

Mt. Joy Township Of Unique Origin

FOUNDED BY MAN WHOSE DESCENDANTS REMAIN AT SAME PLACE AND IN SAME BUSINESS

Some of the villages in Lancaster county were established under peculiar circumstances and a few of them owe their success to the ceaseless efforts and enterprising spirit of their founders. Many of the villages were started after the Revolutionary War and among the number is one now a thriving little town in Mount Joy township. This town is called Milton Grove, formerly known as Centerville, and originally named Hardtmantown.

The latter name was acquired when a German immigrant arrived in the locality and purchased a large tract of land including that portion of which the town is now located. That was in 1820. Hardtman, the immigrant, intended to lay out a town and divided much of the land which he had purchased into building lots. He proposed to call the place Hardtmantown, and the manner in which he conducted his operations led the people to believe that he was a man of wealth and that his undertaking would be successful.

But when the day of settlement came the enthusiastic immigrant was not able to meet his obligations and the projected settlement was abandoned. The land, or at least the most of it, reverted to the original owners and remained in that condition until 1849, when Benjamin Grosh, Esq., purchased the greater portion of the tract and founded a town which he called Centerville. He erected a store and dwelling, later built a fine mansion and remained in the town of his founding until his death more than a generation ago.

Later, other buildings were erected and the village enjoyed an era of prosperity since.

Store Remains in Family Name
One of the unusual features of the settlement of this town is the fact that the store established by the founder is still in the family name and is conducted by a member of the third generation. It is at the same place, in the same building and is conducted in pretty much the same manner as when established three quarters of a century ago.

Almost the same general variety of merchandise is sold and there are a few of the patrons who have been dealing at the store for more than half a century. The proprietor has kept pace with the march of progress and almost any article can be purchased there that is sold in stores in larger towns.

The owner and proprietor of this store is Mr. B. O. Grosh. He is a very capable business man and enjoys a good patronage.

No Descendants of Pioneers
The village of Milton Grove is situated in Mount Joy township and of the township it might be said that not a single descendant of the pioneers remains in the entire district. The settlement was made by the Scotch and Irish, subsequently followed by Germans, and the soil being rich and productive, the settlers for the most part became prosperous. The village mentioned at one time boasted of a great variety of industries and near its site was a nursery that up to the time of the Civil War was a flourishing enterprise.

Shoemakers, furniture factory, flour mill, cigar factory, carriage factory, tailor shop and other industries flourished a few generations ago and at one time a newspaper was published in the town. Most of these have disappeared with the advance of industrial progress and a garage now takes the place of the carriage shop. The store, however, remains as the one landmark of the village.

Old Moravian Church
Near this village, in Mount Joy township, was erected a church about the year 1740, and it was used by the Moravians as a house of worship for many years. It is said that this church was visited by Count Zinzendorf and his associates as early as the year 1741. The building remained until about a score of years ago when it was razed to provide additional space for the cemetery which surrounded it.

In the graveyard surrounding the old church was buried some of the early pioneers. A Sunday school was organized in connection with this church, in 1742, and was one of the earliest in the State. This old church stood more than a century and in the years immediately preceding its demolition was rarely ever used for religious worship.

Favorite Site for Indians
Long before any white settlers found their way to the district now known as Mount Joy township Indians occupied the place and it is said that a portion of the country was their favorite site for villages.

Tradition says that in a portion of this township Indian battles were fought and the Stone Wigwam in that section was a resort frequented by the Indians during the time of the contests between the remnants of tribes that infested the region. There is a legend of a fierce battle having been fought between these Indian Tribes which resulted in almost exterminating one faction.

OUR SALE REGISTER

Following is a list of public sales for which posters were printed at this office or said sale is advertised in the Bulletin.

Saturday, Nov. 28—At the Florin Hall, Florin, Pa., large lot of anything and everything by the Community Sales Company. Sale starts promptly at 12:30. Vogle, auct.

Saturday, Dec. 5—On the premises in the village of Florin, a large lot of household goods by Mrs. Annie Eshleman. Gibble, auct.

The nursery rhyme, "Jack and Jill went up the hill to fetch a pail of water," may have originated in the "Down" country in Southern England, there being many "dew ponds" on the tops of the hills in this section.

TELEPHONE PLAYS A BIG PART AT MOUNT GREINA MANEUVERS



The firing line of Co. "A," 111 Infantry, at Mt. Gretna, Pa. The circular insert (above) shows the telephone at the firing point. The oval insert, in the lower left corner, shows the telephone in the "pits" below the ground. Telephone communication is established to iron out any misunderstandings between the "pits" and the firing line.

According to Colonel George Kemp, Postmaster of Philadelphia and Range Officer for the Pennsylvania National Guard at Mt. Gretna, Pa., the telephone is one of the most important adjuncts to rifle firing on the target range.

"Without the telephone," said he, "it would be practically impossible to fire on the rifle range. There is need of continual communication between the firing point and the so-called 'pits,' where the targets are run up and down. This communication is maintained by telephone."

At Mt. Gretna this year there are five telephones at each firing point. These firing points are located 200, 300, 500 and 600 yards from the targets in the "pits." Each of these telephones is connected up with a corresponding telephone in the "pits."

During the progress of the firing, "Mark No. 56," "Re-mark No. 70," "Paste No. 25" were some of the remarks passed from the firing point telephones to those in the "pits." Captain Foss, Headquarters Company of the 111th Infantry and an experienced telephone man from the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, was charged with the responsibility of maintaining telephone communication.

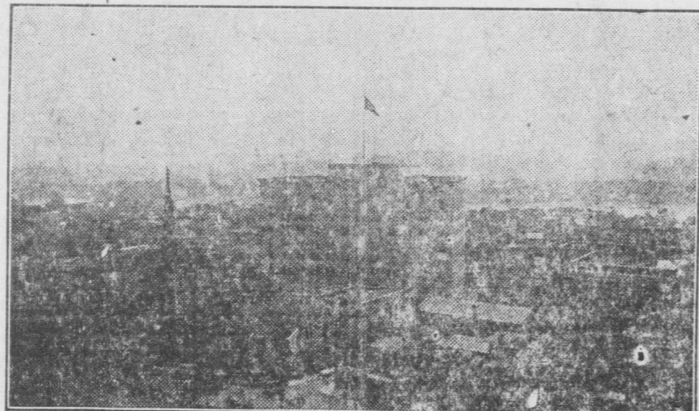
His Company, largely telephone men also, ran the telephone wires, manned the telephones and took care of the equipment. "This year," said Colonel Kemp, "things are moving

much more satisfactorily than ever before. Previously I have had to supervise arrangements more closely. This year everything is moving with the alacrity of clock work."

It is an impressive scene during the firing. Prone figures at prescribed distances from each other at the firing point wriggle into comfortable positions for firing. At the command "Commence Firing," a leaden ball goes sweeping across the grassy range to find a goal in the targets to the front. Any misunderstanding between those firing and those marking the targets in the "pits" is immediately corrected by telephone.

The men this year have fired for "record"—that is they had an opportunity to fire for a badge given when a certain percentage of the shots are registered as "hits" on the target. In record firing the telephone's role is a large one because all precautions are taken to secure absolute accuracy. Each man's shots and hits are carefully recorded and verified. In case of misunderstanding, the telephone irons out the difficulty.

In addition to the telephone on the range there is a switchboard at the Camp. Through it, all points on the reservation can be reached by telephone. Connections are also made with the telephones outside of Camp. Captain Foss' Bell Telephone men were also responsible for this equipment.



New structures are adding to the attractiveness of Pennsylvania's Capital City. The splendid white building prominent in the center is the new home of the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg. This is the Bell headquarters building for about half the state. In the left foreground is the quaint and attractive Pine Street Presbyterian Church that is now being enlarged.

BELL TELEPHONE PEOPLE REWARDED FOR "ACTS IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE"

Eight Theodore N. Vail Bronze Medals Are Presented For Courageous Acts That Resulted in Saving Life or Property.

Announcement has just been made of the award of eight Theodore N. Vail bronze medals, given to Bell Telephone people for "conspicuous acts in the public service" performed during 1924.

Six of the recipients of the awards are Pennsylvanians, one is from Delaware and the other lives in New Jersey. The Pennsylvanians so honored are: Roy Bandt Garlin, Lineman, Carlisle, Pa.; Clarence Kershner Hicks, Lineman, Carlisle, Pa.; Wiley Gemmill Warner, Lineman, Carlisle, Pa.; Hubert Harris, Line Foreman, Norristown, Pa.; Albert Joseph Kirwin, Testman, Philadelphia, Pa.; Charles Anthony Snyder, Cable Splicer, Williamsport, Pa.

The award in Delaware went to a young woman, Miss Phebe Lucretia Mousley, Operator in Charge, Holly Oak, Delaware. In New Jersey, Albert William Temple, Vineland, New Jersey, received a medal. Each award was accompanied by a citation that explained the act for which the medal was given. Ray Garlin, Clarence Hicks and Wiley Warner were honored for "courage and initiative and conspicuous proficiency in first aid, resulting in the saving of a human life." The act occurred on July 28, 1924, when a lineman who came in contact with a trolley span wire was rescued and although unconscious, and burned, he was restored to consciousness by the prompt application of the principles of first aid and artificial respiration.

Hubert Harris was rewarded for extinguishing a fire on August 7, 1924, caused by the crossing of wires over bare trolley feeders that set fire to an important telephone pole in the yard of the telephone central office in Downingtown. Mr. Harris' act consisted in climbing the pole in close proximity to adjacent high power wires and extinguishing the blaze thereby preventing serious interruption of telephone service in the Downingtown Central Office.

BOYS' 2-PANTS SUITS
With Vest to match. Full Collegian styles, made of All-Wool fabrics. One pair long Pants and one pair Knickers. Sizes 8 to 20.
\$9.95 to \$14.95

MEN'S OVERCOATS
Made of good, sturdy material and well constructed. Just the thing for these chilly days. Sizes 36 to 44.
\$9.95

\$3.50 Men's "Crompton" water proof Corduroy pants.
\$2.59

95c Men's Fleece-lined Shirts and Drawers, extra heavy. Sizes 32 to 46.
79c

\$1.25 Boys' Fleece-lined Union Suits. Sizes 3 to 16.
88c

\$1.65 Men's Ribbed Union Suits. Sizes 34 to 46.
\$1.29

CROWDS

Of Eager Shoppers Have Shared in Our Super Value Giving Sale—Quality Gave Us Volume—Volume Gave Us Price and WE UNDER SELL

\$1.69 Men's Work Pants, made of good, heavy Cotton
\$1.29

29c "Army" Hose, extra heavy. Six pair for
99c

\$1.48 Boys' Corduroy Knee Pants. Sizes 8 to 16.
99c

\$3.50 Extra heavy "Com-forts"; well made.
\$2.48

Men's 2 Pants Suits
Single and Double-Breasted Collegiate Models. Serges, Worsteds and Fine Cassimeres. A great assortment of patterns. Regular sizes, 33 to 44. One lot of Conservative patterns for the stout fellows.
\$14.95 AND UP

Women's Shoes and Oxfords
That are the rage of the season. Pumps, Straps, All Leathers and Fabrics. All sizes to choose from. The latest fashions in foot wear. Values to \$7.00.
2.45 - 2.95 - 3.45 - 3.95

Women's Fall Coats
Made to sell from \$25.00 to \$50.00, in Velours, Silk Bolivia, Fancy Polo Cloths, Broad Cloth, trimmed with fancy fur collar and cuffs. Lined with Canton Crepe and fancy Satin. Misses' sizes, 16 to 20; Women's sizes, 36 to 52.
\$15.95 to \$38.50

Women's Galoshes, Jersey tops.
\$2.69

Women's Felt Slippers. Padded soles, all colors.
77c

Women's House Dresses, made of fast-color Gingham. Values up to \$2.69.
\$1.39

\$1.69 Women's Ribbed Union Suits. Light, medium and heavy—samples.
\$1.29

98c Women's Silk-mixed Bloomers. A rare value.
69c

BOYS' OVERCOATS
Made of All-Wool fabric. All the newest styles and patterns to choose from. Sizes 8 to 18. Values up to \$20.00.
\$9.95 to \$14.50

WOMEN'S and MISSES' DRESSES
In Silks and Flannels, Checks, Stripes and Plaids; good sturdy material, well made and well tailored; unmatched at twice the amount. Misses' sizes, 14 to 20; Women's sizes, 18 to 44.
\$4.95

98c Children's Flanellette Night Gowns. Odds and ends.
48c

Children's Coats in Chin-chillas, Astricans and Polo Cloth. Sizes 2 to 6.
\$3.95 to \$4.95

Children's Teddy Bear Suits. Tan, Blue and Brown. Sizes 24 to 28.
\$4.95

\$1.35 Children's Crib Blankets. All colors. Special.
79c

OUR SALE OF THE FAMOUS ENDICOTT-JOHNSON SHOES
For Men and Boys are most astonishing. All leather and most every wanted style to suit the seasons. Black and Brown Calf and Kid Skin, Blucher, English with sewed leather soles, rubber heels. Sizes 6 to 11.
2.95 - 3.45 - 3.95 - 4.95

89c Women's heavy Flanellette Bloomers; well made.
49c

One lot of Women's Slip-over Sweaters. Values up to \$2.50. Our price
99c

\$1.48 Women's Wool and Cassimere Hose of the latest style. All sizes in the lot.
74c

48c Women's Cassimere Gloves with clasps, Black and Tan.
19c

Latest and Newest Designs in WOMEN'S DRESSES \$15.00 TO \$25.00 VALUES \$9.95
Misses Sizes, 14 to 20; Women's Sizes, 18 to 44
Don't miss these and be here early for only a limited amount to go at this price. They consist of Canton Crepes, Poiret Twills, Silks, Satins and Satin-faced Canton. Trimmed in the newest patterns and designs. All individual patterns and no two alike.

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