A HISTORY

of

Shenandoah County

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men, or a majority of them; to raise by lottery or lotteries, so much money, not exceeding two thousand dollars, as they shall think sufficient for completing certain buildings which were begun for a seminary of learning in the town of Strasburg and county of Shenandoah, and the money so to be raised shall be applied by them to the purpose aforesaid."

It would be interesting and worth while if the boys and girls of Shenandoah County who are in the schools today were to erect markers at the sites of all old school buildings that can still be located with certainty. The author remembers a few that have long since been removed. For example, one used to stand in Mt. Jackson, just at the narrow end of the old cemetery, in the angle formed by the Valley Pike and the road to Orkney Springs. The site is now being utilized for a gasoline filling station. One of the teachers in this old building, it is said, was Mr. William Tisinger, father of Mr. Joseph Tisinger of Mt. Jackson. The latter was clerk of the school board of Ashby District when the author began trying to teach school in the autumn of 1890. Mr. William Tisinger was for a number of years county surveyor.

Two more old school houses stood alongside the Pike between Rude's Hill and New Market: One on the west side of the Pike just where the road leads in to the old Kagey place (birthplace of Hon. Charles L. Kagey). The other stood on the east side of the Pike near Hupp's Shop.

From 1870 to 1890 and thereabouts there was an old school house in Hamburg, in the edge of the woods, between Capt. S. H. Bowman's (now J. F. Eckard's) store and Bethel Church. In this building some of the teachers were William Mohler and Edward S. Calvert. There was also a school house on the bank of Stony Creek, near Union Forge; another at Otterbein Chapel, near Rinkerton; one or two in Hawkinstown; and many others at other places. The memories of our fathers and mothers, our grandfathers and grandmothers, centering around those old structures, now removed, would fill volumes.

There has been a good deal of speculation as to the time and place when and where the first English school in Shenandoah County was opened. Probably nobody knows or can ever ascertain. James Ireland, later a noted Baptist preacher, was a schoolmaster at or near Cross Roads (now New Market) from 1768 to 1770. Inasmuch as he was a native of Scotland, he probably used the English language. Another early teacher at New Market who used English was George Barr. From an old copy of Pike's Arithmetic, edition of 1797, purchased by Hugh Brock in July 1800, when he was 16½, we learn that he went to school in New Market five months to George Barr. This was probably about the same time that the book was purchased —1800. We are sorry that the young man did not make more extended memoranda on the fly leaves of his book—a century and more of time has given his entries a rare value.

A complete list of the teachers who have served for longer or

15. LIST OF MICHAEL SPEAGLE

Speagle's list seems to have been made up in the sections in which are now located Maurertown, Saumsville, Pugh's Run, etc.

Name				Name			
Andrick, Christian	10	1	3	Innepnet, Jacob	6	1	1
Bosserman, William	4	1	2	Keller, George	3		
Bowman, David	7	1	1	Keller, Conrod	6	1	1
Bitlor, Abraham	9	1	3	Layman, Benjamin, Jr	3	. 1	1
Bosserman, Frederick	5	1	2	Layman, Isaac	2		
Brown, Michael	6			Layman, John	5	1	1
Brock, Henry	4			Layman, Benja, Senr	10	1	2
Bordin, Frederick	6	1	1	Miller, Marck	6	1	2
Bordin, Augustine	7	1	1	Martin, Lawrence	9	1	2
Cap, Andrew	9	1	2	Metzer, Henry	1		
Conrod, John	6			Mauck, John	8	2	5
Cofman, Jacob	2	1	1	Parrot, Frederick	2	1	1
Cofman, Isaac	8	1	1	Parrot, Henry	5	1	1
Cline, Peter	4			Parrot, Jacob	3	1	1
Derting, Adam	6	1	1	Pickle, Jacob	4	1	1
Dull, Frederick	2	1		Rush, Henry	4		
Dull, Nicholas	6	1	1	Rodes, Michael	5	1	1
Dull, George	9			Stover, Albrick	8	1	3
Franker, Peter	5	1	1	Stover, David	6	1	2
Gefeller, John	7	1	1	Stover, Daniel	8		
Gragwer, George	6			Shie, Benja	6	1	
Gefeller, Adam	8	1	1	Speice, Daniel	5		
Hockman, Benjamin	3	1	1	Speagle, Michl	6	1	2
Hamarr, Michael	11	1	1	Same, Nicholas	9	1	1
Holtz, John	2			Windle, Peter	4		
Huddle, Henry	8	1	2	Windle, Augustine, Senr	4	1	2
Huddle, Daniel	1	1		Windle, Augustine, Jr.	4	1	
Huddle, Jacob	4	1	1	Windle, Valentine	2	1	3
Huddle, Daniel	3			Windle, Christopher	4	1	2
Hapner, Chasper	8			Wollande, Jacob	7		
Hiser, Henry	5	1	2	Windle, John	10	1	2
Hufman, John	10	1	4	Westenberger, George	7	1	2
Jacob, Francis	14	1	1				

16. LIST OF GEORGE KELLER

and Charles Snider each reported 13 whites in family. Fourteen heads of families reported twelve each in household; forty-four reported eleven each. Ten was also a popular number for a family in those days, for no less than 75 family heads each reported that number. Those reporting from six to nine in family are too numerous to count at this time.

So much for the census of Shenandoah County taken in the year 1783. We shall now give more particular attention to the enumeration of 1785.

In 1783 the whole county was canvassed by one man, Alexander Hite; at any rate, the whole long list of names is credited to him; and at that time Shenandoah County was almost twice its present size; but in 1785 sixteen different men, including Alexander Hite, made the numeration, and the list taken by each one is preserved under his name. By this lucky circumstance it is possible to locate each group geographically with more or less certainty. Below, each of these sixteen lists is presented, together with such explanatory notes and observations as are deemed justified or helpful. Instead of slaves in 1785, dwellings and other buildings were enumerated.

1. LIST OF ABRAHAM KELLER

Mr. Keller, according to information given by Mr. P. S. Rhodes, lived on the river at or near Front Royal. This conclusion is strengthened by the fact that a number of the family names given in Keller's list have long been familiar in the Front Royal region.

Name of Head of Family	White Souls	Dwellings	Other Buildings	Name of Head of Family	White Souls	Dwellings	Other Buildings
Allen, John	9	1	3	Hurst, Elijah	4		
Allen, William	2	1	2	Harrel, James	1	1	1
Allen, James	6			Jobe, Moses	7	1	
Bailey, John	4			Jobe, Enuch	6	1	1
Bailey, John, Jr.	3			Jox, William	7		
Breding, Spencer	10	1		Jaris, Samuel	10	1	
Beack, John	2			Ireland, James	1	1	1
Cunningham, Adam	9	2	3	Jollis, Jacob	12	1	1
Clevenger, Thomas	8	1	1	Linch, Peter	6		
Catlet, Charles	3	1		Lewesuce, John	6	1	
Day, Robert	5			Leeth, Ephraim, Jr.	4		
Dothon, Thos.	4	1		Mathewes, James	7	1	
Dothon, Thos., Jr.	4			Matocks, Mathew	9	1	
Grayham, John	12	1		Madox, Scofield	6	1	
Green, James	7			More, Jonothan	7	1	
Green, John	3			McKoy, Jeremiah	11	1	1
Horner, Isaac	4			Millar, Peter	8	2	1
Harding, Samuel	3			McKulley, Wm.	4	1	

Name				Name			
Shank, Windle	3			Taylor, Jno	3	1	
Sheetz, Michl	5			Varnhouser, Jacob	10	1	1
Stickler, Danl	6	1	1	Varner, Philip	7	1	3
Stickler, Isaac	6	1	1	Vincent, Joseph	7	1	1
Stickler, Abm., Jr.	8	1	2	Underwood, George	1	1	1
Sisk, Thos.	7			Wright, Isaac Simson	8		
Sumpback, Fredk	4			Young, Edwin	7	1	2
Smith, William	12	1		Zisler, George	11		
Tyler, William	4	1					

4. LIST OF THOMAS ALLEN

Thomas Allen's list consists of families in the Fork District of Warren County.

Name				Name			
Allensworth, John	2	1	3	Houghn, John	10	1	
Allensworth, Philip	9	1	3	Headly, William	7	1	1
Allen, Thomas	10	1	4	Jennings, William	11	2	2
Bogges, Giles	8	1	2	Jones, Thomas	7	1	
Branson, Lionle	4	1	1	Jones, William	4	1	
Carter, Chanler	5	1		Jones, Frank	2	1	
Cleveland, George	7	1	1	Jones, George	2	1	
Cain, Joshua	6	1		Johnston, Andrew	8	1	
Cain, Henry	2	1	2	Masterson, Thomas	7	1	
Cloud, William	8	1	2	McDniel, Molle	5	1	
Cloud, Daniel	3	1	2	McKay, Robert	8	1	2
Cloud, Henry	4	1	1	Miller, James	7	1	2
Carson, Simon	9	1	7	Mercer, William	7	1	1
Coffman, Andrew	8	1		Miller, William	8	1	5
Coffman, Nicholas	10	1		Reynolds, Thomas	6	1	
Cleveland, John	5	1		Settles, William	5	1	
Evisten, Francis	2	1	1	Smith, Thomas	10	1	2
Martin, Doctor	4	1	1	Smith, John (on passage creek)	9	1	2
Elsy, Thomas	9	1	1				
Funk, Henry	7	1	5	Smith, Henry	4	1	
Galmon, John	2	1		Smith, John (Cabimur)	5	1	1
Halle, Peter	7	1	1	Robertson, William (Tyl)	12	1	2
Hopewell, Joseph	9	1	1				
Hery, Aaron	12	1		Taylor, Lazarus	4	1	2
Hand, William	11	1		Wilson, Edward	8	1	1
Hand, Robert	7	1	1	Wey, Edward	8	1	
Hand, Thomas	2						

5. LIST OF EVAN JONES

Evan Jones lived on the Back Road, not far from Moore's Store, on a tract of land granted to him by Lord Fairfax in 1756, held continuously ever since by his descendants and now in the hands of Evan Jones and John Abraham Jones. Evan Jones's territory in the canvass of 1785 probably extended from the Massautten

Mountain on the east to the Great North Mountain on the west, including the sites of New Market, Quicksburg, Fo..ville, and Moore's Store.

Name			
Allen, Josias	10	1	3
Antrom, John	5	1	1
Albrite, Laronce	2		
Branaman, Abraham	7	1	
Brongman, John	7	1	
Broam, Henry	5	1	2
Broks, John	4	1	1
Brock, John	4	1	1
Blesing, Jacob	8		
Beck, John	5		
Briner, Gagbour	7	1	2
(Gasper Branner?)			
Bowers, Christian	12	1	
Brit, John	5	1	1
* Brock, Roudolph	6	1	
* Brock, Henry	10	1	1
Brennor, John	8	1	1
Cathy, William, Sr.	5	1	2
Cathy, William, Jr.	11	1	6
Campbell, Charles	6	1	3
Caggey, John (Kagey?)	3	1	
Caggey, Henry	11	1	2
Caggey, Roudolph	8	1	
Click, John	6	1	2
Coolle, Conrad	5	1	1
Culley, Josey	7	1	1
Caruy, Cutlip	2		
Cook, Adam	8	1	1
Cunningham, Arabela	6	1	
Durst, Abraham	6	1	2
Durst, Daniel	3	1	
Deen, John	5	1	1
Dundore, Chrisley	5	1	1
Easterly, George	7	1	1
Emmery, Thomas	5	1	1
Evey, Andrew	6	1	1
Farmer, Mathew	5	1	1
Taber, Peter	5	1	1
Fine, John	6	1	
Funk, Peter	5	1	2
Faber, Vollentine	4	1	2
Frout, Frederick	6	1	2
Fawcett, Benjam	10	1	1
Fry, Henry	4	1	1
Fauber, Jacob	7	1	
Goore, Henry	8	1	1
Gore, Mary	4	1	
Gore, John	4	1	
Good, Jacob	5	1	
Good, Peter	6	1	
Garver, Martin	3	1	
Garver, Samuel	8	1	1
Good, Henry	6	1	
Garve, John	8	1	1
Holeman, Mary	6	1	1
Hupp, Polser	8	1	1
Houser, Henry	9	1	3
Hannegan, Michael	3	1	
Haugh, Tobias	5		
Holvah, John	3		
Holvah, George	2		
Harpine, Philip	9	1	3
Henton, Thos., Jr.	5	1	
Henton, Thos., Sr.	6	1	1
Jones, Evan	7	1	1
Jones, Thomas	4	1	
Ingrum, Francis	8	1	2
Jones, John	8	1	
Jones, William	6	1	1
Kingry, Michael	3	1	1
Keltnor, Henry	9	1	2
Lokely, James	10	1	1
Lips, Henry	6	1	
Lewis, Mordicai	7	1	
Miller, Daniel	4		
McCarty, James	5	1	
Miller, Jacob	10	1	1
Mowerer, Michael	9	1	
Moor, Joseph	9	1	3
Neaff, Christley	4	1	
Naff, Jacob	7	1	1
Naff, Abraham	3	1	3
Newman, Walter	9	1	1
Nuse, John	4	1	
Neace, Michael	7	2	3
Orock, David (O'Roark?)	9	2	1
Peters, Abraham	2	1	
Penneybacker, Derick	64	1	3
Polsel, Peter	8	1	2

CHAPTER IX

THE FOREST AND THE FORT

Two sections of Shenandoah County, almost unique in characteristics and interests, are the Forest and the Fort; and the readers of this book are to be congratulated in having presented here detailed and circumstantial sketches of these two communities by Mr. Wine and Mr. Munch, both native sons, loyal and well informed, who have at great labor and pains prepared these sketches as special contributions to this volume.

The Forest is in the southwestern part of the county, the Fort is in the northeast. Timberville, Timber Ridge, Forestville, Pine Woods, Pine Church, and Woodlawn, all in or near the Forest, suggest their kinship in their names. Likewise, Seven Fountains, Moreland's Gap, McInturf's Gap, Woodstock Gap, Passage Creek, and Waterlick are names that in their connotation prepare the reader for acquaintance with the Fort.

THE FOREST

By J. D. Wine, Forestville

Unlike many portions of the Shenandoah Valley, that portion of it known as the "Forest" was found by the first settlers covered with a body of dense timber. What its metes and bounds were is not definitely known. However one is safe in saying that it extended from Quicksburg to or beyond the Little North Mountain, and from Pine Church to or beyond Timberville. The Forest in later years did not cover nearly so large an area. The land is more or less rolling, with an occasional hill or ridge rising to a higher altitude, among which are Third Hill, twelve hundred feet above sea level, Timber Ridge, and Moore's Ridge.

The first settlers were evidently Scotch-Irish, but it was only a few years until the German element began to pour in; and they practically absorbed the earlier settlers. Who the first settler was is not definitely known. It is quite evident that many of the early settlers were here years before they secured legal titles, as is shown in a grant to George Brock in 1749. In the premises of this grant it is stated that the tract conveyed is the same on which his father formerly lived. Again Thomas Moore acted with Daniel Holman as a pilot in the survey for the second grant to Mary Hill, widow, in 1757, while the grant for the place where he lived was not secured until eleven years later. John Dobkin (or Dobbin), mentioned in Thomas Lewis's Journal in 1746, did not receive his grant for four hundred acres until March 8, 1768.

It is safe to say, however, that Daniel Holman was among the first white settlers. He lived on the farm owned by the late Nathaniel Funkhouser, one mile north of Quicksburg. Holman Creek, that bears his name, was known as such prior to 1750, as is shown in a grant to Peter Gartner (the Myers farm near Forestville). This grant also shows that Thomas Holman and Archibald Ruddle had already received their grants. By 1753 William McClain, John Wood, the widow Coffman, and Henry Brock were added to those who already had received grants. Others that are known to have received grants from Lord Fairfax are Christian Bowers, Henry Baughman, Casper Branner, Conrad Pence, Evan Jones, John Roller, Andrew Sircle, Michael A. Zirkle; and Martin Garber, assignee of Jacob Baughman, received his grant from Beverly Randolph, governor of Virginia, in 1788. In addition to those that received grants or inherited them, we find such additional names as Cool, Easterly, Good, Harpine, Henton, Miller, Mowery, Neese, Peters, Reader, Will, Wine, and Yocum among those that had come to the Forest by 1785.

These pioneers were men of stout hearts and sturdy characters. It was here that they had to clear the forest to build their homes and to sow their grain. They had to defend their homes from the Indians and the wild beasts that roamed in the forest. They had to make their farming implements, their furniture, and their clothing. In fact they were cut off, as it were, from the outside world.

The village of Forestville stands on a portion of the land that was granted to George Brock, February 29, 1749. Some time later it passed to Andrew Sircle; and his executor, as directed by his will, sold the mill and 45 acres of land to George Mowery, who owned it until 1831, when Jacob Bower became the owner. On September 15, 1838, the said Jacob Bower sold a four and one-half acre lot to Henry H. Hess, who built the first house and put up the first store. For a short while it was known as "Hesse-Cassel." The lot was described as bordering on the Solomon Church and Bower's Mill road and the Woodstock and Harrisonburg road, near Holman Creek. The said road was sixty feet wide, and was also known as the Alexandria-Tennessee road. At least six more lots were sold in 1838, and as many more the following year. Early in 1839 the village was already known as Forestville. A tavern was built by Jacob Bowers in 1840. The postoffice was established on August 2, 1852, with William A. Whissler post master. A union church was built in 1856, which is now used as the town hall. There are now two stores, a flour mill, an Evangelical Lutheran church, a three-year high school, a harness shop, a carpenter shop, and about one hundred residents.

The land on which the village of Moore's Store stands was granted on March 8, 1768, to Thomas Moore, who must have owned several thousand acres of land in this and the adjoining county. Hon. M. B. Wunder, a great-great-grandson, who has furnished valuable data, says the house recently vacated by George E. Armentrout was partly built by the said Thomas Moore. The first mill was

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