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## About this Issue's Authors:

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# **The George Christian & Anna Catherine *Blank* Spangler National Historic Farm**

**by Tony Noll**

## **Back Story:**

The story of the George Christian Spangler Historic Farm and its Spangler family heritage goes back over 250 years. Twenty-one-year-old George Christian Spangler, Sr. left his native Prussia, emigrated from Holland on the ship *Jacob*, and arrived in Philadelphia on October 2, 1749.

He settled in Moore Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania and married Anna Marie Kreider in Northampton County four years later. Together they owned land, farmed, and raised ten children - George Christian, Jr., Barbara Margarete, Johann Henry, Johann Christopher, John, George Peter, Johan Michael, Suzanna, Johann George, and Anna Maria. Spangler also served in the Northampton militia during the Revolutionary War. Around 1794 George Christian and Anna Marie moved to Rebersburg, Centre County. George Christian Spangler, Sr. died there in 1802 followed by Anna Marie-thirty years later.

In 1791 George Christian Spangler, Sr. and his wife Anna Marie (Kreider) Spangler transferred land in central Pennsylvania to their eldest son George Christian Spangler, Jr. This land was located along the northern bank of Penns Creek in what was the original Northumberland County (Union and Snyder Counties would be created out of the western area in Northumberland County.) Today this land is in Limestone Township, Union County.

George Christian Spangler, Jr. was born on November 2, 1755. He, like his father and at least one brother, also served in the Northampton Militia during the Revolutionary War. He married Anna Catherine Gramley in 1781. In 1802, the forty-seven-year-old George Christian, Jr. built his stone house and farmed on the land he was deeded along Penns Creek, approximately five miles west of New Berlin, Union County. Together, George Christian and Anna Catherine raised eight children on the farm: Jacob, Christopher, Susanna, twins Jonathan and Daniel, Elizabeth, John, Saloma, and Catherine. George Christian Spangler, Jr. died on March 2, 1829, and Anna Catherine (Gramley) Spangler died on July 7, 1841. Both are buried in the New Berlin Cemetery, New Berlin, PA.

It was this union between George Christian Spangler, Jr. and Anna Catherine (Gramley) Spangler, along with the creation of their farm along Penns Creek that began a long era of farming in the Spangler family; the farm was owned and operated by a Spangler descendent for well over 145 years. It is a farming legacy lasting over 200 years to the present.



### **The Legacy:**

In 1802, when the stone farm house was built by the Spangler family, the nation was only twenty-six years old. At that time Thomas Jefferson was serving as our third President, and he would purchase the Louisiana Territory from France the following year (1803). In 1802, Lewis and Clark had not yet set off on their grand expedition. The Lewis and Clark Expedition took place from 1804-1806.

Our nation, largely unexplored, was stretching and growing. Pennsylvania was a sea of trees stretching from the Delaware River to the Ohio country, with parts of the state still unsettled. With a growing influx of settlers came an increased need for agricultural products.

The Spangler farm was also growing and would play a vital role in the growth of the region. From 1840-1880 canals and railways reached farther into the area and began opening up a larger market for the farms to sell their goods. It was also at this time that other types of manufacturing began to take hold in local towns like Mifflinburg and Lewisburg. This brought an increase in settlers to the local economy and in turn increased the need for agricultural goods. The growing economy and improved roads, canals, and railways all strengthened the business of

farming. Through agricultural census data collected in 1850, 1880, and 1927 it is clear that the Spangler farm frequently produced at a rate above the average compared to other farms in the township. The Spangler farm led the way in agricultural production for the area and played an important part in the region's growth.

The Spangler family would pass down this farming legacy for over 145 years. With time, the family would add other farm buildings to the property. They cleared more acreage and diversified agricultural production to sustain the Spangler family's needs, as well as the needs of a growing economy.

George Christian Spangler, Jr. would later pass the farm to his son Daniel, who in turn passed the farm to his son Jonathan (John) Spangler. John's son Reno and his wife Annie V. assumed ownership on October 22, 1908. Thirty years later, the farm was transferred one last time to a Spangler heir. Reno Spangler's daughter, Helen (Spangler), and her husband George F. Musser took ownership. The Mussers lived on and farmed the property until 1947. At this time the farm was bought by William and Nina H. Showers, who rented it to tenant farmers. The Showers sold the farm to Richard and Grace (Kistler) Noll in 1963. They have lived on, maintained, and farmed the historic Spangler farm for well over 50 years, and they plan to continue this agricultural legacy well into the future!



## DESCENDANTS OF ELIAS YOUNGMAN

by Carl R. Catherman



Gravestone of Elias Youngman in Mifflinburg Cemetery  
(Photo by the Editor)

Considering the recent upswing of interest in genealogy it is curious that I have not been able to find genealogies for any of the founders of the four boroughs in Union County, i.e., Ludwig Derr (Lewisburg), George Long (New Berlin), Elias Youngman (Mifflinburg) and Thomas Hartley (Hartleton).

Upon the initiation of the project to restore the Elias Church, I was appointed to the position of head of the sub-committee on history. One of the things that I wanted to do was to compile a brief genealogy of the descendants of Elias Youngman which now appears below. A few of his grandchildren and many of his great-grandchildren moved far from their origins in Mifflinburg and left few easily accessible traces of their existence. Thus, there are many missing pieces of the story. Hopefully some person younger than me will be inspired to fill in the blanks.

What follows is based primarily on official documents, newspaper notices, tombstone inscriptions, church records and census records. Information in [brackets] was copied from *Joachim Nagel and His Descendants*, compiled by Marion Nagle Rhoads and Janet Snyder Welsh. It has not been verified.

Each descendant in each family has been assigned a number based on the order of birth. For example, consider 243, the number assigned to Caroline Dreisbach. The 3 indicates that she is the third child of her parents, the 24 is the number assigned to her father Elias and the 4 indicates that he is the fourth child of his parents. In cases where there are more than nine children in a family the letter "a" is used at the end to identify the tenth child, "b" the eleventh child, etc.

In cases where birth dates are unknown or uncertain the numbers were assigned based on the best evidence available. No doubt there are cases of children whose existence will never be known because they died in infancy and were buried in unmarked graves. One example is the family of Elias P. Youngman in which a published source indicates that he had thirteen children but only twelve names are known.

There are many cases in which death dates are unknown, especially among those who left Pennsylvania. In most of these cases, a parenthetical expression has been inserted to indicate the last known place of residence.

The surnames of German immigrants almost always underwent several changes in spelling in later generations, sometimes to the extent that the original spelling is completely obscured. This was not the case for the male line descendants of Elias Jungman. All of them used the Youngman spelling. In the case of his daughter Catharine who married John Dreisbach, John's spelling matches the original German but a few of his descendants reversed two letters and spelled it Driesbach. His descendants who moved to Ohio dropped one letter, spelling it Dresbach.

The abbreviations used in the genealogy are generally obvious, but some readers might not know that MNU means maiden name unknown.

Elias Youngman (Jungman), b. 15 Aug 1738 Berks Co. PA, d. 17 Apr 1817 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, m. 11 Jan 1763 Catharina Nagel, b. 4 Apr 1745 Kefenrod, Wettraukreis, Hesse, Germany, d/o [Joachim and Catharine (Geiss) Nagel, d. 23 Jan 1822 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, both bur. Elias Cem., Mifflinburg

1. George Youngman, b. [16 Dec 1763] Berks Co. PA, d. 6 May 1843, m. Elizabeth Pontius, b. 30 Aug 1763, d. 28 Sep 1851 Nippenose Twp., Lycoming Co. PA

11. Elias Pontius Youngman, b. [3 May] 1795 Mifflinburg, Union Co PA, d. 30 Aug 1864 Lycoming Co PA, m. 11 June 1816 Amelia Antes in Lycoming Co. PA, b. 20 Oct 1796 Antes Fort, Lycoming Co. PA, d/o John H. & Elizabeth (Shoemaker) Antes, d. 26 May 1854 Antes Fort, Lycoming Co. PA, both bur. Fort Antes Cem., Antes Fort, Lycoming Co. PA

111. Elizabeth A. Youngman, b. 23 Nov 1817 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, d. 24 Sep 1833 Lycoming Co. PA, bur. Fort Antes Cem., Antes Fort, Lycoming Co. PA

112. George W[ashington] Youngman, b. 30 Jun 1819 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, d. 18 Jul 1895 Lycoming Co. PA, m. 26 March 1844 Ann Eliza Ludwig, b. 18 Aug 1818 Union Co. PA, d/o Samuel & [Susanna (Worman)] Ludwig, d. 24 Sep 1894 Williamsport, Lycoming Co. PA, both bur. Wildwood Cem., Williamsport, Lycoming Co. PA
113. Henry Antes Youngman, b. 28 Oct 1820 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, d. 7 Mar 1898 Grand Junction, Greene Co. IA, m. 12 Oct 1843 Sarah Oakes, b. 28 Sep 1818 Lycoming Co. PA, d. 9 May 1901 Boone, Boone Co. IA, both bur. Grand Junction Cem., Junction Twp., Greene Co., IA
114. Caroline Youngman, b. 7 Jan 1822 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, d. 8 Jan 1903 PA, m. 15 Oct 1844 John Matthias McMinn, b. 23 Aug 1819 PA, d. 11 Sep 1870 PA, both bur. Wildwood Cem., Williamsport, Lycoming Co. PA
115. John E. Youngman, b. ca. 1824 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, d. Sep 1866 IL, m. Elizabeth Graham, b. 1826 NY d. 1887 IL, both bur. Cedar Bluff Cem., Rockford, Winnebago Co. IL
116. Harriet Youngman, b. ca. 1826 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, (1860 Lycoming Co. PA)
117. Amelia Louisa Youngman, b. 1829 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, d. 1915 IL, m. 4 Jul 1861 William Thompson Sheadle in Winnebago Co. IL, b. 1832 Germany, d. 1913 IL, both bur. Lawnridge Cem., Rochelle, Ogle Co. IL
118. Priscilla Youngman, b. ca. 1832 PA, m. 13 Nov 1857 Ernest Reichenbach in Ogle Co. IL (both 1870 Green Co. WI)
119. Martha E. Youngman, b. ca. 1834 Lycoming Co. PA, single (1900 Montour Co. PA)
- 11a. William T. Youngman, b. ca. 1836 Lycoming Co. PA (1880 Ogle Co. IL)
- 11b. Elmira L. Youngman, b. 12 Jul 1837 Lycoming Co. PA, m. 27 Dec 1864 Edward C. Jordan in Lycoming Co. PA
- 11c. Josephine E. Youngman, b. 24 Jun 1839 Lycoming Co. PA, d. 1932 WI, m. 4 Feb 1869 Thomas M. Canfield, b. 1833 PA, d. 1919 WI, both bur. Bayview Cem., Juneau Co. WI
12. Mary Youngman, b. ca. 1797 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, single (1860 Lycoming Co. PA)
121. Susannah Youngman, b. ca. 1819 PA, d. 8 March 1894 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, single, bur. Elias Cem., Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA,
13. Catharine Ann Youngman, b. 23 Jul 1800 Union Co. PA, d. 26 Feb 1828 Snyder Co. PA, bur. St. John's United Brethren Cem., Chapman Twp., Snyder Co. PA, m. George Heberling, d. 1868 IL (George 1860 Adams Co. IL)
131. George Perry Heberling, b. ca. 1821 PA, m. 22 Jun 1841 Margaret Creamer in Adams Co. IL, b. ca. 1825 OH (1880 Hancock Co. IL)



132. Thomas Harrison Heberling, b. 13 Feb 1823 Union Co. Pa, d. 11 Nov 1913 Sangamon Co. IL, m. Rebecca MNU, b. 1819 PA, d. 24 Apr 1889 Springfield, Sangamon Co. IL, both bur. Oak Ridge Cem., Springfield, Sangamon Co. IL
133. Rosaltha Heberling, b. ca. 1826 PA, m. Thomas Payne, b. 4 Oct 1814 Montgomery Co. KY, s/o William Payne, d. 23 Aug 1899 Hot Springs, Garland Co. AR, bur. New Providence Cem., Adams Co. IL, he 1m. Eliza Trimble, he 3m. Mary F. Denson, he 4m. Margaret Woods (Rosaltha 1850, Adams Co., IL)
14. Sarah Youngman, b. ca. 1800 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, m. George Heberling, d. 1868 IL (Sarah 1880 Adams Co. IL, George 1860 Adams Co. IL)
141. Hiram Abiff Heberling, b. 1829 Snyder Co. PA, d. 1898 Quincy, Adams Co. IL, m. 23 Jul 1851 Mary Ricker, b. 6 Jan 1835 Hanover Niedersachsen, Germany, d. 6 Jan 1888 Buchanan Co. MO, both bur. Woodland Cem., Quincy, Adams Co., IL
142. Frederick Heberling, b. ca. 1838 PA (1870 Adams Co. IL)
143. Victoria A. Heberling, b. ca. 1842 IL (1860 Adams Co. IL)
144. Monroe Heberling, b. ca. 1845 IL (1870 Adams Co. IL)
15. Thomas M. Youngman, d. 1845 Mifflinburg
2. Catharine Youngman, b. 24 Oct 1766 Berks Co. PA, d. 28 May 1852 Union Co. PA, m. 6 Oct 1788 John Dreisbach, b. 26 Sep 1762, s/o Martin & [Anna Eve (Hoffman)] Dreisbach, d. 27 March 1823 Union Co. PA, both bur. Elias Cem. Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA
21. Samuel Dresbach, b. 9 Sep 1789 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, d. 29 Nov. 1868 Pickaway Co. OH, m. 14 Jan 1813 Mary Magdalena Dunkle, b. 30 Mar 1792 Schuylkill Co. PA, d/o Jacob Dunkle, d. 22 Jan 1884 Circleville, Pickaway Co. OH, both bur. Forest Cem., Circleville, Pickaway Co. OH
211. Elizabeth Dresbach, b. ca. 1814 Union Co. PA, m. 7 Jan 1840 William Miller in Fairfield Co. OH, d. < 1884
212. Charles Dreisbach, b. ca. 1816 Union Co. PA, m. 25 Dec 1843 Caroline Matlock in Fairfield Co. OH, b. ca. 1824 OH (1870 Fairfield Co. OH)
213. Catherine Dresbach, b. ca. 1819 Union Co. PA, d. 1904 Hamilton Co. TN, bur. Forest Hills Cem., Chattanooga, Hamilton Co. TN, m. 25 Dec 1839 George H. Little in Fairfield Co. OH, b. ca. 1810 OH, d. 1880 Fairfield Co. OH, bur. Elmwood Cem., Lancaster Fairfield Co. OH
214. Susan Dresbach, b. 20 Aug 1820 Union Co. PA, d. 16 Nov 1877 OH, m. 3 Jun 1841 Samuel D. Buchwalter in Fairfield Co. OH, b. ca. 1818 OH, d. Apr 1898, both bur. Forest Cem., Circleville, Pickaway Co. OH
215. Samuel D. Dresbach, b. ca. 1823 Union Co. PA, d. Aug 1891 OH, bur. Forest Cem., Circleville, Pickaway Co. OH, single
216. John N. Dresbach, b. ca. 1826 Union Co. PA, d. 3 Mar 1862 Fairfield Co. OH, bur. Elmwood Cem., Lancaster, Fairfield Co. OH, single

217. Mary Jane Dresbach, b. 10 Feb 1828 Union Co. PA, d. 20 Apr 1907 Circleville, Pickaway Co. Oh, bur. Forest Cem., Circleville, Pickaway Co. OH, single
218. Jacob Dunkle Dresbach, b. 18 Aug 1830 Union Co. PA, d. 27 Jan 1832 Union Co. PA, bur. Elias Cem., Mifflinburg Cem., Union Co. PA
219. Reuben P. Dresbach, b. 1833 Union Co. PA, d. 21 Mar 1907 Pickaway Co. OH, m. 12 Mar 1861 Anna Davenport in Pickaway Co. OH, b. 30 Mar 1838 OH, d/o Charles & Martha (Wilkes) Davenport, d. 27 Jan 1926 OH, both bur. Forest Cem., Circleville, Pickaway Co. OH
22. John Dreisbach, b. 4 Feb 1791 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA d. 7 Feb 1869 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, bur. Elias Cem., Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, m. 18 April 1811 Catharina MNU, b. 11 Mar 1785, d. 4 Apr 1815 Union Co. PA, bur. Dreisbach Church Cem., Buffalo Twp. Union Co. PA
23. Thomas Dreisbach, b. 15 Feb 1797 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, d. 27 Apr 1872 Laurelton, Union Co. PA, m. Mary Maize, b. 28 Dec 1797 PA, d/o Jacob Maize, d. 18 Feb 1862 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, both bur. Elias Cem., Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA
230. No children
24. Elias Dreisbach, b. ca. 1798 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, d. 29 Oct 1860 Buffalo Twp., Union Co. PA, 1m. Rebecca MNU, b. 21 Aug 1801, d. 8 Sep 1858 Buffalo Twp., Union Co. PA, both bur. Elias Cem., Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA
241. Thomas Driesbach, b. 6 Nov 1821 Buffalo Twp., Union Co. PA, d. 31 Mar 1891 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, bur. Elias Cem., Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, single
242. Catherine Dreisbach, b. 1825 Buffalo Twp., Union Co. PA, d. 15 Feb 1877 OH, m. Abraham Hoy, b. 24 Sep 1818 Union Co. PA, d. 15 May 1894 Delaware Co. OH, both bur. Burnside Cem., Delaware Co. OH
243. Caroline Dreisbach, b. 1826 Union Co. PA, d. 14 Dec 1845 Union Co. PA, bur. Elias Cem., Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, single
244. Mary Nancy Dreisbach, b. 2 Aug 1830 Buffalo Twp., Union Co. PA, d. 1 Aug 1864 Lewisburg, Union Co. PA, bur. Elias Cem., Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, m. 14 Mar 1854 John M.C. Ranck, b. ca. 1829 PA, he 2m. Emma D. Melick
245. Matilda Dreisbach, b. ca. 1833 Buffalo Twp., Union Co. PA, m. Mr. Bordner
246. Jacob E. Dreisbach, b. 19 Sep 1837 Buffalo Twp., Union Co. PA, d. 5 Nov 1912 Perry Co. PA, bur. Elias Cem., Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, probably single
- Elias Dreisbach, 2m. Mary B. Reedy, b. 21 Sep 1807, d. 28 Dec 1882 Lewisburg, Union Co. PA, bur. Lewisburg Cem., Union Co. PA
240. No children

25. Catherine Driesbach, b. 4 Mar 1798 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, d. 15 Jul 1857 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, bur. Elias Cem., Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, single
26. Joseph Dresbach, b. 14 Sep 1803 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, d. 9 May 1867 Dodge Co. MN, m. 24 Dec 1827 Mary L. Roush, b. 13 Mar 1810 PA, d. 7 Feb 1874 Dodge Co. MN, both bur. Riverside Cem., Dodge Co. MN
261. Mary Dresbach, b. ca. 1829 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA (1850 Sandusky Co. OH)
262. Joseph Dresbach, b. ca. 1830 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA (1850 Sandusky Co. OH)
263. Harriet S. Dresbach, b. 5 Dec 1831 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, d. 16 Mar 1881 OH, m. John Kasper Richard, b. 17 Mar 1824 Germany, d. 26 May 1884 OH, both bur. Bellevue Cem., Huron Co. OH
264. John Youngman Dresbach, b. 7 Dec 1834 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, d. 1924 Wasioja Twp., Dodge Co. MN, m. 29 Mar 1870 Mary Delphine Fulton in Dodge Co. MN, b. 12 Jan 1852 NY, d/o John & Sarah Fulton, d. 25 Dec 1925 Dodge Center, Dodge Co. MN, both bur. Riverside Cem., Dodge Co. MN
265. Michael Roush Dresbach, b. 2 Dec 1836 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, d. 20 Jul 1918 Long Beach, Los Angeles Co. CA, m. Louisa Fulton, b. 14 Jun 1844 NY, d. 23 Jun 1917 Wasioja Twp., Dodge Co. MN, both bur. Riverside Cem., Dodge Co. MN, she 1m. Samuel Dresbach
266. Samuel Dresbach, b. ca. 1839 PA, m. 31 Mar 1862 Louisa Fulton in Dodge Co. MN, b. 14 Jun 1844 NY, d. 23 Jun 1917 Wasioja Twp., Dodge Co. MN, bur. Riverside Cen., Dodge Co. MN, she 2m. Michael Roush Dresbach
267. Sarah Dresbach, b. ca. 1841 PA (1850 Dodge Co. MN)
268. Margaret J. Dresbach, b. 4 Feb 1843 PA, d. 10 Jun 1924 Dodge Center, Dodge Co. MN, m. Nov 1863 James E. Emery, b. Aug 1842 OH, d. 26 Dec 1918 Dodge Co. MN
269. Louisa Dresbach, b. ca. 1845 PA (1860 Dodge Co. MN)
27. Gabriel Driesbach, b. 6 Jan 1805 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, d.<1823
28. George Youngman Driesbach, b. 2 Sep 1808 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, d. 6 May 1865 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, m. [17 April 1832] Harriet S. Bogar, b. 11 Sep 1815 PA, d. 23 Dec 1865 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, both bur. Elias Cem., Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA
281. Mary Catherine Dreisbach, b. ca. 1833 Union Co. PA, d. 2 Jul 1886 San Francisco, San Francisco, Co. CA, bur. I. O. O. F. Cem., San Francisco, San Francisco Co. CA, m. 15 May 1855 Samuel Sankey in Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, b. 26 Jun 1830 PA, d. 23 Nov 1886 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, bur. Aaronsburg Reformed Cem., Centre Co. PA
282. Sarah Jane Dreisbach, b. 24 Jan 1836 Union Co. PA, d. 10 Dec 1892 Union Co. PA, m. 25 Sep 1862 John N. Pontius, b. 17 Jun 1833 Union Co.

- PA, s/o John F. & [Mary A. (Larabee)] Pontius d. 7 Jun 1915, both bur. Elias Cem., Mifflinburg Union Co. PA
283. Harriet Sevilla Dreisbach, b. 7 Jan 1838 Union Co. Pa, d. 20 Apr 1840 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, bur. Elias Cem., Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA
284. George Calvin Dreisbach, b. 16 Mar 1841 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, d. 16 Aug 1914 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, bur. Elias Cem., Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, m. Helen Lenora Ranck, b. ca. 1844 PA
285. Eliza Ellen Dreisbach, b. 16 Mar 1841 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, d. 20 Nov 1842 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, bur. Elias Cem., Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA
286. Martha Ellen Dreisbach, b. 21 Mar 1844 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, d. 12 Sep 1896 PA, m. John Noetling, b. 11 Apr 1834, d. 16 Feb 1905 PA, both bur. Elias Cem., Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA
29. Amelia Driesbach, b. 2 Sep 1808 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, d. <1823
- 2a. Maria Driesbach, b. 2 Sep 1808 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, d. 22 Jan 1860 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, m. 7 Feb 1839 Isaac L. Beck, b. 1811 PA, s/o Henry & Hannah (Ludwig) Beck, d. 21 May 1856 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, both bur. Elias Cem., Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA
- 2a1. Henry L. Beck, b. ca. 1840 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, 1m. Jenny MNU, b. 1846 PA, d. 15 Apr 1875 Weatherly, Carbon Co., bur. Union Cem., Weatherly, Carbon Co. 2m. Elizabeth MNU, b. ca. 1852 PA (Henry 1909 Hazleton, Luzerne Co. PA)
- 2a2. John D. Beck, b. 15 Oct 1844 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, d. 1845 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, bur. Elias Cem., Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA
- 2a3. Catharine A. Beck, b. 15 Oct 1844 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, d. 22 Dec 1909 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, bur. Elias Cem., Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, single
3. Thomas Youngman, b. 2 Nov 1771 PA, d. 12 Jan 1812 Union Co. PA, m. Amelia [Shoemaker], b. 22 Aug 1773, [d/o Henry Shoemaker], d. 15 Sep 1842 Union Co. PA, both bur. Elias Cem., Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, she 2m. Robert Forster
31. son Youngman, b. < 1800 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA
32. Catharine Youngman, b. 8 Mar 1796 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, d. 27 Dec 1876 Northumberland, Northumberland Co. PA, bur. Riverview Cem., Northumberland, Northumberland Co. PA, m. 17 Feb 1816 George Withington, b. [25 Aug 1787, s/o Martin & Margaret (Shoemaker)] Withington, d. [27 Jul 1830, widower of Elizabeth Grove]
321. Margaret Catharine Withington, b. 10 Dec 1818 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, d. 13 Jun 1868 PA, m. 16 Feb 1841 Amos Ellmaker Kapp, b. 27 Aug 1809 Harrisburg, Dauphin Co. PA, s/o Michael & Mary (Ellmaker) Kapp, d. 23 Sep 1887 Point Twp., Northumberland Co. PA, both bur. Riverview Cem., Northumberland, Northumberland Co. PA

322. Hannah Withington, b. ca. 1821 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, m. 15 Nov 1843 Samuel R. Patton in Northumberland, Northumberland Co. PA, b. ca. 1806 PA (1880 Winnebago Co. WI)
323. Martin J. D. Withington, b. 19 Jul 1823 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, d. 30 Dec 1894 Northumberland, Northumberland Co. PA, m. [25 Jan] 1849 Elizabeth G. Forsyth, b. 9 Jun 1825, d/o William & Elizabeth Forsyth, d. 3 Jan 1913, both bur. Riverview Cem., Northumberland, Northumberland Co. PA
324. Thomas M. Withington, b. ca. 1824 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, m. 1843 Abigail Jones, b. ca. 1820 PA (1850 Northumberland)
325. George Edward Withington, b. 17 Aug 1826 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, d. Mar 1900 Nevada City, Nevada Co. CA, bur. Pine Grove Cem., Nevada Co. CA, m. Annie MNU, b. ca. 1830 NY, d. < 1880
326. William Potter Withington, b. 1829 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, d. 2 Dec 1881 PA, m. 27 May 1856 Hannah P. Cowden, b. 2 Jan 1833 Northumberland Co. PA, d/o John H. & Hanna (Pleasants) Cowden, d. 10 Apr 1909 Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co. PA, both bur. Riverview Cem., Northumberland, Northumberland Co. PA
33. Elias Shoemaker Youngman, b. ca. 1798 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA
34. Hannah Youngman, b. ca. 1801 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, d. 15 Nov 1875 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, m. ca. 1820 George Lehman, b. 16 Feb 1796, d. 7 Sep 1845 Union Co. PA, both bur. Elias Cem., Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA
341. Amelia Lehman, b. 22 Feb 1821 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, d. 22 Mar 1879 Limestone Twp., Union Co. PA, m. Edward Smith, b. 2 Dec 1819 PA, d. 3 Sep 1865 West Buffalo Twp., Union Co. PA, both bur. Elias Cem., Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA
342. Thomas G. Lehman, b. 13 Dec 1824 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, d. 10 Jan 1852 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, m. Elizabeth MNU, b. ca. 1823, d. 25 Mar 1850 Union Co. PA, both bur. Elias Cem., Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA
343. Robert F. Lehman, b. 25 Nov 1830 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, d. 20 Jun 1876 NC, m. Harriet Neal, b. ca. 1829 PA, d. 23 Jan 1886 NC, both bur. New Bern National Cem., New Bern, Craven Co. NC
344. Elizabeth Lehman, b. ca. 1834 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA
35. George Nagel Youngman, b. 10 May 1804 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, d. 13 Jan 1881 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, bur. Elias Cem., Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, m. 31 Dec 1835 Keziah Chambers, b. 21 Jun 1814 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, d/o Benjamin & Sarah (Barber) Chambers, d. 13 Jan 1903 Easton, Northampton Co. PA, bur. Easton Cem., Northampton Co. PA
351. Robert Barber Youngman, b. 18 Nov 1836 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, d. 1 Mar 1917 Easton, Northampton Co. PA, m. Catharine Opdyke, b. 25 Oct 1840 PA, d. 9 Dec 1891 Easton, Northampton Co. PA, both bur. Easton Cem., Northampton Co. PA

352. John Chambers Youngman, b. 5 Jul 1838 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, d. 8 Jun 1901, bur. Fairview Cem., Montour Co. PA, m. Hannah Jennie Grier, b. ca. 1845 PA, d. KS
353. Benjamin Chambers Youngman, b. 9 Mar 1840 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, d. 4 Apr 1918 Clearfield, Clearfield Co. PA, m. 13 Aug 1874 Mary G. Bunting, b. 1846 PA, d. 1891 Clearfield, Clearfield Co. PA, both bur. Hillcrest Cem., Clearfield, Clearfield Co. PA
354. Sarah Amelia Youngman, b. 23 Jun 1842 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, d. 14 Mar 1900 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, m. 6 Nov 1879 Benjamin S. Harvey, b. 29 Jun 1830 Lamar Twp., Clinton Co. PA, d. 10 Apr 1884 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, both bur. Elias Cem., Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA
355. Thomas W. Youngman, b. ca. 1848 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA (1900 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA)
36. John Youngman, b. 4 Jul 1806 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, d. [17 Nov 1885 Lock Haven, Clinton Co. PA], m. ?
37. Thomas Youngman, b. 4 Aug 1808 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA
38. Amelia Youngman, b. > 1803 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA, d. > 1880 (per 35. George Nagel Youngman, obituary)
39. Magdalena Youngman, b. 1809 Mifflinburg, Union Co. PA (may be same person as Amelia)



## **Prohibitionists/Anti-Saloonists Advocate for the Shut Down of the Cameron House and Baker House in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania**

**By Linda Rhoades-Swartz**

At the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, Lewisburg had two prominent hotels, the Cameron House and Baker House. Both provided accommodations not only to the local folks but also to weary travelers and visitors to the county. Along with accommodations, both hotels provided meals and as well as alcoholic beverages. In 1916, both establishments filed with the county to have their liquor licenses renewed. This was the customary law in the state of Pennsylvania. In order to serve any type of alcoholic beverage in a public establishment, a liquor license had to be obtained from the state and then renewed every other year. Both hotel establishments' liquor licenses expired on April 1, 1916. Renewal was required prior expiration. This was not going to be an easy task.

Throughout history, there has been some sort of prohibition movement to curb drinking, especially among married men. Prohibitionists believed that if they could outlaw alcohol completely, married men would go home after work to be with their wives and children instead of wasting their money in a bars and cavorting with women of ill-repute. No matter what they did, the Anti-Saloonists found it difficult to ban the drinking, manufacturing and selling of alcoholic beverages.

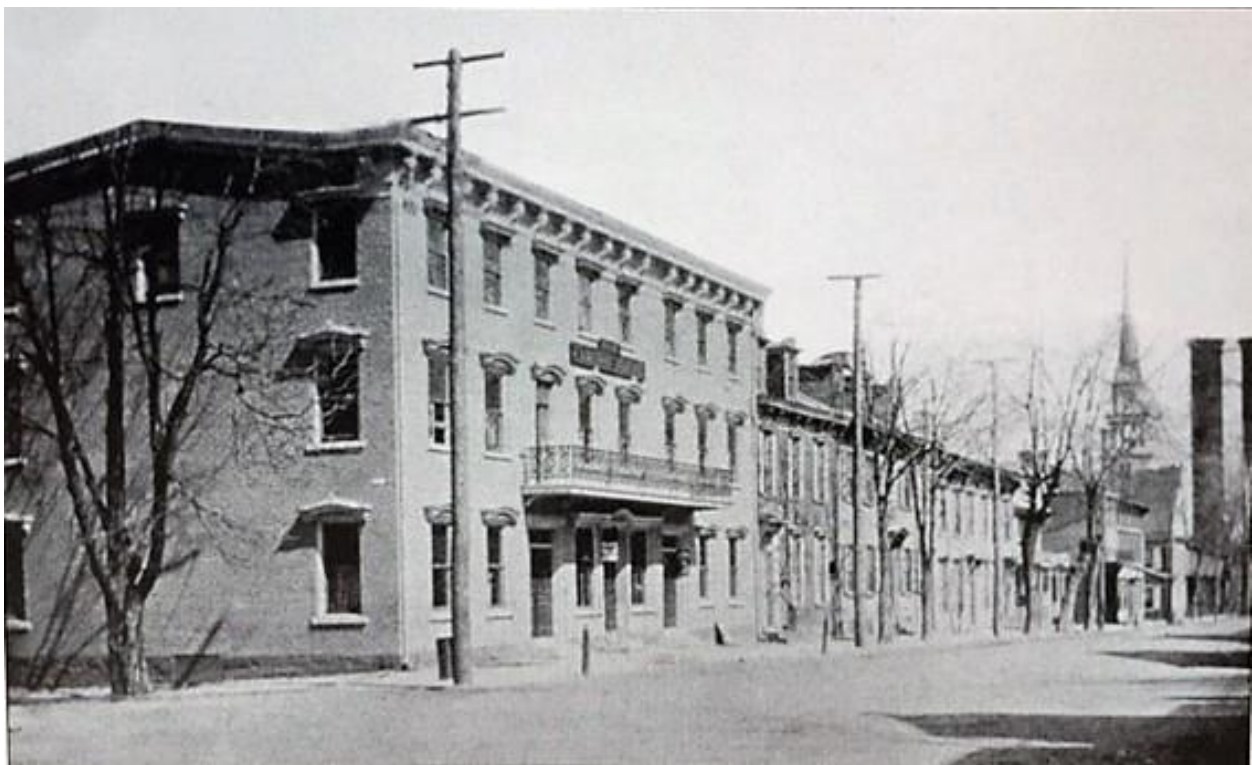


**Baker House – North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street**  
(UCHS 92.9.91.48)

This would change as the world entered the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. As World War I ravaged the European countryside, the issue of alcohol consumption became a concern for many world leaders. They felt that drunkenness hindered the war effort and began to restrict the buying of alcohol to certain times of the day. Some nations took this one step further and outlawed alcohol altogether. The United States joined this effort in 1919 with the passage of the 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment which banned the production and sale of alcohol.

The 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment was the ultimate goal of the Prohibitionists who had been working towards this end beginning in the early 19<sup>th</sup> Century. In 19<sup>th</sup> Century America, alcohol consumption was seen as a menace to society. 'Pious' Protestants sought to eliminate it all together, giving rise to the Temperance Movement which ultimately resulted in the passage of the Amendment and the law going into effect on January 16, 1919. Prior to 1919, some states and local governments had already begun to ban the sale of alcohol.

Union County was not immune to the Prohibition Movement. Also called the Anti-Saloon or Temperance Movement, it had its beginnings in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, but was escalated in the first two decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. It was spurred on by Bucknell Professor Bromley Smith and his friends from outside the county. This group of Anti-Saloonists took the owners of both the Cameron House and Baker House to court to fight the renewal of their liquor licenses. They wanted a legal stand on Prohibition. If they were successful in their case, both hotels would be banned from selling alcohol. As some speculated at the time, Professor Smith and his league of Anti-Saloonists intended to open a prohibition accommodation.



**Cameron House – East Market Street**  
(Courtesy of PHM)

The Anti-Saloonists stated from the beginning their objection was to the sale of alcohol and not to shut down the two hostelrys. They stated that both hotels “were model inns properly conducted for public accommodation,” as noted in the Lewisburg Journal (1916), but they also believed that both hotels were businesses of ill-repute. These hotels did not need a liquor license to conduct their hotel business, thus the reason for the court case.

On February 19, 1916 Judge Albert Johnson and his Associate Justices Gottlieb Rowe and A.K. Dieffenderfer voted against the renewal of the liquor licenses of both hotels. They had listened to both sides argue their points on Friday, February 18 and Saturday, February 19. The decision was quite amazing because both hotels presented witnesses in their favor. These were travelers, traveling salesman and towns folk, not only from Lewisburg, but also from surrounding towns. All proclaimed that the hotels were upstanding business and they saw no unsavory behavior due to the selling of alcohol. Those who were witnesses against the hotels were Professors from Bucknell University such as Bromley Smith, various local business owners and Reverend Crumbling. No matter how much evidence was presented for the keeping of the liquor license for the hotels and no evidence produced by the prohibitionists, the justices voted in favor of not renewing these licenses.

What was also interesting about the decisions was that the Justices refused to take responsibility for their verdict and admonished the lawyers who brought this case before them, stating that the case had in effect tarnished their (the judges’) reputation. This decision should have been the people’s and not the courts according to Judge Johnson. Johnson also noted that the peoples’ work had now begun because he believed it was their responsibility to make sure Union County stayed a dry county and were to be on the lookout for illegal sale of alcohol, especially in speakeasies.

Union County became the ninth county in the state of Pennsylvania to go ‘dry’. It was a celebratory time for the Prohibitionists who waged their war against both these hotels as early as 1912, yet a defeat at the same time. Why? Snyder County justices headed by Judge Johnson refused to vote in favor of Prohibition leaving Judge Johnson the only justice to do so for the Union County neighbor to the southwest.

While the Prohibitionists were celebrating the decision, they did not realize the consequence of this action. Both the Baker House and Cameron House declared that they would close their doors to the public on April 1, 1916 offering no more accommodations for travelers, vacationers, visitors or workers. The Anti-Saloon movement might have won the day, but the closing of these two businesses created an economic hole for Lewisburg and the county. Businessmen and travelers who visited Lewisburg went elsewhere for lodging.

## MY RIDE ON THE LEWISBURG AND TYRONE RAILROAD

Written in 2006 by Judy S. Wagner (1938-2012)

Edited and submitted by Matthew Wagner

I love trains. After reading accounts in the *Millmont Times*, and in Emilie Jansma's compilation of Louise Scott's oral tradition interviews (c. 1994), I found it fascinating that trains would stop here and there for one person to get on or off, particularly at cabins or other non-station stops. What a great time it must have been, especially for train lovers.

The first train rides I ever took were from Montandon to Philadelphia with a friend of mine – Lucy Zimmerman – and her mother, Lucille. Lucy's dad, Lester "Dick" Zimmerman worked for the railroad and received free passes for his family. It seems to me that we either went to shop or to go to a Phillies game, but it was only once or twice. There was no station at Montandon. We just waited in the car until we heard the train coming, and then boarded it.

In the late 1950's, I had the opportunity to ride the trains from Harrisburg to Sunbury, from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York, and the ultimate train trip – at least for me – from Lewistown to Pittsburgh. On the latter route, the conductor went through the cars notifying everyone to look out the windows because we would soon be rounding the Horseshoe Curve. The first time this happened, the windows were so dirty we couldn't see much but, on subsequent trips, we were able to see through clean windows and it was some sight.

In the late 1960's, Jack and I put our two oldest boys on the train at Harrisburg to travel to Philadelphia to visit their aunts. They were only nine or ten years old. People are horrified now when we tell this. But times were different then, and there was someone waiting for them at their destination. We certainly didn't think there was anything unusual about it.

What was unusual was my own trip on the Lewisburg and Tyrone Railroad and I have never forgotten it. The exact year had escaped me until I recently found some photos I had. On the back of one, I had written: "Buffalo Valley Scenic Railway – Summer, 1955". (he date for this event was June 19, 1955.) It was my understanding at the time that this was one of the last passenger trains to traverse the Lewisburg and Tyrone. Since it was, unbelievably, over 50 years ago, I only remember a little bit about the trip.

Early one Sunday morning (June 19, 1955), my parents, a friend and I, drove to Milton in my dad's 1948 Buick Special where we boarded the train.<sup>1</sup> The train was pulled by a diesel locomotive. I had always believed it was a steam engine until I discovered the photos because I remember the dress I wore was speckled with cinders by the end of the trip. The only reason I can think to account for that was that the windows were open and cinders from the railroad bed must have been stirred up by the train.

From Milton, we went south to the Northumberland Yards where the train stopped for us to tour the roundhouse. We then backtracked through Montandon, crossing the railroad bridge over the Susquehanna to Lewisburg. We did not stop anywhere to take on additional passengers as everyone had boarded at Milton.

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<sup>1</sup> See photos of poster for this event.

As we passed through Mifflinburg, people were out looking and waving. Our next stop was at the Paddy Mountain Tunnel where everyone got off to walk through the tunnel and take pictures. When we came to Centre Hall, we stopped to eat lunch. I can't remember going to a restaurant, so I am thinking we took our own bag lunch and drinks with us.

The trip resumed with the train going around Nittany Mountain passing by Linden Hall, Oak Hall, Lemont, and Rockview State Prison to Pleasant Gap, where we stopped to tour the State Fish Hatchery. From there, the railroad paralleled Route 144 and a winding stream known as Logan Branch, passing through Bellefonte to Milesburg. Here, the Lewisburg and Tyrone Railroad joined the Pennsylvania Railroad to Lock Haven, Williamsport, Watsontown and returned to Milton.

If you can picture a big oval, that was our route. I don't recall stopping anywhere else or stopping to eat dinner, although we may have. If not, we probably made good time after we left Milesburg as it seems it was early evening when we reached Milton. I would love to know if any readers may have taken the trip I did, and their memories of it.

NOTE: A poster advertising this event was discovered in my mother's files. According to the poster, the "Buffalo Valley Scenic Rail Ramble" occurred on Sunday, June 19, 1955. The excursion was sponsored by the Williamsport Exchange Club and originated in Williamsport. The route is outlined on the advertisement. A similar excursion, sponsored by the Bellefonte Sesquicentennial Committee, occurred on Sunday, August 5, 1956.



**Close Up of Diesel Engine**  
*(All photos courtesy of M. Wagner)*



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# **BUFFALO VALLEY SCENIC RAIL RAMBLE**

**SEE — PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD EARLY TRAIN EQUIPMENT**  
at Northumberland, Pennsylvania.

**SEE — BEAUTIFUL BUFFALO VALLEY**  
on the Bellefonte Branch of the PRR in territory not accessible by  
motor car or regular passenger service.

**SEE — TWO NATURAL TUNNELS**  
in use for over 80 years.

**SEE — FISH HATCHERY**  
near Bellefonte.

**SEE — BEAUTIFUL POE VALLEY**

**EAT — AT CENTRE HALL GRANGE PICNIC GROUNDS**

Bring your own picnic lunch for the entire family.

A turkey dinner (**all you can eat**) will be served by the Centre Hall  
Grange for those who do not wish to take their lunch. (Cost—  
\$1.75 per person. Children 90¢).

Train will stop at Paddy Mountain Tunnel for 15 minutes for  
those who wish to take pictures.

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**Sunday, June 19, 1955**

**Advertisement for Excursion**

*(photo courtesy of M. Wagner)*



**SPECIAL TRAIN — via PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD**

<b>TRAIN LEAVES</b>	<b>Eastern Daylight Time</b>	<b>ADULT FARE</b>
Williamsport .....	8:50 a.m.	<b>\$5.00</b>
Muncy .....	9:09 a.m.	<b>All Points</b>
Montgomery .....	9:14 a.m.	<b>CHILDREN'S FARE</b>
Watsonstown .....	9:25 a.m.	<b>(5 to 12)</b>
Milton .....	9:33 a.m.	<b>\$3.00</b>
Montandon .....	9:40 a.m.	<b>Under 5 years—free.</b>
<b>Train Arrives</b>		
Northumberland .....	9:47 a.m.	

Sunbury and Northumberland passengers will board train at PRR Enginehouse in Northumberland, using 4th Street entrance to Yards. PRR personnel will direct those persons to parking lot.

Trip limited to 500 persons.

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Candy, Ice Cream, Soft Drinks, Milk on sale in the refreshment car on train.

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**Arrangements for Coaches for Special Parties  
may be made upon request.**


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RESPONSIBILITY: The Williamsport Exchange Club gives notice that in the conduct of this excursion, all arrangements are made by it solely as agent for the tourist, and as such holds itself free of all responsibility for any loss, injury or damage to the person or property of the tourist arising from any cause whatsoever. The right is reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the trip.

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**Advertisement for Excursion**  
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**View of Lewisburg Bridge from the Train as we crossed the Susquehanna River**



**Passengers Unloading from Train and Walking Toward the Paddy Mountain Tunnel**



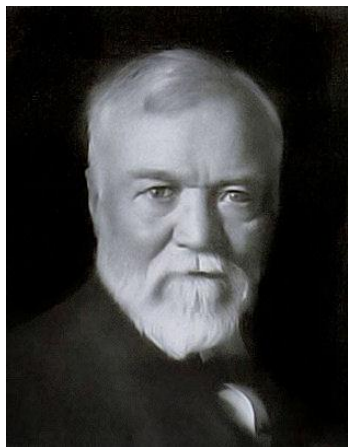


**East End of Paddy Mountain Tunnel**



**Judy's Mother, Mildred Shively, photographed at the Pleasant Gap Fish Hatchery**

## Andrew Carnegie Organs in Union County, Pennsylvania by Matthew C. Wagner



Among the many philanthropic activities of Andrew Carnegie, the great U.S. Steel magnate, was his financial support for pipe organs in churches, schools and municipal concert halls. Not as well-known as his other philanthropies, it was an important endeavor for Carnegie who was a lover of organ music.

Soon after marrying, Carnegie purchased a Gothic mansion in Scotland called “Skibo”. The home already had a pipe organ. Mrs. Carnegie hired an organist to come into the mansion and play every morning as the Carnegies rose and attended breakfast. When construction of Carnegie’s new mansion at East 91st Street and Fifth Avenue in New York City was completed in 1902, it contained a large 3-manual pipe organ built by the Aeolian Organ Company. The custom of morning organ music was maintained there when the Carnegies were in residence.

It may surprise people today to learn that in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, organ music outside the realm of the church was very popular. Organs were being built in municipal auditoriums, concert halls and theaters throughout the country. The organs at the Atlantic City Convention Hall and Radio City Music Hall are two famous examples. John Wanamaker even installed pipe organs in his Philadelphia and New York stores. Touring virtuoso organists such as Louis Vierne and Charles Courboin from France and Englishman Edwin Lamare toured the world playing organ masterworks and popular music of the day. They would compare to contemporary pop music stars in popularity. 10,000 fans attended a 1917 recital in San Francisco; 30,000 at a St. Paul, Minnesota concert and 20,000 at a concert in Cleveland.<sup>1</sup>

It became the fad for wealthy businessmen and industrialists to install pipe organs in their mansions. Organ historian, Rollin Smith wrote that owning an organ “was not only a symbol of those who had arrived socially, but was considered the ultimate appointment of the luxurious home.”<sup>2</sup> Other wealthy businessmen and industrialists who had pipe organs in their homes include John D. Rockefeller, George Eastman, Henry Clay Frick, Charles Schwab, and William K. Vanderbilt.<sup>3</sup> Craig Whitney (2003, p.33) quotes a 1911 *New York Times* article stating that “there were 200 to 300 great homes with pipe organs in the metropolitan New York region”.<sup>4</sup> Broadway musical buffs may recall the pipe organ scene in millionaire Daddy Warbucks’s mansion in the 1982 film version of “Annie” which bolsters the image of the well-appointed millionaire’s home. Scenes of Warbucks’s mansion including the organ were filmed at the former home of onetime Woolworth Company President, Hubert T. Parson in Monmouth, NJ.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.spectator.co.uk/2008/09/booming-beaming-waves-of-noise/>

<sup>2</sup> Smith, Rollin. *Pipe Organs of the Rich and Famous*. Organ Historical Society, 2014.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

<sup>4</sup> Whitney, Craig R. *All the Stops*. Public Affairs, New York, 2003. p. 33.

<sup>5</sup> Hinds, Michael deCourcy. *New York Times*. June 25, 1981. <http://www.nytimes.com/1981/06/25/garden/a-mansion-for-daddy-warbucks.html?mcubz=0>

While Carnegie donated toward organs for municipal concert halls, most of his grants went to churches. Initially, churches made requests to Carnegie himself. Later, so many requests were coming in that, in 1911, Carnegie created the Carnegie Corporation of New York which managed the organ grants as well as Carnegie's other numerous philanthropies.<sup>6</sup> One of the stipulations of the grants was that he would provide half the cost of the organ. The church was responsible for raising the money for the remaining half. It was his way of encouraging parishioners to do the work of stewardship in their churches.

The statistics demonstrate the enormity of this philanthropy. Over 7,000 organs throughout the U.S. and the world benefitted from Carnegie's financial support. Grants for 4092 organs in the United States totaled \$3,604,718.75. Pennsylvania received more grants than any other state – 1351. 124 grants were awarded to churches in Canada. Grants were also distributed for organs in the following countries worldwide: England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Africa, Australia, British Guiana, British West Indies, Gibraltar, India, New Zealand.<sup>7</sup>

A report into the effectiveness of his organ bequests concluded three things:

1. Churches are contributing instrumentalities in the social and cultural advancement of a community – the aggregate of communities make the Nation.
2. The efficiency of the services of a church is augmented by the use of a pipe organ, hence, through the church, the organ indirectly contributes to the social and cultural advancement of the community, and
3. Directly, the organ when used in recitals and by students of music, renders an important cultural service.<sup>8</sup>

### **Carnegie Organs in Union County**

Union County citizens may not be aware that there were four churches in Union County that received funds from Carnegie to support the installation of pipe organs. Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lewisburg and three churches in Mifflinburg: St. John's United Church of Christ (Reformed), First Evangelical Lutheran Church, and Mifflinburg Methodist Church (formerly Wesley)

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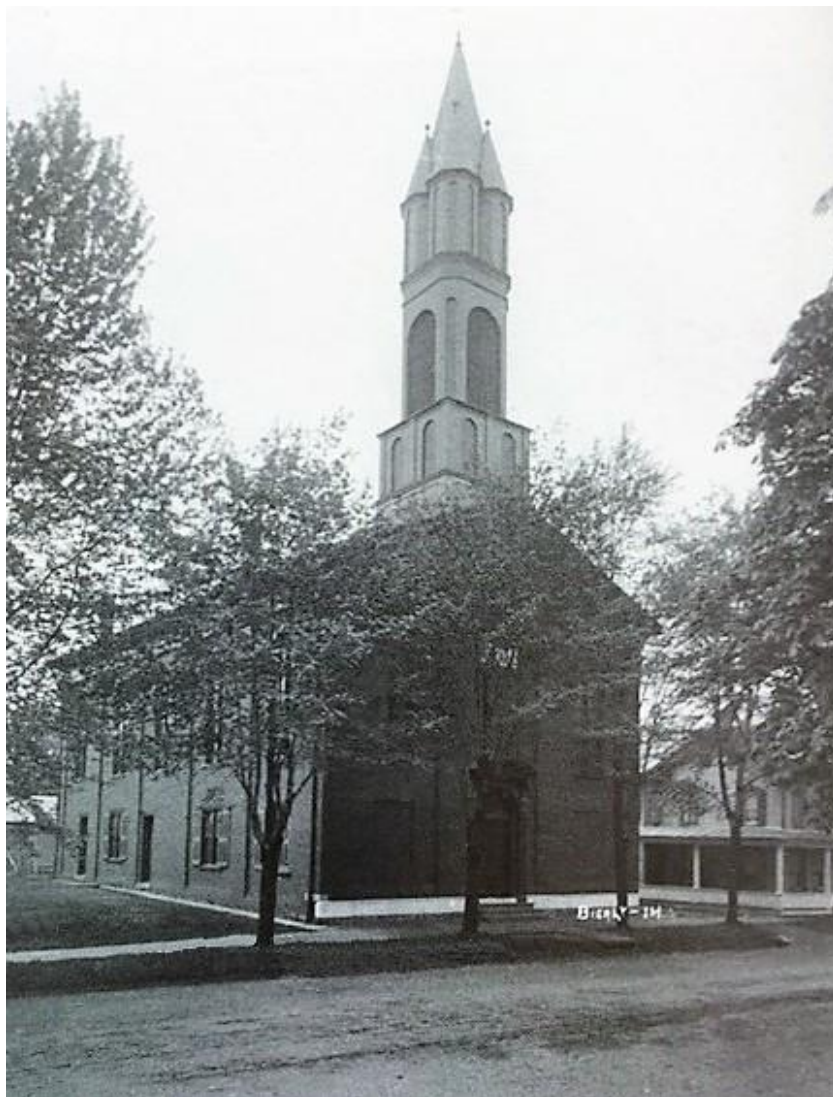
<sup>6</sup> <https://velvethummingbee.wordpress.com/tag/carnegie-organ/>

<sup>7</sup> The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. A Manual of the Public Benefactions of Andrew Carnegie. Washington, D.C. 1919. pp. 310-321.

<sup>8</sup> <https://velvethummingbee.wordpress.com/tag/carnegie-organ/>

**Saint John's United Church of Christ  
417 Market Street, Mifflinburg**

Saint John's United Church of Christ (Reformed) installed a new pipe organ in 1903 to replace an older one from 1867.<sup>9</sup> The organ was built by the Estey Organ Company of Brattleboro, Vermont and funded by Carnegie.<sup>10</sup> The 1903 organ was renovated in the 1940' or 1950's by the Robert Minium Organ Company of Mifflinburg. A new organ which includes some pipework from the 1903 organ was completed in 2015 by Peter Gerger of the Jacob Gerger and Sons of Croydon, PA.<sup>11</sup>



**St. John's United Church of Christ (Reformed) – 1914**  
(UCHS JD)

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.organforum.com/forums/showthread.php?29525-Andrew-Carnegie>

<sup>10</sup> Snyder, Mifflinburg: A Bicentennial History; pages 17ff, photo of Enoch Miller, p. 146.

<sup>11</sup> Sylvester, Joe. 113-Year-Old Pipe Organ Playing In Tune. *The Daily Item*, June 12, 2016.





**Saint John's United Church of Christ, Mifflinburg  
Pipe Organ and Chancel in 1957 prior to renovations of 1960**  
*(Photo courtesy of Saint John's United Church of Christ)*



**New Organ incorporating restored façade pipes from the 1903 Estey organ**  
*(Photo courtesy of the author)*

**First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
404 Market Street, Mifflinburg**

The first pipe organ for the new Lutheran church building, dedicated in 1900, was Moeller Opus 1254 built by the M.P. Moeller Organ Company of Hagerstown, Maryland. It was installed in 1911 at a cost of \$2,500 with half the cost provided by Carnegie.<sup>12</sup> That instrument was located in a two-story, arched recess on the right side of the chancel.

A new pipe organ, Opus 5973, was installed by the Moeller Company during extensive remodeling of the chancel area of the church in 1950.<sup>13</sup> The pipes for this instrument are located in chambers, high on the left and right sides of the central apse. Olive Hoover, organist from 1919 to 1948, told this author that some of the pipework from the 1911 instrument was incorporated into the 1950 instrument. In 2014, this organ was replaced with a Walker electronic digital instrument. The pipes, however, remain intact and unused in the organ chambers.



**First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 404 Market Street – circa 1910**  
*(Postcard photo courtesy of the author)*

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<sup>12</sup> [http://www.savetheorgan.org/kbase/opus\\_lists/moller\\_opus.pdf](http://www.savetheorgan.org/kbase/opus_lists/moller_opus.pdf)

<sup>13</sup> Ibid.





**Interior of First Evangelical Lutheran Church, circa 1917**

*(Photo courtesy of the author)*

**New Organ Installed**  
*Special to The Telegraph*  
 Mifflinburg, Pa., Sept. 16.—A new pipe organ has been installed in the Mifflinburg Lutheran Church. The builder is M. P. Moller, of Hagerstown, Md. Thursday night the inaugural recital was given by Professor Frederick Maxson, of Philadelphia, assisted by Mrs. Harriette Sowers Kleckner, Mrs. Oliver K. Pellman, Miss Carrie E. Mench and Miss Sara S. Klose, of Mifflinburg.  
 The program was superior to anything ever presented in Mifflinburg.

Article regarding 1911 inaugural recital for Lutheran Church pipe organ<sup>14</sup>

<sup>14</sup> Harrisburg Telegraph, Harrisburg, PA. Sept. 16, 1911, p. 4.

**Mifflinburg United Methodist Church**  
**279 Market Street, Mifflinburg**

Plans for acquiring a pipe organ for the Methodist Church were begun in 1906 during the pastorate of Rev. C.W. Karns. The organ of 24 registers, Opus 781, was built by the M.P. Moeller Organ Company of Hagerstown, Maryland and installed in 1907.<sup>15</sup>



**Mifflinburg Methodist Church**  
*(Postcard photo courtesy of the author)*

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<sup>15</sup> [http://www.savetheorgan.org/kbase/opus\\_lists/moller\\_opus.pdf](http://www.savetheorgan.org/kbase/opus_lists/moller_opus.pdf)





### Methodist Church, Mifflinburg

(Photo courtesy of the author)

Andrew Carnegie provided \$1,000 toward the instrument. The congregation raised an additional \$1,500 to \$1,800 toward the cost.<sup>16</sup> A dedication was held on Sunday, December 8, 1907. The following is a quote from the *Christian Advocate*:

Sunday, December 8, Pastor J.A. Mattern's people celebrated the installation of a new pipe organ in (the) Mifflinburg Church. They paid \$2,500, built a recess for the instrument, costing \$350, and put in electric light. Pastor G.M. Glenn, of Chambersburg, came to preach and secure \$310; asked for \$400, received \$425.<sup>17</sup>

Chimes were added to the organ in 1924. Mrs. Alice M. Schoch provided the money for the chimes as a gift in memory of her brother, Rev. Abraham H. Mensch. Rev. Mensch was a son of the church who entered the ministry in 1868, the year the Central Pennsylvania Conference was organized.

<sup>16</sup> History of Wesley Methodist Church. 1963.

<sup>17</sup> Buckley, James M., Editor. *The Christian Advocate*, Jan. 2, 1908. New York, NY. Vol. 83, No. 1, p. 32.

In 1948, during the pastorate of Rev. David M. Kerr, the organ was enlarged, and a new console was built by the Canarsus Company at a cost of \$3,500.<sup>18</sup> A special service of dedication was held Sunday, March 21, 1948, with a guest organist, W.W. Adams, Jr. of Westminster Choir College. Special music was also provided by the church organist, George B. Klingman, and the church choir. At this time the organ console was dedicated in memory of Janet S. Mench who faithfully served as organist and choir director from 1910 to 1945.

This instrument retains its original pipework along with the additions of 1948, and the case is virtually unchanged. But for the 1948 alterations, this instrument is probably one of the few Carnegie organs in Central Pennsylvania close to its original state.

### **Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church 3<sup>rd</sup> & St. Louis Streets, Lewisburg**

Around 1802, the Lutherans in Lewisburg worshiped in a log schoolhouse on the site of the present Parsonage near the corner of St. Louis and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets. Later, they joined with the Reformed congregation to form a Union Church and, together, they replaced the log school with a brick building that functioned as school and church. In 1853, the union was dissolved and a new church, known as "The Brick Church" was erected by the Lutherans in 1853. In 1885, the congregation purchased a pipe organ built by the A. B. Felgemaker Organ Company of Erie, Pennsylvania.



**1902 "Brown Stone Church" with Courthouse in the background**  
*(Photo courtesy of Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church)*

<sup>18</sup> Mifflinburg Telegraph, November 19, 195\_\_\_. p. \_\_\_. <https://www.fold3.com/image/39589520>



Construction on the present edifice, referred to as “The Brown Stone Church”, was begun in September 1901 and the dedication took place on September 7, 1902. The decision was made to dismantle and rebuild the 1885 Felgemaker organ in the new church. Documents in the church’s archives indicate that the organ’s stoplist was unchanged. The old organ was rebuilt inside a new case constructed by the Felgemaker company. The case featured a rank of exposed metal speaking pipes that were decorated in French Gold Bronze and stood on a chest with an oak paneled front. The journal, *The Luther League Review* (1902) stated that the church was to receive grant of \$1,500 from Andrew Carnegie toward the cost of the organ. Since it was customary for the organ grants to be for half the cost of the organ, one could assume that the total cost of the rebuilt instrument with new case was \$3,000.

A 1917 project included additional stops, expanded pipework, a Harp Celeste and chimes installed by the Felgemaker Company. The project also included replacement of the tracker action with the new technology of electric pneumatic action. An Echo division was added to the organ in 1941 as well as a new 3-manual console from the Moller Organ Company of Hagerstown, Maryland. Subsequent projects in 1963 and 1970-71 included renovations, repairs and additions to the organ. By 1983, the organ began to show signs of deterioration and by 1988, portions of the instrument were unplayable.

The much-altered Felgemaker organ was replaced in 1993 with a new instrument manufactured by the Austin Organ Company of Hartford, Connecticut. The Austin organ contains 38 new ranks and three ranks of pipes from the previous organ.



**Interior of 1902 church showing original pipe façade of the Felgemaker Organ**

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### Other Carnegie Organs in Central Pennsylvania

There are other churches in nearby counties that benefited from Carnegie's generosity. The list of those churches and the dates of organ installation follow.

1. First Lutheran Church (Sharon), Selinsgrove – 1905 – Funded by Carnegie; dedicated on November 5, 1905.<sup>19</sup>
2. First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Watsontown – 1904 – Renovated in 1995 by the Parsons Organ Builders.<sup>20</sup>
3. Trinity Methodist Church, Danville – 1914 - \$2,500 with half paid by Carnegie.<sup>21</sup>
4. Saint Andrew Evangelical Lutheran Church, Muncy – 1914 - \$2,400 with \$875 paid by Carnegie.<sup>22</sup>
5. Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, Mount Carmel – date unknown.<sup>23</sup>
6. Saint Paul's Lutheran Church, Gordan – 1904 - \$1,200 with \$600 paid by Carnegie.<sup>24</sup>
7. Saint John's German Lutheran Church, Millville – circa 1905 – Total cost \$1,500.<sup>25</sup>
8. Pine Street Methodist Church, Williamsport – circa 1910 – Total just over \$1,000.<sup>26</sup>
9. Messiah Lutheran Church, Mifflintown – 1904 - \$2,275 with \$1000 paid by Carnegie.<sup>27</sup>
10. Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Millersburg – circa 1906 - \$2,000 with half paid by Carnegie.<sup>28</sup>

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<sup>28</sup> [www.stpaulsmillersburg.com/HistoryPart1.htm](http://www.stpaulsmillersburg.com/HistoryPart1.htm)



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