



This postcard photo of court square in Woodstock is dated 1914. According to the message on the back, it was sent in response to a letter that arrived in Quicksburg "on the two o'clock train." The photo was taken soon after the new jail was built and enclosed in an iron fence and before the front porch was added to the courthouse. A monument then stood in West Court Street near the front of the courthouse. The building adjacent to the jail (far left) housed the sheriff's office and the sheriff's personal residence. Shenandoah County required that its sheriff and his family live at the jail until the 1960s. Soon thereafter, a new jail was built and the sheriff was allowed to live where he chose. Old photos are needed to continue this series. Readers with old photos to loan are asked to bring or mail them to The Free Press.

Pages from newspapers past

May 10, 1888

7/17/03

Mrs. Mary Catherine Dellinger, wife of Mr. Turner A. Dellinger May 3 at her home near Jerome, aged 20 years 6 months and 26 days. She leaves a kind husband, one child and many relatives.

At the residence of his father, Isaac J. Foltz, Jerome, on May of Diphtheria, Hugh Foltz, aged about 16 years.

Godfrey Miller was born March 25, 1806 and departed this life May 12 naer St. Paul, aged 82 years 1 month and 17 days. He was the father of 8 children. His wife Catherine preceded him to eternity 12 years.

Dr. Young Convicted. Dr. William F. G. Young, who commenced the practice of medicine at Forestville several months ago, married Miss Aimee Carey Apr. 4, 1888, while his wife, Mrs. Sarah V. Young, to whom he was married June 14, 1870, was still living, was convicted of bigamy...he is 47 years old and the lady he last married is 26. Hard is the way of transgressors, their sins will find them out.

Court Proceedings. The following application for aid under the disabled soldiers act, during the late war, were approved...M. F. Gochenour, Jas. M. Racey, Erasmus Dellinger, Elizabeth Griffey, Bettie W. Marshall, Wm. H. Rice, Wm. S. Swartz, Isaac Swartz.

Jas. L. Reynard, B. Stanton, E. E. McInturff and Jas. H. Huff, being physically incapacitated for manual labor, are exempted from work on roads in their respective districts.

Jerome Items. The town of Cabin Hill is building up a good deal. A new church will be soon erected there...Mr. Noah Good has recently erected a new dwelling on back street at Cabin Hill...Mr. John H. Dellinger of Jerome is erecting a new water wheel to his saw mill and carding machine, Mr. David Tisinger of near Hamburg being the wheelwright.

May 17, 1888

Died. Mrs. Malinda Knupp, wife of Peter Knupp at her home 4 miles west of New Market May 12, aged 65 years 6 months and 21 days..

New Paper. Messrs. N. W. Baker and George C. Clem have started a new weekly paper (6 pages each 11 x 16 inches) at Quicksburg, price 75 cents per year. Shenandoah County has five secular newspapers, two at New Market, two at

Woodstock, and one at Quicksburg.

Messrs. Jacob Coffman, Wm. Mowery and Daniel Peters of Calvary are prospecting for silver at the Water Falls, Stirewalt land, in the Massanutten Mountain about four miles west of New Market.

Married. On the 10th inst. at Edinburg by Rev. H. Tallhelm, Mr. James B. Rhinehart and Miss Ella F. Irwin.

On the 10th inst. by Elder E. B. Shaver, Mr. Philip S. Fisher and Miss Annie B. Crabill.

Maurertown Items. Mrs. M. Saum returned to her home in Hagerstown, Maryland on the 14th.

Thos. Flynn jr. shot a ground hog that weighed 10 1/2 pounds. Tom said he would make a nice roast.

Edith Items. Mr. Wm. H. Miller of Cabin Hill, while trimming a tree of Messrs. Stoneburners' bark peeling, cut his leg very badly. He was taken to his home.

On Friday, Mr. Abram Keller, while returning home from the bark peeling, came in contact with three bears, one old one and two cubs. He tried to capture the cubs but the old one was too ferocious.

Mrs. Amanda Bowman, formerly of this county, died at the Eastern Lunatic Asylum, Williamsburg, May 11th.

Old "Uncle" Reuben Frazier, a venerable and much respected colored man, walked from his residence to Main Street a few days ago. "Uncle" Reuben is one of the oldest persons in this county, he being in his 97th year.

May 25, 1888

Maurertown Items. Thomas Priest, living on Pugh's Run, 2 miles southwest of here, died on May 19th, aged 67 years, his disease being hydrothorax.

General Local News. Mrs. Richards, a rather good looking white woman, was sent to jail by Mayor Magruder, charged with being rather of too easy virtue, and plying her business in an offensive manner. She was released on Saturday.

June 1, 1888

Trustees Sale of Valuable Real Estate...The valuable house and lot formerly occupied by Mrs. Mary E. Arthur, and known on the plot of the town of Woodstock as in-lots No. 76 and part of lot No. 53, adjoining the residence of Mrs. Moses Walton and Mrs. Elizabeth Heller...

Strasburg Items. Robert Smith, an old and well-known colored man, was buried here on Monday.

Died. Mrs. Anna, widow of Levi Schaeffer, May 26th, aged 78 years 9 months and 22 days, near Quicksburg.

Married. May 26 near Mt. Clifton by Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt, Mr. Isaac M. Fry and Miss Rebecca Baker.

June 7, 1888

Jerome News. Mr. Isaac Noel is still prospecting for silver on his farm. The prospect is favorable. Mr. Jno. H. Dellinger is still prospecting for coal and in doing so he found some very rich ore, which is supposed to contain silver.

Mr. Adam Barb, near Alum springs, has recently erected a new still-house.

The wife of Mr. Charles W. Dellinger is very ill with a large tumor. She is hardly able to get about.

Died. At her residence near Flat Rock June 4, Mrs. Abraham Garber, nee Miller, aged 60 years 4 months and 25 days. She leaves a husband and 13 children.

Mrs. Sarah Jane Fravel of Woodstock, aged 63 years 6 months and 14 days.

Married. On June 3rd by Rev. Mr. Bushong, Mr. Henry H. Shipe and Miss Artie B. Hollar. On May 31 by Rev. A. K. Kline, Mr. Samuel J. Wagner and Miss Nina I. Bauserman.

Sunday evening at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Henrietta Grabill, New Market, Miss Carrie Grabill and Mr. George Jones.

Edinburg Items. The following named persons have departed this place for the respective places name: Bernie Sheffler and family to Sandy Hook, Maryland; Zip Zimmernan, Jacob Sheetz and John Ludwig to Washington, D. C., Fred Lindamood to Philadelphia, S. P. Rinker to Chicago, John Bowman to Roanoke, Dr. W. F. Wissler to Chattanooga, Tennessee.

June 15, 1888

Court Proceedings. Under the act of the General Assembly giving aid to widows of soldiers and soldiers, &c: ordered for payment...W. S. Swartz, Polly Sigler, Rebecca Hottel, Gabriel Jenkins, Mary Coffman, Lydia Coffelt, R. L. Roberts and Elizabeth A. Orndorff.

Exchange Notes. The Quicksburg Times says Miss Vernie Delawder and Mary Sager, aged about 12 years, were drowned in the Cove Run on last Thursday. The run was very high and the girls attempted to cross on a log...Mary, when nearly across the stream, was washed down...and Vernie, in attempting to rescue her, was also drowned.