



Shenandoah Publishing House at Strasburg issued this postcard photo of the Shenandoah County Courthouse. The picture was taken before the columns and the portico were added and the wall along the north side removed. Photo courtesy of Donna Showman

Pages from newspapers past

Feb. 20, 1896

News. Casper Lloyd was arrested near New Market upon the charge of assaulting Tobias Combs with intent to maim, disfigure and kill...the cause of the difficulty was too much whiskey.

St. David's Items. During the year 1895, Mr. John M. Rinker made 48 trips across the mountain with his four-horse team and 25 with two horses. In that time he hauled 33,605 feet of lumber, 30 cords of bark, 16,500 plastering laths, 5,600 shingles, 176 railroad ties, 250 bushels of wheat, 7,600 pounds of phosphate.

Hugh Myers, Burns Hamrick, George Rudy and nine or ten other young men, mostly from the Maurertown and Pugh's Run sections, boarded the train in Woodstock for Ohio, in search of employment.

Mr. John Brooks Jr. is digging out the foundation for a new house on his lots near Indian Spring Park, on the south edge of Woodstock.

Feb. 27, 1896

Died. Julia Myers was buried at Flatrock Church Feb. 26. She was the consort of Samuel C. Myers near Forestville, aged 72 years. She leaves two sons and two daughters.

Mrs. Madaline Keys was born in Shenandoah County Apr. 10, 1830 and departed this life in Baltimore, Md. Feb. 19, aged 65 years. She was the beloved wife of John Keys.

Mar. 5, 1896

Roll of Honor. Forestville Graded School. Chester Andrick, Thomas Estep, Robert Estep, Isaac Garber, Walter Kirby, Minnie Branner, Rebecca Garber, Lena Whitmire, Ottie Zirkle, Georgia Zirkle, Stella Zirkle. Libbie P. Gouchenour, Teacher.

Died. Perry David Barb, aged 19 years 3 months and 24 days, Feb. 24. He leaves a mother, two brothers and one sister.

Susan Walker, Feb. 23, aged 63 years. Her husband preceded her to the spirit land nearly two years.

Mr. William McShane, aged 75, Friday evening in New Market.

Mar. 13, 1896

Oranda Dots. Mr. Jos. Hausenfluck of Jadwyn and Miss Blanch Keller were married Mar. 8th. Mr. John Richards, a popular young man, died last Friday night.

He leaves a widow.

Died. Mrs. Henrietta Hamman, wife of Mr. George Hamman, of Zepp, on the 4th of March, aged 55 years. She leaves four children and husband.

Mr. T. Wright of Toms Brook, Monday from consumption, it is supposed, he contracted his lung trouble by exposure while working at a large saw mill at Davis, W. Va. He leaves a widow and children.

Mrs. Ophelia C. Burner, wife of Dr. D. F. Burner, Monday. She was a daughter of Mr. B. B. Wierman of Moore's Store. Her age was 29 years.

Mr. Isaac Haas, on Saturday, aged 80 years, a widow and four sons and four daughters survive.

Funeral services for Mr. Abram Sager were held at Baker's school house. He was in the 78th year of his age. The only near relative at his funeral was his aged sister.

Mr. Jas. A. Kibler of Calvary, who has been helping on the work on the new church at St. David's, which is being built by the Ohio Lutherans, returned to his home Sunday.

Mr. R. A. Clark of Mt. Clifton has the belt, he can boast a flock of 11 ewes that have 23 lambs.

Mar. 19, 1896

During last year, Mr. A. L. Clem of Quicksburg, the boss fisherman, caught three carp which weighed five, seven and 16 pounds respectively, whilst five large carps got away. He caught over a thousand fish and eels. Last Christmas day he also killed 113 bats and in 1893 and 1894 caught eight raccoons. He is quite an Isaac Walton and Nimrod. Who can beat his record?

The condition of Mr. Pius Combs has somewhat improved and efforts are being made to secure bail for Mr. Casper Lloyd, who stands indicted for assaulting Combs with intent to kill last month. His bail will be fixed at five to six hundred dollars, so we are informed, non officially.

Died. Mr. John J. Estep, of kidney troubles at his home in Forestville Thursday morning. He was aged about 70 years. He leaves a wife and three children.

March 17, Mrs. Jacob (Sarah) Jeems, colored, at her home in the Massanutten mountain two miles south of New Market in the 66th year of her age. She was twice married, first to Mr. Moore, and leaves a son, Benton Moore, residing near New Market.

Mrs. Margaret Getz March 17 in New

Market aged 68 years. She leaves a son Mr. Jeff Getz and a daughter, Miss Anna Getz, both single.

War Relics Unearthed. After a lapse of 32 years, new evidence of the Battle of New Market are unearthed. In plowing on Dr. F. E. Rice's land, his son, Thomas, brought to light a large, long-shell, with a wide lead band around it, and nearby eight iron canister, weighing each two and one half ounces and 18 weighing one ounce each. Mrs. Dr. Rice says, during the Battle of New Market May 15, 1864, in coming down cedar hill on their retreat, a piece of the Yankee artillery partially upset, and stuck in the mud in a field of Dr. Rice. The horses were cut loose and the gun spiked, and the Yankees continued their rapid flight. The shell and canister found are supposed to have fallen out of the limber chest. Mrs. Rice also recalls seeing Gen. Sigel pass her house, and hearing him say in an excited voice: "Mein Gott! Mein Gott! Vere ish mine cavalry."

Alonzaville. March 19th, 1896. Mr. Editor...I want to say to the two persons who reported their flock of lambs since I did...who claim to wear the belt...I can pick out 12 ewes with 25 lambs...Respectfully, Geo C. Wisman.

Mt. Olive News. Mr. Milton Conner of this place is going to start a livery...Mr. Philip McElwee has purchased a farm. Now he wants a 56 inch bicycle with which to run down foxes...Mr. Oliver Grove has found a new way to drive squirrels from a hollow tree. He blows tobacco smoke in, and says it will make them get out every time...Mr. Philip Boehm died at his home on Pugh's Run Sunday morning, aged 78 years. He was born June 29, 1817. His aged wife and two daughters have been quite ill.

Mar. 26, 1896

Died. March 13 Mrs. Anna M. Hollar, aged 54, consort of Mr. Christian Hollar. She leaves three daughters and one son. Funeral services were held at Flat Rock.

Mar. 19 near Moore's Store, Andrew J. Armentrout aged 21 years. He was the only son of George and Mary Ann Armentrout.

Oranda Letter. Two of the best men from this end of the county have died since our last report. Mr. Mort Ash on March 20 at his home on Capon Grade. Mr. Martin Hamman at his home on the back road, March 23. He leaves a widow and several children.