

This old postcard photo was taken in the days when the wheels of automobiles still were outfitted with wooden spokes. The building is identified as the waiting room of the Most Wonderful Caverns at Grottoes in Eastern Rockingham County. Although the caverns is undoubtedly still there the business has long since closed. Old photos are needed to continue this series. Persons who have old photos and who are willing to loan them are asked to bring them to The Free Press on U.S. 11, south of Woodstock.

Pages from newspapers past

Mar. 13, 1890

County Court Proceedings. Commonwealth of Virginia vs. William Rosenberger, Jno. W. Good, Elias Rosenberger, Jno. C. Dale, Frank Wolverton, William Spiker and Abraham Crabill for unlawfully hunting deer with dogs...Commonwealth of Virginia vs W. L. Fuller, three indictments for selling whiskey and beer to minors...G. H. Snarr was appointed and qualified as guardian of W. R. Orndorff ... T. L. Williamson was appointed and qualified as guardian for Bettie Brown...Rebecca J. Bly was appointed and qualified as guardian for Anne E. Bly, Rosa B. Bly and Charles A. Bly... Nellie Miller was appointed and qualified as guardian for Godfrey Miller, Alice Miller, and Andrew J. Miller...On petition of J. H. Rosenberger and others for a road from the River road through the lands of Lawrence Keller, by his barn-house, through the lands of J. H. Rosenberger, Mahlon Lichliter and Jacob E. Boyer, to the mouth of Shaver's lane, filed

Roll of Honor. Mt. Airy School. W. E. Fleming, teacher: Annie G. Clower, Alice B. Windle, Cora A. Hoover, Lucy A. Barr, A. Sager and David E. Ryman.

Two sisters, Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Lutz, aged respectively 22 and 19 years, daughter of Noah Wolf, and residing near Cabin Hill, died on the same day within a few minutes of each other of consumption. They were buried at the same time and place near Hudson's Cross Roads in the presence of 1000 person. Another sister and brother died of the same disease a year or two ago.

March 20, 1890

Married. March 6 by Rev. R. H. Cline, near Orkney Springs, Miss Sallie Funkhouser and Mr. Perry Ryan.

Feb. 26 in Strasburg by Rev. J. A. Spencer, Mr. Charles C. Pingley and Miss Mollie V. Strosnider, the former of Alexandria and the latter of Strasburg.

Rogers and Miss Alberta V. Emswiller, both of Shenandoah County.

On Mar. 2 by the same, Mr. Joseph F. Pingley and Miss Annie V. Liget, both of Shenandoah County.

On Mar. 16 near Zion's church by Rev. H. Tallhelm, Mr. Theodore C. Estep and Miss Alberta C. Clinedinst, both of this county.

Died. Mrs. Eliza Broy, wife of Elijah Broy March 14 aged 72 years 11 months and 13 days. Her body was interred at Cedar Grove church cemetery nearby.

Near Lebanon Church Mar. 5, Mr. Marshall E. Pangle, aged 63 years 11 months and 16 days.

Mrs. Mary Ann Neeb, nee Wilson, was born Aug. 18, 1819 and died March 16, 1890, aged 70 years, wife Philip Neeb.

Rev. Andrew Robey, at his home in Edinburg last Thursday. He leaves a widow, and by second marriage three sons and four daughters.

March 28, 1890

(Adv.) A visit to the store of J. H. Grabill of Woodstock will convince you that you can find anything in his line from the heaviest wagon harness to the lightest buggy harness on the market, all handmade and at prices which will suit. Ladies' saddles and whips, buggy whips, aprons, robes, and dusters, collars, bridles &c.

Nick Woodfork, the large colored man, so long the bar tender of the Shenandoah House of Woodstock, is now living in Pennsylvania. Not long since he visited the city of Wheeling where he was at once taken for Peter Johnson, the great colored prize fighter, who is trying to get up a scrap with Jno. L. Sullivan. Nick is a man of splendid build, dresses well and is no fool by a long ways. He played his part well, was feasted, serenaded, and driven around for some days,

succeeding at last in leaving the city without being detected. When the real Peter Jackson reaches Wheeling he will probably get his head cracked for an imposter, while Nick will stand off at a safe distance and laugh until he can be heard down here to Woodstock.

Strasburg News. William Brown, colored, died at the residence of his father in this place on Monday afternoon, March 24, after a lingering illness from dropsy, aged about 22 years.

Rev. J. A. Spencer, of the Christian church, preached his farewell sermon to a large congregation here on last Sunday night.

Powell's Fort Items. Main Street, Powell's Fort, has a building boom of the biggest kind. J. S. Mcinturff is building a house. C. S. Miller is also putting up a nice dwelling, while Harvy Huffman has improved his house by the addition of a handsome porch. Daniel Munch has finished his new home and is now occupying it. Mr. Tobias Baker is at work on his new dwelling and it will not be long until Jno. C. O'Flaherty has his new store-room under way. Our old friend, Jno. D. Combs will not be left behind in the search of improvement, but is getting ready to erect his house at an early day.

Died. Mrs. Annie Bowers at her home near St. Luke the 25th, aged 26 years.

We are informed that the Grand Army of the Republic have recently purchased a tract of land in the southern part of Frederick County and adjoining the line of Shenandoah County, embracing the Cedar Creek battle field. A large hotel will proba-'y be erected on the ground with ample accommodations for summer boarders and

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Several weeks ago we published the death of William Franks of near Timberville, from the effects of grippe, our information was incorrect as it was William Tussing who died instead. We hope that Mr. Franks will not take our mistake to heart...