the newsletter please call me to come pick it up.



Location of Fadeley Mill was on the left side of the bridge that is on Ox Road south leading out of Edinburg by way of Stoney Creek Blvd.

Jerome Heritage Day



September 9, 2000

A LETTER FROM THE PAST

On Picket Robison River
Madison County Sept. 16, 1863

Dear Ella

I arrived here this morning after riding two days over oneof the lonesomest roads anywhere I found everything very action and has been for several days The yankees drove our men in one day about twenty miles with considerable loss on our side we cannot tell anything about their loss Co. K lost one man seriously wounded his leg broken and the bone considerably fractured Orebaugh is his name John J. Lang and John H. Peters when taken prisoners or almost supposed to be They were dismounted and with C. L. The 7th Reg. lost more men than ours from all accounts, the country we are now in looks little more like living than where we were when I left the boys appear to be in better spirits than before though all wish the war was ended which will not be in my opinion for sometime to come. I think we will have action service from now untill the campaign ends I think we will soon drive the yankees faster backwards back forever though we will loose men and perhaps a great many Last Sunday when I got to Uncle Saml. Noels___Sallie and Ella Funkhouser or rather cousin ___I had a very pleasant time with them and a nice ride besides I hope you will have a nice time next Sabbeth I know I could enjoy myself if it was possible for me to be there but this cruel war puts an end to all pleasures but yet I must not complain I had fifteen days which many yes a great many did not have, they must give me another in about three months and I think thirty days next time, Sgt. J. H. Rinker said I should gvie you his double twister and never dying __this time my love to Ella with same and direct your letter to Orange Ct. House.

Yours devotedly,
R. E.

This letter was mailed to Miss Ella V. Rinker, Lantz Mills, Shenandoah County, Virginia

Subject: EDINBURG MILL
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 14:14:29 -0700
From: "theresa whitmire" <theresawhitmire@dellnet.com>
To: <mlw@shentel.net>

DO YOU KNOW IF THERE WAS A CHRISTIAN WHITMIRE THAT ONCE RAN THE MILL AT EDINBURG, I KNOW THAT HE WAS A MILLER AND SOME OF HIS SONS. CHARLES JEFFERSON WHITMIRE, MY HUSBANDS GRANDFATHER RAN A MILL AT MT SIDNEY, IN 1900 AT BURKSMILL RD. ANY INFORMATION WILL BE APPRECIATED THERESA WHITMIRE

I AM helping in the new County archives now and try to " be on duty" at least twice a week. Our new archivist, Karen Cooper, is all one could ask in such a professional person. She is teaching me ways to "archive". I have already finished several boxes on primarily Edinburg material and am starting on other materials. All winter I will be taking your family papers to the archives, doing whatever needs to be done to make sure they are safe, filed, and available to researchers. I can never urge people to donate original materials but it is the best thing to do with family papers. A person dies and papers get scattered among heirs or sold or thrown away and future generations never know what was there. I have a few things such as my great grandfather's oath of allegiance and an old poem left but they will go into the archives. The place is temperature controlled and acid free paper is used in which to store papers. I help unfold and clean each paper as it comes in so that no bugs are present or dirt. I have loved these old papers but feel they need a good home after I am gone and if my great-grandchildren come to research they will be able to find things. I may even leave a personal note in among the papers JUST FOR FUN. Original County legal papers are not as important as other papers and pictures as legal papers can be found in the courthouse

I AM also trying to finish making small "books" of information from the newsletters as I have time..

The excerpts from the diary of Laura Crabill Evans fit precisely the dictionary definition of "diary"--a record of events, transactions, and personal observations.

Mrs. Evans reveals a wide range of concerns: a husband in failing health; the layout of her garden patch; a disabled adult daughter; the events of the Second World War; the dear memory of another of her children--Helen--dead some thirty years before; a line-by-line accounting of her transactions with the local grocer; and the first chirping of the crickets in springtime.

In short, the diary excerpts represent a powerful affirmation of the life of Everyman and Everywoman. Although--and Mrs. Evans frequently reminds us--the dead may be "better off," life is still worth living. This is valuable reading not only for those local residents who remember the people of Mrs. Evans's time and place, but for everyone.

John Clem

September 19, 2000

A GREAT BUY BY BOBBIE SAINZ

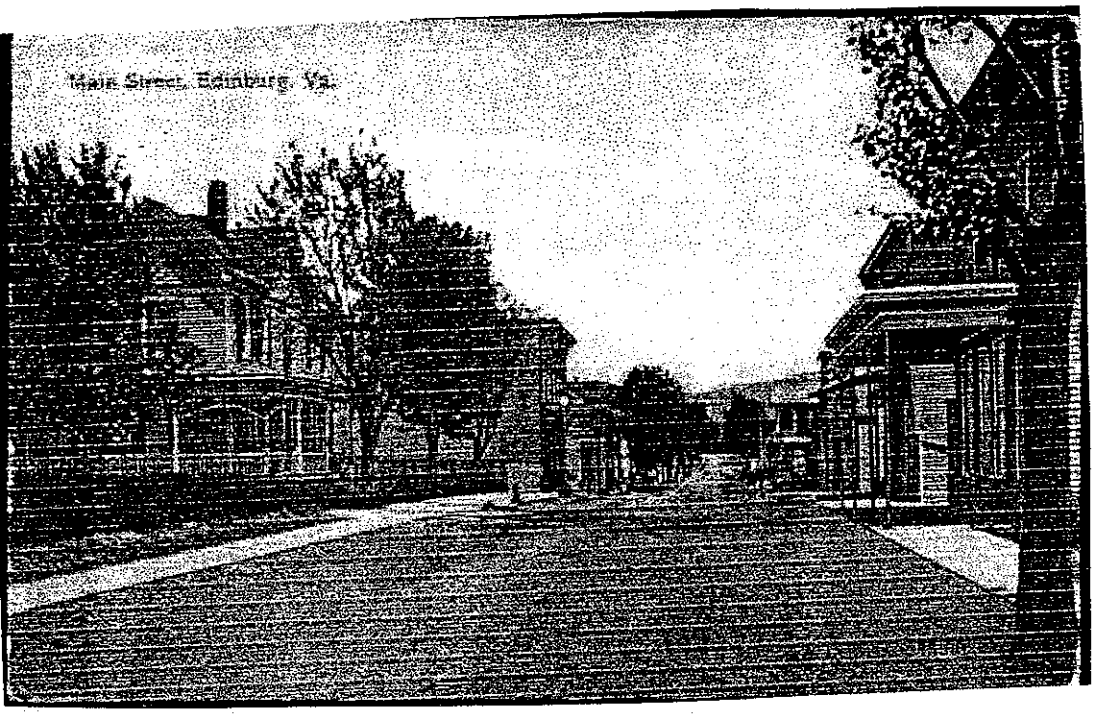
The following post card was sent to Miss Lois Evans from her sister, Mae in 1910. You will know the sisters from *The Virginia Gentlewoman.* The card reads Dear Sweet Sister, I am very happy because I am coming home to see you on Friday (Mae was probably away at her school for disabled adults) Your mother (Laura) and you must meet me at the depot up there (Edinburg) I love you very much because you are a very sweet little girl. I shall play with you when I come home. I am going to pack my trunk tomorrow afternoon. Are you glad that I come home. Love Mae Evans

The card is hard to reproduce but it reads "To Darling Baby". The symbol is a very old one standing for good luck or good fortune and was much later picked up the Nazi movement in Germany.

Subject: Hite, OBannon
Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 15:16:32 -0700
From: "Patti O'Bannon" <obannonp@intellisys.net>
To: <mlw@shentel.net>

I am searching for the family of Catherine OBannon who married Jacob Hite, son of Jost Hite. I would be so happy to find a photo of any of these people. Thanks
Patti O'Bannon

Old Postcard MainStreet



Edinburg Virginia

Current bid: $21.00

On e-bay Bobbie found a bid for a postcard. Notice the bid amt.

ONE BOWMAN FAMILY

I have some information on Christian Bauman. One note states *History of Hans Dietrich Bowman and His Descendants* by Augusta Dillman Thomas, 1934, Schlachters: Printers and Publishers at Allentown, Pa., 1934 is the source for the information. The record is poorly typed and if I was not so interested I would give up but I know many of you would like to have some of this information so here goes. It's the best I can do.

Christian Bauman

Christian Bauman located in Philadelphia and was naturalized (see Rupp p. 434) 1709. He migrated shortly after 1731 from York, Pa., with George Bowman (see Hite-Bowman history) and was a settler in the Shenandoah Valley. It goes on to say that he purchased land in Orange County on 26 May 1737 and died there prior to 1764. His will is filed in Frederick County 7 Feb.,1764. The records indicated that George and Christian were closely related. Christian Bowman had the following children: Jacob, Henry, Christian, jr., David, Daniel, Benjamin, Samuel, John, Magdelene and Catherine.

Christian's children

11 Jacob (d. 1774) married Elizabeth Keller and had two children. 111 Peter mar. Barbara___ and Jacob,jr.
11 Henry (d. 1814) and had two children. 111 Henry, jr and Isaac who married Eve Kiserer 7 Feb. 1727 and had four children 1V who were David, Kitty, Elizabeth who married George Sheetz 2/14/1826 and Mary who married 1st Fleming Strom and 2nd Arthur Bauserman.
111 John
111 Elizabeth married William Marshall
111 Rebecca

111 Stephen married Elizabeth Stover
111 Benjamin married Rebecca Saum (his dates 1754 born and died 6 Nov. 1820)
1V Capt. Isaac married Eliza Downy
V Samuel b. 6 Nov. 1844 and d. 20 Nov. 1923 and had John M. Bowman
V Fletcher b. Nov. 1857
V Elezer 17 Jan 1846 and d. 12 Feb. 1917
V Benjamin b. 6 May 1847. Children were Harry and Clara who marr. ___Tayloar
11 Christian jr.
11 David
111 John (d. 1849)
1V Jacob married daughter of Jacob Fravel
V William b. 10/2/1830 and d. 12/30/1872 married Sarah Rosenberger
V Whiten b. 6/19/1836 and d. 12/14/1895 married Fannie Rosenberger
1V Daniel, Lydia, Anna David
11 Daniel (d. 1828) Revolutionary soldier and married Anna Wakeman
111 Jacob married Rebecca Fravel
1V_____ Bowman
V Hon. Burder Bowman who was a member of the House of Delegates from Shen. Co.
111 Henry 1790-1862 married Elizabeth Oglesby, daughter of Christian-Woodstock, Va.
1V Daniel married Elizabeth Hackman
V Mary Kate, John

111 Catherine married William Funkhouser, Benjamin, Samuel, Daniel who married Anna Resser
1V John marr. Leah Hollar in 1821
V Augustine, Ann, Catherine who married Henry Kerns had 11 children
V Mary who married George Funkhouser had 11 children
V Hanna married Jacob Funkhouser and had 12 children
V Elizabeth married Benjamin Wolfe and had three children

HARRY MURRAY HAS THE NATIONALLY KNOWN "MURRAY'S FLY SHOP" ON MAIN ST. LOCATED IN HIS DRUG STORE . LOOK CLOSELY AT HIS FAMILY PREVIOUS BUSINESS OF 1906.IT'S OBVIOUS HIS LOVE FOR FISHING COMES NATURALLY.

BASS FISHING
BOATING

GOOD HUNTING
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OFFICE OF

EDINBURG INN,

[Nearly Opposite Depot.]

W. R. Murray, : Proprietor.

Edinburg, Va., Sept 17 1905

COMING HOME TO JEROME
by Judy Stough

The town of Jerome located in the Shenandoah Valley at the crossroads of Routes 717 and 701 is nestled between the Great North Mountain to the west and Supinlick Ridge to the east. The focal point of this community for 146 years has been St. Paul's Lutheran Church - a small, white, country church with the traditional spire and red door perched high on a hill overlooking Jerome. The cemetery, which spills down the slopes surrounding the church, is filled with the graves of early German settlers and their descendants. Some of the old gravestones are carved in German.

It is believed that the Jerome area was first settled by the descendents of Jacob Miller, originally from Germany, but who came here from Pennsylvania. On August 25, 1779, Jacob purchased 235 acres of land, located on the drains of Stony Creek. Jacob and his wife Elizabeth had ten children, six daughters and four sons. Two of the sons, Philip Jacob and Godfrey settled in the Jerome area and raised their families there. Some of the other early settlers of Jerome included the families of Ryan, Funkhouser, Barb, Dellinger, Rinker and Coffman.

In 1827 St. Paul's Lutheran Church was organized with the congregation meeting in the Miller's school House, a one room log building built sometime between 1813 and 1819. In 1854 Godfrey Miller donated land for a church to be built on the present day site. A condition of the donation was Mr. Miller's right to appoint the church trustees, which he did by naming his grandsons Lafayette and Jacob R. Miller.

In 1840, three Dellinger brothers, Philip, Daniel and Frederick moved into the Jerome area with their families. Each of the brothers acquired a 640-acre land grant from the Commonwealth of Virginia. Daniel settled just below Dellinger's Gap, which is part of Jerome, and raised his large family of ten children by selling charcoal, wood and bark from his timbered acres. He also bred horses and operated a water-powered sawmill, which he built in 1851. One of his sons, John, took over operation of the mill in 1878. John Dellinger also cleaned and carded wool for area sheep growers.

In 1842 another one-room school was built in Jerome near the site of the present Lutheran church. The Rev. Vastin Stickley was the first teacher in this school with 20 students and school lasting two months of the year. In 1876 a two-room school was built about a quarter of a mile west of the old school site. This school was called the Jerome School and still stands today.

In 1851 Daniel Dellinger built a water-powered saw mill in the area now known as Dellinger's Gap. He also ran a wool processing operation in the area. Settlers came from as far away as Moorefield, West Virginia on mule back across the mountain to have their sheep's wool cleaned and carded. This same Mr. Dellinger also supplied charcoal to nearby Liberty Furnace for their iron making operation. According to old records, he sold the charcoal for $4.50 a wagon load.

There was much activity around Jerome during the Civil War. Many of the residents were exempt from fighting in the war because they worked at nearby Liberty Furnace, which supplied the confederate troops with iron for cannon balls and other wartime needs. Nearby Columbia Furnace was burned three times by the Federal troops during the war and at one time there was a hospital there. Federal troops marched through the valley near Jerome burning mills and destroying farmland. A story is told of one resident of Jerome, Rebecca Miller, wife of James Walter Miller, who when she heard the Yankees were coming hid her favorite quilt in a hollow behind her house. Another resident of the area young Noah Miller joined the Confederate forces at the age of 17. He was wounded in the War and came home to Jerome to marry and raise a family.

During the late 1800's there was a general store in Jerome located across from the church. It was owned by G.W. Miller. Most of the customers who frequented the store lived within walking distance.

In 1886 Jerome got its first post office and its official name. The mail carrier was Noah Barb from Cabin Hill now Conicville who was paid $50 per year for the job. This post office remained in operation until 1960.

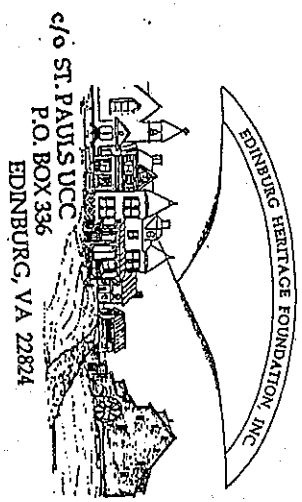
It is believed that the town was named for Jerome Paul Stirewalt one of the first pastors of St. Paul's Church, who served the congregation for thirty years and was well loved and respected by the people of the area.

As the German settlers lived their lives and raised their families, in addition to farming, the men became proficient in skills and crafts such as horsebreeding, sawmilling, blacksmithing; making barrel staves; making charcoal from wood, growing apples and making cider and brandy. The women became expert quiltmakers, spinners, cooks and preservers of the many vegetables and fruits grown on their farms. Winters brought hog killings with the ensuing sausage and ponhoss making and the smoking and salting of hams. Springs and summers brought plowing, planting and canning. The fall was a time to make apple butter and collect chestnuts, which were still plentiful in the area until the early 1900's. One resident of Jerome recalls that his mother sold enough chestnuts to buy a mantel clock, which he still has to this day.

In 1890, the congregation of St. Paul's was growing and it was determined that they needed to build a new church. It was completed in 1891 and is the same church serving Jerome today. In 1933 a rock wall was erected around the church property and later in 1936, Sunday school rooms were added.

The early to mid - 1900's brought model T - Fords to Jerome and band reunions. The Hamburg Band Reunion was regularly attended by Jerome residents. Local recreational activities, which often centered around the church, included cake walks, pie suppers and hymn sings. The children would roll hoops, play marbles and "town ball", a game played with a tennis ball and a flat bat. A game called Prisoner's Base was also popular with the children during this time. In the late 1930's a local resident by the name of Bowers would take children from Jerome in his pick-up truck to the Shenandoah County Fair.

During the 1920's and 30's, many families in Jerome had "ice boxes". The men would cut large blocks of ice from Stony Creek or the Shenandoah River and haul them home, where they would be stored in sheds and covered in straw. The ice was cut or chipped off the block as needed and stored in the ice boxes. Also during this time, a professor would come to Jerome from Bridgewater College for a German Day. During this day, those residents attending the session could speak only German for the entire day. This activity was also held in the church. The 1920's and 30's was also the period of time when Edward Miller operated a grist mill in Jerome and Landon and Luther Funkhouser operated blacksmith shops.



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By the 1930's, Uncle Tom's Park opened in Jerome and became the primary summer recreational pastime for not only the residents of Jerome, but for the surrounding communities as well. The park had a large spring fed swimming pool which according to some swimmers never got warm. The last owner of the park, John Dellinger, said that the water had to sit for three days before anyone could get in it, it was so cold. On Saturdays and Sundays the park attracted hundreds of people for picnics,family reunions, swimming and country music shows. By the 1940's and 50's, the park was bringing in musicians from as far away as Oklahoma and many of the Grand Ole' Opry stars appeared there. Roy Clark is one of the performers who played at the park before he became famous. It is said that a local man gave him his first guitar.

During the 1940's and 50's, many of Jerome's young men signed up for the draft. They registered at the Jerome schoolhouse where many of them had attended school. At one point in time men in their 30's and 40's were being drafted. Many of these young men went off to war to serve their country during World War II.

Over the ensuing years many residents of Jerome have come and gone. The character of the area has changed over the last 150 years, but the beauty and tranquility of the area has not. St. Paul's Church still stands like a white beacon on the hill guarding the residents of Jerome and beckoning to those who left many years ago to come back and live the remainder of their lives here in this peaceful valley. Since 1967 chimes can be heard from St. Paul's Church at various times of the day. As the haunting strains of old hymns float over the valley, one can imagine the look of delight on the faces of the early settlers of Jerome as they caught their first glimpse of this beautiful and special place.

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SMALL TOWN, USA, MITFORD STYLE

Dec. seems a perfect time for a sweet gift from a nearly perfect town-one to what all of us escape when we feel "disconnected". I feel sure most of you of the female persuasion have read the Mitford series and you remember Esther's famous Orange-Marmalade Cake. The author was requested repeatedly for the recipe and finally had to admit THERE WAS NO SUCH RECIPE! However, while perusing Sallie Smith's *Victoria* magazine, I came across the cake, developed by the magazine staff. I felt this was the time of the year when you would want to make this glorious cake so here's the recipe. I won't give you the directions on how to whip up the cake. If you don't know that, then how can I trust you to make the cake!

The cake ingredients

3 cups cake flour, ½ t baking soda, ½ t salt, 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted softened butter, 2 cups granulated sugar, 3 large room temperature eggs (beaten lightly) 1 T grated orange zest, 1 ½ t vanilla, 1 cup room temperature buttermilk. Bake at 325 degrees for 45 minutes (until tester comes out clean) in 8 inch buttered and floured wax or parchment paper lined pans.

For the orange syrup

Stir 1 cup freshly squeezed orange juice with ¼ cup granulated sugar until sugar is dissolved. With a toothpick or wooden skewer poke holes at ½ inch intervals over the baked cake layers.

For the filling

Heat 1 cup orange marmalade and cool. Spread over cake layers. I suggest you go to T. J. Maxx or another fancy food outlet to get the bitter English marmalade instead of the sweeter cheap brands.

For the frosting

Frost the cake with a mixture of ¾ cup well-chilled heavy cream, 3 T sugar and ¾ cup well-chilled sour cream. Chill the cake for at least 2 hours before serving and you will then have a cake that will serve 12 (or 6 people twice or 3 people 4 times-you get the picture)

If you could search through your recipe files and find an old time recipe or one that relates to some book please send it along.

Welcome to

Edinburg

The Best Town in U. S. A.

DRAWING TOURISTS TO THE VALLEY

I am presuming most of you would like to see tourist as one of the main industries of the Valley. Like farming, tourism does not leave a negative imprint on the Valley. Recently some of us were on a trip to see Cape Cod, Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard. We had a tourism guide who gave us the area's secrets of developing tourism. For the places mentioned, tourism was a necessary part of the economic unit which keeps the places alive and attractive to people. She said no one comes here to see fast-food places or malls. They come for natural beauty and well-designed buildings and businesses. We were very impressed because on all three locations we did not see buildings of any kind in state of disrepair and landscaping of all lots looked professionally done. She showed us one area on Cape Cod where development was begun before regulations and restrictions were set in place. We could have been driving along any "strip".

OLD INVITATIONS

Janet Jones Wagniere brought us a book of invitations beginning 1871. I will give the names of the party, dates if available and place of marriage and later residence. If you are a relative let me know if you want a copy.
Elizabeth Lantz to George Giede 1891 in Harrisburg, Pa. and later at home in Harrisburg; Jessie Wightman to Michael O'Conner in Edinburgh (one old spelling), Va. and later at home in Clarksdale, Mississippi; Frances Rebecca Keister to Anthony Wagener 1916 in Edinburg; Thurston Keister married Ella Lantz 1887 at Edinburg, St. Paul's; Katherine Maphis Bennett to Herbert Manuele 1917 at Front Royal and at home in Middletown; Mary Eleanor White to Dr. John Pine 1902 at Lebanon Church; Nellye Guyletta Bowman to Kirby Bowman 1897 at Bethel Lutheran Church; wedding of S. P. Lonas to Ella Lantz at home of George Lantz (see reception card); Bettie B. Lantz to J. F Holtzman at home "Lake View" near Hamburg 1887; Anna Wierman married C. H. Fadeley 1884 at Edinburg; Jessie Ridelle Mantz married William Murray 1902 At Christian Church, Edinburg; Henry Whissen married Anna Elizabeth Lantz 1900 by Rec. A. B. Bauman at St. Paul's, Edinburg, Mary Alice Jennings to Robert Cameron Wightman 1904; Mamie Elizabeth Pedneau to Robert Lindamood 1904 in Edinburg; Lillie Mae Meredith to William Shaver 1896 at M. E. Church, South, Edinburg; Lula Lewis Conway to Dr. Samuel Wellington Maphis 1895 at M. E. Church, South, Charlottesville; Bessie Dold to Charles Maphis Presbyterian Church, Harrisonburg; Vergie Florence Tysinger to Arthur Stoner 1898 St. John's Reformed Church, Headquarters; Mayme Elizabeth Bowman to George Santmiers 1897 Bethel Lutheran Church; Stell Cremora Lindamood to George Black 1905 at Headquarters; Helen May Yates to J. Grave Kneisley 1899 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Woodstock; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Chiles (she nee Hupp) the 10th anniversary of their marriage Strasburg 1893-1903; Alberta Virginia Bowman to George Geary 1897 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church; Bessie Briscoe Shull to Robert Sorvers 1903 at Marlboro, Va; Edgar Hisey and Minnie Murray married at home 1886; Sadie Clagell to Elizah Shull Marlboro Va. 1900; Emma Campbell (nee Coffman) to james Baker 1901 at her home; Ida Thomas Henkel to Casper Bowman 1900 at Rader's Lutheran Church, Timberville; John Allen Dodge and Nellie Moore Allen married 1894 in Waynesboro and later will live at Stuart's Draft; Mary Engle to Charles Gaunt 1902 at Berryville; Laura Green to Joseph Bennett 1909 Front Royal Mary Cooke to Robert Moore 1895 at M. E. Church in Goshen, Md.; Sarah Hill to Albert Bennett 1902 Keokuk, Iowa; Elizabeth Forsyth to Orville Bowen 1909 Meth. Church Front Royal; Dorothy Holland to Dr. C. E. Beall W. Va.

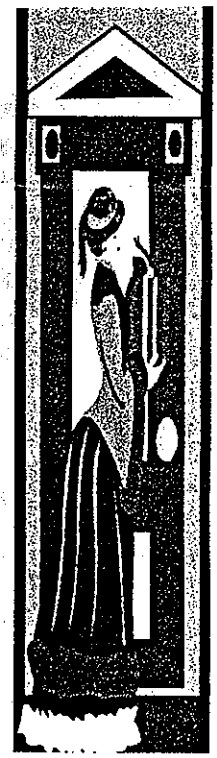
From the Bible of Frank Golladay who married Lola Ella Rinker at Edith, Va 5 Nov. 1896.

A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY

I am sending out your newsletter early so that you can purchase tickets to attend a great evening at the Edinburg Mill of food and entertainment. This event will be Dec. 2. There will be a social hour at 6:30 and dinner at 7. The entrées will be chicken and pot roast as only Sue Harshman knows how to prepare. Tickets are $25 and can be purchased at some Edinburg shops or call Mary Ann 984-8544. You can call Clyde Beachy, president, at 984-9492. You can also contact the town office for information. There will be a silent auction with all kinds of Christmas things as well as other items. If you care to donate items please call Mary Ann or Clyde. Please support this project.

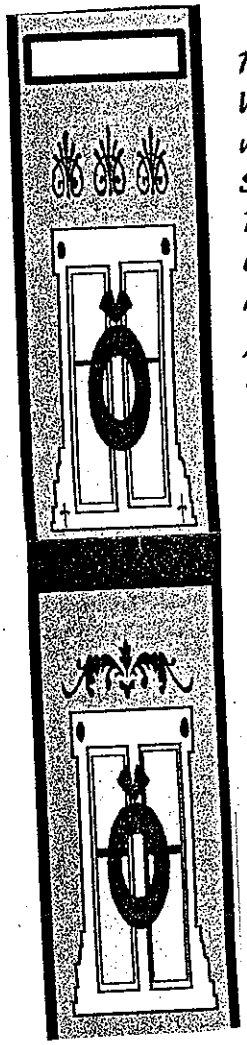
SOME INFORMATION FROM THE TOWN OFFICE

Years ago when we started the EHF one of the goals was to be part of the Main Street program. It was not until a year or so later that we learned that Edinburg was not large enough town to be a part of the program. Now, under the direction of our mayor, we are making progress so read on.



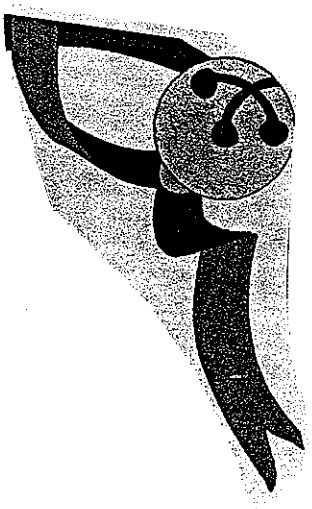
The Town has become an Affiliate Community with the Virginia Main Street Program. Because of our small size we are not eligible for designation as a Main Street Town. The Affiliate option allows us to apply The Main Street Approach ™ to our town revitalization efforts. We have access to all Virginia Main Street training and can even get some on-site assistance from the program. "The Main Street Approach™ uses a four point approach to downtown revitalization; Design, Promotion, Organization and Economic Restructuring. Edinburg has created a niche for itself in this area. We are still in the early stages, but moving in the right direction. Council hopes that by getting involved with The Main Street Approach™ it can help our many merchants grow and prosper. The Main Street Approach™ is a comprehensive, incremental approach to revitalization built around a community's unique heritage and attributes. It can help Edinburg develop a strategy to stimulate long-term economic growth while maintaining the very thing we all treasure, our community. I have attended a three-day training seminar with the Virginia Main Street people. I plan to meet with our downtown merchants after the Holidays to talk about how we can get our own program started. Everyone in Town can help in some way to make Edinburg a success. It might be something as simple as shopping at our merchants to fill your gift giving needs. They need our support!

Fall is in the air and the Christmas Holidays are right around the corner. The Chamber of Commerce will again be sponsoring "Christmas in Edinburg". This year they are including something new, the Festival of Lights. They are asking that you decorate the outside of your home or business with Christmas lights and turn them on each evening at 6:00 pm beginning December 8th thru December 30th. The sound of the chimes at St Johns Methodist Church will be heard as a reminder to turn them on each night. If you prefer to not decorate outside, please consider putting candles in your windows. The Chamber needs your help to MAKE EDINBURG SHINE!



The holiday festivities will begin on December 2 when breakfast will be served with Santa. Watch for the announcement of where and start working on your wish list. The Parade will be later that day at 3 o'clock. If you need information on joining in the fun call Joan Sharpe or Betty Marston. The annual tree lighting ceremony will be at 4 o'clock at the Town Christmas Tree next to the Fire Hall. Shortly after the ceremony plan to join the Edinburg Heritage Foundation and friends at the Edinburg Mill. The Foundation will be hosting a dinner to benefit Save The Mill. Everyone had a great time last year and this year should prove to be even better now that we have the Mill to do it in. Ticket sales will begin soon and are limited. Look for them at locations throughout Town. On December 8th the festival of lights begins. Don't forget to turn on your lights at 6 o'clock when you hear the chimes. There will be a Bon Fire at Creekside Campground at 6 o'clock. Christmas Carols and the smell of marshmallow roasting will fill the air. The Masterworks Chorus of Shenandoah Valley will perform at St. John's Methodist Church at 7:30. Afterward stop by one of Edinburg's newest businesses, Sal's Bistro. They will be open until 11 o'clock for your dining pleasure. The Masterworks Chorus will perform again at St. John's Methodist Church December 9th at 7:30 and December 10th at 3o'clock. The Christmas Party at the Edinburg Fire Department will be at 7 o'clock on December 14th and Santa is sure to be there. The judging of outside Christmas decorations will take place on December 18th.

The Mill project is moving along. The Foundation is working with an Architect from Charlottesville to get the project plans organized to be submitted for State approval. The new paint job certainly brightened up the property and a number of fund raising activities this past year have allowed people to tour the inside of the building. Watch for more Foundation Functions and please support this very important project.



An item that has been getting a lot of press time lately is the Tourist Train. Valley Trains and Tours has lined up 1 1/2 million dollars in Federal money and 41/2 to 6 million is State funds for the purchase and restoration of the train track. This money is available as long as a local commitment is shown. The Train group has asked the County for a commitment to the project of money. While the County is considering this they are concerned about resident support. If you have any thoughts on the County helping get this project started please let me or one of the Council know. We will be talking to the County in November about how Edinburg feels about this project. A tourist train could be a real boost to the economy of the County. It will certainly compliment what is happening in all our towns with preservation and heritage tourism. With the Civil War Battlefield sites and natural beauty of our area the train should prove to be a real asset to the region.

TO ALL A HAPPY HOLIDAY

Even though I don't see many of our members very often I do want to tell you that I feel I know you. I do know we all have something in common-a love of something beyond ourselves which, in this case, is restoration and preservation. Many of us are at the age when we can give something back to the community and what better cause than to make our communities better. If I could wish something for each of you I would wish that each of you that you have a happy holiday and a good New Year. God bless us every one!

THANKS to Adelaide Beachy for the stamps gift. This was very generous of you and thanks very much!!!!!

Subject: Bartons in Shenandoah County, Virginia
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 23:28:47 -0400
From: "David A. Macdonald" <dmacdona183@earthlink.net>

I am finishing a book on the Wolverton family and have recently encountered evidence persuading me that the published Hottel genealogy is wrong. It says that one Henry Hottel, bo 1801, married a Rosanna (Wolverton) Markley. Rosanna Wolverton was b. 1789, makiing her twelve years older than Henry Hottel and almost 50 when Henry Hottel's last child was born.

I am convinced tha Rosanna Wolverton married a Barton. A John Barton had been bondsman at her brother's wedding, and in 1850 a Rosanna Barton, 30, is found with Wolvetons of that familly. I believe that the Rosanna Barton, 30 in 1850, was a daughter of Rosanna Wolverton, b. 1789, and her Barton husband. My leading candidate for Rosanna Wolverton's husband is a James Barton, who is at page 367 of the 1840 census of Shenandoah County, as he had daughters 15 < 20 and 20 < 30, either of whom could be the Rosanna Barton, 30, in 1850.

Do you know of anything that might support this? Or do you know of anyone else who is researching the Bartons of Shenandoah County/

SAVE THE MILL — *We saved it from Sheridan's fires in 1864... we can save it again!*

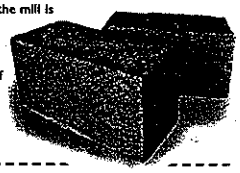
THE EDINBURG MILL
EDINBURG, VIRGINIA 22824

The paving stone "bricks" are of granite 4"X8"X4"

Cutting and carving by Rinker & Frye Mt. Jackson

Engrave your name in History

The Edinburg Mill, built in 1848, is one of only two remaining mills in Shenandoah County registered as a National Historic Landmark. Although the mill is no longer threatened by the flames of war, recent years have brought commercial failure along with increasingly poor upkeep. The goal of the Edinburg Heritage Foundation is to ensure, through it's purchase and management, that the mill remains of historical significance and a key attraction for the Shenandoah Valley. The stone bricks, made of granite, will be installed in a memory walk to be created at the entrance to the mill.
We thank you for your help!



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For further information, call: Dan Harshman 540-984-8521

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phone _____
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line 2
line 3
brick # 2 line 1
line 2
line 3

If ordering more than 2 bricks, please use another order form to fill in brick information, continuing the numbering (ie: #4, #5). The other information (total, payment, signature, etc) need only be on the first form.

☐ I understand that this donation will benefit the Edinburg Heritage Foundation and is not refundable. It will be used for historic preservation, notably, the Edinburg Mill project, and a brick will be engraved for me.

☐ I would like my donation to be used only towards the Edinburg Mill project and request a refund if the Mill is not purchased.

signature _____

Do not write below the dotted line. This receipt will be filled out by a representative of the Edinburg Heritage Foundation:

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Desiderata

Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others you may become vain and bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.

Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself.

You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive God to be, and whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace with your soul.

With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy.

Found in Old Saint Paul's Church, Baltimore, dated 1692

FREE PRESS Oct 19, 2000

Photo courtesy Lizzie Miller

The Funkhouser family of Stony Creek posed for this picture in1904 or 1905. They are (front row) Rosa Funkhouser, William A. Funkhouser, Lizzie (Mrs. Luther) Funkhouser,. Staylor Funkhouser, Hattie Funkhouser Hansberger (sitting) Leonidas Dellinger, Byron Funkhouser, Robert Funkhouser, James Funkhouser, Granville Funkhouser, Phillip Funkhouser, (second row) Mary Mumaw Funkhouser holding Lizzie Funkhouser Miller, Cassie Noel Funkhouser, Lucy Evy Funkhouser, Ellen Williams Funkhouser, Charles Dellinger, Gilbert Funkhouser, Robert Dellinger, Tobias Funkhouser, Franklin Funkhouser, (third row) Isaac Casper Funkhouser, Lafayette Funkhouser, Nellie Funkhouser Dellinger, Hayden David Funkhouser, Fenton Funkhouser, Ambrose Funkhouser, Amos Funkhouser, Thomas Millerm (fourth row) Isaac Milton Funkhouser, Alice Funkhouser Hepner, Lily Funkhouser Mumaw, Cordelia Miller, Annie Funkhousr Poling, Samuel Funkhouser, John I. Funkhouser, Lula Funkhouser Smoot, Lizzie Funkhouser Miller, Sarah Miller. The only surviving member of the family in this photograph is the infant, Lizzie Funkhouser Miller, who lives in Woodstock and is 96 years old.

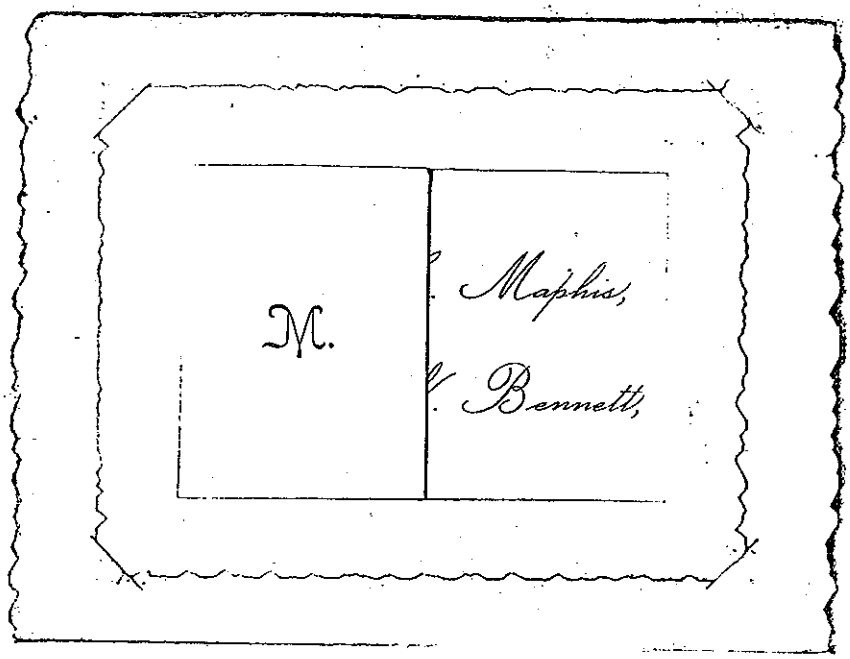
Edinburg Mill Project Update
from Clyde Beachy, EHF President

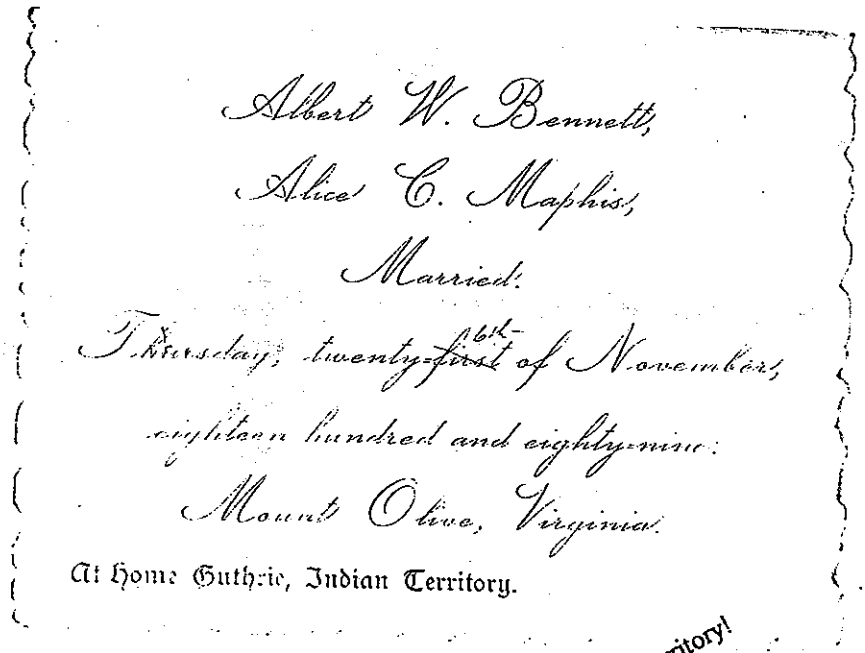
Progress on the Project continues to forge ahead. The Management Committee met with the architectural design consultant regarding the precise tasks we want them to address. Hopefully, agreement on the tasks and level of effort will be agreed to in the near future. Additionally, the Committee is reviewing a draft space allocation concept for the Mill. It is envisioned that once the concept is finalized and approved by the Board of Directors, it will play a large role in the schedule of renovation for the property. This is a major event in the planning for the Mill and I believe it to be exciting and will be well received by the residents of Edinburg and members of the Foundation. I will keep you informed on the concept's progress.

The other major event underway on the Mill is the replacement and repair of portions of the roof. The roofing contractor began work last week and expects to complete the work during November, weather permitting. Approximately forty percent of the roof is being replaced.

With the 2nd of December being the kick off day for the Christmas in Edinburg festivities, the Foundation will have a Holiday Dinner at the Mill on that evening. This is the second Holiday Dinner the Foundation has sponsored and it is hoped that it will become an annual event for Edinburg. The winner of the Doll House Raffle will be selected at the Dinner. More information on the dinner is provided elsewhere in this newsletter. The Mill Store will hold a book signing with John Heatwole on that day. John has published a new book titled, ' "Remember me is all I ask", Chrisman's Boy Company'. This is a history of the Civil War service of Company A, 3rd Battalion, Virginia Mounted Reserves. Other books written by John will also be available for signing. These would make a great Christmas gift. Speaking of great Christmas gifts, don't forget that the Foundation continues to sell the paving stones for the Memory Walk at the Mill. They are $250 each and will make a great gift for those on individuals on your list who are hard to buy for.

Finally, the Board of Directors is planning a general membership meeting in February 2001. Details on the time, place, and agenda will be forth coming in a future newsletter.





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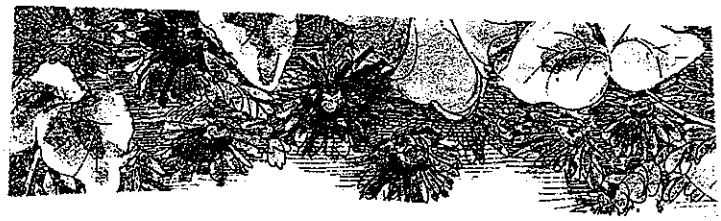

Reception.

At the residence of Mr. Joseph Lonas, near Cross Roads, Va., Friday, May 16, 1890, at Seven o'clock, P. M.

S. P. Lonas. Ella E. Lantz.

If you were courting in the flaming twenties, you could give one of these cards to your honey (or hoped for honey!)

ACQUAINTANCE CARD

MAY I HAVE THE PLEASURE OF

ESCORTING YOU HOME?

IF NOT

MAY I SIT ON THE FENCE AND WATCH YOU GO BY?

(May I sit on the fence and watch you go by?)

I'D LIKE TO MAKE

A DATE WITH YOU

IF YOUR ANSWER IS YES, JUST KEEP THIS CARD

IF IT IS NO, JUST HAND IT BACK

ONE VALLEY PASTOR'S LIFE IN 1939

This is a small portion of a newsletter one pastor sent out. "A personal note to _____ Church. You have promised to pay your pastor a small salary of $200. By the time you read this you are in the rear $50. When you call I come. It doesn't matter what I am doing or where I am. When there is a death in your home you call for the pastor and when you are sick, at least if I know it, I always come. My car will not run on water. Won't you please support your pastor."

Pastors lives have changed to a certain extent since then-thank goodness. But maybe this is the time of year, if you are religious, to thank those who have chosen this life.

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