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This picture, taken May 30, 1905, shows the Woodstock Presbyterian Church and Sextant House at the corner of South Church and East Court streets.

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Sept. 28, 1881

Married. In the Fort, Cross Road, by Rev. H. March on the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst., Mr. Wm. T. Baker and Miss Laura A. McInturff.

Died. Mr. Lorenzo Sibert, formerly of this county, and one time proprietor of Van Buren Furnace, died at Staunton last Sunday aged 78 years.

Oct. 5, 1881

Died. Mr. Abraham Miley, formerly of this county, died in Hardy County last Friday.

Sept. 23, Lucy C., infant daughter of A. L. Menefee in Strasburg.

On Sept. 27, Hellen Ruth, infant daughter of George and Rebecca Spengler of Strasburg.

In Strasburg Sept. 10, Uola, infant son of Asbury and Norah Redfern.

The Engine House will soon be completed and then the old building which now disfigures Court street will be removed.

Dr. D. W. Prescott of Edinburg died very suddenly last Tuesday. He leaves a wife and three children who will move to Michigan near relatives.

Died. In New Market Oct. 3, Eva Maud, only child of Charles and Jane Burkholder, aged one year.

Mary, wife of Abraham Funkhouser near Orkney Springs Oct. 1, aged 78 years 11 months and 3 days. She lived in the state of matrimony with her husband over 57 years and became the mother of 11 children.

Married. At Mt. Jackson, at Mr. J. F. Hutchinson's by Rev. G. T. D. Collins, Oct. 1, Mr. Joseph Coffman and Miss Martha V. Vann.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> Sept. at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Samuel Cooper, near Star Tannery, by Rev. Wm. Rusmisse, Miss Jennie C. Cooper and Mr. Sanford Heishman, of Hardy County, W. Va.

The *Shenandoah Valley*, in speaking of Rev. Peter Muhlenburg, undertakes to correct a correspondent who says he was Episcopal pastor, &c., and adds:

"Unquestionably he was a Lutheran minister. Rev. Paul Henkel, a co-laborer in the Lutheran Church, often recited the incident to some of our oldest citizens. Whilst some, with the author, represent the event as taking place at Woodstock, Va. (then Millerstown), there is a stronger probability that it took place near Rude's Hill, about four miles north of New Market, Va. The church in which is supposed to have taken place is no longer standing. We make the corrections only as a matter of history. The gown worn in those days by Rev. Paul Henkel is now in the possession of his grandson, Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., of this place. Editor of the *Valley*.  
Rev. Peter Muhlenberg was a Lutheran

minister, but he went to England and received Episcopal orders. The Editor of the *Valley* can find the matter fully explained in the life of Rev. Peter Muhlenburg. We know not upon what authority, the Editor of the *Valley* bases his stronger probability, but we can refer him to an old gentleman of this neighborhood who conversed with a gentleman who was present when Rev. Peter Muhlenburg delivered the famous sermon in the old church that stood on the Episcopal lot in this town near the location of the new Episcopal church. We will be happy to furnish the Editor with names of both parties referred to. *Shenandoah Herald*.

Oct. 14, 1881

Corner Stone Laying. On last Saturday the corner stone of a Methodist church was laid at Quicksburg, according to Masonic rites. The New Market and Broadway lodges were present, the Timberville band furnishing music.

Married. On the 6<sup>th</sup> inst. by Rev. Wm. C. Maloy, Mr. Marcus Copenhaver of Winchester and Miss Regina Copenhaver of Shenandoah County.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> by Rev. M. Rusmisse, Miss Gertrude Montz of this county and Mr. Thomas S. Parker of Alleghany County, Md.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of August by Elder Wm. Peters, Mr. John P. Coverstone to Miss Rebecca A. Golladay.

Died. At Maurertown Oct. 8, James H. Myers, age 50 years 4 months and 3 days.

Oct. 19, 1881

Mrs. Mary Susan Rush, wife of Mr. Milton Rush, and daughter of Mr. Harrison Copp, was instantly killed on her way to church last Sunday...She was quite young, having been married but ten months.

Uncle John Coffman, the grave digger of Woodstock for so many years, died last Monday. He was, we suppose, the oldest man in this place. He is said to have been born in 1793, and at the time of his death in his 88<sup>th</sup> year.

Married. Oct. 2 by Elder D. H. Rhodes, Mr. Uriah Brill to Miss Lula Orndorff, both of this county.

On Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> by the same, Mr. George W. Lockstampfer to Miss Margaret Williams, both of this county.

Died. Near the North Mountain, 4 miles west of Strasburg, on the 13. Mrs. Regina Brubeck in the 75<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

Sept. 29 at his residence near Woodstock, in the 80<sup>th</sup> year of his age, Mr. Isaac Painter.

Oct. 26, 1881

Married. In Strasburg on the 19<sup>th</sup> by Rev. J. H. March, Mr. John William Miller and Miss Anna Laura Short, all of this county.

At St. Mary's (Pine) Church Oct. 27, by Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt, Mr. Abraham Funkhouser and Miss Mary E., daughter of Conrad and Susanna Linhoss, both of this county.

On the 23d by Rev. F. H. Richey, Mr. Joseph B. Holmes and Flora A. McInturff.

Died. In Harrisonburg, Mrs. Annie M. Davis, wife of Samuel B. Davis, in the 43<sup>rd</sup> year of her age, daughter of the late Alexander Bowman of Woodstock.

Rosie Parker, daughter of Archibald and Sophronia Parker, on the 15<sup>th</sup> aged 8 months.

Oct. 18, Martha A. Miller, near Strasburg, aged 18 months, daughter of Jacob Miller.

Nov. 2, 1881

The P. O. Department has suspended Charles W. Whittington, Post Master at Paddy Mills, and has placed the office in charge of securities. Mr. Whittington is charged with violation of the postal laws in making false and fraudulent returns to the Department of the value of the stamps cancelled at his office. He received credit for \$4.00 more than he was entitled to.

Death away from home. Mrs. Charles Spitzer (maiden name Elizabeth Frances Amos) of New Market on Oct. 25 about one hundred miles east of Ogden, Utah, aged 69 years. She has two sons in California and a daughter in New Market, Mrs. Mary C. Rupp. About four weeks ago she left New Market in the company of Mr. Alexander Coyner and his wife for the purpose of visiting her sons. Her remains were taken to Ogden and neatly interred in a metallic casket. The corpse and burial received proper attention.

Died. In Forestville Oct. 21, Mr. Lewis F. Zirkle, aged 27 years 1 month and 17 days. He leaves a kind mother, a loving and devoted wife and a dutiful child.

Nov. 9, 1881

Notice. All persons are hereby notified not to trespass upon my lands situated in the Little Fort. It corners near the town road apposite Woodstock and extends near to Strasburg and contains 2000 acres. Wm. H. Marbury.

Married. At "White Hall" near Hawkinstown on the 3d by Rev. H. W. Kinzer, Dr. J. G. P. Williams to Miss Fannie A. Ripley, all of this county.

Died. On Nov. 2d, Johnathan Chilcott, aged 68 years 5 months and 1 day.

On Oct. 26 in Michigan, George M. Hinkens of Middletown, aged 26 years.

Ms. Eliza Myers died at Shenandoah Alum Springs on Nov. 2d, aged 75 years 3 months and 20 days. Her two sons, Maj. S. B. and Capt. J. E. Myers both gave their lives to the Confederate cause.