



Photo courtesy of Mary Lou Thompson

It was 1968 or 1969 when these Cub Scouts paid a visit to the Bushong House on the New Market Battlefield. Members of Cub Pack 76, Den 1, Edinburg were (front, from left) Robbie Middleton, Mike Kline, Mary Beth Thompson (visitor), Harris Thompson, (second row) Toby Evy, Mike Daniels (visitor), M.K. Getz, Brad Dellinger, (third row) Mark Irvin, Ronnie Weatherholtz, Zane Neff, (back) Wayne Sine, den chief. Old photos are needed to continue this series. Persons with old photos to loan are asked to bring them to The Free Press office.

P ages from newspapers past

Feb. 28, 1889

Mr. Samuel G. Feller at his home on Toms Brook Feb. 22, aged 76 years 9 months and 29 days.

Two Sudden deaths. Mr. Henry Kern, who resided near St. Luke, dropped dead while surveying on Cedar Creek last Saturday morning about 10 o'clock and about the same time Mr. Jackson Wymer fell dead while grinding an axe at the home of Mr. Lewis Shell about three hundred yards distant from where Mr. Kern was at 73 years old and he leaves a large family of children...Mr. Wymer leaves a wife and nine children and was aged 52. The body was buried under a pine tree near his home where he had expressed a wish to be laid to rest.

The sale of the real and personal property of the Orkney Springs Co. took place Tuesday, Mr. Robert Wilson of Mt. Jackson being the purchaser at \$22,500, about thirteen hundred acres of rich mineral land on which the spring is situated were included in the purchase.

A small child of Mr. Michael Day, living two miles north of Edinburg, severely scalded its face and arms by upsetting a vessel containing hot water upon it on Thursday of last week.

Mr. George B. Bowman, formerly of Woodstock, who has lately been employed clerking at Zepp's, left on Tuesday for Texas where we understand a lucrative position is waiting for him.

An unusually large number of aged persons have been paralyzed in this county during the past several weeks. Mrs. Gideon Estep, living on Holman's Creek was the first to be stricken...she was found in the road in a helpless condition by Mr. Silone Pence, who happened to pass along that way shortly after she was paralyzed...she died later in the day...Mrs. Sarah Bushong, of near New Market was paralyzed about the same time, owing to her advanced age her death may occur at any day...Mr. John Maphis of Lantz's Mill was slightly paralyzed last week...Mr. Samuel Feller, who lived on Toms Brook, was paralyzed on Tuesday of last week. He died on Friday morning...Mr. Samuel Maphis of Saumsville, being stricken, we are pleased to say that he now bids fair to recover.

(Communicated). A New County. Speculation is rife at Strasburg and vicinity to form a new county to be known as Massanutten. It is proposed to take in the lower part of this, the western part of Warren, and southern part of Frederick to form the new county. It is claimed that persons living in these parts of the respective counties live too far from their different county seats - Strasburg to be made the county seat

of the new county, which is convenient from all points. The proposed line is to run across the valley in this county at about Maurertown, thence down the Massanutten mountain on a parallel line with said mountain, through Warren County to a point southeast from Crisman's Springs, or Vacluse, then on northwest by Vacluse through Frederick county to the West Virginia line, then south with the Frederick and Shenandoah line. The legislature this fall is expected to grant a charter for the new county, if a majority of the citizens of the proposed new county favor the project. Strasburg is to have a court house, also a jail if needed. The whole affair may possibly come to naught, yet there is a possibility of such a thing being possible. Fisher's Hill.

Four New States. On the 20th inst. both houses of Congress agreed to admit four new States to the Union - North and South Dakota, Montana and Washington-by these names...South Dakota is to have two representatives in Congress and each of the others one until the next apportionment.

March 8, 1889

Died. Maud, infant daughter of Ambrose and Elizabeth Deal, Quicksburg Feb. 28, aged 8 months.

Miss Luella, daughter of Samuel & Catherine Minnick four miles south of New Market Feb. 27, aged 17 years.

After a long illness, Sallie Willis, colored, aged about 15 years, at her home two miles east of New Market Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Mary C. Tisinger, wife of Mr. Samuel Tisinger, near Zion's Church March 4th, aged 64 years.

Married. Mar. 5 at Mt. Jackson, Miss Bertie Whiton and Mr. P. S. Roller.

On the 4th of March by Rev. H. Wetzel at his residence in Mt. Jackson, Mr. Jackson Merkley and Miss Jennie Day.

On the 24th by Rev. L. Fox, Mr. S. Sheetz and Miss Annie Hottel.

On Feb. 28th at Mt. Olive by Rev. J. S. Hopkins, Mr. Charles Sibert and Miss Lydia C. Fauber.

By Rev. Mr. Smithson, Rev. L. Fox and Miss Kate Stoneburner Feb. 24th.

Lantz's Mill Items. Mr. Swartz of Toms Brook, who has purchased the property formerly owned by the widow Mathews, will move with his family to this place quite soon.

Virginia To Wit...Ellen Diggs, by Ezra Albert, her next friend...complainant against Franklin Diggs, defendant...to obtain decree of divorce a vinculo matrimonii, the defendant is not an inhabitant of this state...