



Many natives of Shenandoah County can trace their lineage to the immigrant Huddles who settled near Toms Brook in the 1700s. This postcard photo of the George Huddle Homestead, built in 1750 near Mt. Olive in Northwestern Shenandoah County, was taken in the early 1900s. The property today is owned and maintained by the Hottle-Keller Memorial, Inc. Old photos are needed to continue this series. Persons with old photos to loan are asked to mail them or deliver them to The Free Press office on U.S. 11, south of Woodstock.

Pages from newspapers past

Oct. 26, 1888

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We regret to learn that Mr. G. H. Snarr of Lebanon neighborhood is very low with that dread disease typhoid fever. Mrs. Cornelius Hockman of the same section is also very ill, and Mr. Jno. T. Barton died on Tuesday evening. He leaves a wife and two children.

Mr. William J. Linaweaver, formerly of Shenandoah County, but now of Leavenworth, Kansas, and Miss Lizzie Burner, were married at the bride's home in Page County Oct. 17th.

Nov. 2, 1888

Married. Oct. 25 by Rev. H. Wetzel, Mr. Jared Clem and Miss Leah Catherine Rittenour.

Edinburg Notes. Mr. David E. Evans of Edinburg died Oct. 26th aged 76 years. He leaves a widow and two sons, Mr. F. M. Evans of this place and another son, James, who has been away from here for a number of years.

On Thursday night of last week two well known colored men of Woodstock, Leonidas Brown, commonly known as "On," and Bob Allen, played a most laughable joke on the contents of the warehouse of J. I. Triplett, near the depot. It seems, according to "On" Brown's testimony before Justice Grabill, that on the night in question he was passing along the railroad in front of the warehouse, when the door suddenly opened and two sacks of flour shot out in quick succession. Just for a joke he hid one of them under a freight car nearby, and then went down the track to an empty phosphate house where he spent some time in a game of poker with several "gentlemen" (?). On his return he shouldered the sack of flour, the other being gone; carried it home all for a joke, emptied it into his flour barrel on the garret, still for a joke, and then washed the name and brand from the sack to keep up the laugh on Bob Allen. Justice Grabill enjoyed the joke hugely and in order to keep up the fun sent "On" to jail for fifteen days. The other prisoner, Bob Allen, who had entered the building by means of a ladder and a window, had opened the door from the inside and threw out the flour, was arrested by Policeman Hoshour, to whom he confessed the whole affair, but claimed that he was compelled to steal because he had hurt his back while at work some days before. He also claimed that after carrying the flour a short distance his conscience upbraided him until he was compelled to retrace his steps and return the flour. This part of the tale was so sobering and bore upon its face an impression of truth that Justice Grabill unhaltingly sent him to jail for the action of the grand jury.

Mr. Jacob Funk of Powell's Fort, was the first person who carried a regular mail under U. S. lock from this place to the Fort. That was 39 years ago when Mr. Funk was 16 years old. The route was by Dry Run where mail was left with Daniel Munch, at the dwelling now occupied by Mrs. Susan Munch, and from there to Burner's White Sulphur Springs, now known as Seven Fountains. This was the end of the regular route but the carrier generally took what mail there was for points above to McInturff's store, now the residence of Mrs. Daniel Clem.

Nov. 9, 1888

(Adv.) Lantz & Lindamood, Headquarters, Shenandoah County, Va. Dealers in General Merchandise. R. M. Lantz, P. E. Lindamood.

Harry Shull, a deputy sheriff and keeper of the jail, died on Friday morning from injuries received in a hunting expedition.

Mr. Thomas J. Fisher, one of the most prominent and wealthy real estate dealers in Washington, D. C., died Oct. 26th. He was a native of Woodstock, leaving here when a young man.

Geo. Obey, a young colored lad of Woodstock, was before the mayor a few days ago charged with striking and knocking down a colored girl, daughter of Peyton Lewis of Woodstock. He was fined \$1.75 and costs.

The only apology we can offer for the condition of our local page is that our editor has been drunk ever since he read the news of Harrison's election - He is a Democrat. *Shenandoah Herald*.

Nov. 16, 1888

Died. On Aug. 26th, Mrs. Rebecca Rittenour at the old homestead about 2 miles south of Woodstock, aged 79 years.

At Shenandoah County Alms House, John William Sibert Nov. 3rd in his 71st year.

Jacob Addison (Acker) colored, son of Joseph Addison, dec'd. of consumption at the home of Catharine Willis, colored on the western side of Massanutten Mountain about 2 miles east of New Market last Wednesday morning, aged about 40 years.

Mrs. Celia Bullett, colored, formerly of New Market, died in Woodstock last Saturday aged about 70 years. She was buried in Woodstock.

County Court. Barbara Hamman, Margaret Himmelricht, John D. Combs, granted pensions under the sailor's and soldier's act.

(Adv.) Michael J. Hess, Quicksburg, repairs watches, clocks, jewelry, sewing machines &c., promptly at moderate prices.

(Adv.) Blacksmithing and repairing. James A. Cushman, New Market, having leased the Maloney shop, I have opened a

first-class blacksmith shop...all kinds of smithing as ironing buggies, spring wagons &c...repairing guns, lock &c. a specialty.

Nov. 23, 1888

Married. On Nov. 18th by Rev. H. Wetzel near Woodstock, Mr. Jas. Wolverton and Miss Mary Barrick.

At the same time and place by the same, Mr. James E. Fadely and Miss Caroline Wetzel.

On the 15th of Nov. by Rev. H. Wetzel, Mr. William M. Hollar and Miss Minnie B. Foltz.

Mr. James E. Dellinger of Shenandoah County and Miss Rachael Funkhouser of West Virginia.

Court Proceedings. Robt. S. Tisinger appointed and qualified as guardian for Laura V. Pence and Emma Lelia Pence; Thomas Rinker appointed and qualified as guardian for Dolly J., Emma C. Miller and Mary E. Miller; Barbara Hamman, Margaret Himmelricht, John D. Combs granted pension under the sailors' and soldier's act.

Powell's Fort Items. The public schools have all opened with teachers as follows: Oak Level, Daniel Holmes; Pine Grove, Robert Golladay; Keller's, Franklin Marsten; Cross Roads, Miss Lucy Cullers; Dry Run, L. B. Munch; Slate Hill, W. C. O'Flaherty.

Mr. Joseph Reynard's family during their sad affliction with fever last summer in which three of the family died.

Jerome Items. Died. Mr. George Barb near Alum Springs.

Nov. 29, 1888

Another Orkney Springs letter. Rev. Daniel Wine of Moore's Store has erected a fine residence at Orkney, Mr. John H. Estep, a feed stable, Mr. J. W. Stidley had his dwelling and store painted...Mr. David Funkhouser raised a turnip that measured 17 1/2 inches in circumference...Mrs. D. H. Smith of Suppinlick Ridge, measured one of her cabbage heads which was 41 inches in circumference and weighed 15 1/2 pounds...Mrs. Richard Ryan, one 30 inches in circumference and weighed 11 pounds.

Married. On Nov. 24th at Toms Brook by Elder J. Wakeman, Mr. Charles E. Moore and Miss Mollie S. Ford, both of this county.

On Nov. 22, 4 miles west of Woodstock by Rev. A. A. J. Bushong, Mr. W. F. Sherman and Miss Annie L. Cook.

Died. Near Strasburg Nov 18th of membranous croup, Blanche Morris, daughter of David M. and Virginia Spengler, aged 9 years.

Mr. J. Russell Conn in Elkton last Sunday of typhoid fever. He was a native of Shenandoah County and a son of Col. R. M. Conn. He married a Miss Kingree from Columbia Furnace and was in the 28th year of his age.