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WEDNESDAY. July 17, 1895.

Miss Lide Endsley, of Johnstown, is guest of her cousin Miss Mabel McCoy.

Mr. John A. Beaver, of Philadelphia, is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. H. Baer.

The regular services will be held in the Lutheran Church next Sabbath morning and evening.

Mrs. Francis Baer Fry, of Philadelphia, is guest at the home of her mother, Mrs. H. G. Baer.

Mrs. A. C. Coffroth, of Keyser, W. Va., is visiting at the home of Mrs. C. H. Speich, on Patriot street.

Mr. H. King, of South Bend, Armstrong county, is visiting at the home of his father, Rev. Hiram King, in this place.

Several Pittsburg families are rusticating at Tayman's Lavansville inn, a delightful place to spend the heated term.

The Casebeer Sunday School will hold a picnic on Saturday, August 3rd, in the beautiful grove adjoining the church in Brothersvalley township.

Mr. Elbridge Kyle, formerly of the Somerset House, has accepted the management of the Irondale, one of Bedford's leading hotels.

The voters of Bedford gave a large majority at the election on Saturday against the proposition to issue $25,000 in bonds to improve the water supply.

Miss Flora Turner, of Brothersvalley township, has been elected to teach one of the public schools in the Sixth Ward, Johnstown, the ensuing term.

The congregation of the Horner Lutheran Church, in Quemahoning township, have decided to hold their annual harvest home picnic on Saturday, August 17.

Thornton Benford, a native of this place, who took up his residence in Washington, Ill., many years ago, is paying a visit to his Somerset county relatives.

The weather has been so cold and damp for past few days that many families are compelled to kindle fires in their stoves in order to make their homes comfortable.

Elder William Mullendore and wife, and Miss Kate Snyder and Mr. Frank K. Sanner, of this place attended the National Christian Endeavor Convention at Boston last week.

Rev. J. L. W. Seibert, of Milford township, has decided to become a resident of Somerset and last week purchased Mr. William Stoddard's South Main Cross Street property.

Communion services were held in the Reformed Church, in Quemahoning township, on Sunday last, when a larger number of communicants were present than on a similar occasion in years past.

The children of the late Chas. Menser, of this place, desire through the columns of the HERALD to return their thanks to many friends who came to their assistance during the last illness of their father.

Stewart, only son of Henry F. Schell, Esq., of this place, has been elected to a professorship in the Bethany College, Bethany, W. Va. Mr. Schell has been engaged in business in Chicago for some time past.

Sheriff Hoover and Prothonotary Sayler have accepted invitations to be present at the execution of John Goode and William A. Freeman, who will be executed in the Westmoreland county jail, at Greensburg, on Thursday.

Friedens annual harvest home picnic will be held in Snyders's grove, near that place, on Saturday, August 17th, a cordial invitation is extended to the public to be present. Good speakers and excellent music will be in attendance.

Mr. D. S. Hauger, a Somerset county boy who learned the printing trade in the office of the Meyersdale *Commercial*, and subsequently conducted a large job printing office in Chicago, arrived in town yesterday on his return to Chicago from Boston.

Daniel Beachley, who has been a resident of Johnstown for the past twelve years, is spending two weeks among his former neighbors and friends in Quemahoning and Jenner townships. His friends declare that he looks as young as he did twenty years ago.

J. S. Barkman, Superintendent of the Sunday School, near Lavansville, requests us to announce that a harvest home and basket picnic will be held in the grove near the Church, on Saturday, August 24th, to which the public is cordially invited.

It is known that the village of New Lexington was platted and founded in the year 1822 on lands that were patented to John Wells, son of Richard. The number of lots was forty-seven. We desire our friends there to inform the HERALD by whom the town was laid out and who built the first house.

After spending two weeks with Somerset friends, Mr. John H. Snyder left Monday evening for his home, Dayton, O., but not until after he had promised to return in September in order to take part in celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of Somerset's becoming the seat of justice for this county.

A fishing party composed of Albert Werner, George Neff, Rex King, George Platt, William Benner, Albert Conrad and several others are spending a week camping on the banks of the Casselman river near Ursina. In all probability that placid stream will be depopulated of black bass before they return.

William Millhouse, of Berlin, who last Tuesday night abstracted a bag filled with corn and one partly filled with meal from the barn of Mr. Jacob Lane, of the same place, was arrested and agreed to pay for the stolen goods, when the prosecution brought against him was dropped.

Much credit for the success attending the big centennial parade in this place on the 4th is due to Messrs. Lewis T. Krebs and Charles P. Holderbaum, who acted as orderlies for Chief Marshal Sanner. Both of these gentlemen were untiring in their efforts to see that the delegations from the various districts fell promptly into the positions assigned them.

Daniel Shaulis, who was committed to the County Home from Berlin about two years ago, died in that institution on Friday morning last, and was buried in the Somerset Lutheran cemetery on Saturday. The deceased's exact age is not known, but he was a comparatively old man twenty-five years ago, and must have been in the neighborhood of ninety years.

Elsewhere in this paper will be found the historical addresses delivered by John O. Kimmel, Esq., John G. Ogle, Esq., and Hon. G. P. Shaver, on the occasion of the celebration of Somerset County's centennial, also, an address prepared by banker Samuel Philson, of Berlin. The addresses of Messrs. Ogle and Kimmel have both been revised since they were delivered and are now believed to cover the subjects assigned to them in every detail. All of the published addresses are filled with valuable historical matter and will be of great interest to future generations. The papers containing them should be preserved.

Mr. Willis Rhoads, son of Mr. C. F. Rhoads, of this place, last week accepted a flattering offer to continue in the service of a large Chicago patent medicine company. Mr. Rhoads had canvassed this state and a portion of New York for the company last year and met with such gratifying success that his employers were anxious to have him remain in their employment.

Mr. J. B. Snyder and family, who have been residents of Wilmerding, Allegheny county, for the past several years, returned to Somerset Monday and will in a few days take possession of the Schmucker house on North Main Cross Street. Mr. Snyder has purchased Mrs. M. E. Schrock's book, wall paper and art store, and will take formal possession of it about August 1st.

Perhaps the oldest resident of this county is Mr. David Stripe, of Allegheny township, who was born on March 24, 1799, at Harper's Ferry, W. Va. He came with his parents to Somerset county when he was four years of age and has resided in Allegheny township ever since. The venerable gentleman enjoys remarkably good health and is still able to perform more or less labor on his farm.

The Berlin *Record* is authority for the statement that Mr. Edward Johnson, of that place, stands ready to give either Mr. Guerley or Mr. Young, of Meyersdale, who withdrew from the one mile bicycle race on the 4th, alleging irregularity of Johnson's entry, a race on the Somerset track at any time they may select. Mr. Johnson further characterizes Mr. Guerley's challenge to race for $50, a huge bluff.

The hardest job that ever fell to the lot of a Bucks County barber was performed on Thursday by a Perkasie scissor wielder. Charles Ziegenfuss, a painter, had upset a bucket of paint while at work upon a scaffold, and the contents poured down upon his head. His hair became a solid chunk, and it took the barber about three hours to give him a sandpaper cut.

For several weeks past agents of a co-operative purchasing society have been canvassing this place offering to furnish customers with goods of all descriptions from a hair comb to a grand square piano at wholesale prices. We would caution our readers to deal only with home merchants, who advertise their goods and will not misrepresent them. Give the co-operative agents the cold shoulder.

The county jail was tenantless only one week and now contains two violators of the law. Wesley Hamm was incarcerated for the larceny of a set of harness at Meyersdale, and Henry Smith for smiting a stranger from Indiana county, who came here to participate in the centennial festivities, on the cheek with sufficient force to break his jaw-bone. Smith is also a stranger, but had been living in Somerset township for several months.

Simon Sweitzer's new distillery on Gravel Hill is ready to begin operations as soon as permission is granted by the Internal Revenue department. Mr. Sweitzer's plant is constructed after the most modern and improved plans and will be able to convert rye into whisky by what is called the continuous process. The beer passes through twelve different processes before being converted into spirits, and without being released from the still. It is claimed that by this process the spirits contain less fusil oil and other poisonous impurities than those manufactured by other methods. Mr. Sweitzer's plant is a model of convenience.

Amos Zerfoss, a mild-eyed youth from Stonycreek township, was in Somerset Monday afternoon. He bought himself not less than three beers when he imagined he was "three sheets in the wind," and began to cut queer capers about the Somerset House stable. Along about eight o'clock in the evening Amos got out his venerable gray mare and antiquated vehicle preparatory to setting out for home, when John Cover, who is employed at the hotel, happened to notice that the horse was wearing two bridles and that a lot of other harness belonging to the hotel stable was concealed in Amos's buggy. He at once swore out a warrant for Zerfoss's arrest charging him with larceny. Officer Weimer served the warrant and in default of bail Esquire Casebeer committed the prisoner to the county jail.

A gentleman who has recently visited nearly every township in the county tells us that wheat is very short and difficult to cut. The heads, however, are well-filled, but the yield will not be as large as usual. Rye looks exceptionally fine, the heads being large and well filled. Oats never looked more promising than it does at present and this year's crop promises to exceed any harvested in a number of years past. Hay is short, especially in old meadows, many of which will hardly pay for the mowing. Corn looks well, considering the lateness of the spring and the time it was planted. Barely is short in the straw but promises to turn out well. High land orchards are all in good condition and will produce an average crop of apples, while low land orchards are nearly all barren of fruit. Plums will be a rarity in this county, as the home trees are all without fruit. Small fruits, such as blackberries, raspberries and huckleberries are very plentiful.

There appears to be a general desire upon the part of our citizens to make the fountain in the public square a fixture. When our talented young townsmen, Messrs. P. A. Schell and George Krebs, undertook to erect an electric fountain in order to ornament the square during the County centennial celebration, the public had a very faint idea of the labor entailed or the expenditure they were put to, but when the work was finished all expressed their delight at the result attained. Much of the apparatus which goes to make up the electric fountain is of a temporary character, but we have been informed from reliable sources that by expending a sum not exceeding $500 the fountain can be made a permanent attraction. If this is correct the money should be forthcoming without any great effort. In case the fountain is made a permanency, or even if it is not, the borough authorities should make a start at permanently improving the streets of the town by paving the public square with fire brick. It is time to do away with the unsightly crossings, mud puddles and dust that have hitherto been the chief features of that public resort.

Every now and then, says the Harrisburg *Telegraph*, one hears a story about the building of the abandoned South Penn road between here and Pittsburg. The short, sad history of this proposed and partly finished line is too well known here to need repetition. As surveyed it had a route some forty miles shorter than the Pennsylvania between these two points. The Pennsylvania would have completed the road for through freight purposes, but was restrained by the courts, which refused to countenance the operation of two parallel friendly lines. Now, however, the Cumberland Valley, having purchased, through condemnation proceedings, for a mere song the unfinished roadway between here and Mt. Dallas, Bedford county, is said to be seriously considering the early completion of the road as far as Mt. Dallas, which would give it entrance into the big coal fields of that region, also a connection with the Bedford division of the Pennsylvania. What was doubtless the last meeting of the old South Penn Board of Directors was held some six weeks ago and the business of the concern wound up. The maps, profiles and other office papers of the company have been removed to the headquarters of the Cumberland Valley at Chambersburg, and will be of some use when work on the line is resumed. It is believed that something will be done in this direction before many months.

An Interesting Narrative.

In last week's HERALD it was announced that ex-Mayor Horace Rose, of Johnstown, had prepared an address which he had expected to deliver in this place during the Centennial celebration, and in order that it might be given to our readers and preserved on account of its historical value the editor of the HERALD addressed a note to Mr. Rose asking for his manuscript for publication. The honorable gentleman replied that he had not been invited to make an address, and hence prepared none. In order that the Committee on program may understand the gross oversight they made in not having extended an invitation to Mr. Rose to deliver an address, and in order that one of the most interesting narratives connected with the early settlement of our county may not be lost, we publish herewith an interview which he gave to a reporter of the Johnstown *Democrat*.

The maiden name of Mr. Rose's mother was Elizabeth Fream. Her father was Moses Fream, a man of prominence and distinction in his day in Somerset county, and her mother was Agnes Smiley, a daughter of Robert Smiley, whose mother was Rhoda Boyd. In her youth Rhoda Boyd was an Indian captive, the story of her experiences being told in a narrative by Bouquet. When she was seven years old Indians from the Miami region of Ohio made a raid into Pennsylvania and committed numerous depredations and barbarities, none more cruel than that which may be termed the Quemahoning massacre. Rhoda's father had gone to York, Pa., on business, and during his absence the Indian foray was made, his wife and infant child being tomahawked and his house burned and one son and two little daughters carried off to the Miami region and thence further west and north. Mr. Boyd did not rest in his pursuit of the Indians until he had located them and recaptured his two daughters. At the time of being restored to her father Rhoda was 14 years old. The son was never recaptured, but was heard of later as being with the Indians in Canada.

Rhoda Boyd grew up to be a fine woman notwithstanding the hardships of her early life, and to her husband, Robert Smiley, she bore a large family of children, one of the issue becoming the wife of Moses Fream. Mayor James Boyd of Johnstown is a descendant of the same Boyd as Mr. Rose, but by a second marriage, Rhoda's father having taken another wife some time after the murder of the first and the destruction of his home and stealing of his children. The mother of the late Hon. W. S. Morgan of Quemahoning was Polly Fream, a sister of Mr. Rose's mother. There were 11 children of them all, four sons and seven daughters. The sons were Thomas, Smiley, Lewis and James.

Mr. Rose's father, Allen Rose, was born in 1792 in Bedford county, Pa., along the line of Bloody Run. He was of the sixth generation of that line of Roses in this country. The Roses first settled in Virginia, and one branch found their way into Maryland and pushed thence into Bedford county, this state. One of the Rose's, also named Allen, served on the first grand jury in Bedford county, which county was organized in 1771. Mr. Rose's grandfather, William Rose, moved over into Somerset county very early in the present century. Allen Rose, the second, married Elizabeth Fream, and settled on the Quemahoning, near what is now Morgan's Mills, and came to Cambria county in 1828, settling first near Geistown and coming soon to Johnstown, making his home at the corner of Market and Vine streets, and in 1831 moving to what has ever since been known as Rosedale, a short distance north of town, where he died the same year.

Fertilizers.

I have completed a new warehouse at Somerset Pa., and will at all times be prepared to furnish the Zell Guano Co. fertilizers specially prepared by them for the different crops and in any quantity; these goods have been thoroughly tested and prove to be of the very best. Persons desiring any of the above goods can be accomodated by calling on H. L. Sipe Somerset Pa. A supply of the same goods will also be kept at my Sipesville warehouse.

Peter Sipe, Ag't.

Death of Chas. H. Menser.

Charles H. Menser, for many years one of the leading lumbermen of this county, died Saturday morning at his residence on Patriot street, aged sixty-two years. The deceased was a man of large frame and powerful muscle, but was rendered helpless five years ago by a stroke of paralysis. On April 2nd last he suffered a second stroke, followed by a third a few days later, and a fourth on Monday preceding his death. He never rallied from the effects of the fourth stroke and lingered in an unconscious condition until death came to his relief. The remains were interred in the Lutheran cemetery on Monday morning, Rev. Harkey, of the Lutheran Church, conducting the religious services. Mr. Menser was married to Harriet, daughter of David Casebeer, of Somerset township, on the 27th day of Nov., 1849, and a short time afterwards he united with the Casebeer Lutheran Church. He was the father of eleven children, one of whom, Mrs. L. M. Bream, of this place, died a few months ago. The surviving children are as follows: Mrs. Albert Berkey, of Johnstown; William, of Somerset township; Simon, of Leadville, Col.; Mrs. W. H. Bowman, of Hooversville; Irvin, of Sipesville; Henry, of Chicago; Noah, of Somerset; Thornton, of Johnstown; Fannie and Clara, of Somerset. His wife also survives. The deceased enjoyed the friendship and esteem of thousands of the people of this county, all of whom will regret to learn of his death.

"After suffering from dyspepsia for 3 years, I decided to try Burdock Blood Bitters. Two bottles cured me entirely." Mrs. G. C. White, Taberg, Oneida county, New York.

Notice to Teachers and Coal Dealers.

The Somerset Borough School Board will meet Tuesday, July 30th 1895, to select ten (10) teachers. All applications must be filed with the secretary on or before that date.

Bids for furnishing coal for the Borough schools will be also received.

M. J. Pritts,
July 16, 1895. *Secretary.*

Were Elegantly Entertained.

The Secretary of the Vigilant Fire Company, Johnstown, has forwarded the following communication to Chairman W. H. Ruppel, of the County Centennial Executive Committee:

GENTLEMEN:—At the regular monthly meeting of the Vigilant Fire Company I was instructed to extend to you a vote of thanks for the elegant manner in which you entertained the members of our company who took part in the celebration in your town on the 4th inst.

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE MASER,
Secretary.

Wanted.

A good live agent in Somerset county to sell the latest thing in gate and door springs. Address, C. R. Soxman, Somerset or Latrobe, Pa.

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Until there be correct thought there cannot be right action. Therefore, think right and buy the Cinderella Range, and right action is assured. Sold by

JAMES B. HOLDERBAUM,
Somerset, Pa.

West Virginia Farms.

Choice improved farms along the West Virginia Central and Pittsburg Railway, for sale cheap. Good home market for truck and farm products. Profitable investment for Pennsylvania farmers. For prices and further particulars address.

N. G. KEIM,
ELKINS, W. VA.

BENCH AND BAR.

Historical Address Delivered at the Centennial Celebration of Somerset County.

BY JOHN O. KIMMEL, Esq.

Bedford county was formed out of Cumberland county on the 9th day of March, 1771. The entire territory of Somerset county was recognized as Brothersvalley township and embraced part of Cambria county, as far north as Ebensburg and was assessed as Brothersvalley township in the fall of 1772, under the English government, and taxed in the English currency of pounds, shillings and pence. The entire assessment list contained 125 names.

On the 17th day of April, 1795, by an act of the General Assembly, Somerset county was formed out of the western end of Bedford county and Governor Thomas Mifflin appointed five commissioners to view the proposed county and to fix upon and recommend a place for a county seat, who on the 12th day of September, 1795, filed the following report, fixing Somerset, then called Brunerstown, as the seat of justice of said county.

COPY OF COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

SUMMERSET TOWN, Sept. 12, 1795.

"SIR—We, the undersigned commissioners appointed by his Excellency, Thomas Mifflin, Esq., Governor of the state of Pennsylvania, agreeable to an Act of the General Assembly, passed April 17, 1795 have viewed the county of Summerset and taking the centre and other important circumstances under view, do unanimously fix on the town of Summerset (formerly called Brunnerstown) as a proper place for the seat of Justice for said county. We are sir,

Yours Truly,
WILLIAM FINDLAY, JOHN BADELET,
JAMES CHAMBERS, THOS. CAMPBELL,
A. J. DALLIS, Secretary."

The first term of court was held by Hon. Alexander Addison, President Judge of the 5th Judicial District and James Wells, Abraham Cable and Ebenezer Griffith, Associate Judges. On Monday, the 21st of December, 1795, in room a hired from Jacob and Henry Schneider, at the rate of thirty dollars a year, at which time the county of Somerset was fully organized and the legal business of the county with its various machinery set in motion. On the 15th day of February, 1796, a contract was made with Josiah Espey and John Campbell for the construction of a temporary jail, which was located on the lot on which the magnificent residence of James McKelvey has been erected. On the 17th day of August, 1798, a contract was made with Robert Spencer for the erection of a court-house for $5,600. This was not finished until 1802. In April, 1801, a contract was made with Peter Kimmel to erect two public offices of brick. The contract to erect a substantial jail was made with Adam Miller on the 7th of October, 1802.

Judge Addison presided at different times until 1809. He was not a resident of the county but the writer thinks he was sent by the authorities of the State government from Philadelphia to preside as often as was necessary. His rulings and opinions were collected and published in a book and are now regarded as authority by the Courts of Pennsylvania in many litigated cases. His mode of travel from Philadelphia to Somerset was on horseback, which was then the only means of conveyance; and owing to the bad roads requiring at least 8 or 10 days travel or more.

After Judge Addison, Judge James Riddle, Judge Thomas Cooper and Judge John Young presided as president judges at Somerset.

The case of Noel Huguel, the Frenchman, who killed a drover named Pollock, on Allegheny mountain, was tried before the Hon. John Young at Feb. sessions, 1807, and he was found guilty and hung at Somerset. At the trial Michael Hugus and Ulery Summers were sworn as interpreters, both having emigrated from Alsace and Lorraine, and were descendants of Huguenots. Ulery or Uly Summers lived in Stonycreek township. His daughter, Mrs. Tobias Lehman, now nearly ninety years of age, is still alive and resides with her son, Valentine Lehman, in Brothersvalley township.

After this, Hon. Thos. Baird, John Tod and Alexander Thompson, respectively, presided as President Judges, until April term, 1842, at which term Hon. J. S. Black having been appointed by Governor Porter, remained on the bench until December term, 1851. The Hon. F. M. Kimmel was elected and served his full term until 1861. Hon. James Nill was then elected for ten years, but died in 1863. Then Hon. Alexander King, was appointed, and elected afterwards, but died 10 January, 1871. Then J. Watson Rowe was appointed as an associate law judge. After the death of Judge King, Hon. William M. Hall was appointed, afterwards elected and served the full term to 1881. Then Hon. Wm. J. Baer was elected and served his full term to 1891. Then Hon. J. H. Longenecker was elected for the term and is now the President Judge.

The records show that the first court was held at Somerset on the 21st day of December, 1795, by Judge Addison, and that it was a great day for the citizens of the county. A large number attended on that day to see and hear the proceedings of court, which, living as they did, remote from Bedford, in the mountains and wilds of Allegheny and Laurel Hill mountains, was a matter of great curiosity for those who had never seen a court of justice performing its functions. They came from all parts of the county in their home manufactured clothing. Almost every man had his trusty rifle with him, hoping to meet a number of marksmen, who, as was the custom in that day, wished to ascertain who was the best sharpshooter and which could, like Cooper's Leatherstocking, hit the centre of the target, or, in their back-woods language, drive the nail. These ancestors of ours were stalwarts, physically, were hunters and had been hardened by labor and sustained by their wonderful pluck to encounter all the trials and difficulties usually consequent in a new country.

They came in their home-spun clothing, the outer coat being the hunting shirt, as it was called, with rabbit and fox skin caps, with the customary powder horn and shot pouch and flintlock rifle which at Lundy's Lane and New Orleans had accomplished so much, proving their Anglo-Saxon German-American blood on the battle field.

The early settlers of Somerset county having a choice of all the lands in the county, selected certain good locations, and when they applied for warrants in the land office at Harrisburg their descriptions were very loosely written and often only included a limited number of acres, because they said we cannot pay taxes on a large tract; consequently this mode of proceeding was the cause of much litigation afterwards, and so far as we are able to ascertain the most of the business of the bench and bar for many years was in actions of trespass and ejectment, and when an attorney was reputed as a good land lawyer his reputation was established.

Of the judges who preceded Judge Thompson we know very little, except that they were all men of talent, well educated and eminent as lawyers and presided with the dignity and impartiality that were necessary to command respect.

Hon. Alexander Thompson was appointed President Judge of this district in 1827 by Governor John Andrew Schultze and presided until 1842 at which time his term was shortened by the terms of the constitution of 1838. Judge Thompson having presided at Somerset for many years, was regarded as a good lawyer and an upright judge, whose rulings were well sustained by the Supreme Court.

Hon. J. S. Black. In 1842 Judge Black was appointed President Judge of the district known as Franklin, Bedford and Somerset district, by Governor Porter. He was born on the 10th of January, 1810, was educated in the common schools of his day, finishing at an academy in Fayette county. He presided until 1832 when he was elected to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and became Chief Justice. He was afterwards, during the administration of James Buchanan, appointed Attorney General of the United States, and Secretary of State.

The historian of Bedford and Somerset counties says of him: "Spotless integrity a profound knowledge of the law and love for its principles were united in him; dignity, firmness, vigor of thought and perspicuity of expression all of the highest order."

Hon. F. M. Kimmel was born in the town of Berlin, in the year 1816. His education was acquired in the common schools of the county After reading law in the office of Hon. J. S. Black he was admitted to the bar March 19, 1839, and from that time until 1851 he was known as one of the most able and active members of the Somerset bar. At the October election of 1851 he was elected President Judge by a large majority. He served the full term of ten years and won an enviable reputation as a judge. Possessed of a fine intellect and sound judgment, his decisions were almost invariably sustained by the Supreme Court. Soon after the expiration of his term he removed to Chambersburg, where he died in June, 1891.

Hon. James Nill, was elected in the fall of 1860 and presided until his death in 1863. Was esteemed as a good lawyer and an impartial judge.

Hon. D. Watson Rowe was appointed additional law judge in March, 1868. In October of that year he was elected to the same position for ten years, beginning the first Monday of December, 1868. When Franklin county became a separate judicial district Judge Rowe was commissioned President Judge of it, (the 38th district of Pennsylvania.) Was esteemed as a reliable lawyer and impartial judge.

Hon. Alexander King was born in the year 1805, admitted to the bar in Huntingdon county on the 11th of November, 1828. He afterwards removed to Bedford. In 1847 he was elected to the State Senate. He served out his term of three years with credit to himself and entire satisfaction to his constituents. Upon the death of Judge Nill at Chambersburg, in 1863, he was appointed President Judge by Gov. Curtin, and afterwards elected for a full term of ten years, but died 10th of January, 1871. As a judge he stood well, a peer among the Common Pleas judges of the state.

Hon. W. M. Hall was born in Lewistown, Pennsylvania, November 3, 1828. Having received a thorough preparatory education he entered as a student at Marshall College, Mercersburg, graduated in July, 1846; and after reading law in the office of Wm. Lyon, Esq., at Bedford, was admitted to the bar in August, 1849. He was appointed Judge Advocate by President Lincoln in January, 1865, and served one year. In 1868 he was one of a committee to revise the statutes of the State of Pennsylvania. After the death of Hon. Alexander King he was appointed President Judge by Governor Garey, and at the next election, November, 1871, was elected for the ensuing term. Throughout the entire term of Judge Hall the business of the district was great and an unusually large number of litigated cases of importance were adjudicated. Judge Hall is deeply versed in the law and well prepared by a long and successful practice at the bar for the important position to which he was called.

Hon. Wm. J. Baer was born in the town of Berlin on the 20th of January, 1835. He received his early education in the common schools of Somerset county. His habits of study in those days were methodically and accurately formed and in a large degree aided in the development of his naturally vigorous mind. He attended one term at Marshall College at Mercersburg. He was admitted to the bar May 7, 1849, having read law in the office of F. M. Kimmell. He was elected President Judge of this district in November, 1881, and served his full term of ten years. His success was largely wrought by methods of untiring energy and a consistent, well directed ambition. He had a most accurate perception of the hearing of all testimony offered and rare powers for the examination and cross-examination of witnesses, and was regarded as an able and upright judge.

Hon. J. H. Longenecker was born on the 17th of September, 1839. After attending the common schools in Bedford county and working on the farm he entered the Allegheny Seminary at Rainsburg, teaching in winter for several years, during which time he was principal of the Woodbury school for two sessions. In September, 1861 he enlisted as a private in Co. D. 101st Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers; was promoted and commissioned Second Lieutenant Co. D, and afterwards promoted and commissioned Adjutant of the 101st Regiment. In April, 1865, he became a law student in the office of S. S. Blair at Hollidaysburg, and in September of the same year entered the law department at Albany, New York, University, where he graduated 25th of May, 1866, and was admitted to the bar at Bedford, September 3, 1866. He was Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from 31st of January, 1887, to December 1, 1889; then Secretary of the Commonwealth from 1st of December, 1890, to 1st of January, 1891, under the administration of Governor Beaver, and was elected President Judge of the 16th district in November, 1891. Is esteemed as a good lawyer and competent judge.

THE ATTORNEYS.

After the county was organized and the regular term of court fixed, lawyers from Fayette, Westmoreland and Bedford often attended at the respective courts, and occasionally lawyers from Cumberland, Maryland, also made their appearance in cases that occurred near the Mason & Dixon Line. The following list of lawyers occupied in their day prominent positions:

Hon. Chauncey Forward located in Somerset in the year 1817; he was frequently elected to serve in both branches of the State Legislature. In 1825 he was elected to Congress, serving till 1831. In March, 1831, he was appointed by Gov. Wolfe to hold all the offices pertaining to the several courts in Somerset county, which he held until 1836, when he resumed the practice of the law; he died in October, 1839.

Hon. Charles Ogle was admitted to the Bar on the 28th day of May, 1822; as an advocate he had no superior in his day. He was elected to Congress in 1837, and died in May, 1841. History says of him, "He was generous as a prince, and had, perhaps, fewer enemies than any prominent citizen of his time."

William H. Postlethwaite was admitted to the Bar at Somerset on the 26th day of December, 1826; was Prothonotary from 1836 to 1842; he was a man highly esteemed.

Hon. Moses Hampton was admitted to the Bar in the year 1831; he afterwards removed to Pittsburg and presided as President Judge at Pittsburg, and was known as an able lawyer and impartial judge.

Hon. Joseph Williams was admitted to the Bar of Somerset county in the year 1832; after remaining a few years at Somerset he emigrated to the State of Iowa, where he was selected to report a code for that state and afterwards became one of its Chief Justices of the Supreme Court.

Joshua F. Cox was admitted to the Bar of Somerset on the 16th day of October, 1832, and became a prominent lawyer. He represented this district in the Legislature two terms.

Samuel W. Pearson was admitted to the Bar of Somerset county on the 2nd day of December, 1835; was elected Prothonotary in 1842, afterwards was appointed to a clerkship under the general Government at Washington City.

Samuel Gaither, having read law with Hon. Moses Hampton, was admitted to the Bar January 31st, 1838; soon after he was appointed Deputy Attorney General for the county and served two terms in that capacity.

Hon. J. R. Edie, having read law in the offices of James Cooper of Gettysburg, and of Samuel W. Pearson at Somerset, was admitted to the Bar April 28, 1840; in 1845 and 1846 he was elected to the Legislature of Pennsylvania, afterwards appointed Deputy Attorney General, and in 1859 was the first District Attorney by election; at the expiration of that term, 1854, he was elected to Congress and re-elected in 1856; was commissioned Major of the 12th U. S. Infantry and afterwards promoted to the rank of Lieut. Colonel in 1863, and performed service with the 15th and 8th U. S. Infantry until January, 1871, when he was honorably discharged.

Hon. Isaac Hugus read law in the office of Samuel Gaither Esq., and was admitted to practice in the courts of Somerset county on the 28th April, 1840; in 1843 he was appointed Deputy Attorney General and held the office for five and a half years; in October 1848, he was elected to represent Somerset and Westmoreland counties in the State Senate. In October, 1862, he was appointed by Governor Curtin Commissioner of Draft for Somerset county. He was a man of more than ordinary talent and when he had a case on hand after examining the authorities and precedents and adopting a theory that should govern the case—it did not matter when it was called, his recollection never failed him. One of his intimate friends called him "Shell Bark Hickory," meaning thereby that all his rough parts were outside.

Hon. Daniel Weyand was admitted to practice in the several courts of Somerset county on the 19th day of July, 1841. He was elected to the Legislature in October, 1852. He published a newspaper called the *Somerset Whig* from 1833 until 1840. He was esteemed as a good citizen and a sincere Christian gentleman.

Hon. A. J. Ogle was born in 1822, was educated at Jefferson College, read law with Judge Black and admitted to the Bar of the several courts of Somerset county 25th of April, 1843; was elected Prothonotary in 1845, and Congress in 1848; was appointed Charge d'Affaires to Denmark by President Filmore, but died 1852. He gave promise of great eminence, was a gifted speaker, a genial companion, of ready wit and humor, and was beloved by all who were so fortunate as to know him; he had a magnificent physique and a wonderfully pleasant voice, all of which made him a very attractive speaker.

Cyrus Meyers was born on the 4th day of April, 1822, was educated at Jefferson College and at Harvard Law School in Boston, Mass. Read law in the office of Hon. W. H. Koontz, was elected Prothonotary in the fall of 1863, having been admitted to practice in 1854.

Dennis Meyers was born on the 26th day of September, 1842, was educated in the common schools of Somerset county, Monongahela Academy at Morgantown, and State Normal at Millersville; was elected Prothonotary in 1869. Subsequently read law in the office of Hon. J. R. Edie and admitted to practice 14th November, 1881.

List of attorneys who read law and were admitted at Somerset and removed to other places, some of whom died:

Ross Forward was admitted to the Bar of the several courts of Somerset county on the 31st January, 1843; he read law in the office of Hon. J. S. Black; he was considered a good land lawyer and a successful advocate, but removed from Somerset and engaged in the insurance business.

Hon. Cyrus Pershing read law in the office of the Hon. J. S. Black and was admitted to practice on the 12th Nov., 1852. Then he removed to Cambria county, was elected to the Legislature and afterwards elected President Judge of the several courts of Schuylkill county in 1873, for a term of ten years, and afterward was again elected in 1883 for ten years, and in 1893, again elected for ten years.

Cyrus Elder was admitted to pratice in the several courts of Somerset county on the 13 June, 1856, having read law in the office of Baer & Baer. He has been appointed as the attorney of the Cambria Iron Company and now resides in Johnstown, and is known as one of the leading attorneys of Cambria county.

Paul H. Gaither was admitted to the Bar of the several courts of Somerset county on the 26th November, 1872, having read law in the office of his father, Samuel Gaither. Since then he has removed to Greensburg, Westmoreland county, practicing his profession with success.

H. G. Baer was born 5 May, 1835; his education was completed at Meadville; was admitted to practice 13th June, 1856; on the 3d day of September, 1861, he was commissioned Second Lieutenant of Co. B, 54th Regt, Penn'a Vols., and served with that company two years and six months.

George F. Baer, having read law in the office of Hon. W. J. Baer, was admitted to practice in all the courts of Somerset county on the 26th of April, 1864. During the war of 1861 he served as Captain of Co. E, 133d Regt. Penn'a Vols. He removed from Somerset to Reading, Pennsylvania, where he practices his profession and is esteemed as one of the leading lawyers of Berks county.

Hon. B. F. Meyers was born July 6th, 1833; he received his education in the public schools, Somerset Academy and Jefferson college; read law in the office of W. H. Koontz and was admitted to practice in the several courts of Somerset county; was elected to the Legislature from Bedford county in 1863, and in October, 1870, elected to Congress, and now edits the *Star Independent*, at Harrisburg, having adopted journalism as his profession.

S. U. Trent, born 18th February, 1834, was educated in the Millersville and Indiana State Normal schools of Pennsylvania. He graduated from the Cornell University, New York, after reading law with Hon. W. H. Koontz, was admitted to practice November 11th, 1878. In November, 1884, he was elected Prothonotary of Somerset county, and having served his term removed to Pittsburg to practice his profession.

Edward B. Scull was born in 1854; his education was completed at Elder's Ridge Academy, Indiana county. Subsequently he read law in the office of Wm. H. Koontz, and on the 12th July, 1877, was admitted to practice; afterwards removed to Pittsburg to practice his profession.

Harry S. Endsley was born 26th September, 1854, and was educated in the common schools at Canton, Ohio. Read law in the office of Wm. H. Koontz, and was admitted to practice on 7th of August, 1878; he has been appointed as the attorney of the Cambria Iron Company and now resides at Johnstown performing his duties to the entire satisfaction of the company.

A. Bruce Coffroth was born on the 15th day of October, 1855; was educated in the common schools of Somerset county and at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. Read law in the office of Coffroth & Ruppel, and was admitted to practice on the 4th of April, 1876. Since then he has practiced his profession at Baltimore, Md., Terre Haute, Ind., and Columbus, Nebraska, and is now solicitor of the Lombard Investment Co., also of the Cincinnati Investment Co. at Lincoln, Neb.

Hon. Chauncey F. Black was born on the 24 Nov., 1839. Educated at Jefferson college, read law in Hon. J. S. Black's office and was admitted to practice on the 23d of April, 1861; was inaugurated Lieutenant Governor on the 20th of January, 1883.

A. T. Ankeny was admitted to practice in Somerset county on the 12th day of March, 1861, and is now a prominent attorney in Minnesota.

Lewis Lichty, born 28th February, 1828. Read law in the office of Hon. A. H. Coffroth, was admitted to practice November 16, 1855, and is now a prominent attorney at Waterloo, Iowa.

James O'Connor, born 20th November, 1830. Educated in the common schools of Somerset county, read law in the office of Ogle & Scull and was admitted in May, 1854, to practice in Somerset county. James B. O'Connor was admitted to the practice in the courts of Somerset county in the year 1883; now practices successfully in Cambria county.

Simon Gebhart was admitted to the Bar of Somerset county on the 19th day of March, 1839; was afterwards a partner of the Hon. J. S. Black; after practicing at his profession several years he removed to Ohio and engaged in the banking business.

LIST OF RESIDENT ATTORNEYS.

Edward Scull, the oldest member of the Bar in the order of admission, was born on the 5th February, 1818, was educated in the schools of Pittsburg and Steubenville, Ohio. Read law in the office of John F. Beaver and Edgar Cowan, at Greensburg, Pennsylvania, where he was admitted to practice about the year 1843, and admitted to the Bar at Somerset on the 23d of August, 1846; he was elected Prothonotary of Somerset county in 1857, was appointed U. S. Revenue Collector by President Lincoln of the 16th Revenue District, a position which he held until 1868, and after the election of General Grant he was re-appointed Collector and Assessor of the district; he was afterwards, in the fall of 1888, elected to Congress, and again re-elected to Congress in the fall of 1890 and 1892, and faithfully served out three terms.

Henry F. Schell was born on the 11th day of September, 1822; was educated at Bethany College, West Virginia. Read law in the office of Hon. J. S. Black; was admitted to the Bar at Somerset on the 31st of August, 1847; was elected Prothonotary of Somerset county in the year 1878.

Hon. Wm. J. Baer elected President Judge in 1881. (See his history elsewhere in this article).

Hon. A. H. Coffroth was born on the 18th day of May, 1828, and was educated in the common schools of Somerset county; became editor of a weekly newspaper called *Somerset Visitor*.