



When the Town of Woodstock decided in the early 1900s to begin storing water, the reservoir was tucked far away in the Massanutten Mountain east of town. The most boastful among the town fathers of that day decided to issue a postcard of a facility that few would ever see. About 40 years later, the town built an even bigger reservoir, this one on Little Stony Creek, west of Columbia Furnace. It too attracted little public notice over the years until it was abandoned in the 1970s. Today, towns store water in gigantic tanks on prominent hillsides in full public view. Community pride, at least in some eyes, lately is measured in the size and design of reservoirs.

## Pages from newspapers past

Feb. 25, 1887

Feb. 14 at the residence of the bride's parents near Middletown, Frederick County, Miss Emma Hammic and Mr. Raphael Estep of New Market.

(Adv.). Notice. All those having parlor organs that need repairing can have the same thoroughly repaired at half price if done before March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1887. A.T. Copenhaver, New Market.

March 4, 1887

Died. Miss Julia Zirkle, daughter of the late Mr. Moses Zirkle and wife Lydia, who still survives, aged 40 years 11 months and 25 days. She was known as "Little Julia" because she was under size and very much dwarfed. She was buried at St. Matthew's Church.

Mrs. Frances Burke, nee Miles, widow of the late John Harrison Burke in New Market Feb. 28, aged 62 years. She leaves 2 sons and 2 daughters.

Married. R. C. Bowman, M. D., formerly of New Market, of Orlando, Florida, to Miss R.D. McClain, daughter of the late William McClain of Florida.

March 11, 1887

Died. Miss Christena Minnick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Minnick, at her home about 4 miles southwest of New Market, aged 24 years.

Mrs. Harrison Green (widow) aged about 66 years, of consumption at her home Forestville March 7.

Near Smith Creek March 7, south of New Market, Mr. Michael Roller, aged 92 years. He was a soldier in the war of 1812.

A large number of colored people are "fixing" to leave the Valley for Philadelphia, where they are to get employment on the railroad. Three cars full, from beyond Staunton, passed New Market Wednesday. There was no room for the 11 from New Market on that "exodus". They are to receive \$1.15 per day, each to board himself.

March 18, 1887

Died. In New Market March 10, Mrs. Mary Hupp, consort of Samuel a. Hupp, deceased, about 79 years 6 months and 29 days.

In Quicksburg March 13, Mrs. Kittie Miller, aged about 36 years. She died of consumption at the home of Mr. Williams, depot agent. The writer first learned to know her in Woodstock 26 years ago. She then lived with Mr. Thomas Hickman and was known as Kittie Hess.

Jacob William, son of Isaac & Emma C. Long, near Moore's Store, March 13 aged 11 years.

Sarah Ellen, daughter of Isaac & Emma C Long, near Moore's Store, March 14, aged 7 years.

Messrs. Casper Crist, S. S. Rice, Peachy Maloney, left here Sunday and Mr. Charles Offman on Thursday, for Roanoke City, Va., to secure employment.

Our friend, Mr. Lewis N. Zirkle, Quicksburg, kindly gave us the following personals: Mr. William Conner (brother of Mr. Benjamin Conner near this place), wife and three children, who have been visiting her, left for their home in Middletown, Ind. Messrs. David H. Zirkle and C. A. Andrick, Forestville, accompanied Mr. C., with a view of making the West their home.

The Staunton Vindicator contains a long and interesting interview with the oldest Koiner Simeon Koiner, Esq., aged about 82 years - about "old times". He and his sister, Mrs. Godfrey Henkel of New Market are the only children living now out of the twelve of that pioneer "Casper Koiner, who moved to Augusta from Pennsylvania a century ago, and died in 1855, aged 92.

March 25, 1887

Married. March 20 near Cabin Hill by Elder J. F. Driver, David F. Dodson and Mrs. Mary Whetzel.

March 24 in New Market by Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt, Mr. Joseph F. Good and Miss Mary Noel, both of Jerome.

Indians. On March 1 as Mr. Turner A. Miller, son of Mr. J. P. Miller, was plowing on the Sigler farm near Mt. Jackson, the plowshare unearthed a rib of a human being. His curiosity being aroused, he secured a pick and shovel and made further investigation. He found four well preserved skeletons, tomahawks, pipe &c. Several doctors who examined the skeleton, suppose two of them are men - one very large - and two of women. The young man when he opened up the mound and saw the bones, became frightened, and called for his mother shouting, "Indians. Indians". Fearing they would rise from the grave and scalp him, and asked if he should plow any more, or leave the field. The colored man with him is now almost white. Both see Indians and scalps in their dreams.

Died. On Tuesday morning in New Market, Mary Catharine, daughter of Keturah Ford, colored, aged about three years. It was buried Wednesday at the Lewis Bird graveyard, Rev. James Pryor conducting the funeral services.

April 1, 1887

Mt. Jackson Items. Messrs. Samuel P. Overholtz and William Overholtz of near Rinkerton have their sales today. They will move their families to Lima, Ohio. They will leave tomorrow, to work at their trades as

carpenters.

Mr. Philip Fry, near the same place will start with his family for the same place to follow the same occupation.

Messrs. James White and Tom Rhine of Mt. Jackson recently went to Washington and are now working at their (plastering) trade.

Off to Tennessee. Capt. Geo. Arehart, family and Mrs. John M. Garber and children left Timberville for Jefferson County, Tennessee, where they contemplate making their home. Mr. Anderson Will and family left for Kansas a year ago.

April 8, 1887

Died. Near New Market March 29, Pearl, infant daughter of Mr. Henry Ruhl, aged 6 months.

Rosanna Hottle, daughter of Joseph Hottle, near Liberty Furnace March 29, aged 23 years 9 months and 3 days.

Algernon Jefferson, colored, at the home of his adopted mother, Mrs. Emily Newby, New Market, April 6, aged 18 years. He was buried in the Walter Jefferson graveyard near New Market.

After an illness of two months, Mollie C., daughter of Benton & Ettie Moore, colored, living along the river near New Market, of consumption, aged 18 years. She was buried at the Kipps graveyard, Rev. D. Nickens officiating.

Toms Brook Items. Seeing in the last few issues of the Valley, accounts of egg laying, I will give results of Mr. John Bowman's hennery for the month of March. He has 136 Brown Leghorn hens, and he gathered 2,040 eggs. Feed cost for month \$6.20; he sold eggs for \$21.25; net profit, \$15.95. Who will say chickens do not pay?

Isaac Black, colored, of New Market, who has been unable to work for a long time on account of a badly injured arm which he cannot use, offers his services to the public as a boot-black and "shines 'em and brushes you" for 5 cents. Encourage him.

On last Monday, Mr. George W. Burke left New Market for Kansas to accept a position in the land office in Wallace county under the control of Messrs. Osborn and Henkel.

April 15, 1887

A Veteran Walk. On last Tuesday, Mr. Benjamin Clem, in the 82d year of his age, walked from his home near Quicksburg to Mr. John Whitmire's, more than a mile east of Valley View Springs, and back home, a distance of 14 miles - 7 from and 7 to. That will do for one of more than four-score years.

Persons. Miss Fannie Olinger left New Market last Monday for Oakland Cole County, Illinois, in which place she will make her future home.