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Conrad T. Logan, January 9, 1948.

James H. Ruebush, April 4, 1948.

Noah D. Showalter, November 4, 1948.

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CHERISHED IN MEMORY

Martha Bower, daughter of James R. Bower of Bedford County and Roanoke, Va., and his wife, Mary Scott Shands of Harrisonburg, married William Dean of Harrisonburg, November 12, 1889. Of their eight children, Anna Martha (Mrs. Clarence Crist) is a resident of Harrisonburg. Mrs. Dean took an active interest in local history and genealogy.

Julia Kurtz Henkel was born in New Market, November 8, 1867, daughter of Dr. Solon P. C. Henkel and his wife, Maria Miller. In early life she taught art in several schools. On October 8, 1907, she married Elon O. Henkel (1855-1935), editor and publisher of the *Shenandoah Valley*, weekly newspaper, at New Market, where the Henkels have been prominent in professional life and as publishers since 1790.

Conrad T. Logan was born in Harrisonburg, July 15, 1890, son of John Lester Logan and his wife, Margaret Elizabeth Conrad. On December 23, 1913, he married Mary Harnsberger Jarman of Elkton. After teaching in several institutions he, in 1919, became professor of English and head of the department in (now) Madison College, continuing in that capacity until his death. Beginning in 1928, he did much for the expansion and usefulness of the Rockingham Public Library in Harrisonburg.

James H. Ruebush, second son of Ephraim Ruebush and his wife, Lucilla Virginia Kieffer, was born near Singers' Glen, October 19, 1865. On August 7, 1889, he married Ella V. Funkhouser of Shenandoah County. Professor Ruebush was a distinguished musician, teacher, composer, and educator. For many years he was an active member of the

Ruebush-Kieffer Publishing Company at Dayton and was a popular contributor to many of the music books issued by that firm. At the same time he was one of the mainstays of Shenandoah College, serving that institution as president and in other capacities.

Noah D. Showalter, born in Rockingham County in 1886, was a lover of music: taught singing and published singing books. He was also a surveyor and published county atlases in the Middle West and in Virginia. In later life he devoted much time to local history and in 1944 was one of the organizers of the Rockingham County Historical Society which he served efficiently as corresponding secretary and custodian. He was notably active and successful as chairman of the acquisition committee.

A NEWCOMER SALUTES THE GREAT VALLEY

By Earl C. Cochran

From Blue Ridge billows to the serrate crags
Of Alleghany's crest I gazed, and felt
At one with Moses and the hosts of God,
When from the heights of Moab they beheld
A vale that beckoned weary wand'ers in
To strike their tents and tarry there for aye.

I saw Gibraltar's twin, the peaked brow
Of Massanutten, imperturbably
Gaze forth, Sphinx-like, not on Ghizeh's dead
Nor tombs of Pharaohs, but bulging barns
And fatted kine, and husky, lusty sons
Of Shenandoah, Daughter of the Stars:
True melting pot of nations, bringing forth
A race not Teuton, Slav, or Celt, but all
American; their grandsires hither came
And set rude boots and moccasins upon
The fresh-made track of Knighthood's Golden Shoes;
Now Baughers, Dofflemyers, and Armentrouts
Are kith and kin with Johnson, Smith, and Jones,
While Fitz- and Mc- and O- ring proudly out
Like skirling pipes in Lomond's distant glens.

Thrice blest by Time: a PAST of golden deeds,
A PRESENT rich with progress and with wealth,
A FUTURE bounded only by your dreams!
May I be one of your adopted sons,
O Shenandoah, Daughter of the Stars?

GARRISON'S HISTORY

Rev. J. Silor Garrison, D. D., of Harrisonburg, a member of the Society's Honorary Advisory Board, has recently received from the press his monumental "History of the Reformed Church in Virginia, 1714-1940," an octavo volume of 475 pages. In addition, there are 118 inset pages of illustrations—portraits of church leaders, pictures from photographs of church buildings, etc. This book contains materials collected by Dr. Garrison over a period of 50 years, and will be an authoritative source of reference for students of church history in all time to come.

THOROUGHBRED HORSES

Mr. Alexander Mackay-Smith, of White Post, Va., a member of our Honorary Advisory Board, is the author of an attractively printed and illustrated booklet of 43 pages entitled "The Thoroughbred in the Lower Shenandoah Valley, 1785-1842," a product of the Pifer Printing Company, Winchester. The publication gives evidence of extensive and careful research by the author and provides much interesting information on a subject that is familiar only in a general way to most persons, even those living in the region covered.

TURNER ASHBY CHAPTER, U. D. C., SEMI-CENTENNIAL

On October 2, 1947, the Turner Ashby Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Harrisonburg, celebrated its semi-centennial with an appropriate program, and in connection published an attractive 20-page historical booklet prepared by Mrs. Edwin A. Hering, who was president of the chapter from 1939 to 1947. The chapter was organized on February 14, 1896; its charter was received from the Virginia Division on November 11, 1897. The booklet contains the names of the 24 charter members and lists the present 62 members in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County, also the 14 members who live elsewhere. An appropriate tribute is paid to Mrs. William Dean of Harrisonburg and Mrs. Katherine Paul Letcher of Lexington, members of the chapter who have died recently.

STORIES OF THE SHENANDOAH

Under the above title Mrs. Silva E. Clem of Staunton, a member of our Society, published an illustrated volume of 111 pages in November, 1948. The stories have a basis in historical fact. Among the pictures of unusual interest are one of the old Willow Spout Tavern and the original Willow Spout, one of an old fort cellar in Page County, and another of the old house of John Lewis near Staunton.

LURAY BREEZES

In a collection of interesting old publications recently presented to the Society by Mrs. Charles A. Lee of Harrisonburg is a copy of *Luray Breezes*, a 12-page monthly magazine that was published for some years at Luray by Miss Nena B. Barbee, later Mrs. Albert Lane. The issue before us is No. 1 of Volume 2, dated September, 1885. The printers were Henkel & Co., New Market. William Randolph Barbee, Miss Barbee's father, and her brother, Herbert Barbee, were both talented and distinguished sculptors. Mr. and Mrs. Lane, in their declining years, resided in Harrisonburg. In this particular issue of *Luray Breezes* is an essay on "The Literature of the New South" by Virgie A. Strickler, later Mrs. L. R. Milbourne, who over a period of many years collected valuable materials relating to the history of Page County.

THE RODEFFER FAMILY

One of our members, Mrs. Carrie R. Power, has recently published a book of 275 pages on the Rodeffer Family, the 1400 members of which are widely distributed over the United States. Most of them are descendants of Conrad and Nancy Showalter Rodehafer who were married at Harrisonburg in 1805. The book was manufactured by the Shenandoah Press at Dayton. Mrs. Power's address is P. O. Box 14, Phoebus, Va.

A BIBLE OF 1748

Dr. C. E. Nicholas of Harrisonburg has presented to the Society an old Bible of special interest, printed at Tubingen, Wurttemberg, in 1748. It is the German translation of the Old and New Testaments made by Martin Luther, with the several books of the Apocrypha. In the front part of the volume is a biography of Luther and his wife, and near the end is the Augsburg Confession. There are also forewords, summaries, and extended tables of references. In all there are 1192 pages, 8 by 13 3-4 inches in size.

In Volume VII, "Papers of the Albemarle County Historical Society," is an illuminating article of 17 pages by W. Carl Whitlock on Dr. William Holmes McGuffey, author of the celebrated speller and readers. McGuffey was born (1800) in Pennsylvania and grew up in Ohio. After teaching school, launching his readers, and serving in several institutions of higher learning, he became professor of moral philosophy in the University of Virginia in 1845, continuing there until his death in 1873.

Fred P. Myers, a member of the Society's Honorary Advisory Board, was one of a small number selected in 1948 by the Virginia Society of the District of Columbia to receive certificates of distinction conferred by that organization. Mr. Myers, a native of Rockingham County, Va., for a number of years a practicing lawyer of Washington City, has been active in various educational enterprises and has made important contributions in historical fields. For two years he was commander-in-chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy Magazine of October, 1948, presents on its front cover a picture of the monument near Harrisonburg marking the spot where General Turner Ashby was killed, June 6, 1862; and in the body of the magazine, pages 21, 22, is an account of the program rendered at the monument on June 6, 1948, by the Turner Ashby Chapter, U. D. C., of Harrisonburg and Rockingham

County. The occasion recalled the 86 years since the death of Ashby and 50 years since the monument was dedicated by the Turner Ashby Chapter, June 6, 1898.

TWO WAR STORIES

Recently Mr. Irvine S. McNeill, Sr., has presented to the Society two interesting booklets: "McNeill's Last Charge" and "Two Generals Kidnaped," both by Rev. J. W. Duffey, D. D., who was a member of McNeill's Rangers, a company first recruited and commanded by Capt. John Hanson McNeill and after his death commanded by his son, Capt. Jesse McNeill. Capt. John Hanson McNeill made his last charge near the river bridge above Mt. Jackson, October 3, 1864, upon a Federal camp, being mortally wounded in the fight. He died in Hill's Hotel, Harrisonburg, November 10, 1864. The two generals, Federals Crook and Kelly, were kidnaped from their sleeping quarters in Cumberland, Md., February 21, 1865, by a squad of the Rangers under Capt. Jesse McNeill. The generals were lodged temporarily in Harrisonburg, en route to Richmond.

DIARY OF W. H. AREHART

(1863)

Third Instalment

(Spelling and punctuation follow the original)

August, 1863

Saturday, 1.

Today 3 horses wounded of Co. H. by shell. This morning we were ordered to be ready to move at daylight. The order was then countermanded. About 2 O'clock the enemy attacked our forces below Brandy. Gen. Jones brigade was then ordered there. We drove the Yankees back to the river.

Sunday, 2.

On picket the road leading from Brandy Station to Beverly Ford. Relieved at dusk by the 7 Regt. We then went in camp near Brandy.

Monday, 3.

This morning the 12th Regt., 6 & 7 was held as grand-guard 1 mile below Brandy Station. Everything quiet along the lines. At 4 O'clock P. M. fell back 1 mile. Encamped for the night.

Tuesday, 4.

A heavy rain today. This morning Jones brigade was ordered on the Rickersville road. Command by Col. Lowmax. 4 O'clock P. M. Gen. Lee and Jinkens attacked the Yankees at Beverlys Ford and captured 60 to 100 prisoners. The Jones brigade camped at Culpepper.

Wednesday, 5.

This morning Jones brigade left camp at Culpepper. Went in the direction of Brandy Station. At 10 O'clock fell back to the Rickersville road. Held as grand-guard. Michael Brock with us for the night.

Thursday, 6.

This morning our brigade moved in the direction of Beverlys Ford. On grand-guard. Camped for the night near Brandy Station.

Friday, 7.

The 12th Regts. 7th & 11th held as grandguard on the different roads leading from Brandy Station to Beverly's Ford and to Kelley's Ford. All quiet along the lines today.

Saturday, 8.

In camp near Brandy Station. 4 O'clock P. M. the 12th Regt. relieved the 6 Regt. from picket. This evening our pickets fired on the Yankees pickets whilst they came with a relief which alarmed most of the pickets along the lines.

Sunday, 9.

The 12th Regt. on picket below Brandy C. H. & picketed the roads leading to Beverly's Ford. Some of our pickets was within 150 yard from the Yankee picket. Relieved at dark by the 7 Regt. Co. B. & H.

Monday, 10.

In camp near Brandy Station. Grazing nearly all day while the 7 Regt. ware on picket. Demonstration ware made today. All quiet along the lines.

Tuesday, 11.

In camp near Brandy Station. At 5 O'clock P. M. the 12th Regt. then went on picket on the roads leading from Brandy to Beverly's Ford relieving the 6th Regt. At 1 O'clock canonading was herd in the direction of Fredericksburg.

Wednesday, 12.

Relieved from picket at 4 O'clock P. M. and then returned to camp near Brandy Station.

Thursday, 13.

In camp near Brandy while the 7 Regt. was on picket. Raining very fast this morning. Herd reports of canonading in the direction of Rapadan Station. I wrote a letter to Isaac today.

Friday, 14.

In camp near Brandy Station. Quiet all along the lines. 3 O'clock P. M. the 12th Regt. ordered on picket on the roads

leading to Beverly's Ford. The pickets are no more than 200 yards apart.

Saturday, 15.

On picket below Brandy Station. At 7 P. M. was relieved by the 7th Regt. All quiet along the lines. Reported today the Yankees are falling back.

Sunday, 16.

In camp near Brandy Station. The 10th Regt. passed by our camp. They went below Brandy to join there brigade. Mark Thomas, Michael Brock and John Knupp was along.

Monday, 17.

In camp near Brandy Station. At 2 O'clock P. M. the 12th Regt. was ordered on picket below Brandy on the roads leading to Beverly's Ford. No demonstrations made today.

Tuesday, 18.

Received our pay for the month of May and June. On picket below Brandy. At 3 O'clock P. M. been relieved by the 7th Regt. All quiet along the lines. Jacob Garber joined his company yesterday.

Wednesday, 19.

In camp near Culpepper. Drilling once a day from 9 to 10 1-2 O'clock. Sylvious Pence, J. Toppin and T. Lindamode come to camp today.

Thursday, 20.

In camp near Culpepper. At 3 O'clock P. M. ordered on picket below Brandy. Naason arrived at our camp today and went with our squadren on picket.

Friday, 21.

On picket below Brandy. All quiet along the lines. At 7 O'clock P. M. we ware relieved and returned to camp. Naason remained with us on picket.

Saturday, 22.

In camp near Culpepper. Had drill from 9 to 10 1-2 O'clock. J. Branner and Naason started home this morning from camp.

Sunday, 23.

This morning at 3 O'clock our Regt. went on picket below Brandy relieving the 6th Regt. All quiet along the lines.

Monday, 24.

On picket below Brandy Station. Relieved at 3 O'clock P. M. by the 7th Regt. Augustas Holler and Mose Bowman came to our reserve today. All quiet along the lines.

Tuesday, 25.

In camp near Culpepper. All quiet along the lines. Moses Bowman and A. Holler left our camp this morning.

Wednesday, 26.

Today at 2 O'clock the 12th Regt. went on picket. Our squadron went on the left near Beverlys Ford. We relieved the 6th Regt. We have very good pasture at this post.

Thursday, 27.

Today our squadron was relieved at 4 O'clock. We then returned to camp near Culpepper. No demonstrations made today from the Yankees.

Friday, 28.

In camp near Culpepper and a very pleasant day. All quiet along the lines. The setters got a fresh supply yesterday evening.

Saturday, 29.

At 4 O'clock P. M. the 12th Regt. went on picket below Brandy Station. Our squadron layed back. Heled as reserve. Found everything quiet along the lines.

Sunday, 30.

At 4 O'clock P. M. the 12th Regt. was relieved by the 6th Regt. All quiet this morning. I had a very severe spell of diarrhea.

Monday, 31.

In camp near Culpepper. This forenoon 12th Regt. been mustered in for pay for the months of July & August. The last day of August.

September, 1863.

Tuesday, 1.

In camp near Culpepper. At 4 O'clock P. M. the 12th Regt. went on picket below Brandy Station. Our squadron picketed on the out posts, finding everything quiet along the lines.

Wednesday, 2.

Relieved from picket at 4 O'clock P. M. by the 6th Regt. We then returned to camp. Did not get to camp until 12 O. C. in the night.

Thursday, 3.

Moved off in the direction of Little. In camp near Culpepper. At 4 O'clock P. M. we received marching orders to be ready to move off in moments warning. At sundown Jones Brigade and Wm. J. Lee's Brigade.

Friday, 4.

This morning at daylight Gen. Stuart right about wheeled and returned to camp near Culpepper. The whole command laid together in one field from 12 O'clock in the night till daylight. Maj. Horn and Daniel Garber returned to the com. today.

Saturday, 5.

On picket below Brandy Station. Relieved by the 7th Regt. at 4 O'clock P. M. We then returned to camp near Culpepper. Hiram Smith joined his company today.

Sunday, 6.

In camp near Culpepper C. H. We had an inspection of arms at 9 O'clock. Everything quiet along the lines today.

Monday, 7.

This morning Co. H drawed their money, being the pay for the months of July & August. We had a general inspection today at 1 O'clock P. M. At 4 O'clock P. M. the 12th Regt. went on picket. Our squadron picketed on the left.

Tuesday, 8.

On picket near Beverlys Ford. All quiet along the

lines. At 4 O'clock P. M. we were by a squadron of the 7th Regt.

Wednesday, 9.

In camp near Culpepper. There was squadron drill at 10 O'clock. Last night Co. B started to Jefferson Court on a scout.

Thursday, 10.

In camp near Culpepper. At 3 O'clock P. M. the 12th Regt. went on picket below Brandy Station. Our squadron layed back as reserve.

Friday, 11.

Holsinger arrived today pervision. On picket below Brandy Station. This morning the reserve was ordered to prepare for a review at 10 O'clock A. M. Gen. Stuart was present. At 4 O'clock we were relieved from picket by the Regt.

Saturday, 12.

In camp near Culpepper. Mr. Holsinger remained with us and we feasted well. All quiet along the lines. Tomorrow morning Mr. Holsinger intends starting home.

Sunday, 13.

This morning at 8 O'clock our forces were attacked by a heavy force of Cavalry and infantry on the Rickesville and Beverly's Ford roads. Fought them till nearly sundown. Our forces fell back to Robersons river.

Monday, 14.

The 12th Regt. crossed the Roberson river this morning at 9 O'clock. One squadron of the 12th Regt. remained on picket on the other side. There was canonading and skirmishing all day on our right. No demonstrations.

Tuesday, 15.

On picket on the east side of the Roberson river. Picketing close to the enemies line but very little skirmishing today. Relieved at dark. All quiet at this point.

Wednesday, 16.

In camp at Roberson river. No demonstration were

made at this point today. Gen. Jones has taken command of his old brigade this morning.

Thursday, 17.

On picket at Roberson river. At 2 O'clock P. M. the 12th Regt. was relieved by the 7th Regt. At 5 O'clock this evening our brigade was ordered to be ready to march at once. We marched the distance of 20 miles in the direction of Culpepper. We did not attack the Yankees.

Friday, 18.

This morning our brigade layed on the Madison & Culpepper road and raining very fast. 10 O'clock it cleared (cleared) off. Gen. Stuart ordered the cavalry back. We then fell back to Madison C. H. and camped.

Saturday, 19.

Left camp near Madison C. H. at 8 O'clock P. M. and marched in the direction of Orange C. H. After marching — miles we encamped for the night.

Sunday, 20.

In camp — miles east of Madison C. H. on the road leading to Orange C. H. Capt. Penelton had skirmished with the Yankees today on the Madison and Culpepper road.

Monday, 21.

This morning the 12th Regt. went on picket at Alers Ford while Co. B was on a scout. At 8 O'clock this evening we were ordered away. The Yankees were advancing.

Tuesday, 22.

This morning the 12th Regt. is on the Orange and Madison road. Casper and myself on picket 8 miles east of Madison. At 8 O'clock the enemy advanced. We were then ordered off picket. Our cavalry were fighting them all day. Capt. McGruder was killed.

Wednesday, 23.

This morning myself and Lt. Ficket left Orange C. H. at 8 O'clock with a squadron of men. Have been guarding prisoners to the C. H. Evening before Gen. Stuart on pursuit of the Yankees.

Thursday, 24.

Myself and Lt. Kraser not up with the Regt. Camped 5 miles from Jackshop. Left our camp at 7 O'clock. Joined our Regt. about 11 O'clock. Co. H. on picket. Relieved about sundown.

Friday, 25.

In camp 6 miles from Madison, about 4 miles from Roberson river. Co. B & K on picket. Recd. a letter from Isaac yesterday. At 2 O'clock P. M. the 12th Regt. was relieved by the 7th Regt. We then returned to our former camp.

Saturday, 26.

In camp at Turinans, 4 miles from Roberson river. All quiet today. It is reported the Yankees are moving in the direction of Fredericksburg.

Sunday, 27.

In camp at Turimans, 4 miles from Roberson river. Everything is quiet today. William Bowers and Jonathan Toppin visited our camp today.

Monday, 28.

In camp at Turimans. All quiet along the lines. This evening Lieut. J. W. Kratzer was ordered in arrest.

Tuesday, 29.

This morning the 12 Regt. relieved. The 7th Regt. on picket at Roberson river. Myself remained in camp on account of my mare having sore back. Also had charge of Cpts. mare.

Wednesday, 30.

The 12th Regt. on picket. I remained in camp at Turmans in charge of the Cpts. mare. A squad of the 12 Regt. been on a scout today and captured 2 Yankees.

(Turinans, Turimans, and Turmans all should probably be Twymans.)

October, 1863.

Thursday, 1.

This morning at 10 O'clock the 12th Regt. was relieved

from picket by the 7th Regt. All quiet along the lines. Myself and Sol. Bowman bin at the Shoemakers today and had our boots mended.

Friday, 2.

In camp at Turimans all day. Everything quiet. Sam Craun, A. Painter, A. D. James and Josiah F. May and Kelley started home on detail for horses.

Saturday, 3.

At Turmers in camp. At 10 O'clock A. M. we had a general inspection of arms and horses by one of Gen. Lees staff.

Sunday, 4.

In camp at Turmers. Mr. Emanuel Roller arrived at our camp this morning. The 7th Regt. and 12th Regt. are camped between 3 & 400 yards apart. All quiet along the lines.

Monday, 5.

This morning the 12th Regt. went on picket on the Roberson river. Our squadron was on the reserve at 5 O'clock P. M. We were ordered to prepare 3 days rations at once.

Tuesday, 6.

On reserve picket near Ossark. All quiet along the line. Capt. Sipe been summoned on courtmarshall yesterday and today.

Wednesday, 7.

This morning our Regiment was relieved by the 7th Regt. We then returned to our old camp at Twimans. 5 O'clock was ordered to prepare for inspection tomorrow morning at 8 1-2 O'clock.

Thursday, 8.

This morning our Regt. was form in front of camp for inspection at 8 1-2 O'clock. Left camp at Twimans at 11 O'clock. Moved back about 12 west of Liberty Mills and encamped for the night.

Friday, 9.

This morning Gen. Lee's army is in motion. Left camp near Liberty Mills about 8 O'clock and marched the distance of 10 miles and encamped for the night about 1 mile from Madison C. H.

Saturday, 10.

This morning Gen. Lee's army is in motion. Gen. Jones brigade left Madison C. H. about daylight and marched in front of Gen. Ewel command. We bin reconnoistering and skirmishing all day. Encamped 5 miles west of Culpepper C. H. Our regt. on picket on the Sperryville road.

Sunday, 11.

This morning Gen. Stuart attacked the enemy about 10 O'clock 5 miles west of Culpepper C. H. and fought them all day. Lieut. Thomas was mortally wounded and died in a few hours.

Monday, 12.

Left Rixville about 10 O'clock and took the Rixville road. After reaching the place found the enemy cavalry on this side of the river. Charged them 5 or 6 times during the day, capturing a number of prisoners. Advanced after night to Warrenton. Wounded Garber Branaman and Staufley.

Tuesday, 13.

Left Warrenton and took the Catlet Station. Was skirmishing with the Yankees near Catlet Station. In the meantime the Yankee army commenced falling back in two columns, one to our right and left. Night overtook us. We laid on Dough Hill all night.

Wednesday, 14.

Our batteries fired into Yankees camps at daybreak, and the firing was heavily returned. We took back a mile or 2 and by little skirmishing we got through their lines.

Thursday, 15.

Our division took down the railroad to Manassa Junction, thence to the right, and our squadron engaged in sharp shooting late in the evening.

Friday, 16.

Left Manassa on a scout middle afternoon and took in direction of Aldie. Camped 5 or 6 miles of Aldie about 12 O'clock after night.

Saturday, 17.

Started after daylight, leaving Aldie to the left and went to the left of Fairfax C. H. Skirmished with a corps of infantry a short time and returned. Camped near Aldie.

Sunday, 18.

Our Division moved to Gainesville and encamped near there in large corn field to be ready for a fight by daylight.

Monday, 19.

Left at 5 O'clock. Fell back to the Warrenton road, the enemy following closely near Warrenton. In the meantime Lee's Division got in their rear and our division charged their front. Captured 300 prisoners. Wounded Thomas Perry mortally, Martin Holsinger slightly.

Tuesday, 20.

Our cavalry fell back beyond Hazel River. Camped near Rixville.

Wednesday, 21.

Our Regt. on reserve picket near Hazel River on the Rixville road at the Hazel River.

Thursday, 22.

Our Regt. still remaining on picket. Our Regt. relieved from picket and encamped at Culpepper Court House. Our Regt. still remained on picket. All quiet.

Friday, 23.

Our Regt. relieved from picket and encamped above Rixville, towards Culpepper Court House or on the road leading to Brandy Station.

Saturday, 24.

In camp 1 mile west of Rixville on the Culpepper road. Myself, Solon Bowman, B. F. Strickler, Sam Dundore, Rob. Leck put in for detail to go home for horses.

Sunday, 25.

In camp 1 mile west of Rixaville. Everything quiet along the lines. My mare is in a bad condition.

Monday, 26.

Moved camp to Gaines Cross Roads. Left camp near Rixaville about 9 O'clock. Traveled Bawly 8 miles. Being very much broken down I left her with Mr. James Mason. His Post Office is Caslin.

Tuesday, 27.

In camp at Gaines Cross Roads. Everything quiet along the lines. Plenty of corn and grass for our horses.

Wednesday, 28.

In camp at Gaines Cross-roads. All quiet. The brigade wagons moved this evening in the direction of Little Washington, the County seat of Rappahanock Co. Casper made of—a list of clothing. My amount is \$47.00.

Thursday, 29.

In camp near Gaines Cross-roads. Moved camp about 400 yards from our former camp. Our camp is most an excellent one. Plenty of corn and grass for our horses.

Friday, 30.

In camp near Gaines Cross Roads. Drilled twice today. All quiet along the picket lines.

Saturday, 31.

In camp near Gaines Cross Roads. The 12th Regt. were mustered in for pay. A. D. Jones returned and reported Bawly is no better yet. Started home on detail. Left camp at 6 O'clock in the evening, being very cold.

FOURTH INSTALMENT
FROM THE FIRST MINUTE BOOK
OF
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY COURT

At a Court contd: & held for Rockingham County
Teusday the 24th Day of August 1779

present

Silas Hart	Daniel Smith
William Nalle	Isaac Hankle
	Robt Davidson

Gent: Justices

Vance vs Dever O for Deds to issue to examine Chas McClean Wits for pet

The Deputy Atto for the State having filed an Informa agst the following persons for not giving in their taxable property on Oath viz: Lewis Baker, Conrod Good, Thos. Hewit, Woolery Harsman, Jacob Ramboe, O that they be summon'd to answer the sd: Informa

William Nalle Gent wt: Gabriel Jones & Danl Smith Gent his Securities entered into & acknowledged their Bond for the due Execution of the Office of Escheator for this County

John Graham vs Smith deferd no Appearance

Skidmore vs Aberman P C

Bruton Smith & Ux vs Megart Imp

Casper Meffort vs Thomson Imp

Haines vs Runkle agd

vs same agd

Archenbright vs Perky Imp

Reagen & als vs Love C O

Brock vs Chrisman C O

Dever & Co. vs Blain agd by plt

Baker vs Miller & als dismd: Defts. Costs

Try title Lessee of Megart vs Dreadnought B. Smith
Deft: C: Rule N G & cont

Brewster vs Hansberger Imp
 Douglass vs Smith C O
 Nox vs Bear C O
 Bear vs Knox U C

Commonwealth vs Peninger Indictmt: contd. & set for trial peremptorily at the next Court

Commonwealth vs Owe a Jury towit Hugh Dever, Jacob Copland, John Harrison, Robt Semples, David Ralston, Reuben Harrison, John Harrison, James Dever, John Hopkins, Michl Baker, John Crow & John Brown, who being impannell'd & sworn retd their Verdict we find the Deft guilty & do assess his Fine to forty pounds & Eight Days Imprisonmt: J

John Snider & Geo Buffenberrier two Wits: summoned for the Commonwealth vs Owe being called & not appearing O that they fined according to Law unless they shew Cause at the next Court for their not attend.

The Court on considering the Evidence on the Trial of Anto Curtner on Indictment & the Circumstances of his Family are of opinion that the Verdt of the Jury is rather severe as to the Time of his Imprisonment & recommend him to his Excellency the Govr: as a fit Object of Mercy to remit 6 Months thereof

Commonwealth vs Peninger O: for Deds: to examine Michl: Armegust & Jacob Coyle for Deft:

Smith vs White contd for plt
 Owens vs Rutherford contd for Awd
 Marshal vs Gustard agd
 Williams vs Wier contd
 Peartree vs Knox—left to Arbitra
 Scothorn & Ux vs Hinton contd for Deft: O for trial

next Court

White vs Benson contd for plt
 McComb Adms vs Dooley Judt according to Bond
 Keisel vs Haines agd Defts. Costs
 Koyles vs Hewit contd Deft
 Brock vs Williams contd
 Conrad vs Keisel contd: plt
 White vs Smith contd

Beal vs Pitner contd
 Price vs Runckle agd
 Fudge vs Bush contd

old Petitions

Vanemon vs Johnson Judt: according to Note
 Peartree vs Woodley parties heard & dismd
 White vs B. Smith contd
 Hoy Adms vs Davison A. S:

present Thos: Hewit, Gent.

Timberlake vs Dever parties heard & dismd:
 Silas Hart proved 2 Days Attendance
 Hugh Dever - - - - 2 Days

Jno Hopkins junr 2 Days—O that Jas Dever pay sd Witness the above Attendance in the Peto. Timberlake agt him

Henderson vs Cushaw Judt according to Note
 Vance vs Dever contd: plt

Boyer vs Shanklen & Denniston contd for Deft vs Eaken Deft no Inhabt: & therefore removed to Augusta

present Jno Thomas

Hite vs Bumgardner P S

Commonwealth vs Love presentmt: Wits heard Deft guilty & fined five pounds

vs James Frazier N: G: jd in propt person

John Miller & Hannah his Wife she being first privily examind acknowledged Deed of B: & Sale to Jacob Bowman O to be recorded

Same to Paul Kester O: to be recorded

Same to Michl Baker O to be recorded

The Court on Considering the Circumstances of Elizabeth Spikeard whose Husband Julius Spikeard & her Son George Spykeard are Soldiers from this Commonwealth in the Army of the United States are of Opinion that she be allowed the Sum of Thirty pounds & Order that the same be certified to the Treasurer

John Herdman proved 2 Days Attend:

Ezekiel Harrison - - - - 2 Days

John Blain - - - - 2 Days

Francis Stephens - - - - 2 Days as Wits: for the Commonwealth vs Love

Fras. McBride & Mary his Wife she being first privily examined Ackld their Deed of Bar & Sale to William Craford O. to be recorded

Deed of Barg & Sale from Jacob Brightbale & Elizabeth his Wife to Saml Parret was proved by the Oaths of Jo. Smith, John Thomas, & Michl Baker as to the sd Jacob & O. to be recorded O for Deds to examine his wife

John Thomas acknowledged his Deed of B: & Sale to Peter Lamb O to be recorded & O for Deds to examine Jemima his Wife

Bartholomew Alder & Hannah his Wife she being first privily examined acknowledged Deed of Barg: & Sale to Adam Fought & O to be recorded

John Thomas Gent retd his List of Tithables

Smith vs Harnet a Jury towit Leonard Herring, Michael Warren, James Frazier, Joseph Dictam, John McGill, Mathew Leary [?], Nehemiah Harrison, Conrod Humble, John Curry, Richard Reagen, Robert Semples, John Hopkens junr: wt: retd Verdt we find for Deft. Nonsuit [?]

The Council for the Deft. offered in Evidence a Depo hereto annexed to prove what Mrs. Croyder (- - - examined in Court) had said out of Doors when not on Oath to which the Council for the plt objectd: & the Objection overruled by the Court

Geo Ruddle vs Johnston discontd
vs same discontd:

Fowler vs Campbell C O

Breeding & als vs Fultz & als contd for Bill

Alderson vs Murray contd:

Sellers vs Dulen further time for Answer

Monsey vs Vanpelt & als

Dillings &c vs Milsop & Ux contd

Miller vs Baker pl gd O. for Ded. to take Depo of Jno.

Philip [or Jno. J Shipp?]

vs Mc:Neil

Powers vs Harper plea jd:

vs same plea jd:

Monsey vs Lincoln contd for Awd

Smith junr vs Copeland plea jd

Foaland vs Humble & al: Bill & Time

Lincoln vs Monsey contd for Awd

Huston vs Henderson Imp

Rodgers vs Wood discontd by Sh's return

Erwine vs Shull P C

Johnston vs Bowyer & als: p Spa vs: Mathews

Williams vs Farris agd:

Branders vs Burns Imp

Smith vs Humble agd:

Crow vs Cravens time for Answr

Huston vs Stevenson Exers further time for An

Commonwealth vs Stits [?] plea jd

Order'd that D Smith pay Thomas More 4 Days Attend:

John Shelpman 4 Days

Elliot Rutherford 4 Days

Robt: Harrison 4 Days

Anne Croyder 3 Days

Robt: Bland 4 Days

Order'd D: Harnet pay Mary Evans 4 Days

Anne Boland 4 Days

Bridget Fowler 4 Days

James Davis is appointd: Constable in the room of Wm: Dever [?]

Wm McDowell Gent retd: his List of Tiths

Order'd that the Court be adjourned to the Court in Course

Silas Hart.

At a Court held for Rockingham County Monday the 22d Day of Novemr: 1779

Present

Daniel Smith

Reuben Harrison

William McDowell

Benj: Harrison

William Herring

Gent Justices

Barg & Sale from Geo Davis to Tunis Vanpelt was

further proved by the Oath of Leonard Herring & O to be recorded

The last Will & Testament of John Smith deceased & proved by the Witnesses thereto & on the Motion of Margt Smith Robt Smith & James Davis the Executors therein named Certif is granted them & they having entd into Bond & made Oath according to Law

O that Benj: Harrison Leonard Herring Nehemiah Harrison & Josiah Harrison or any 3 being sworn do appraise the sd Estate

The Court taking into Consideration the dangerous & malignant Fever that for some Months past has raged in the Family of Daniel Smith Gent, & the Apprehension of the people that there is Danger of the Disorder being contagious, to remove any Obstruction to the Administration of Justice & to quiet the minds of the Suitors & others who may have Business at Court, are of Opinion that the Court should be adjourned to the plantation of Thomas Harrison & it is hereby adjourned Accordingly

Daniel Smith

At a Court held for Rockingham County by Adjournment on Monday the 22d Day of Novem 1779

Present

Daniel Smith
Thomas Hewit
Henry Ewing

Reuben Harrison
William Herren
Benja Harrison

Administra of the Estate of Alex Herren deced is granted to Leond Herren his oldest Bro he having entd into Bond & made Oath according to Law

Ord. that Nehemiah Harrison Josiah Harrison Benj Harrison & James Magil or any three being sworn do appraise the sd Estate

Deeds of Lease & Release from Jost Hankle & Christian his Wife she being first privily examined to Abraham Hankle were acknowledged & O be recorded Same to same, same Ordr

Deed of Barg & Sale from Robt Belshe & Elizabeth his Wife of Mad [?] Willberger were proved by the Wits & with the privy Exa ret'd O to be recorded

Deed of B: & Sale from Andrew Lair to Mathew Lear was proved by three of the Witnesses & O to be recorded

Jacob Gum & Sarah his Wife she being first privily examined acknowledged Deed of Bar & Sale to John Dayton O to be recorded

Deed of B: & Sale from John Fowler & Mary his Wife to Jacob Sungar [?] was proved by Pat Quin & O to lye for further proof

On the Moto of Thos Bryan junr O that the Church Wardens bind out Caleb Cash son of Jno Cash at the request of his Mother untill he comes of Age being 5 years old the 10th Oct last

Beale vs Brock, Geo Keesel Spl Bl:

It appearing to the Court that from the Sickness of her Family that Anne McCoy Mother Wm McCoy a Soldr &c is in immediate Want Are of opinion that she be allowed the Sum of Thirty pound O to be certified

On the Moto: of Nemiah Harrison O that Margt Spikard Daugh of Julius Spikehard on the request of her Mother formerly bound to John Smith deced be bound to said Harrison according to Law

Ordered that the Court be adjourned till tomorrow at 8 o Clock

Daniel Smith

At a Court contd: & held for Rockingham County Tuesday the 23d Day of Novemr 1779

Present

Daniel Smith
Benja Harrison

Willm Herren
John Fitzwater

Gent Justices

Skidmore vs Aberman P C:

Bear vs Knox Imp

Berger vs Meffort P C

Miller & als Adm vs Croyder J W E

vs same J W E

Erwine vs Shull Agd Deft's Costs

Appearances

John Brock vs Lear Spl: Bl & Imp

Crow vs Samples A C
 Harrison vs Samples C O
 Reagan vs Davis rg
 Fariss vs Williams C O
 Beale vs Brock Spl: Baile J W E
 Scothorn & Ux vs Jacob Crow Imp
 Godrefry Haga vs Croyder Spl Bl: & Imp
 Geo Haga vs same C O
 Keisel vs Rudeford Spl Bl & Imp
 Daniel Wierbach vs Henry Collier on Compts contd:

Ordered that Johnston Nelson be summonsd to the next Court to shew Cause why he did not return an Atta: issued by Tho Hewit Gent for Danl [?] Nelson agt William Hawkens On the Moto of sd Hawkens

References

Smith vs Copeland abates plt's Death
 Fowler vs Campbell J: W: E:
 vs Thos Harret AS.
 Commonwealth vs Hursman dismd
 vs Ramboe C O
 vs Good—Als Sums ...
 vs Baker C. O:
 vs Snider dismd by Sh:s return
 vs Buffenberrier dismd by Sh return
 vs Bush—contd on recog:

present Thos Hewit & Js: Hankle Gent

The Court taking into Consideration the Circumstances of Saml Thornhill a very aged Man whose son John Thornhill a Soldier in the Service of the States &c are of opinion that he be allowed Twenty pounds for his immediate relief O to be certified

The Court considering the Circumstances of Theodisia Maiden Wife of James Maiden a Soldier in the Service of the States &c are of Opinion that she be allowed Thirty pounds for her Support which is ord to be certified

Ordered that the Sheriff pay Gawen Hamilton fifty five pounds for a Book Case for the Clerks Office

Abraham Smith acknowledg'd Deed of Bar & Sale to

Joseph Smith & Mary his Wife O to be recorded.

On the Motion of Robert Menzies it was proved in Court by a Witness that the said Robt: was a soldier in Capt Hogs Company of Rangers in the Year 1758 & further that he served as a Soldier in Capt Gists Company in the Campaign 1760 & sd Menzies made Oath that he never rec. any Allowance in Land for the sd Services O to be certified

On the Motion of Abraham Smith as Heir at Law to his Bro Jno Smith deced on Claim for Land under the King of Great Britain Procla in 1763 it appears to the Court from a Wits examined that the said Jno Smith was a Lieut in Capt John Smith Comp of Rangers in the Year 1756 raised in this State & was killed at Fort Vause & the sd Abraham made Oath that he never recd any Allowance in Land for the same

Ordered that Benja Harrison William Herren & John Davis Gent or any two let out the Building of a Court Ho of square Logs wt diamond Corners Thirty feet Long by 20 feet wide from out to out with a partition twelve feet in the Clear across the House divided into two rooms one 12 feet wide & the other 8 feet wide, the room 12 feet wide to have a neat stone Chimney inside at the Gavle End of it the whole to be floored with Earth as far as the Lawiers Bar & then to be raised with a plank floor to the Justices Bench which is to be raised three feet above the floor & the Breast of the Bench to be studed with a rail at top, the pitch of the House to be 10 feet clear Cieling & lofted with Inch plank with two Window on each side of the Ho: facing the Clks Table & one in each of the Jury rooms the Windows 18 Lights each Glass 8 by 10 Inches, with a Door on [bottom of leaf worn off] just Clear of the Jury rooms.

Josiah Harrison Richd Reagen & Geo Huston are recommended to his Excellency Govr: to be appointed Captains of the Militia in this Co.

John Shanklen is appointd Constable in room of William Magill O that he be sworn into his Office before Wm Herren

Deed of L & Release from Felix Gilbert & Ann his Wife

to George Keesell was proved by the Witnesses & O to be recorded & O for Dedimus to examine Anne the Wife

Nathl Scott is appointd Constable in the room of Geo Huston O that he appear before Capt Hewit to sworn into his office

Ordered that Robt Rutherford Michl Warren & Jerema Reagen do view & mark the nearest & best Ground for a Road from Mill at the Plains to the Courtho at Thos Harrison & report the same to next Court

O that Joseph Dictam Ezekiel Harrison & Jno Huston do view & mark the nearest & best Ground for a Road from the Court House to Geo Huston & report the same to the next Court

On the Moto: of Gasper Meffort that Magdalena Kentz is a material Wits in the suit brot by Geo: Berger [?] agt: him & that she lies ill of the Dropsy O that Deds: issue to take her Deposition

O that Andw: Shanklen be recommended as first Lieut, Jno Huston 2d Lieut, Danl Nelson Ensign in Capt Hustons Compy: Robt: Smith first Lieut, Jo Rutherford 2d Lieut: Elliot Rutherford Ensign in Capt Reagens Compy: Jo: Dictam 2d: Lieut, & Robt: Harrison Ensign in Capt Jos Harrisons Compy

O that Nehemiah Harrison John Rice & Gawen Hamilton do view & mark a road from both the Gaps of Briery Branch & Dry River the nearest & best Ground to the Court Ho & make report to the next Court

O that Joseph Smith be Overseer of the Road from Benja Harrison's to Gawen Hamiltons & That the Tithables 3 Miles on each side of the Road work thereon

O that John Rice be Overseer of the Road from Gawen Hamiltons to the feeding Troughs in the Mountain & that the Tithables within 3 Miles on each side of the road beginning at Nathaniel Douglasses work thereon

O that the Court be adjourned till the Court in Course

Daniel Smith

At a Court held for Rockingham County Monday the 28th Day of February 1780

Present

Daniel Smith	William Nalle
Benja Harrison	Thomas Hewit
William Herring	Henry Ewing
John Davis	Reuben Harrison

Maiden vs Dooley Jas Beard Security for Tees

Skidmore vs Aberman P C

Hawkens vs Thomson & als A C

Cook vs Sellers A C

vs Barret A C

Dack vs Bush A C

Woodley vs Huling & Sampson Brewer Reeves Sp:

Bail for Jas Huling sd Huling Spl Bl for Sampson

The Court proceeded to appoint Commissioners for the receivg & Collecting the Specifick Tax which was not done in the Months directed by the Act of Assembly as the Acts never came into this County untill it was too late, when Henry Ewing Gent & John Herdman junr were unanimously chosen to act as Commissioners for the sd Tax

A Power of Atto from Jno Madison junr to Peter Hog together with the probat thereon endorsed was produced in Court & admitted to Record

Deed of Bargain & Sale from John Madison junr to William Lamme was acknowld by Peter Hog Attorney in Fact & O to be recorded

Appraisment of the Estate of Alex: Herring junr retd & O to be recordd

Deed of Barg & Sale from Thomas Reeves to Brewer Reeves was proved by the Witnesses & O to be recorded

O that the Court be adjourned till the Court in Course

Daniel Smith

SHENANDOAH VALLEY CHRONOLOGY

Third Instalment

- 1818—The stone jail in Woodstock enlarged.
- 1818—A notable flood at Winchester.
- 1818—Alexander Doyle postmaster and merchant at Mt. Pleasant (now Mt. Jackson).
- 1818—"Father Brown" (Rev. John Brown, German Reformed) has a book of 419 pages printed in Harrisonburg (in the German language).
- 1818—Life of Jesus Christ, 512 pages, by Paul Wright, printed in Winchester by J. Foster.
- 1818—Harrison's Cave, now the Caverns of Melrose, discovered. Possibly it was discovered earlier. 1818 is found at one place on the wall in the cave.
- 1818—"The Mountaineer," by Rev. Conrad Speece, 2d edition, printed in Harrisonburg by Ananias Davisson.
- 1818, Jan. 17—Birth of William Randolph Barbee, sculptor, at Hawsburg, now Panorama, summit of Thornton's Gap, Blue Ridge.
- 1818, February—Act of Assembly passed (modifying the act of Feb. 17, 1817) to build a turnpike road from Staunton to Boothe's Ferry on the Tiger's Valley River.
- 1818, Feb. 7—Act of Assembly passed changing the time of holding the annual meeting of the Rockingham Library Company, chartered Jan. 20, 1806.
- 1818, Feb. 9—Charter granted to the Waynesboro Library Company.
- 1818, Feb. 13—Act of Assembly passed to build a turnpike road from Staunton to Scott's Landing on James River.
- 1818, April 23—Ephraim Rinker of Shenandoah County marries Anna Brock in Rockingham County.

- 1818, Tuesday, May 12—Dr. Robert Berkeley murdered by his slaves in Frederick (the part now Warren) County, at Rock Hill.
- 1818, Aug. 11—Collan Mitchum in Shenandoah County declares Revolutionary service in the 8th Virginia regiment.
- 1818, Sunday, Sept. 20—Death of Rev. John McCue in his 66th year; pastor 27 years at Tinkling Springs Presbyterian Church.
- 1819—New Market Turnpike Company chartered to build from Thornton's Gap to Massanutten Gap.
- 1819—James Wilson, Revo. soldier, receives pension in Berkeley County; age 69; enlisted 1776 in Berkeley Co. under Capt. Samuel Gabriel Long in the 11th Va. Regt.
- 1819—Life of Rev. James Ireland published at Winchester.
- 1819, Sept. 5—Newcomer preaches at Mill Creek (near Mt. Jackson) in German and in English.
- 1819, Sept. 16—David Koffman and wife Elizabeth for \$50 deed 1 acre to the trustees of Salem Baptist Congregation, near Dayton.
- 1819, Sept. 30—Isaac Samuels, Revolutionary soldier, dies in Shenandoah County, aged 57.
- 1819, Sept. 30—Birth at Luray of Thomas Jordan; graduated at West Point 1840; in Mexican War; on staff of Gen. Beauregard in Civil War; also on staff of Gen. Bragg.
- 1820—A. Davisson at Harrisonburg publishes the life of Rev. Benjamin Abbot.
- 1820—Garber's Church, German Baptist (now Church of Brethren), 2 miles west of Harrisonburg, built.
- 1820—The Tennessee Lutheran Synod organized—the Henshels of New Market prominent in the organization.
- 1820—A larger child's primer, illustrated by Ambrose Hen-

- kel, published at New Market.
- 1820—Polycarp Henkel born at New Market.
- 1820—Rev. Benjamin Allen publishes a history of the Reformation, 297 pages, at Charles Town and Martinsburg.
- 1820—Rev. S. S. Schmucker, Lutheran, locates at New Market.
- 1820 (?)—John James Audubon, on his famous horse Barro, riding from Kentucky to Philadelphia, passes down through the Shenandoah Valley.—See "Delineations of American Scenery and Character," 1926, page 289.
- 1821—Sarah Zane leave \$1000 to Winchester for a fire engine &c.
- 1821—Francis Asbury's Journal published in New York City. It contains many references to places and incidents in the Shenandoah Valley.
- 1821—The first charter of Cassia Lodge, No. 142, A. F. & A. M., Woodstock; Samuel Ott, master.
- 1821—Ananias Davisson prints in Harrisonburg the 4th edition of his "Kentucky Harmony."
- 1821—The Disciples of Christ build a church at Walnut Spring, near Strasburg, about 1821.
- 1821, April 17—Birth of John H. C. Dosh, later Methodist preacher, at Strasburg.
- 1821, June 8—Mrs. Jacob Rinker Jr., Mary, only daughter of George Fravel, dies at Woodstock, age 30.
- 1821, Aug. 1—Jacob Strayer, merchant, and Adelaide Coffman, daughter of Samuel, all of New Market, married by Rev. Samuel Schmucker.
- 1821, Nov. 1—Jacob Lincoln Jr. and Mrs. Nancy Roads of Luray married by Rev. A. C. Booton.

- 1822—The McCormicks build their brick house at Walnut Grove, line of Augusta and Rockbridge.
- 1822—Trissel's Church, Mennonite, 4 miles west of Broadway, built.
- 1822—Death of Goldsmith Chandlee, skilled maker of clocks, surveying instruments, &c., in Winchester.
- 1822—Liberty Furnace, Shenandoah County, built by Newman and others.
- 1822—The Lutherans build a church (brick?) in Woodstock.
- 1822, March 19—James Kenny, later judge, son of John, born in the tavern of his grandfather, James Duff, in Harrisonburg.
- 1822, May 18—George Clower Sr., Revolutionary soldier, age 68, dies at Woodstock.
- 1822, July 27—The *Rockingham Register*, weekly newspaper, started in Harrisonburg by Lawrence Wartmann.
- 1823—First issue of the *Staunton Spectator*.
- 1823—S. S. Schmucker begins a Lutheran seminary in New Market.
- 1823—Socrates Henkel, later eminent at New Market, born in North Carolina.
- 1823, Jan. 12—Birth in New Market of Samuel Mosheim Smucker, who from 1848 to 1863 had 23 books published in New York and Philadelphia.
- 1823, February—Birth on Christian's Creek, Augusta County, of John D. Imboden, later Confederate general and writer.
- 1823, Feb. 2—Sarah M. Gaw, age 18, killed by a fall from her horse near Woodstock.
- 1823, May 13—Lewis Neill, later lieutenant, born at Norwood, Clarke (then in Frederick) County.

- 1823, June 4—The *Woodstock Herald* first appears as the *Shenandoah Herald*.
- 1823, July—Charles Lovell calls a meeting of a fire company in Harrisonburg, as announced in the *Woodstock Herald*.
- 1823, Aug. 6—Isaac Samuels (Jr.?) and Margaret Hupp married by Rev. A. C. Booton.—Mr. Booton lived in what is now Page County.
- 1823, Dec. 15—"A deer perfectly white was shot on the Fort mountain." The Fort Mountain is east of Woodstock and Edinburg.
- 1823-24—Peter Nead (1796-1877), German Baptist (now Church of the Brethren), preacher, theologian, and author, travels on foot and preaches in the Shenandoah Valley and adjacent regions. His diary has been preserved.
- 1824, Jan. 26—Timothy Funk, later celebrated as a teacher of vocal music, born at Mountain Valley (now Singer's Glen).
- 1824, February—Bridge over the Hawksbill in Luray broken down by a drove of hogs—McNeill's from the South Branch of the Potomac, on the way to market.
- 1824, Feb. 11—William Henry Ruffner, later famous geologist and educator, born in Lexington.
- 1824, April 8—Baltimore Methodist Conference in Winchester, Bishop George presiding; 82 members present.
- 1824, May—The Presbyterian Church organized in Strasburg by Rev. Dr. Foote.
- 1824, Sept. 15—John Lewis Peyton, later a distinguished author, born near Staunton.
- 1824, Sept. 28—Gilbert Meem, age 58, dies at New Market.
- 1824, Nov. 9—Annual meeting of the Shenandoah Bible Society in the Methodist Church, Woodstock.
- 1824, Nov. 14—Old Friedens Church, near Mt. Olive, Shen-

- andoah County, dedicated.
- 1825—William R. Almond postmaster at Luray.
- 1825—Mt. Crawford (formerly Mt. Pleasant) made a town by law.
- 1825—Gessner Harrison and Henry Tutwiler of Harrisonburg enter the University of Virginia, with Edgar Allan Poe of Richmond, and others.
- 1825, May 14—W. A. Harris's long article on Ruffner's Cave, near Luray, in the *Shenandoah Herald*, Woodstock.
- 1825, May 30—Reformed Classis of Virginia organized in Woodstock.
- 1825, May 31—William Steenbergen Jr. and Betsy Caperton, daughter of Hugh, married in Monroe County, Va.—They lived in Shenandoah County at the foot of Rude's Hill.
- 1825, June 6—The Medical Society of the Valley organized at Winchester.
- 1825, June 14—Shenandoah County Court orders payment to Adam Kibler for 1 old wolf scalp, \$10.00; James Conner for 2 old wolf scalps, \$20.00; Henry Kagey for 4 old wolf scalps, \$40.00; John Link for 1 old wolf scalp, \$10.00; Peter Leggit for 1 old wolf scalp, \$10.00.
- 1825, Oct. 12—Rev. S. S. Schmucker and Mary C. Steenbergen married at Dunmore Mt. Airy, near Mt. Jackson.
- 1825, Nov. 17—Rev. Paul Henkel, age 71, dies at New Market.
- 1825, Nov. 19—Bernhard, Duke of Saxe-Weimar, at Strasburg and Woodstock.
- 1825, Nov. 20—Bernhard, Duke of Saxe-Weimar, passes through New Market, Harrisonburg, etc., and lodges in Staunton.

- 1826—Henry Swann postmaster at Strasburg.
- 1826, Jan. 28—Act of Assembly passed establishing the village of Mt. Pleasant as the town of Mt. Jackson.
- 1826, Feb. 9—Philip Williams of Woodstock and Ann Hite, daughter of Major Isaac, married at Belle Grove.
- 1826, Feb. 18—Act of Assembly passed chartering Rocking Academy in the Plains, east of Timberville.
- 1826, May 13—Death at Union Forge, Shenandoah County, of Mrs. Mary Wilkins Arthur, aged 42.
- 1826, Aug. 26—The Disciples of Christ congregation regularly organized at Walnut Spring, near Strasburg.
- 1827—The *Virginia Free Press* first printed at Harper's Ferry by John S. Gallaher; moved to Charles Town in 1827.
- 1827 — Rev. John Brown president of the Rockingham County Bible Society.
- 1827—Isaac Hollingsworth builds a fine mill on Abram's Creek, near Winchester.
- 1827—Col. Jacob Rinker, Revolutionary soldier, dies in Woodstock.
- 1827—At New Market David Henkel translates Luther's smaller catechism into English.
- 1827—J. W. Nihiser, later United Brethren preacher, born in Shenandoah County.
- 1827—The Lutherans and the German Reformed issue a fusion hymn book.
- 1827—Weaver's Church (Mennonite) 2 miles west of Harrisonburg built.
- 1827, April 17—John Brock, age 74, dies near Keezletown.
- 1827, Aug. 18—Joel Swartz, later preacher and poet, born at Lebanon Church, Shenandoah County.

- 1827, Sept. 1—Birth at Shepherdstown of Henry Clay Cameron, educator and author.
- 1827, Dec. 2—Death in Harrison County of Benj. Wilson, colonial and Revo. soldier; born Nov. 30, 1747, in what is now Shenandoah County; in 1770 married Ann Rudell of Hampshire Co. (13 children); in 1795 Phoebe Davisson of Harrison Co. (17 children).
- 1828—Abraham Neff Kagey ("California Abe") walks from Rude's Hill, Shenandoah County, to Trumbull County, Ohio.
- 1828—Linville Creek Church (German Baptist, now Church of the Brethren) built.
- 1828—Friendly Grove Factory for cloth and blankets established on Abram's Creek, 1 mile south of Winchester, by John Griffith 3d and others.
- 1828—East Liberty Christian Church, Page County, oldest in the Virginia Central Conference, organized (about 1828).
- 1828, Feb. 22—Birth in Winchester of Frederick William Mackey Holliday; governor of Virginia 1878-1882.
- 1828, Aug. 15—Samuel A. Merritt, later prominent in California and Idaho, born in Staunton.
- 1828, summer—Bishop Newcomer at camp meetings in Shenandoah County and in Brock's Gap.
- 1828, Nov. 18—Born Samuel M. Yost, later Indian agent, postmaster, and editor of newspapers in Missouri, Harrisonburg, and Staunton.
- 1829—Virginia Lutheran Conference organized.
- 1829, March 14—Samuel Shaver, later a prominent minister in the Dunker Church (now Church of the Brethren), born at or near Maurertown.
- 1829, Aug. 1—James Edward Allen Gibbs, inventor, born near Raphine.

- 1829, Aug. 22—John B. Lionberger, later St. Louis capitalist, born in Shenandoah County (probably the part now Page).
- 1829, Sept. 3—Robert Gaw Sr., age 65, dies at Woodstock.
- 1830—Dies in Staunton Daniel Sheffey, age 60, lawyer and member of Congress.
- 1830—James Gordon Brooks ("Florio") and his wife, Mary E. Aiken ("Norna"), both writers, locate in Winchester where Mr. Brooks edited a newspaper.
- 1830—Antioch Christian Church, Rockingham County, organized (about 1830).
- 1830—Episcopal Church in Winchester moved from original site on Court Square to present location, and Fairfax bones also moved and placed under present church.
- 1830—Samuel Richardson of Shenandoah County in his will provides \$1000 towards erecting an academy or a church in Franklin County, Ohio.
- 1830—David Henkel's book against the Unitarians published at New Market.
- 1830, May 16—The Presbyterian Church in Strasburg dedicated.
- 1830, Dec. 21—Hiram Jackson Strickler, later a general, born near Luray.
- 1831—Mrs. Daniel Sheffey and her daughters begin at Kalorama in Staunton the school that became Stuart Hall.
- 1831—Cyrus H. McCormick, at Walnut Grove, line of Augusta and Rockbridge, completes his first reaper.
- 1831, Feb. 26—*The Mine and Literary Chronicle* of Winchester, published by M. S. Lovett, announces the forthcoming history of the Valley by Samuel Kercheval.
- 1831, Feb. 26—Death in Washington City of James Noble, U. S. Senator from Indiana; was born in what is now Clarke Co., Va., Dec. 16, 1785.

- 1831, March—Act of Assembly passed providing for the formation of Page County from Rockingham and Shenandoah.
- 1831, April 27—At Mill Creek, Shenandoah County, United Brethren Conference, Jacob Glossbrenner is licensed to preach, and the minutes of the conference are first written in English.
- 1832—Dies in Staunton Archibald Stuart, age 75, Revolutionary soldier, jurist, and statesman.
- 1832—Joseph Funk's "Genuine Church Music" (later the "Harmonia Sacra"), 1st edition, printed in Winchester.
- 1832—John Zigler builds a large brick house at Timberville.
- 1832—Annual meeting of the Dunkers (now Church of the Brethren) held in Rockingham County.
- 1832, Jan. 18—At or near Mt. Jackson dies John Morgan, age 61.
- 1832, July 16—In Rockingham County Court James Rogers, Joseph Rogers, and Malchior Secreast make declarations of their Revolutionary services.
- 1832, Aug. 9—In Frederick County Court Peter Lauck makes declaration of his Revolutionary service.
- 1832, Aug. 21—In Rockingham County Court James Barley, Richard Custer Jr., Henry Whetsell, and Christian Kaplinger make declarations of their Revolutionary services.
- 1832, Aug. 27—James A. Walker, later general, born in Augusta.
- 1832, Aug. 30—Major Joseph Bell makes declaration of his his Revolutionary service in Augusta Court.
- 1832, Sept. 3—In Rockbridge County Court John Cunningham makes declaration of his Revolutionary service. On the same day in the same court James Harrison is certified as a Revolutionary soldier.

- 1832, Sept. 25—In Augusta County Court Peter Fauber makes declaration of his Revolutionary service. On the same day in the same court William Patrick, age 69, declares his Revolutionary service.
- 1832, Oct. 23—In Augusta County Court Augustine Argenbright makes declaration of his Revolutionary service.
- 1832, Oct. 26—In Augusta County Court John McCutchen, age 83, makes declaration of his Revolutionary service.
- 1832, Nov. 6—In Frederick County Court are named the children of William O. Benson, a Revolutionary soldier.
- 1832, Nov. 7—Rev. Isaac N. Walter in Harrisonburg.
- 1832, Nov. 10-12—Rev. Isaac N. Walter preaches at Narrow Passage.
- 1832, Nov. 19—Rockingham Court records show that 11 miles of the Harrisonburg and Warm Springs Turnpike is completed—Harrisonburg to Miller's Iron Works.
- 1833—Rockingham Court records show that the bridge of the Harrisonburg and Warm Springs Turnpike across North River at Bridge Port needed repairs.
- 1833—Elkton was known as Conrad's Old Store. The postoffice there was still known as Conrad's Store in 1851, and Joseph H. Conrad was postmaster.
- 1833—The first edition of Kercheval's History of the Valley of Virginia published in Winchester.
- 1833—The Presbyterian Church built in Woodstock (in or about 1833).
- 1833—Smith Creek Baptist Church (brick) built in New Market.
- 1833, Jan. 7—Anti-nullification meeting in Harrisonburg.
- 1833, Jan. 24—James L. Hensley, later United Brethren minister, born at Harrisonburg.

- 1833, Feb. 6—Michael Sigler, age 79, dies at Mt. Jackson.
- 1833, Feb. 25—In Augusta County Court William Smith, age 69, makes declaration of his Revolutionary service.
- 1833, March—Dayton, formerly Rifeville, made a town by law.
- 1833, March 18—Jacob Miller, Jacob Conrod, Henry Conrod, John Gibbons, and Henry Bear Jr. appointed to superintend an election at Conrod's Old Store in April.
- 1833, May 22—Reuben Harrison in Rockingham County Court makes declaration of his Revolutionary service.
- 1833, July 1—William Price Craighill, later general, born at Charles Town.
- 1833, Nov. 13—Showers of falling stars.
- 1833-34—The third court house (brick) built for Rockingham County.
- 1834—Joseph Woodell in Pocahontas County granted pension as Revo. soldier; entered service in 1774 in Augusta Co. under Capt. George Moffett; again under same in 1777.
- 1834—Edward Stevens a merchant in Mt. Crawford.
- 1834—Postoffice at Link's Store, Augusta County, discontinued—moved to Mt. Sidney.
- 1834—The Valley Turnpike Company chartered to build a toll road from Winchester to Harrisonburg.
- 1834—The Presbyterians build a church at New Election, west of Harrisonburg.
- 1834—Christian Newcomer's Journal published at Hagerstown.
- 1834—An arithmetic textbook, 320 pages, by George Alfred, a schoolmaster in Virginia, printed at Winchester—Alfred taught in Augusta and Rockingham.
- 1834, Jan. 6—Certified in Frederick County Court that

- Peter Helphinstine, formerly a major in the Virginia Line, died in Frederick County in 1779 or 1780, and left a widow and children.
- 1834, March 17—For this date was announced a meeting "At the School house of John Zigler at a place called Timberville."
- 1834, autumn—R. T. Bryarly of White Post travels by stage, Ohio River, Mississippi River, and horseback to Vicksburg, Miss.
- 1834, Sept. 5—Birth near Rude's Hill of John Francis Neff, later graduate of V. M. I. and colonel of the 33d regiment, Stonewall Brigade.
- 1834, December—John Shepler, intending to move to the West, advertises property for sale in Mt. Crawford.
- 1834, Dec. 14—Died in Rockingham Benjamin Berry, a soldier of the Revolution, in his 78th year. Obituary in the *Rockingham Register* of December 20, 1834.
- 1834, Dec. 20—Stephen Harnsberger advertises 1100 acres in Brock's Gap, plantation "sometimes called Baker's," 21 miles from Harrisonburg.
- 1834, Dec. 26—William Steenbergen Jr., age 42, dies at Rude's Hill.
- 1835—The Christians (Disciples) of the Shenandoah Valley take the name "Disciples of Christ."
- 1835—The second court house of Augusta County built in Staunton.
- 1835—A railroad building from Harper's Ferry to Winchester.
- 1835—Harper's Ferry appears for the first time on the list of appointments by the Baltimore Methodist Conference.
- 1835—Otterbein Chapel, near Mill Creek, Shenandoah County, built (in or about 1835).

- 1835—"Lorenzo and Oonalaska," by Joseph Rocchietti; from Casal; printed in Winchester, press of Brooks & Conrad, Office of the *Republican*.
- 1835, Jan. 12—The Mt. Crawford Water Company chartered; re-chartered Dec. 21, 1855.
- 1835, Feb. 5—Timberville postoffice established; William G. Thompson, postmaster.
- 1835, Feb. 7—Bridgewater (formerly Dinkeltown and Bridgeport) made a town by law on 20 acres of land belonging to John and Jacob Dinkel.
- 1835, March 11—Baltimore Methodist Conference in Winchester, Bishop Emory presiding; 95 members present.
- 1835, May 14—Elder Anderson Moffett (Baptist), age 89, dies near New Market.
- 1835, July 3—John D. Hurn born at Strasburg.—See Wayland's History of Shenandoah County, pages 128, 129, etc.
- 1835, Aug. 14-17—Rev. Isaac N. Walter and 4 other ministers preach at Antioch, Rockingham county; 7 baptized.
- 1835, Sept. 4—Birth in Rockbridge of William Lindsay, U. S. Senator from Kentucky, 1893-1901.
- 1835, Oct. 11—Birth in Winchester of Dr. Hunter Holmes McGuire.
- 1836—"The Valley Harmonist," book for singers, by J. W. Steffey of New Market, printed in Winchester.
- 1836—Published in Cincinnati a book on Texas, by David B. Edward, dedicated "To The Author's Best Friend, Peter Bollinger, Esq., Rockingham County, Virginia."
- 1836—A Y-shaped covered bridge, 900 feet long, completed at Harper's Ferry to carry the railroad and the wagon road across the Potomac.
- 1836—A notable flood at Winchester.
- 1836, Feb. 13 or 15—Died Rev. Conrad Speece, age 60, scho-

- lar and writer; pastor of Augusta Stone Church more than 22 years.
- 1836, March—Act of Assembly passed providing for the formation of Clarke County, mainly from Frederick; Warren County, from Frederick and Shenandoah.
- 1836, March 16—Daniel Bedinger Lucas born near Charles Town.
- 1836, April 28—Christian Miller, Revolutionary soldier, age 92, dies at Woodstock.
- 1836, Aug. 6—Dies at Buchanan, Botetourt County, John Tate, a native of Augusta County, a soldier of the Revolution, in his 75th year.
- 1836, Aug. 31—Alfred Magill Randolph, later P. E. bishop, born in Winchester.
- 1837, Jan. 4—George R. Calvert, lawyer, publisher, and county judge, born in New Market.
- 1837, Thursday night, Jan. 26—A wonderful display of Aurora Borealis.
- 1837, Feb. 10—Abraham Lincoln, son of Capt. Jacob, buys from John Strayer and wife Dorcas their right and title in the Capt. Jacob Lincoln home place on Linville Creek for \$2600.
- 1837, June 8—Elizabeth Ann Lincoln, daughter of David, married Peter Koontz; minister, Rev. Samuel H. Wald.
- 1838—John O. Casler, author of "Four Years in the Stonewall Brigade," born in Frederick County.
- 1838—Dr. John W. Marvin opens a boarding school in Winchester.
- 1838—Rev. Jacob Stirewalt, Lutheran, locates at New Market.
- 1838—Ambrose Henkel publishes a church hymn book at New Market.
- 1838—A severe drought in the Shenandoah Valley and elsewhere.

- 1838, Aug. 15—Arthur James Weise, author, born in Shepherdstown.
- 1838, Sept. 29—Henry Kyd Douglas, later a member of Stonewall Jackson's staff, lecturer and author, born at Shepherdstown.
- 1838-39—Rockingham County Court appropriates \$30 to pay for wolf scalps.
- 1839—William Steenbergen Sr. dies at Dunmore Mt. Airy, near Mt. Jackson.
- 1839—Virginia Military Institute established at Lexington.
- 1839—Smith Creek meeting house (Quaker), near the site of Quicksburg, sold to John Neff.
- 1839, July 5—Moore's Store postoffice, Shenandoah County, established; Charles S. Wunder, postmaster.
- 1839, July 13—William De Laney Trimble Travis, later artist, poet, and lecturer, known as "The Flaming Meteor," born in Staunton.
- 1839, Aug. 30—Ezra E. Stickley, later C. S. A. colonel, born at Strasburg.
- 1839, Sept. 1—John Ignatius von Effinger, Revolutionary soldier, age 83, dies in Woodstock.
- 1839, November—An academy projected in Harrisonburg.
- 1839-40—Extraordinary snows in the Valley.
- 1840—"Father Brown" (John Brown, German Reformed minister) lived near Pleasant Valley till 1840; later at Bridgewater; so stated Quinn G. Kaylor, 1942.
- 1840—"The Wandering Soul," a book of 471 pages, printed in Woodstock by J. V. Rigdon.
- 1840—Mill Creek Church of the Brethren, in southeast Rockingham, organized.
- 1840, April 11—Dies in Harrisonburg Lawrence Wartmann in his 66th year.

- 1840, Oct. 21—Birth near Brucetown, Frederick County, of Charles Triplett O'Ferrall, governor of Virginia 1894-1898.
- 1840, Oct. 28—Birth of Joseph Wilson Fifer, governor of Illinois, 1889-1893, in Augusta County.
- 1840, Dec. 19—Joseph Salyards advertises the resumption of school at McGaheysville.
- 1841—Joel Pennybacker succeeds Bushrod Taylor as president of the Valley Turnpike Company.
- 1841—Flat Rock Dunker (now Church of the Brethren) Church, near Forestville, built.
- 1841—Mt. Crawford Baptist Church constituted.
- 1841, Jan. 5—Act of Assembly passed incorporating Woodlawn Academy, on land of Jacob Kagey, 3 miles north of Mt. Jackson.
- 1841, Jan. 13—Marriage by Rev. Henry Brown of Robert Sitlington of Pendleton County and Henrietta Ewing, daughter of William of Rockingham.
- 1841, March—John Gatewood of Shenandoah County marries Emily Bear.
- 1841, March 4—Jacob Kagey moves from near Forestville, to Woodlawn, 3 miles north of Mt. Jackson.
- 1841, April 22—Jacob Kagey and wife Barbara (Neff) sell their farm 1 mile northeast of Forestville to Jacob Carver (Garber).
- 1841, June 7—George A. Funkhouser, later clergyman and educator, born at Rinkerton, near Mt. Jackson.—See "Who's Who in America," Vol. 13 (1924-25), page 1243.
- 1841, Nov. 8—John G. Meem of Lynchburg buys Dunmore Mt. Airy, near Mt. Jackson, from Steenbergen's trustees.
- 1842—Brook Union Church, Tom's Brook, dedicated by the

Lutherans and the German Reformed.

- 1842—Great flood on the Shenandoah River at and below Port Republic. Referred to in April, 1852, by Gen. Samuel H. Lewis.
- 1842, Feb. 17—Act of Assembly authorizes trustees of New Market Academy to use funds in hand to rebuild, former building having burned.
- 842, March—Mary Washington, daughter of John Thornton Augustine, writes a poem on her old home, "Cedar Lawn" (in Jefferson County). —See "The Washingtons and Their Homes," pages 239, 240.
- 1842, March 3—Gen. Camillo Casatti Cadmus Carr born in Harrisonburg.
- 1842, April 2—Raphael M. Conn and wife Sibelia Ann sell to Jacob Kagey 277 1-2 acres of land adjoining John Pennywit, Fred Hoffman, and others at Woodlawn, Shenandoah County.
- 1842, May 14—Thomas Opie, later one of the founders and dean of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, born at Martinsburg.
- 1842, May 15—Silas Z. Landes, judge and member of Congress (1885-1889) from Illinois, born in Augusta County.
- 1842, May 25—Rev. Isaac N. Walter at Smithfield, Jefferson County.
- 1842, June 4—Capt. Thomas Buck, Revolutionary soldier, age 86, dies in Shenandoah County.
- 842, June 11—Rev. Isaac N. Walter at Antioch Chapel, Rockingham County—"upward of one thousand saddle horses were counted, besides carriages, buggies, etc."
- 842, Dec. 21—Birth in Woodstock of James Henry Jordan, who was a judge of the Supreme Court of Indiana 1895-1907.

- 1843—Lutheran Liturgy published at New Market by Solomon Henkel.
- 1843—John W. Rice of New Market elected president of the Valley Turnpike Company.
- 1843, Feb. 8—Emanuel B. Shaver, later Dunker and Progressive Dunker preacher, born at or near Maurertown.
- 1843, Feb. 24—Birth in Staunton of Junius Benjamin Remensnyder; clergyman and author of "Lutheran Literature," "Modern Thought," and other books.
- 1843, April 16—Aaron Moore, age 73, dies at or near Mt. Jackson.
- 1843, May 3—William L. Wilson, later Postmaster General and university president, born near Middleway, Jefferson County.
- 1843, Oct. 4—H. H. Riddleberger, later U. S. Senator, born at or near Edinburg.
- 1843, Oct. 18—Benjamin Carl Unseld, later musician and teacher of music, born at Shepherdstown.
- 1844—Jonathan Peale builds the large brick house at Peal's Cross Roads, 5 miles southeast of Harrisonburg.
- 1844—Rev. J. F. Campbell begins his pastorate at Tom's Brook.
- 1844—The German Baptists, (now Church of Brethren) organize at Greenmount, Rockingham County.
- 1844—The United Brethren Church organized in Edinburg by Rev. J. Markwood.
- 1844—Brick Lutheran Church (St. Paul's), Strasburg, dedicated.
- 1844—John W. Howe, age 15, later noted U. B. preacher, bound to Sam Crabill, near Strasburg.
- 1844, Feb. 10—Act of Assembly incorporates Mt. Jackson

- Literary Society: James McCann, Benj. M. Samuels, John C. Ewin, and others.
- 1844, Feb. 14—Act of Assembly incorporates New Market Female Seminary: John Strayer, Zach, Shirley, S. G. Henkel, and others.
- 1844, March—Marshall Division No. 3, Sons of Temperance, organize in Harrisonburg.
- 1844, April 22—Edward Colston, later lawyer, born in Berkeley County.—See "Who's Who In America," 1924-25, page 777.
- 1844, June 5—Daniel H. Rhodes, later Disciples of Christ minister, born—probably in Rockingham or Shenandoah.
- 1844, June 18—First issue of the Harrisonburg *Republican*.
- 1844, July 17—Appears the first issue of the *Spirit of Jefferson*, weekly newspaper, published in Charles Town.
- 1844, July 19—Green B. Samuels makes a political address at Col. Levi Rinker's (late Hickle's) Store, 2 miles northwest of Mt. Jackson.
- 1844, Sept. 17—The Luray Baptist Church organized.
- 1844, Sept. 21—Deed made for lot at Tenth Legion on which stands the stone church.
- 1844, Sept. 25—Charles E. Henderson, later railway official, born in Jefferson County.
- 1844, Oct. 17—The Synod of Virginia holds its annual session in the Presbyterian Church in Woodstock.
- 1845—Edward Smith builds the large brick house at Smithland, 2 miles northeast of Harrisonburg.
- 1845—The large brick house built at Bogota, the old home of Gabriel Jones, 3 miles northeast of Port Republic.
- 1845—Rev. George G. Brooke appointed to the Woodstock circuit by the Baltimore Methodist Conference.

- 1845—Philip Swartz rebuilds his mill on Mill Creek, near Mt. Clifton, Shenandoah County.
- 1845—Naason Bare and J. Branner purchase Orkney (Yellow) Springs property.
- 1845—Col. George Bowman builds the brick house at Long Meadows, east of Strasburg.
- 1845—In Staunton Prof. A. J. Turner organizes the Mountain Sax-Horn Band, later (and now) famous as the Stonewall Band.
- 1845, Jan. 1—The *Staunton Vindicator* begins as the *Augusta Democrat*.
- 1845, Jan. 18—Died Daniel Gray, in his 81st year, a member of Lee's Legion of the Revolution; buried in Mt. Jackson.
- 1845, March 14—Birth in Mt. Jackson, of Joseph Irwin Triplett, later M. D., business man, and philanthropist.
- 1845, May 20—Elizabeth, widow of William Steenbergen Sr., dies at the home of her son-in-law, Rev. S. S. Schmucker, at Gettysburg, Pa., aged 76.
- 1845, October—The Lutheran Tennessee Synod meets at Zion Church, Shenandoah County.
- 1845, Oct. 11—Rev. John Kagey, "The Good Man," age 88, dies near New Market.
- 1845, Nov. 11—Death of Eli B. Wilson, Revo. soldier; born 1755 in Augusta County, the part now Pendleton, W. Va.
- 1846—Mt. Hebron U. B. Church, Tom's Brook Circuit, built.
- 1846—Joseph Salyards principal of the New Market Academy.
- 1846—U. B. Conference at Otterbein Chapel, near Mill Creek, Shenandoah County.—A church had been built here, it is said, the preceding year. Prior to that date the congregation had met in Hickie's school house.

- 1846, March 15—Philip Williams, age 75, dies at Woodstock.
- 1846, April 23—Birth of John Adam Kern later teacher and theologian, in Frederick County.
- 1846, Oct. 19—Jacob Lincoln's service as a lieutenant in the Revolution proved in Rockingham County Court. He had died in 1822.
- 1846, Oct. 28—Birth at Front Royal of George Wythe Cook later Dr.—See "Who's Who In America," 1924-25, page 794.
- 1847—Joseph Funk & Sons begin printing at Mountain Valley, now Singers' Glen.
- 1847—Rev. John E. Massey, Baptist, locates in Harrisonburg. Here 7 years.
- 1847—Death in Staunton of John Howe Peyton, prominent lawyer, age 69.
- 1847—Russell Smith makes a painting, 27 inches by 40 inches in size, of Brown's Gap in the Blue Ridge. This painting is now (1947) in New York City.
- 1847—Henry Clay a guest at Taylor's Hotel, Winchester.
- 1847—The Disciples of Christ erect a stone church at Walnut Spring, near Strasburg.
- 1847, Feb. 11—Death at New Market of Rev. Samuel Oswald, Lutheran, age 39.
- 1847, March 13—Act of Assembly incorporates Woodstock Female Seminary: John Koontz, Mark Bird, John Haas and others.
- 1847, March 22—Act of Assembly incorporates Shenandoah Steamboat Co., "for the purpose of conveying freight and passengers upon said river": Thomas Hite Willis, James Castleman, Geo. H. Burwell, Wm. Berry, John B. Earle, and others.
- 1847, Aug. 31—Death at New Market of Dr. Solomon Hen-

kel, age 70.

1847, Sept. 16—Woodlawn Academy building, 3 miles north of Mt. Jackson, burns. It was rebuilt.

1847, Sept. 21—Birth at Martinsburg of Charles James Faulkner, later U. S. Senator.

1847, Oct. 5—Cyclone near Friedens Church, Rockingham County.

1847, Dec. 26—James D. Miller, son of Jacob W. of Shenandoah County, dies at the City of Mexico.

1848—Emmanuel Lutheran Church, New Market, built.

1848—St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, New Market, built.

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