

Photo courtesy of Shenandoah County Historical Society

The Von Effinger House in the 200 block of North Main Street in Woodstock looked like this before the north end was removed. It is one of the remaining log homes in the town. Capt. Ignatius Von Effinger, a Hessian, was in charge of George Washington's personal security detail. He made his home in Woodstock.

Pages from newspapers past

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last Tuesday evening refreshments were served at Marston's Ice Cream Parlor for the benefit of the Christian Church...Mr. B. F. Hisey is building a new fence around his property on Water street... We think it would be advisable to have this ball playing on the streets stopped...Mr. J. J. Stoneburner and son Mr. L. T. Stoneburner have moved into the Wissler property on Main street.

Died. Mr. Alfred Ridenour of Powell's Fort died a few days ago. Mr. Ridenour was a blacksmith.

Mrs. Mary, wife of Jacob Neeb in Woodstock Monday evening from a severe attack of pneumonia.

Mr. David Lambert Friday morning aged 56 years. He leaves a widow and five children.

Wedding Bells. At the residence of Mr. Daniel Ransom on south Church street in Woodstock Thursday evening, Mr. Bird Dyer of Mt. Jackson and Miss Lizzie Thomas, sister of Mr. Ransom, by Rev. H. C. Conner.

Miss Emma L., daughter of Mr. P. J. Fravel, Woodstock Thursday morning to Mr. B. E. Sager of Cleveland, Ohio.

Apr. 10, 1896

Powell's Fort News. Mr. Leonard Barr and Miss Bettie Kneisley were married on Apr. 1st at Mr. T. B. Baker's by Rev. Wm. Peters...Mr. Frank Tamkin and Mr. T. M. Burk have the 10x13 Easter grin all around their faces. Both little girls.

Died. Mrs. Virginia E. Gouchenour, wife of Mr. Hampson P. Gouchenour at her home near Capon Road, aged 29 years, March 30th.

Mr. Joseph V. Snyder and Miss Flora V. Grandstaff at Hawkinstown on Tuesday.

(Adv.) McA'Fee and Lovett, Barbers, Main street, opposite the clothing store of Horsey and Atwell. Woodstock. Apr. 17, 1896

County Court. Applications of George W. Cooley, Jno. D. Combs and Elias Sheetz for aid as disabled Confederate soldiers, ordered for payment.

Mr. George W. Moreland of Powell's Fort was granted at the recent term of the circuit court, a divorce vinculo matromonii.

Married. At the bride's home near Seven Fountains, Mr. Marion Lichliter and Miss Laura A. Ritenour Apr. 12 by Elder B. F. Boyer.

Apr. 24, 1896

Married. By Rev. D. H. Rhodes Apr. 16, Mr. Charles A. Dysart and Miss Alice A. Barr.

Died. Mrs. Hannah Ryman at her home on Mill Creek near Paul Miller's Apr. 13th, aged about 69 years.

Mr. William Furr Friday morning aged probably about 40 years.

Miss Hester D. McInturff, daughter of Mr. Amos McInturff of Powell's Fort at the residence of Mr. George Linaweaver last Friday about 32 years. She had been living with Mr. Linaweaver's family for the last ten years.

Apr. 30, 1896

The Almshouse. Mr. E. L. Zirkle, overseer of the poor, was on a tour of inspection at the almshouse near Maurertown Wednesday. He reports all in splendid condition. There are 25 inmates, one aged about 65 years who has been there since infancy, and never off the place. Harvey Pollard, colored, New Market, is still there and often puts in a day's work; but in February his neck became stiff and still so remains, he being unable to move his head.

May 8, 1896

Died. Near Hepner's Apr. 22nd, Mathalie D. P., wife of Jacob Hepner, aged 37 years.

Mrs. Susan Crabill, widow of the late Joseph Crabill on Toms Brook last Sunday aged 87 years.

Mrs. Mary Ritenour, wife of Mr. George Ritenour and daughter of Mr. Abe Rickard near Maurertown, aged 35 years.

Married. At Forestville Apr. 28 by Rev. H. Ditzler, Mr. J. W. Drumbaugh of Dayton, Ohio, and Miss Mary A., daughter of Isaac Doll of Forestville.

May 14, 1896

Died. Mr. George W. Fry was born May 4, 1816 and died at his home near Rinkerton May 5, aged 80 years. He leaves two brothers and two sisters.

St. Luke News. Mr. Nathaniel Barton died May 9th. He was born March 31, 1813 and was aged 83 years. He was married three times, his third wife surviving him.

Mrs. Bessie Nicholas, wife of Mr. Wm. Nicholas, was buried Saturday, aged 24 years. This is the third wife this unfortunate man has lost, and his is only 32 years old.

News. Joseph Reynard of near Red Banks was tried for stealing wheat from a Mr. Fultz and convicted of petty larceny and sent to jail for fifteen days.

May 22, 1896

Died. Mrs. Mary Ann Minnick, widow of Mr. Peter Minnick was born Sept. 8, 1809 and died at her home near Mt. Clifton May 16, aged 86 years 8 months and 8 days.

Needmore News. Mrs. Addison McInturff is suffering very much from rheumatism... Died at her residence in Powell's Fort, Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Habron, wife of Jas. Habron May 11 at the advanced age of 71 years. She was a daughter of Capt. Benjamin S. Harman. She leaves a husband, four sons and two daughters.

Mr. George W. Keller, the well-known merchant of Fisher's Hill, died on Wednesday night of consumption, aged about 40 years. He leaves a widow and several children.