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FIFTH INSTALMENT
FROM THE FIRST MINUTE BOOK
OF
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY COURT

At a Court held for Rockingham County Monday the
27th Day of March 1780

Present

Daniel Smith	Thomas Hewit
Henry Ewing	John Fitzwater
Reuben Harrison	Anto Reader
	James Dyer

Gent: Justices

Smith vs White dismissed by plt

Abraham Smith Gent wt Peter Hog, Henry Ewing &
Benja Harrison Gent his securties entd into & acknowld
their Bond for the due Collection of the Poll Tax

Deed of Bargain & Sale from Saml Muncey & Mary
his Wife to Cutlip Howman was acknowledged by the said
Samuel & O to be recorded, & his Wife Mary privily ex-
amined.

in May acknowledged the same O to certified

George Huston took the Oath of Fidelity & the Oath
of Dept. Sheriff which is order'd to be certified

Deed of Barg: & Sale from Conrod Good to Joseph
Skidmore was proved by Peter Vanemon one of the Wits
& O to lye for further proof

Deed of Barg: & Sale from Jno Young & Agnes his
Wife to William Young was proved Jas Brewster Jno Fra-
ser & Jno Huston 3 of the Wits: O: to be recorded

The last Will & Testamt of William Hinton was proved
by Engle (?) Boyer & George Hinton two of the Wits: and
Mary the Widow & Michael Waren the Exers therein named

entd into Bond with Security & having made Oath accord-
to Law Certifacate is granted them

Jacob Gross & Seweny (?) his Wife to be first privily
examined acknowledged Deeds of L & Release to Jacob Har-
mon O to be recorded

O: that Reuben Harrison Robt Dickey Jno Harrison
& Jno Armentrout or any 3 being sworn appraise the Estate
of Wm Hinton

present Wm Nalle William Herring & Jno Davis Gent

The last Will & Testament of Saml: Skidmore deeed
was proved by Jas Dyer & Charles Hydrick two of the Wit-
nesses & Ruth the Widow & Peter Vanemon the Exers
therein named entd into Bond with Security & having made
Oath accordg to Law Certif: is granted them

Ord. that George Coile, Jacob Conrod, Seruiah Strat-
ton, Geo Keplenger or any 3 being Sworn appraise sd
Estate

Adam Reader acknowledged L & Release to Anthony
Reader which O to be recorded

On the Motion of Anne Skidmore Wido of Joseph Skid-
more decesd O: that James Dyer Robt Davidson & Jas Da-
vidson or any two of them lay of the thirds of the Land
which her late Husband conveyed to her Son Saml: Skid-
more as her Dower in the same and make Report of their
proceedings.

Deed of B & Sale from Jas Mcgill & Martha his wife to
Alex Mcgill was proved by the Wits O to be recorded.

Same to Jas & Robt Mcgill prov'd by same Wits O to
be Rec

Deed of B & Sale from Saml Dunn & Eleanor his wife
to Jas Harris was furth'r prov'd by Ralph Loftus & O to be
Rec

Deed of B & Sale from Jno Foler & Mary to Pat Quin
was further proved by Ralph Loftus & Jno Gratten & O to
be recorded

Deed from the same to Jacob Seingsener was further prov'd by John Gratten & Ralph Loftus O to be recorded

George Conrad acknowledged L & Release to Edwine (?) Smith O to be recorded

Deed of B & Sale from David M'Caumas & Catherine his wife to Henry Hansberger was proved by the Wits & O to be recorded

Hugh Douglas acknowledged three several Deeds of Gift & Deed of B: & Sale to Joseph Douglas O to be recorded

Report of the Viewers to mark a Road from the Plains Mill to the Court Hordt: O that the same be opened & that Walter Crow be appointed overseer from Jerem'a Reagens to opposite to Michl Warens Thos Bryan junr OV from thence to opposite the head of the long Meadow Jno Kring from thence to Robt Rutherfords Ezekiel Harrison from thence to the Mill, & that the Tiths within 3 Miles on both (?) sides of the road (remainder illegible)

Bill of Sale from John Hurt to And: Hudlow & Wm Campb prov'd by the Wits O to be recorded

Zebulon Harrison & Margt: his wife (being first privily examd) acknowledged Deed of B: & Sale to Jno Armentrout O to be recorded

Wm Ward having been bound over to Court to answer a complt for speaking Words tending to raise Tumults & Disorders in the State & Wits being heard in support of the Facts it is the Opinion of the Court that he (be) bound—ready to the grand Jury Court in May next to be indicted for this Offence himself in sum of £200 wt Security in the sum of £100 each

Whereupon the sd William Ward Ralph Loftus & Andrew Erwin severally acknowledged themselves severally indebted to Thomas Jefferson Esqr: Governor, the said William in the Sum of two hundred and the s'd Ralph Loftus & Andr Irwine in the Sum of one hundred pounds each of their respective Lands & Tenements Goods & Chattels to be levied & to the sd Governor & his Successors render'd

yet upon this condition that if the said Wm Ward shall appear at the grand Jury Court to be held for the County, in May next there to answer to such matters as shall be alledged agt him & shall not depart without leave of the Court then the above Recog: shall be void (?)

Jona Shipman & George Piercey severally acknowledged themselves severally indebted to Thomas Jefferson Esqr Govr in the Sum of two hundred pounds each of their respective Goods & Chattels Lands & Tenements to be levied & to the sd Govr & his successors rendered yet upon this condition if they personally appear at the grand Jury Court to (be) held in May next, to give evidence for the Com: agt Wm Ward & shall not depart without leave of the Court then the above Recog: to be void

Report of Viewers of a Road from the Court Ho: to the Widow Hustons that they have marked the same Ord'd that it be open'd and that George Archenbright be overseer from the Court Ho: to David Shrumms (?) Meadow, & Jacob Kiblinger be Overseer from sd Meadow to the Widow Hustons & that the Tithables within 3 miles of the road work thereon

Dever v Harriss Gaw Hamilton Spl: Bl:

O that the Church Wardens bind out Mary Cash Daughter of Jno Cash to Jno Curry on the Request of her Mother

Josiah Harrison took the Oath of a Capt of Militia
 Jacob Havener—Ensign
 Richard Reagan—Captain
 Jeremiah Beasley—Captain
 Joseph Rutherford—Lieut
 Stephen Conrad—Lieut
 Rob. Smith—Lieut
 Elliot Rutherford—Ensign
 Which is O to be certified

It appearing to the Court that Jemima wife of Emanuel Kelly a Soldier from this State in the Army of the United States is in distress'd Circumstances do allow her £120,

agreeable to the Direction of the State Assembly passed last Session which is or'd to be certified to the Auditors 5 bushs Corn a £18 & 50 "pork £30 (?)

Berger v Meffort And Shanklen Spl Bl.

Stephenson v: Rodgers Peter Vanemon Spl Bl.

Robt Rutherford & Mary his wife (she being first pri- vily ex'd) acknowledged D of B & Sale to Brewer Reeves O to be recorded

On the petition of Sundry Inhabitants praying a Road from Hopkins Mill to the Court Ho: Ordered that Archbd Hopkins Jno Hopkins & Jno Harrison being first sworn do view and mark (?) the same & report &c

On the moto of Gerard Erwine O for Deds: to issue to take the Depo of Wm Smith abt to leave the State ads the Comwealth

Bruton Smith took the Oath of a Constable which is ordered to be certified

McCaumes v Spooone on Complt parties heard & Ap- prentice discharged from his Indenture & to recover his Costs

Cook vs Sellers Wm: Nalle Spl Bail

Jacob Catner is appointed Overseer of the Road in the Room of Andrew Andis O that the usual Tiths work under him

Ordered that the Court be adjourned till to morrow at 8 o'clock

Daniel Smith

At a Court contd & held for Rockingham County Tues- day the 28th Day of March 1780

Present

Danl. Smith

Henry Ewing

Benja: Harrison

William Nalle

Thos: Hewit

Anto Reader

John Fitzwater

William Herring

Leave is granted to John Gregor to keep Ordinary at

his house in this County he having ent: into Bo: w Security

Leave is granted to Tho: Hewit to keep an Ordinary at his House in this County he having entd into Bo: W: Security

Ordered that the Sheriff Sums: a grand Jury to meet in May next

J. Wilson vs Carter A C

J Woodley vs: Huling Spl: Bl: & Imp

Nicolas vs: Kirtley Atta:

Solomon vs: Coursey Atta:

Cook vs: Scire (?) Atta:

Moffet vs: McPeak & als A C

Allen vs: Blain deferd by plt Ord

Stephenson vs: Rodgers Spl B & Imp

Brock vs: Huston C O

Vance vs: Kyser agd by Sh Return

Kyser vs: McFarling A C

Maiden vs Dooley A C

Miller vs Croder A C

Keisel vs Butcher agd

Dever & Co vs Harris & Wife Spl Bl: Imp

B Croyder & Wife vs Haga Imp

A: C:

Skidmore vs Aberman C O

Berger vs: Meffort Spl Bl & Imp

Hawkins vs Thomson A C

Cook vs: B Sellers Imp

vs Barret deferr'd by Sh Return

Crow vs Semples agd: Defts Costs

Deck vs Bush P C (?)

Gratten vs Deck contd plt

Com: wealth vs Stiff (?) a Jury towit Francis Stewart Jno Runnion Jos: Dictam Conrod Custard Isaiah Curry, Andrew Johnston, Jeremiah Reagan, Jas Shannon, Robt Minnis, Brewer Reeves, Joseph Smith & Jno Waren who retd Verd: Deft guilty

Commonwealth vs Frasier a Jury towit John Runnion Francis Stewart Jos: Dictam Conrod Custard, Isiah Curry Andrew Johnston Jerema: Reagan, James Shannon Rob: Minnis Brewer Reeves Joseph Smith John Wearen, Verd: Deft guilty & fined by the Court one hundred pounds.

Catherine Long proved 8 Days Attend. as a Wit. for the com-wealth vs Frasier

The Court proceeded to Rate Ordinary prices for the following Articles

West India Rum or French Brandy pr gallon	£48
Rye Liquor or Whiskey	pr gallon 24
Wine	pr gallon 48
Strong Beer	pr quart 1-10
Cyder	pr quart 1-10
A hot Dinner	3.12
Breakfast	3.....
A Cold Diet	2-2
A good Bed with clean Sheets	—12
Oats by the Gallon	1-16
Corn by the Gallon	2-8
Stableage with Hay pr night	2-8
Pastrerage pr night	1-10

(The foregoing prices, in pounds and shillings, indicate that the colonial currency had fallen to a very low value.)

Abraham Smith Gent wt Peter Hog Henry Ewing & Benja: Harrison Gent acknowledged their Bond to Thos: Jefferson Esqr: for the sd: Smith's due Collection of the Poll Tax

Fowler vs: Campbell thru Atto: for Defendt: moved for leave to plead, alledging his Client had no appty of employing an Atto before the C: Ord was ent'd agt; him Over-ruled

Whereupon a Jury towitt John Runnion Jno: Stephson Joseph Dictam Conrod Custard Isiah Curry Andrew Johnston Jerema: Reagan James Shannon Robt: Mannis Brewer Reeves Joseph Smith John Wearen a Verd; for plt £50 & Judt

Arlymes Rodgers proved 2 Days Attendance as a Wits for Fowler agt Campbell & coming & returning 255 miles

Francis Stewart 1 day

Geo Seawright 2 days

Archenbright vs Gotlipe Accot proved Judt: O Sale

David Laird made it appear that by the Evidence of a Wits that he served as a Corporal in Capt Hogs Compy of Rangers from the raising of the said Company till they were discharged at Bedford & the sd Laird made Oath that he never recd any Certificate or Warrant for the said claim to Land under the King of gt Britains Procla in 1763 which is O to be certifd

George Huston took the Oath of a Capt of Militia John Fitzwater the same as Captain of ditto O to be certifd

On the Moto of Heronimus Deck Ord for Deds to issue to take the Deposito: of Henry Deck & David Henderson de bene esse ads Gratten

Jacob Pence made it appear to the Court by a Wits that he served as a Soldier in Capt Hog's Compy of Rangers from the raising of the Compy in 1757 & contd untill the compy was discharged in Bedford & sd Pence made Oath that he had never recd any Certificate or Warrant for the Claims to Land under the King of gt Britains Proclama 1763 which is order'd to be certified

The Court recommends to his Excellency the Govr Rich Custard (Custer) as first Lieut of Capt Fitzwater, Thos Fitzwater 2d Ditto

(The Custers and Fitzwaters lived in the Brock's Gap region, northwestern part of Rockingham County.)

Gratten vs Deck O for Deds to issue to take Depo of Robt Fowler

Breeding & als vs Fultz & als contd

Alderson vs Muncey contd:

Monsey vs: Vanpelt & als contd for Answer

Dillings vs Millsop—contd
 Miller vs Baker contd:
 Miller vs: McNeil abates Deft: dead
 Monsey vs: Lincoln contd: for Aw'd
 Lincoln vs Monsey contd for do.
 Foaland vs Humble contd for Answr
 Huston vs Henderson N G & contd
 Erwine vs Shull agd.
 Johnston vs Bowyer & als contd for Bill
 Branders vs Burns N G
 Crow vs Cravens contd: for Bill
 Smith vs Megart N G
 Meffort vs Thomson N G
 Archenbright vs Perky N. Ass
 Reagan vs Love J W E
 Brock vs Chrisman J W E
 Trytitle Les: of Megart vs Smith N G jd
 Brewster vs Hansberger N G
 Douglass vs Smith J W E
 Knox vs Bear J W E
 Miller & als Admr vs Croyder contd
 Miller &c vs same Cont:
 Bear vs Knox—NG
 Brock vs: Lear NG
 Harrison vs: Semples contd
 Fariss vs Williams JWE
 Scothorn & Ux (?) vs Crow NG
 God. Haga vs Croyder NG
 Geo: Haga v: same contd by consent
 Keisel vs Rudeford NG
 Wierbach vs Cottier (?) Compl't contd

("Charges")

Robt Minnis made it appear by Evidence that he was a soldr in Collo Byrds Regt: & contd in the same untill he was legally discharged & the sd Minnis made Oath that he never recd any Certif: or war: for sd claim to Land under the King of gt Britains Procla in 1763 O to be certified

John Stephenson made it appear by Evidence that he served as a Soldier in the independ compy under Capt McClanahan & served in Broquet—Camp; & contd until he was legally discharged & further made Oath that he never recd any Certif: or Wart for sd Claim to Land &c

Order'd that Ab: Hankle Geo Teter & Robt Mennis being first sworn do view & mark a Road from Augusta Line to the Line of Hampshire down the No. Fork & make Report &c

Ordered that Jo Dictam, Saml Hemphill & William Cravens first sworn do view & mark the Road from Ezekiel Harrisons to the Walnut Bottom the nearest & best Way & report the same to the next court

Order'd the Sheriff pay out of the Depositum in his hands to Mathew Walker for 18 days as a Guard on the Jayl at 6/pr Day

£5-8	
To Robt Smith 10 Days	3-0
Robt Harrison 10 Days	3-
Elliot Rutherford 10 Days	3

The Court on Examina have settled wt the Sheriff for Seventy three Delinquents Accot to settled next court

Deed of B & Sale from Danl Smith & Jane his wife to Joseph Smith was acknowledged by sd Daniel & O to be recorded

Orderd'd that the Court be adjourned till the Court in course

Daniel Smith

At a Court held for Rockingham County Monday the 24th Day of April 1780

Present

Danl Smith	William Herring
Henry Ewing	John Fitzwater
Tho Hewit	Benj Harrison

Gent Justices

Deed of Bargain & Sale from Gasper Faught & Elizabeth his wife to Mich (?) Tanner (?) was proved by the Oath

of Thos Hewit one of the Wits: O to sums Geo Boswell & Tho More the 2 other Wits & the privy Examina of his wife

Deed of B & Sale from Evan Evans & Jon'a Evans & Martha & Hannah their Wives to Stophel Rudimel was proved by Tho: Hewit Leonard Miller & Henry Color three of the Witnesses & O to be recorded

Jo: Smith vs White Isaac Smith Spl Bl:
Bruton Smith v Haney Robt Lyons Spl Bl

Report of the Viewers of the Road from the Courtho to the Walnut Bottom ret O. that Wm Cravins be Overseer & clear & open the same with the Tithables within 3 miles of each side work thereon

Fudge vs Bush agd

Administra of the Estate of Jno Limont is granted to Jacob Nicolas who having made Oath & entd into Bond w Danl Smith his Security entd Bond according to Law

O that William Young Geo Shaver Adam Pence & Nicolas Mildeberger or any three being first sworn do appraise sd: Estate

Wm: Wilson vs Carter Geo Huston Spl Bl & contd
Moffet vs: Mcvey Thos: Campbell Spl Bl: & contd
Hawkins vs Thomson Geo Huston Spl Bl & contd
Nicolas vs Kirtly Imp.

O that William Herring Edwr Shanklen & William Magil being first sworn do view the Road from Geo: Fishers to Magills Ford on the No: River & report the same to the next Court

(Magill's Ford was at the present town of Bridgewater.)

Deed of Gift from Pat: Gwin to James Gwin was acknowledged by sd Patrick & O to be recorded

Same to Randal Gwin & O to be recorded

George Armentrout made it appear by Evidence that he served as a Soldier in Capt Hog's Company of Rangers & contd in sd company until was discharged: and the sd George made Oath that he never recd any Certificate or

Wart for sd claim to Land under the King of great Britains Proclama which is O to be certified

Philip Moyer took the Oath of a first Lieut: of the militia O to be certified

Danl Grubb made it appear by Evidence that he served as a Soldier in Capt Hogs Compy of Rangers untill it was discharged & sd Grubb made Oath that he never recd any Certificate or Wart for sd: Claim to Land &c O to be certified

O that William Campbell be Overseer of the Rockfish Road from James Bairds to Jacob Whitmore & that the tiths within 2 miles on each side of the road work thereon (This road was in southeast Rockingham).

O that the Tiths within 4 miles on each side of the road from the run at Robt: Rutherford to the Plains Mill work under Ezekiel Harrison overseer thereof

(Plains Mill was and is on the river between Timberville and New Market.)

License is granted to Robt: Rutherford to keep Ordinary at his House in this county he having complied w the Law

Ordered that the Delegates from this County be instructed to move the House for an Act or Order that the late Sheriff of Augusta County account with the com mis'rs of the Tax in this County for the Quit-rents ordered to be repaid to the several Freeholders by an Act of Assembly made the as the only mode to do Justice to the freeholders & save the trouble & expense attending the seperate application of Individuals

On the petition of Thos Boyles to be exempted from County Levies it is Order'd that he exempted on Acct of his Age and Infirmity

Ordered that the Court be adjourned to the Court in Course

Daniel Smith

At a Court held for Rockingham County Monday the
22d Day of May 1780

Present

Daniel Smith	Isaac Hankle
William Herring	Robt. Davidson
Benja Harrison	Reuben Harrison

Privy Examina of Margaret the wife of Geo Friedley
as to r'ingersmt (relinquishment) of Dower in Land sold
to Conrod Snider ret & O to be recorded

O that the Church Wardens bind out Catherine Clover-
field Orphan of Jno Cloverfield to Jno King according to
Law

O that the Church Wardens bind out Mary Cloverfield
orphan of sd John Cloverfield according to Law

Deed of B & Sale from Robt: Semples to John Ewing
& Jno Werner (?) was acknowledged by sd Semple & O: to
be recorded

Deeds of L & Release from Adam Shearman to Peter
Roller was further proved by the Oath of Jno Mehaffy
(Mehaffy?) & O to be recorded

Peter Roller & Elizabeth his Wife (she being first pri-
vily examined) acknowledged Deeds of L & Release to
Michl Wies (Wise) which is O to be recorded

Michael Wies & Barbara (his wife being first privily
examined) acknowledged Deeds of L & Release to Peter
Roller O to be recorded

(Shearman (Sherman), Roller, and Wise all lived in
the vicinity of the present Mt. Crawford.)

Thomas Hewit and Sarah his Wife (she being first pri-
vily examined) acknowledged Deeds of L & Release to
Michael Holder O to be recorded

Daniel Freiley (Freidley?) & Elizabeth his Wife she
being first privately examined acknowledged Deeds of L &
Release to Michl Judrow (?) O to be recorded

Andrew Hudlow & Mary his Wife she being first pri-
vately examined acknowledged L & Release to Willm Tro-
baugh O to be recorded

The same to Nicolas Trobaugh O to be recorded

O that the Church Wardens bind out Massey Woolridg
Orphan of Geo Woolridge to James Colquhon according to
Law

Inventory of William Hinton deced Ret & O to be re-
corded

Samuel Bear & Mary his Wife (she being first privily
examined) acknowledged Deed of B & Sale to Geo: Piper
Mathew (?) Piper & Jacob Shirley O to be Recorded.

Anthony Reader & Catherine his wife she being first
privily examined acknowledged Deed of B & Sale to George
Baker O to be recorded

Adam Reader acknowledged Deed of L & Release to
Geo Miers & Henry Miers O to be recorded

Beale vs Pitner agd Defts Costs

John More is appointed Overseer of the Road in the
Room of John Bear O that the usual Tiths work under him

O that the Church Wardens bind out Sarah McCaul
Daughter of Wm McCall to David Ralston according to
Law

Harrison vs Semples agd defts Costs

Report of the Viewers of a Road from the Courtho to
Hopkins Mill was retd: & the Road Established

Order'd that William Pettyjohn be Overseer of sd road
from Courtho to Henry Ewings & that he with the tithables
within 2 miles of the same open & work on the same & that
Henry Ewing be overseer from his house to the Mill & the
Tiths within 2 miles on each side & at the End of Road open
& work on the same

Jno Warren is appointed Constable in the Room of
Joseph Hall O that he be summoned to swear in before Danl
Smith Gent

Report of the Viewers of a Road from Geo Fishers to
Magills ford on the No River retd & Road Established

John Huston is appointed Overseer of the sd Road
from Cooks Creek (site of Dayton) to the ford of No River

at Jas Magills (site of Bridgewater) O that he with the Tiths within 1½ mile on each side open & Clear the same

William Smith with John Gratten Brewer Reas (Reeves) Joseph Smith & John Davis Securities entd into & acknowledged their Bond to George Brook Gent Treasurer for Collection of the publick Tax O to be certified

Adam Reader & Clara his Wife she being first privately examined acknowledged Deed of B & Sale to Valentine Trout O to be recorded

Administra of the Estate of Robt Harrison deced is granted to Josiah Harrison his next Bro: who having made Oath & entd into Bond w Security Certificate is granted &c

O that Thomas Alderson Robt: Dickie, Geo Hinton & Jas Lokey or any three being first sworn do appraise sd Estate

Jacob Aberman is appointed Constable in the Room of Abram Hankle O that the sd Aberman be summond to swear in before Isaac Hankle Gent. (Hankle alias Hinkle).

Present Jno. Davis Jno Fitzwater

Commonwealth vs Peninger contd for Deft.

Geo Mallows is appointed Overseer of the Road in the room of Casper Haines order'd the usual Tiths work under him

John Armentrout is appointed Overseer in the room of Jno Harrison

Laird &c v: Potter Atta: agd:

James Davis is appointed Constable in the room of Wm Dever O that he (be) sumd to swer in before Jno Davis Gent

O that Geo Coile be Overseer of the Road from Hampshire Line to Geo Keplingers ford Geo Keplinger from sd ford to the Augusta line & that all the Tiths in Capt Johnstons Compy on this side the No Mountain be devided by Capt Skidmore to work under the sd Overseers

Deed of B & Sale from Conrod Good to Joseph Skid-

more was further proved by Thos Cholick (?) O to be certified

Chas Schulas (?) is appointed Overseer from Danl Smith's to Reuben (?) Harrison's & Ord that the usual Tiths work under him

Rush vs: Craig O: for Deds: to issue to take the Deposition of Michl Cairn about to leave the parts

John Harvie was sworn into the Office of second Lieut of a Compy of Militia O to be certified

O that the church Wardens bind out Sarah Lewis Orphan of Anto Lewis according to Law

A Grand Jury to wit James Magill Jno Magill Francis Erwine Joseph Douglass, Willm Hook, James Ralston Michl Rorok Andrew Hudlow Chas Campbell John Huston Mat Carsh James Dever Leonard Herring Jno Warren & Jno Ewing who being impanneld & sworn did make the followin Presentments towit &c O that the several Offenders be sum mon'd also found the Bill Commonwealth vs: McBride a true Bill vs Ward a true Bill

The former Securities havin deliver'd up Wm Ward O that he be committed unless he enters into another Recognizance to abide the judgment of the Court

Whereupon the sd William Ward John Piercy & Andrew Erwin severally acknowledged themselves indebted to Thos Jefferson Esqr Governor &c to wit the sd Wm Ward in the sum of one thousand pounds & the sd: John Piercy & Andrew Erwine in the sum of five hundred pounds each to the sd Thos Jefferson & his Successors in Office of their Lands & Tenements Goods & Chattels to be levied & to the sd Govr & his Successors render'd Yet upon this condition that if the said Wm Ward shall personally appear at the Court to (be) held for this county in Augt next & shall not depart without leave of the court then the above recognizance to be void otherwise to remain in full force

The last Will and Testament of Thos Baggs deced was produced in court & proved by the Oath of Abram Bird one of the Witness & Order'd to be certified Whereupon John

Fitzwater & Sarah Baggs Exers named in the sd Will made Oath & enterd into Bo wi Security according to Law Certificate is granted them

Order'd that John Ruddle John Runnion Michael Baker, & Willm Fitzwater or any three of them being first sworn do appraise sd Estate

Gratten vs Deck a Jury to wit James Laird, Isaih Harrison, John Herdman, Andrew Erwine, David Harnet, Josiah Davidson, Jeremiah Harrison, Brewer Reeves, John Ruddle, Geo. Hinton, Sml Hemphill & George Chrisman who being sworn retd their verdict we find for plt fifty pounds Judt: according to Verdt.

Ordered that Hironimus Deck pay Isaiiah Curry 4 Days Attendance for him at the Suit of Gratten

Ordered that John Gratten pay Conrod Roller 6 days Attendance Peter Roller 1 Day, Elizabeth Roller 1 Day agt: Deck Jno Dickey 3 Days Attend: & going & returning 12 miles

Order'd that the court be adjourned till to tomorrow at 8 o'clock

Daniel Smith

DIARY OF W. H. AREHART

(1863)

Fourth Instalment

(Spelling and punctuation follow the original)

November, 1863

Sunday, 1

This morning myself and Solon Bowman eat breakfast at Mr. Sam Myers, and *arived* at home at 9 o'clock. Found them all as well as usual.

Monday, 2

Left home at 1 o'clock. Went to Mr. Martin Holsinger and returned by sundown.

Tuesday, 3

Left home at 9 o'clock. Got in conversation with Mr. Sam Wampler and others. Did not get to Forestville until 11 o'clock. Mr. Jordon cut my coat. I then went to Mr. Branners. Stopped a while and then put for home. Got home at 5 o'clock.

Wednesday, 4

Helped to take off apples in the afternoon. At 3 o'clock I left home and went with sister Catherine home. Got to Mr. Myres about sundown.

Thursday, 5

Left Sam Myers at 8 o'clock. *Stoped* at Mr. Rifles uncle Abram Arehart, Mathias Minick, George Arehart and uncle Jacob got home at sundown.

Friday, 6

Left home at 9 O'clock for Capt. Sipes. *Stoped* Mr. Drivers and Mr. Martin Holsinger arrived at Capt. Sipes about 3 O'clock and then returned to Mr. Franklin Branner and stayed all night. Myself and Franklin *sleep* together.

Saturday, 7

Left I. F. Branners at 8 O'clock for home by stopping at Mr. Garbers and Mr. Neffs. Did not get home *untill* 11

O'clock. In the afternoon went to Washington Neff for my boots. Attended a party in the evening.

Sunday, 8

At home and was accompanied by great many of my friends. Went to Ant Betseys in the evening. Had intended to start to camp today. I did not start until next day.

Monday, 9

Left home this morning at 6 O'clock for camp at Gaineses Cross Roads, by reaching nearly the top of the Blue Ridge. We *herd* our army fell back to the Rapadan River. We then camped 2 miles from the top of the Blue Ridge.

Tuesday, 10

Started early this morning and taken a right hand road to Madison and New Market turnpike. Reached Madison C. H. about dark and camped for the night.

Wednesday, 11

Left Madison C. H. this morning at sunup and marched in the direction to Orange C. H. Reached the C. H. about 11 O'clock and then Fredericksburg road. Camped 12 miles below Orange.

Thursday, 12

This morning I started for Videarsville, on the Fredericksburg road. I overtook Casper 1½ mile from Spotsylvania C. H. and got up with the Regt. 2 miles below the C. H. Marched but a small distance and then camped for the night.

Friday, 13

In camp in Spotsylvania Co., 2 miles from the C. H. Everything quiet. There have *bin* three horse *vase* today and quite a summer day. Myself and Solon on camp guard today.

Saturday, 14

Richard Fingan was badly hurt today and was kicked by a horse. In camp 2 mile below Spotsylvania C. H. All quiet. Co. B, A, & C went on picket. Moses Sylvius return-

ed to camp today and we had a great deal of rain in the evening.

Sunday, 15

In camp 2 miles below Spotsylvania C. H. There was nearly constant canonading today in the direction of Rapadan Station, or probably higher up on the Rapadan river.

Monday, 16

In camp 2 miles blow (below?) Spotsylvania C. H. All quiet along the lines today. It is reported Gen. Lee captured 2500 Yankees of infantry and 2 Regt. of *calvry*.

Tuesday, 17

This morning Gen. Rosser went on a scouting *expodition*. 200 men from the 12th Regt. The companies *ware* Co. H.C.D. & A, the 11th & 7th Regts., 150 each. There was 500 well mounted men for the *expodition*. I give my horse over to Casper and remained in camp 2 miles below Spotslyvania C. H.

Wednesday, 18

In camp 2 miles below Spotsylvania C. H. This evening at 4 O'clock the Regt. returned from a scout. Captured about 110 prisoners. Mr. Sam Laring was killed in the skirmish, Lieut. Moler wounded in the head.

Thursday, 19

Moved camp near Hamelton crossing the distance of 9 or 10 miles from our former camp in Spotsylvania County.

Friday, 20

In camp 2 miles west of Hamelton's Crossing. We have an excellent camp. *Ther* was a considerable combat in camp this morning. Mr. Sam Crown picked up a chunk of wood and struck Mr. Bare *cross* the head, nearly knocking him down.

Saturday, 21

In camp in Spotsylvania Co., 2 miles from Hamelton Crossing. Raining all day. We had a very disagreeable evening.

Sunday, 22

In camp near Hamelton Crossing, in Spotsylvania County. This is a *beautiful* day. Every (everything) is quiet along the lines.

Monday, 23

This morning a portion of our Regt. was ordered on picket, Co. H, C & F, Our squadron went to Fredericksburg. Myself with 6 men went on a reconnoitering 6 miles down the river and returned 8 O. C. this evening.

Tuesday, 24

Camped in the fortification. At Fredericksburg on picket in charge of the ferry boat. Also been over battle ground. I saw there was great many soldiers buried on the field. As high as 120 to 150 Yankees in one hole. At 4 P.M. reported the Yankees *were* crossing at Alies (Eley's) Ford.

Wednesday, 25

On picket in Fredericksburg. Great deal of crossing on the ferry boat. At 8 O. C. this evening a scouting party crossed with 50 mules that *were* captured. Also 2 Yankees *were* captured on *there* way to Falmouth.

Thursday, 26

Falmouth is situated on the opposite side of the Rappahannock river from Fredericksburg. Relieved from picket today at 11 O. C. P. M. Before reaching camp we meet the Regt. on the march to Tods Tavern, the distance of 17 miles.

Friday, 27

Left camp this morning at Todds Tavern. At 9 O.C. marched in the direction of Eleys Ford. Made a dash on the Yankee train on the old plank road leading from Orange to Fredericksburg. Captured 8 wagons, 10 *amulances* and 250 mules. Returned to camp to Tods Tavern on the cat-hop (Catharpin) road.

Saturday, 28

Left camp 1 mile below Tods Tavern on the Cat-hop road at 8 O.C. Marched in the direction of Orange C. H.

Marched 15 miles then encamped 2 miles from Madiersville (Verdierville), on the Cat-hop river.

Sunday, 29

This morning Hampton's Division went on flank movement 8 miles below Madaresville, on the old plank road. We *attacted* the enemy at Timberlake's store. Dove them back. Captured 5 or 6 prisoners, 1 *teem* and good deal of plunder. Then returned to camp.

Monday, 30

Camp 3 miles from Madiersville. This morning at sun-up we *herd* heavy firing in the direction of Orange C. H. We saw the Yankee infantry marching from our camp. Our Regt. was then dismounted as sharp shooters early in the morning and remained there till evening.

December, 1863

Tuesday, 1

In camp 3 miles from Madiersville and very cold. Very little skirmishing along the lines today. A portion of our company was out sharp shooting. The Yankees *were* fortifying in sight of our camp this evening.

Wednesday, 2

Left camp this morning, 3 miles from Madiersville. At 8 O.C on *persuit* of the Yankees and captured a number of them. The Yankees retreated back *cross* the Rappahannock river. Encamped on the right near Chancellorsville.

Thursday, 3

This morning Rosser's Brigade in camp at Chancellorsville. In camp near Chancellorsville. All quiet along the lines. At 2 O.C P. M. Capt Sipe started out foraging with the company. We got plenty of corn and hay 3 miles from camp. Returned to camp at sundown.

Friday, 4

This morning Rosser's Brigade left camp near Chancellorsville at 8 O.C A. M. and moved back to *there* old camp 2 miles from Hameltons crossing. In Spotsylvania County, 6 miles from Fredericksburg.

Saturday, 5

In camp 2 miles from Hameltons Crossing. Our train came up this evening.

Sunday, 6

In camp 2 miles from Hamelton's Crossing, in Spottsylvania Co. Capt. Sipe ordered inspection of arms this morning at 9 O.C Myself and Solon Bowman *were* absent at roll call.

Monday, 7

This morning I was detailed to report to Gen. Rosser Headquarters. Was then ordered to take charge of 1 prisoner and deliver him to Gen. Stuard Headquarters, the distance 40 miles. Left camp at 2 O.C P.M. Travel 18 miles today.

Tuesday, 8

Reached Orange C. H. today at 1 O'clock P. M. and found Gen. Stuart Headquarters 1 mile northwest of the C. H. Maj. McClellen then ordered me to carry the prisoner to the C. H.

Wednesday, 9

Left Gen. Stuart Headquarters this morning at sun-up and reaching camp about 7 O.Clock, at Hameltons Crossing the distance of 40 miles, and detaining myself by looking over the battlefield at Chancellorsville.

Thursday, 10

In camp near Hamelton's Crossing. Early this morning I reported to Gen. Rosser's Headquarters and handed in my receipt for the delivery of the prisoner.

Friday, 11

This morning 2 squadrens of the 12th Regt. was ordered on picket. Our company was ordered to the United States ford on the Rappahannock River, 5 miles from Chancellorsville.

Saturday, 12

On picket on the Rappahannock River at the United

States ford. 2 scouts returned this morning and reported the enemy fell back from the Rappahannock River and camped below Warrenton, on the railroad and now commanded by Gen. Rozencrants.

Sunday, 13

On picket at United States ford, on the Rappahannock River, 5 miles N.E. of Chancellorsville. All quiet along the lines. Haulted 5 men. They were going down the river in a boat.

Monday, 14

Relieved from picket at 3 O'clock P.M. by White's Battalion. Left United States ford at 4 O.C and reached camp about 9 O.C in the evening.

Tuesday, 15

In camp 2 miles from Hamelton's Crossing, in Spottsylvania Co., Va., 6 miles from Fredericksburg. Ordered to prepare 3 days rations.

Wednesday, 16

Left camp this morning near Hamelton's Crossing at 8 O'clock and proceeded to Fredericksburg and remained there till dusk and then crossed the river and marched 6 miles in the direction of Stafford C. H. Encamped for the night.

Thursday, 17

This morning we taken up the march at daylight. Marched a N.W. direction and *attacted* the enemy at 8 O.C in the evening near Fairfax Station on the Orange and Alexandria Railroad. Captured 9 prisoners.

Friday, 18

Marched all night. Passed through Aldea. When daylight approached proceeded on to Upperville and fed after marching 85 miles in 24 hours. Left Upperville about the middle of the day. Crossed the mountain at Ashby's Gap. Encamped at Front Royal, in Warren Co.

Saturday, 19.

Left camp this morning at Front Royal at 8 O'clock and

marched in the direction of Luray. After marching 16 miles we encamped. Our *squadren* was ordered on picket 9 miles below Luray.

Sunday, 20.

Relieved from picket this morning 7 miles below Luray. Then fell back 2 miles above Luray and camped for the night.

Monday, 21.

Left camp this morning near Luray at 7 O'clock and marched all day. Reached Swift Run Gap about dusk, the distance of 26 miles, and encamped for the night with our wagons.

Tuesday, 22.

Left camp this morning at Swift Run Gap at 8 O'clock. Crossed the Shenandoah River at Yansey's ford, and then proceeded to Harrisonburg. Our company was then disbanded. Reached home at 7 O'clock.

Wednesday, 23.

Left home this morning at 7 O'clock. Arrived at New Market 10 1/2 O'clock. We then received a dispatch. The Brigade was going back on the Keezletown road. We then followed up and joined our Regt. near the river at Swift Run Gap.

Thursday, 24.

Left camp near Mr. Yanceys, on South river, 2 miles from Conrod's store at 1 O'clock and moved in direction of Harrisonburg. Camped for the night one mile north of Keezletown, being a very cold night.

Friday, 25.

Moved of this morning about sunrise down the valley. Passed through New Market about 2 O'clock. Encamped for the night 1 1/2 mile below Mount Jackson. Returned B. F. Strickler mare today.

Saturday, 26.

In camp 1 1/2 mile below Mt. Jackson. Casper was de-

tailed to hunt forage. The blance (balance) *were* all engaged in pitching their tents and *choping* wood and make fire.

Sunday, 27.

In camp nere (near) Mt. Jackson. This morning I was detailed to take charge of a corn. Detail to shuck corn. Commence raining at 3 O.c and it was very disagreeable. Casper went home on detail.

Monday, 28.

In camp 1 1/2 mile *blow* Mt. Jackson. This morning Samuel A. Ryman went home on detail and raining nearly all day. Casper returned to camp this evening at dark.

Tuesday, 29.

In camp 1 1/2 miles below Mt. Jackson. Ordered to have our horses shod up for a march and prepare 3 days rations. This evening at dusk the order was countermanded, and then went to Uncle William Filsmires and got my supper.

Wednesday, 30.

In camp 1 1/2 miles from Mt. Jackson. Had company inspection this morning at 9 O.C A. M. Sam Ryman returned to camp last night. At unknown hour today Gen. Imboden and Gen. F. Lee's forces marched down the valley.

Thursday, 31.

Started on a scout. Left camp at 8 O.C A. M. near Mt. Jackson. Marched of—in the direction of Moorefield, on the Orkney Spring road. Raining and sleeting all day. After marching 28 miles we camped near Mathias, on Lost River. Gen. F. Lee's *Cavly* did not cross the mountain on account of very disagreeable weather. So Lee's *Cavly* camped at Orkney Springs.

Headquarters Cavly, Corps
Army of Northern Va.

Dec. 16" 1863

Capt.

The very *favourable* report which Maj. Venable A & I, G. Cavly, Corps. has made of your company induced me to offer you and your officers my sincere congratulations, and I desire to *express* my high appreciation of that ability and devotion to duty which has enabled you to *rais* your company to such a degree of efficiency Maj. Venable and Capt. Kennon.

Inspectors both concur in reporting your company to be the best in the Cavly. Corps. The very valuable service which it rendered during the late active *operations* and its gallant conduct on many a hard fought field together with the good discipline and soldierly conduct, won for it an undying fame, and I feel confident that the continued exertions of yourself and your officers will preserve that reputation untarnished.

very respectfully
Your Abel (Obea) Servt
J. E. B. Stuart,
Maj. General.

(The foregoing letter was probably addressed to Capt. Emanuel Sipe.)

SHENANDOAH VALLEY CHRONOLOGY

Fourth Instalment

- 1848—The old church at Union Forge on Stony Creek, Shenandoah County, burns.
- 1848—At Mountain Valley, now Singers' Glen, Joseph Funk & Sons, Solomon Funk printer, publish "Sturm's Reflections."
- 1848—Jacob Kibler, from his home northwest of Narrow Passage, Shenandoah County, drives an ox-cart to California.
- 1848—Mt. Vernon Furnace, in Brown's Gap, Rockingham County, built.
- 1848—St. Luke's German Reformed Church, at County Line, between Rockingham and Shenandoah, organized.
- 1848—Friday, Feb. 25—Rev. John Kline, Samuel Cootes, Abraham Funk, Benjamin Bowman, John J. Bowman, and others confer at Samuel Cootes's for building a bridge across the river near the store and cutting down the face of Gap Rock to make a new road into Brock's Gap.
- 1848, March 25—Isham Randolph, later a distinguished civil engineer, born at "New Market", Clarke County.
- 1848, March 31—An act of Assembly authorizes Augusta County to subscribe for stock in the Staunton and James River Turnpike Company.
- 1848, June—John Lewis Peyton, on his tour to the West, lodges in Woodstock and writes a description of the town and the church "near the centre of the street."
- 1848, July 22—W. A. Rife, later inventor and manufacturer, born in Augusta County.
- 1848, Sept. 5—All-day picnic and banquet at Strasburg for Mexican War soldiers of Shenandoah County.

- 1848, Oct. 8—Herbert Barbee, sculpter, son of William Randolph Barbee, sculptor, born at Luray.
- 1848, Dec. 31—Gabriella Jordan Meem, wife of Gilbert S. Meem, dies at Dunmore Mt. Airy, near Mt. Jackson, aged 21.
- 1849—The Disciples of Christ in the Shenandoah Valley first recognize "Church of Christ" as their Scriptural name.
- 1849—J. C. Myers's "Sketches on a Tour through the Northern and Eastern States, the Canadas & Nova Scotia" printed in Harrisonburg by J. H. Wartmann & Bros.
- 1849, Jan. 10—Act of Assembly passed to present a sword to Francis Otway Byrd, a native of Clarke County, for service in the War of 1812.
- 1849, Feb. 19—The house of Jacob Dinkle in Bridgewater is made a voting place by act of Assembly.
- 1849, Feb. 21—Act of Assembly passed incorporating the trustees of Shenandoah College at New Market.
- 1849, Feb. 24—Act of Assembly passed incorporating Thornrose Cemetery in Staunton.
- 1849, March 5—By act of Assembly the Board of Public Works is incorporated as the Blue Ridge R. R. Company to build a railroad (with the necessary tunnel) from Blair Park (being the eastern base of the Blue Ridge) in Albemarle County to some point at or near Waynesboro, in Augusta County.
- 1849, March 9—Act of Assembly authorizes payment of \$400 to J. D. Imboden, supt. of schools for Augusta County, paid in 1847 by Imboden to Staunton Academy
- 1849, March 12—Jacob Baker, Henry M. Brent, John Bruce George W. Hammond, Joseph H. Sherrard, and William L. Clark, and their associates, are incorporated to erect and maintain a telegraph line from Winchester to Harper's Ferry.

- 1849, March 12—Act of Assembly appropriates a sum not to exceed \$333 for finishing and improving the mountain part of the road from Harrisonburg, through Brock's Gap to Moorefield, and not over \$667 for the road from Harrisonburg through Brock's Gap to Franklin.
- 1849, March 13—Act of Assembly renews the charter (of January 21, 1802) of the Swift Run Gap Turnpike to George W. Price of Greene County.
- 1849, March 15—John Broomback, Paschal Graves, Jacob C. Kitt, and William Holtzman of Page, and Abner Berry, Thomas Chapman, and Jefferson Hurte of Madison are authorized by act of Assembly to locate and direct the building of a road across the Blue Ridge from a point at or near the headwaters of Robinson River to a point at or near the headwaters of the Hawksbill.
- 1849, March 16—Act of Assembly passed incorporating the Wesleyan Female Institute in Staunton.
- 1849, March 16—Act of Assembly extends corporate limits of Harrisonburg on the west.
- 1849, March 16—The store hou of Stephenson & Timberlake at Brucetown, Frederick County, made a voting place by act of Assembly.
- 1849, July 26—Robert S. McCormick, later diplomat, born in Rockbridge.
- 1849, Aug. 10—First annual session of the Virginia Central (Christian) Conference at East Liberty, Page County.
- 1849, Sept. 1—Lawrence Pittman Sr. sells Red Banks farm in Shenandoah County, to William Ripley.
- 1849, Dec. 4—First issue of the *Shepherdstown Register*, founded by John H. Zitte.

- 1849, Dec. 8—Hedrick & Chambers begin publishing the *Valley Democrat* at New Market.
- 1850—Bethlehem Christian Church at Tenth Legion admitted to the Virginia Central Christian Conference.
- 1850—Lutheran church built in Harrisonburg: rebuilt in 1888; west corner of N. Main and Wolfe Street.
- 1850—Rockingham Parish, Protestant Episcopal Church, reorganized and put in charge of Rev. James B. Goodwyn.
- 1850—Death of Judge Daniel Smith of Rockingham, aged 71.
- 1850—Second (enlarged) edition of Kercheval's History of the Valley of Virginia published in Woodstock.
- 1850—Edinburg United Brethren Church built.
- 1850—U. B. Conference at Mt. Hebron, Shenandoah County.
- 1850—Death of Philip Pendleton Cooke, author of "Florence Vane," at the "Vineyard," in Clarke County; age 34.
- 1850, Jan. 14—Benjamin Mason Ambler, later a lawyer, born at Winchester.—See "Who's Who in America," Vol. 18 (1934-35), page 174.
- 1850, Jan. 30—Act of Assembly authorizes the Louisa Railroad to increase its capital stock \$700,000 to extend the road from Staunton to or near Covington.
- 1850, Feb. 2—Act of Assembly changes the name of Louisa Railroad Co. to Virginia Central Railroad Co.
- 1850, March—Woodbine Cemetery, Harrisonburg, chartered by Act of Assembly.
- 1850, March 4—Act of Assembly provides voting places: Gordon's Store in Rockingham, Brick Tavern (belonging to the heirs of Thomas Anderson) in Frederick, and school house in Forestville in Shenandoah.

- 1850, March 8—Act of Assembly authorizes Winchester to subscribe to the capital stock of the Winchester and Berry's Ferry Turnpike Co. and the Front Royal Turnpike Co.
- 1850, March 9—Act of Assembly passed authorizing Giles Cook, E. B. Jacobs, Charles Green, and Robert Turner to receive subscriptions in Front Royal to the Manassa's Gap R. R. Co.; others at other places.
- 1850, March 16—Act of Assembly charters the Rockingham Savings Bank: John Kenny, Ed. H. Smith, Robt. M. Kyle, Peachy R. Harrison, Robt. Grattan, Wm. S. Stevens, Abraham Smith, M. Harvey Effinger, Isaac Hardesty, John H. Waterman (Wartman?): to discount paper and do a general banking business.
- 1850, March 18—Act of Assembly incorporates the Rockingham Turnpike Co. to build from Stanardsville through Swift Run Gap to some point on the Valley Turnpike.
- 1850, Sept. 10 (?)—At midnight, by stage coach and horseback, George Battle reaches Staunton with Daniel Webster's letter notifying A. H. H. Stuart of his appointment as Secretary of the Interior in President Fillmore's cabinet.
- 1851—Daniel Webster a guest at Taylor's Hotel in Winchester.
- 1851—Henry Funk's treatise on baptism, translated into English by Joseph Funk, printed by Joseph Funk & Sons at Mountain Valley (now Singers' Glen); 130 pages.
- 1851—The Lutheran Book of Concord published by Henkels at New Market; 788 pages; a work of 7 years.
- 1851—Laurel Hill Baptist Church, Augusta County, constituted.
- 1851—Virginia Central (Christian) Conference in session at Antioch, Rockingham County.

- 1851—Postmasters: In Berryville, Christian Bowser; Bridgewater, John Dinkel Jr.; Charles Town, John P. Brown; Dayton, John Niswander; Harrisonburg, Jos. H. Shue; Front Royal, Gideon W. Jones; Luray, Gabriel Jordan; Martinsburg, John W. Boyd; Staunton, Norborne C. Brooks; Strasburg, Philip A. Machir; Winchester, Richard Milton; Woodstock, John T. Hickman.
- 1851, April 12—Solomon's Church, near Forestville, reorganized; New trustees elected.
- 1851, Aug. 16—Death in Winchester of Nathaniel Beverley Tucker, age 67; author of "The Partisan Leader."
- 1851, Oct. 30—Birth in Shepherdstown of William Hargrave Fouke, later Methodist bishop and editor in Illinois.
- 1852—Harrison Miller moves from Narrow Passage to Tom's Brook; 4 houses then at Tom's Brook.
- 1852—Virginia Central (Christian) Conference at Edinburg.
- 1852, March 15—Act of Assembly passed incorporating the Rockingham Mutual Insurance Company; amended March 6, 1856.
- 1852, April 19—Gen. Samuel H. Lewis, 3 miles below Port Republic, makes record: "Great flood in the river & runs—Being as high (within two inches) as in 1842. —The Bottom field being recently ploughed, & almost ready to be planted in corn, was very much damaged."
- 1852, May 1—Act of Assembly charters Edinburg Mfg. Co., to produce woolen goods, flour, lumber, &c: Geo. Grandstaff, Jacob Lantz, Peter Belew, John J. Allen, and others.
- 1852, May 24—Act of Assembly passed incorporating Edinburg.

- 1852, Aug. 1—Birth near Middletown of Lewis Field Hite. —See "Who's Who in America," Vol. 13 (1924-25), page 1582.
- 1852, Aug. 2—Forestville postoffice established; William Whistler postmaster.
- 1852, Aug. 26—Building committee approved for Mossy Creek Academy.
- 1852, Sept. 2—Birth in Augusta County of George Wellington Koener, who was Virginia State Commissioner of Agriculture, 1899-1939.
- 1852, Dec. 4—Birth at Dale Enterprise, Rockingham County, of Lewis J. Heatwole, later Mennonite bishop, teacher, author, and astronomer.
- 1853—Act of Assembly authorizes the Citizens Bank of Virginia in Harrisonburg; Robert Gray, Harvey Kyle, and 10 others. The next Assembly changed the name to Bank of Rockingham.
- 1853—U. B. Church, Edinburg, dedicated; Rev. W. R. Coursey pastor.
- 1853—Birth in Woodstock of Charles B. Gatewood, later a teacher in Harrisonburg, graduate of West Point, and captor of Geronimo.
- 1853—Joseph Price, later eminent surgeon, born near Tenth Legion.
- 1853—Birth in Rockingham of Joseph S. Strayer, who wrote as "Wyndham" for the *Rockingham Register*; died near Port Republic, July 25, 1896.
- 1853—Abram S. Williams builds a bridge over North River at Bridgewater, replacing an older one. The 1853 bridge was burned by the Confederates in 1862.
- 1853, Jan. 17—Temperature 20 degrees below zero (F.) at Woodlawn, Shenandoah County.
- 1853, March 1—The Brown's Gap Turnpike chartered.

- 1853, April 1—Jacob Yost, later merchant, publisher, and member of Congress, born at Staunton.
- 1853, April 5—Birth at Winchester of Henry St. George Tucker, son of John Randolph and Laura Powell Tucker.
- 1853, June—Washington Irving at Charles Town and Berryville collecting materials for his life of Washington.
- 1853, October—Washington Irving at Greenway Court and Winchester collecting materials for his life of Washington.
- 1854—The Rockingham Mutual Fire Insurance Co., E. T. H. Warren, secretary, granted the powers and privileges of a savings bank.
- 1854—Joseph Funk & Sons at Mountain Valley (now Singers' Glen) print "An Humble Effort to Promote Order," 48 pages, by James Sterret.
- 1854, Feb. 9—U. B. Conference at New Jerusalem Church, Edinburg.
- 1854, March 13—Birth in Frederick County of George P. Hott, later U. B. minister, teacher, and author.
- 1854, March 26—Birth at Woodstock of Edgar Douglas Newman, later lawyer and judge.
- 1854, May 28—Birth at Winchester of Collins Denny, later Methodist bishop.
- 1854, Sept. 27—Lutheran stone church in Winchester (in Mt. Hebron Cemetery) burned; bronze tablet on old wall unveiled in 1938.
- 1854, October—The Manassa's Gap Railroad completed to Strasburg.
- 1854, Oct. 14—Murphy & Newman begin publishing the *Spirit of Democracy* at New Market.
- 1854, Nov. 14—Charles Tschocke (Shockey?) dies at Strasburg, age 29.

- 1854, Nov. 28—DeWitt Coffman, later vice-admiral U. S. Navy, born at Mt. Jackson.
- 1855—A new church built at Union Forge, on Stony Creek, Shenandoah County.
- 1855—Jacob Clinedinst making carriages &c. at New Market.
- 1855—S. K. and I. A. Moore purchase the Valley Foundry at Mt. Jackson.
- 1855—Dr. Russell Meem, at Dunmore Mt. Airy, near Mt. Jackson, raising fine fruit: L. I. Summer Pippin, Morris's Red Rareripec Peach, Coe's Imperial Golden Drop Plum, &c.
- 1855—Flood at Winchester.
- 1855—Mrs. Barbara Effinger, age 86, dies at Woodstock.
- 1855—William S. Knouk (Kronk?) made postmaster at Tom's Brook.
- 1855—Monument to John Preston (died 1747) and his descendants erected in the old cemetery at Tinkling Spring, Augusta County.
- 1855, May 10—John D. Donovan, later United Brethren preacher, born in Rockingham.
- 1855, May 25—Henry Sewall, later a distinguished physician of Denver, Colo., born in Winchester, son of Thomas and Julia E. (Waters) Sewall.
- 1855, August—The Virginia Central Railway, now the C. & O., completed as far west as Craigsville, Augusta County.
- 1855, Sept. 14—The Lutheran Tennessee Synod meets in New Market.
- 1855, Sept. 24—A Masonic lodge organized in Edinburg.
- 1855, Dec. 15—Birth at "Clifton," Clarke County, of William Temple Allen, later clergyman and educator in the South.

- 1855, Dec. 31—Elder John Kline of Rockingham records in his diary that he had traveled during the year 4286 miles, mostly on horseback, and had preached 42 funeral sermons.
- 1856—Birth in Harrisonburg of John Paul Bocoek, editor and poet; connected with *Philadelphia Press* and *New York World*; died 1903.
- 1856—The Disciples of Christ congregation in Strasburg organized.
- 1856, Feb. 6—Act of Assembly passed incorporating the Mt. Jackson and Howard's Lick Turnpike Company.
- 1856, Feb. 16—Act of Assembly passed incorporating Charles Kinney, Nicholas K. Trout, Henderson M. Bell, and their associates as the Stribling Springs Company (Augusta County).
- 1856, Feb. 18—Mrs. Ann M. Pence, age 98, dies near Forestville.
- 1856, Feb. 22—Act of Assembly passed authorizing Province McCormick, Rand Kownslar, David H. McGuire, and others trustees of Berryville Academy to sell and convey the said academy.
- 1856, Feb. 22—Act of Assembly passed incorporating James W. Foster, Armistead H. Morehead, Lewis S. Pritchard, John G. Buck, Thomas S. Hall, and their associates as the Warren White Sulphur Springs Company.
- 1856, Feb. 25—Act of Assembly passed authorizing the Woodstock trustees to establish, organize, and regulate a fire company.
- 1856, Feb. 26—Act of Assembly passed incorporating the Charles Town and Shepherdstown Turnpike Company.
- 1856, Feb. 26—Act of Assembly passed incorporating the town of Strasburg.

- 1856, Feb. 26—Act of Assembly passed incorporating the Jefferson County Agricultural Society.
- 1856, Feb. 26—Act of Assembly passed incorporating David H. Conrad, E. Boyd Pendleton, Adam S. Dandridge, and others as the Norborne Cemetery Company in Martinsburg.
- 1856, Feb. 27—Act of Assembly passed incorporating Henry S. Baker, Henry W. Thorpe, Joseph S. Carson, John B. Hawthorne, and 150 others named, and their associates, as Virginia College in the county of Frederick.
- 1856, March 3—Act of Assembly passed incorporating the Strasburg and Capon Turnpike Company to construct a turnpike from Strasburg to some point on the Winchester and Moorefield road at or near Hoff's gate.
- 1856, March 3—Act of Assembly passed incorporating the Weyer's Cave Company; Jacob Mohler and Abram Mohler, proprietors.
- 1856, March 8—Act of Assembly passed incorporating the Jefferson Athenaeum at Charles Town.
- 1856, March 8—Act of Assembly passed incorporating Worth Division of Sons of Temperance at Port Republic.
- 1856, March 8—The Valley Agricultural Society meets in New Market; J. W. Rice president.
- 1856, March 12—Act of Assembly passed authorizing the Bridgewater town trustees to purchase from the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in said town "the lot upon which the old church now stands" for a town hall.
- 1856, March 16—U. B. Conference meets at Otterbein Chapel, near Mill Creek, Shenandoah County.
- 1856, March 18—Act of Assembly passed incorporating Samuel Strider, Joseph L. Russell, William Daniels,

- Adam Brown, and William Smallwood as trustees of Harper's Ferry Female Institute.
- 1856, May 18—The German Reformed Classis meets in Woodstock.
- 1856, Aug. 27—Manassa's Gap R. R. trains first run into Woodstock.
- 1856, September—The *Clarke Journal* started at Berryville (in or about September, 1856) by Alexander Parkins.
- 1856, Sept. 18—Birth in Frederick County of James Howard Gore.—See "Who's Who in America," Vol. 18 (1934-35), page 988.
- 1856, Dec. 28—Woodrow Wilson born in Staunton.
- 1857—"The Reviewer Reviewed" 309 pages, answer to Elder John Kline (Dunker) by Joseph Funk (Mennonite) printed at Mountain Valley (now Singer's Glen).
- 1857—Bishop Mead's "Old Church, Ministers, and Families of Virginia" published in Philadelphia.
- 1857—Life of Michael Schlatter, German Reformed leader, published in Philadelphia.
- 1857—Cedar Grove (Tunker) Church on Rude's Hill built.
- 1857, Jan. 10—Birth near Staunton of John Shelton Patton, later newspaper editor, author, and librarian at the University of Virginia.—See "Who's Who in America" Vol. 18 (1934-35), page 1855.
- 1857, Jan. 23—Temperature 12 degrees below zero (F.) at Woodlawn, 3 miles north of Mt. Jackson.
- 1857, May—John D. Imboden (later C. S. A. brigadier-general) elected clerk of Augusta County.
- 1857, May 4—J. Stout and 2 horses drown in the river ford at Old Bethel, below Red Banks, Shenandoah County.
- 1857, May 7—Birth at Lexington of William Alexander MacCorkle, who was governor of West Virginia 1892-97.

- 1857, Aug. 7—Birth at New Market of Casper Otto Miller, later M. D., member of Va. House of Delegates, and author.
- 1857, Sept. 5—Timothy Funk begins a singing school at Woodlawn, Shenandoah County.
- 1857, Oct. 21—At age 77 dies Ananias Davisson, singing teacher, printer, and publisher in Rockingham County of singing books; buried at Cross Keys Church.
- 1857, Dec. 7—The German Reformed Church at Edinburg dedicated.
- 1858—Jed Hotchkiss publishes a description of Northwest Rockingham.
- 1858—William Griffith making wooden pumps in Page County.
- 1858—In or about 1858 the first tunnel through the Blue Ridge under Rockfish Gap was completed.—See Couper's "Claudius Crozet."
- 1858, Jan. 5—Act of Assembly provides for an election precinct at Steele's Tavern in the town of Midway, Augusta County.
- 1858, Jan. 21—Born at Winchester a daughter of Rev. Alfred Griffith and Katherine (Peel) Chenoweth; later Mrs. S. A. Day, who wrote as Helen Hamilton Gardner
- 1858, Feb. 20—John K. Booton, William C. Lauck, A. C. Booton, and their associates incorporated as the Luray Institute, for females; authorized for males and females by act of April 7, 1858.
- 1858, Feb. 24—An election precinct established at the house of Samuel Cootes in Rockingham County.
- 1858, March 1—The Woodstock and Wardensville Turnpike Company chartered.
- 1858, March 3—Trustees of Gospel Hill M. E. meeting house on Muddy Creek, Rockingham County, author-

ized to sell the same and use proceeds on a church in the Rushville circuit.

- 1858, March 6—John B. Hoge, D. H. Strother, Peyton Harrison, Edmund I. Lee, and others made trustees of the public square in the town of Bath, Morgan County.
- 1858, March 26—Birth at Mt. Jackson of Robert Hugh Martin, later newspaper man.—See "Who's Who in America." Vol. 18 (1934-35), page 1562.
- 1858, March 27—David McKay, James M. Bradford, Naason Bare, John Q. Winfield, and their associates incorporated as the Orkney Springs Hotel Company.
- 1858, March 27—A. R. Blakey, A. G. Grinnan, and their associates incorporated as the Stony Man Mining Company to mine and smelt copper and other minerals.
- 1858, March 29—Sydney P. York and George La Marte incorporated as the Valley Institute at Winchester.
- 1858, March 29—Act of Assembly passed authorizing A. H. H. Boyd, Thomas Miller, and Richard M. Snyder to sell 100 acres of land on Cedar Creek, Shenandoah County, originally conveyed by Fairfax for the Presbyterian congregation.
- 1858, May 1—Birth in Rockingham County of Anthony Johnson Showalter, later a distinguished singer, composer, and publisher of music books.
- 1858, May 16—German Reformed Classis in Edinburg.
- 1858, Aug. 19—Birth at Edinburg of William S. Rau, later U. B. minister.
- 1858, Oct. 19—In the *Staunton Spectator* John B. Baldwin trustee, advertises public sale on November 30 of Miller's Iron Works: the furnace, the forge, the merchant mill, and nine farms.—The sale was postponed into December, 1858.
- 1858, Nov. 23—*The Staunton Spectator* reports the death of the widow of Judge Archibald Stuart in Staunton at

the residence of her son, Hon. A. H. H. Stuart. She was Eleanor Briscoe, daughter of Col. Gerard Briscoe and born in Montgomery County, Md., September 2, 1768.

- 1858-59—Joseph A. Waddell, L. Waddell, and Richard Mauzy were publishing the *Staunton Spectator*. It was later published by R. Mauzy.
- 1859—The *Winchester Republican* proposes to run engines and trains from Winchester to Strasburg on the Pike—right of way for a railroad having been denied by the legislature.
- 1859—Turleytown Baptist Church constituted.
- 1859—William J. Fultz made postmaster at Mt. Clifton, Shenandoah County.
- 1859—W. H. Rice captain of the New Market Cavalry.
- 1859—M. M. Sibert captain of the Tenth Legion Artillery at or near New Market.
- 1859—A. Neff postmaster at New Market.
- 1859—The German Baptists (now Church of the Brethren) build a stone meeting house at Greenmount, Rockingham County.
- 1859, January—G. M. Effinger president of the Y.M.C.A. in Harrisonburg.
- 1859, March 3—Green B. Fadeley, later U.B. minister, born at Columbia Furnace, Shenandoah County.
- 1859, Friday, March 4—The first train of Manassa's Gap R.R. reaches Mt. Jackson at about 2:30 p.m. According to another account the first passenger train came up to Mt. Jackson on March 2, 1859.
- 1859, March 26—Birth at Harper's Ferry of Elliott Daingerfield, artist and author.
- 1859, April 16—Waverly Farm, half mile east of Dayton, formerly owned by Judge Daniel Smith, sold to Nevel Rogers.

- 1859, Saturday, May 21—Annual "big muster" at Harrisonburg reviewed by Gen. Gilbert S. Meem.
- 1859, May 23—"The Cedars" Farm deeded to Dr. William H. Ruffner by Robert Gray.—This farm lies 1 mile east of Harrisonburg.
- 1859, Thursday, May 26—First issue of the *Virginia Citizen*, Harrisonburg.
- 1859, Monday, July 18—A destructive flood of Stony Creek at Edinburg—a valuable team of 4 horses belonging to Mr. Whisler of Union Forge, drowned.
- 1859, Monday, July 18—Death at Shenandoah Iron Works, in her 92nd year, of Mrs. Catherine Forrer, mother of Henry Forrer.
- 1859, July 27—Birth in Rockbridge of Samuel Jordan Graham, later judge.—See "Who's Who in America," Vol. 18 (1934-35), page 997.
- 1859, August—Capt. J. C. Bowman takes charge of the Mansion House (hotel) in Harrisonburg.
- 1859, Aug. 9—Birth in Shenandoah County of Robert J. Walker, later lawyer and politician.
- 1859, Aug. 16-18—The Albemarle Baptist Association meets at Mt. Crawford.
- 1859, Sept. 13—The *Berryville Conservator*, weekly newspaper, first issue on or about this date; editor a Mr. Glenn.
- 1859, Sept. 16, 17—"Incessant rain of Friday, Friday night and Saturday morning last"—North River higher than it had been since 1845 (1842?).—From the *Rockingham Register*, Friday, September 23, 1859.
- 1859, September—Harrisonburg ladies purchase for the Valley Guards (local company) an "American flag" (7 feet by 4½) "with 34 gilt stars on one side, and on the reverse side the Virginia coat of arms."

- 1859, Oct. 16—John Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry.
- 1859, Dec. 2—John Brown hanged at Charles Town.
- 1859, about Dec. 22—Death of Robert Gray, in his 79th year, at his residence, Hilltop, Harrisonburg.
- 1859-60—The Baptists of Winchester plan building a church.
- 1860—Edinburg Woolen Manufacturing Company chartered.
- 1860—A postoffice established at Mountain Valley and the name changed to Singer's Glen.
- 1860—Page Woolen Manufacturing Company chartered.
- 1860—Cornerstone of the 3d Methodist church in Woodstock laid.
- 1860—Benjamin West Clinedinst, later artist, born in Woodstock, son of Barney M. and Mary S. (South) Clinedinst.
- 1860—Gilbert S. Meem, Mt. Jackson, general of the 7th Brigade, Virginia Militia.—See item of May 21, 1859.
- 1860—G. W. Murphy, New Market, elected at Woodstock colonel of the 13th Regiment, Virginia Militia.
- 1860, Jan. 1—John R. Koogler takes over the Mansion House (hotel) in Harrisonburg from Jacob L. Sibert and Capt. J. C. Bowman; name changed to American Hotel.
- 1860, Jan. 13—In the *Rockingham Register* N. H. and J. Hotchkiss advertise Loch Willow School, near Churchville.
- 1860, Jan. 13—The *Rockingham Register* reports that Sheets, Buck & Company had "a few years since" applied steam to run their paper mill on Mossy Creek—water power used before.

- 1860, Jan. 13—In the *Rockingham Register* T. J. White, principal, advertises Mossy Creek Academy; D. C. Cannon and A. Grabowsky assistants.
- 1860, Feb. 15—Dies in Harrisonburg Mrs. Esther Wartman widow of Lawrence. She was born August 20, 1782, in Philadelphia County, Pa.
- 1860, Feb. 24—Act of Assembly charters the Harrisonburg Savings Bank—Saml. Shacklett, Isaac G. Coffman, Alfred Sprinkle, L. W. Gambill, Wm. D. Trout, John D. Pennybacker, Thos. L. Yancey, Saml. R. Sterling, David Kingree.
- 1860, first day of February court—A Union meeting in Harrisonburg.
- 1860, March 31—Henry T. Wartmann elected mayor of Harrisonburg.
- 1860, April 21—Cornerstone of Mt. Jackson Lutheran Church laid; Rev. J. P. Cline pastor.
- 1860, April 25—Birth in Staunton of George Braxton Taylor, later Baptist preacher and author.
- 1860, May 7—Training of officers of the 13th, 136th, and 146th regiments, Virginia Militia, begins at Woodstock
- 1860, May 28—Training of officers of the 97th regiment, Virginia Militia, begins at Luray.
- 1860, June—Kemper & Holbrook operating at Port Republic a factory producing "woolen goods of all descriptions."
- 1860, June 12—Birth at Winchester of Hunter McDonald, later civil engineer.
- 1860, June 19—Rockingham County Court directs Dr. A. M. Newman to subscribe for the county \$50,000 to the Manassas Gap R.R. Company.
- 1860, July 4—Oration by Thomas L. Yancey Jr. at the laying of the cornerstone of a new Masonic building in

- Harrisonburg, corner of S. Main and W. Water Street.
- 1860, September—The Rockingham Turnpike sold at auction to Almond, Forrer, & Stephens for \$10,025; had cost about \$130,000.
- 1860, Monday, Sept. 3—Stephen A. Douglas speaks in Harrisonburg and New Market.
- 1860, 1st Monday in September—Joseph Salyards begins teaching at Pleasant Grove Academy, on the Pike above Mt. Crawford.
- 1860, Sunday, Sept. 23—Rev. Father Joseph Bixio of Georgetown, D. C., holds service in the Harrisonburg Lutheran Church.
- 1860, Oct. 19—Birth of James Edgar Wilson, later clergyman and editor, near Martinsburg.—See "Who's Who in America," Vol. 13 (1924-25), page 3459.
- 1860, Oct. 30—"Mr. Williams delivered a Breckenridge speech at Oak Grove."—Probably somewhere in Shenandoah County.
- 1860, Nov. 17—Birth at Winchester of William Otterbein Fries, later editor and educator—See "Who's Who in America," Vol. 13 (1924-25), pages 1230, 1231.
- 1860, December—George O. Conrad president of the Y. M. C. A. in Harrisonburg.
- 1860, Dec. 16—New (Lutheran?) church in Mt. Jackson dedicated.
- 1860, Dec. 24—Birth at Sangersville of Nannetta Hopkins, later educator. —See "Who's Who in America," Vol. 18 (1934-35), page 1194.
- 1860, Dec. 29—Joseph Salyards, at Pleasant Grove, 2 miles southwest of Mt. Crawford, writes to Newton M. Burkholder solution of an intricate mathematical problem.
- 1861—The Lutherans begin to build Bethel Church, below Hamburg, Shenandoah County.

- 1861—Emanuel Crabill of Tom's Brook captain of Co. B, 33d Va. Inf.
- 1861, February—The *Valley Democrat* merged with the *Rockingham Register*.
- 1861, February—In the *Southern Musical Advocate* of this date (No. 20 of Vol. II), monthly, by Joseph Funk & Sons, Singer's Glen, the publishers advertise their music school; \$9.00 per month for board and tuition.
- 1861, March 13—Baltimore Methodist Conference meets in Staunton, 77th annual session.
- 1861, about April 1 —A destructive fire in the village of Mt. Solon, Augusta County; 9 or 10 buildings destroyed.
- 1861, April 18, 19—Shenandoah County militia moving to Harper's Ferry.
- 1861, May 20-22—Annual meeting of the German Baptists (now Church of the Brethren) at Beaver Creek Church Rockingham County.
- 1861, May 23—Capt. Thomas L. Yancey's cavalry company leave Harrisonburg for Harper's Ferry.
- 1861, May 29—Capt. E. S. Yancey's cavalry company leave Harrisonburg for Harper's Ferry.
- 1861, May 31—The *Rockingham Register* announces that the Port Republic Woolen Factory has just received an order for 20,000 yards of cloth.
- 1861, July 4—"A meteor exploded with a great noise."
- 1861, July 8—Reported to the *Rockingham Register* from Mt. Jackson: "Work on the railroad between here and Harrisonburg has been actively resumed." Henrietta Furnace, near Orkney, property of Capt. S. B. and J. M. Myers, partly destroyed by accidental fire.
- 1861, July 19—The remainder of Shenandoah militia go to Strasburg.

- 1861, July 21—Capt. John W. Heaton of Edinburg, age 34 killed at First Manassas.
- 1861, October—Mrs. Harriet Ruffner corresponding secretary of the Rockingham Soldiers Aid Society.
- 1861, October—Girls' school in Harrisonburg turned into a Confederate hospital.
- 1861, Oct. 2—75 sick soldiers from the Army of the West (western Virginia) brought to Harrisonburg and quartered in the Female Seminary (site of the present Main Street School.)
- 1861, November—"The Shenandoah River was higher on last Sunday week than it was ever known to be." Much destruction.—From the *Rockingham Register* of Friday, November 15, 1861.
- 1861, November—Track-laying on the Manassas Gap R. R. approaching Timberville (from the northeast).
- 1861, Dec. 23—Birth at Berkeley Springs of George Ellsworth Dawson, later educator.—See "Who's Who in America," Vol. 18 (1934-35), page 687.
- 1862, Feb. 14—United Brethren conference at Edinburg.
- 1862, March—Stonewall Jackson moves engines and freight cars up the Pike from Mt. Jackson to Staunton.
- 1862, March 11—First issue at Berryville of a newspaper by printers in the 1st Minnesota Regiment, taking over the press etc. of the Berryville *Conservator*.
- 1862, March-June—Stonewall Jackson's Valley Campaign.
- 1862, March 12—Jackson moves up the Valley to Cedar Creek.
- 1862, March 14, 15—Baltimore Methodist Conference in Harrisonburg, 78th annual session.
- 1862, March 15—Jackson's forces move up through Woodstock; camp at Narrow Passage.

- 1862, March 16—The Stonewall Brigade moves up to camp Buchanan at Red Banks.
- 1862, March 20—The Stonewall Brigade moves up to Rude's Hill; the Federals at Woodstock.
- 1862, March 22—The Stonewall Brigade marches down from Rude's Hill to Cedar Creek.
- 1862, Sunday, March 23—Battle of Kernstown—Jackson against Shields.
- 1862, March 24—The Stonewall Brigade moves up from Cedar Creek to Narrow Passage.
- 1862, March 25—The Stonewall Brigade moves up to Camp Buchanan at Red Banks.
- 1862, March 25, 26—*The Haversack* published in Berryville by the 27th regiment Indiana Volunteers.
- 1862, March 26—The Stonewall Brigade moves back to Narrow Passage.
- 1862, March 28—The Stonewall Brigade returns (southwest) to Camp Buchanan at Red Banks.
- 1862, April 1—The Federals move up to Edinburg; Jackson to Hawkinstown.
- 1862, April 2—Jackson continues southwest to Rude's Hill.
- 1862, April 2-17—Jackson's army at Rude's Hill.
- 1862, Saturday afternoon, April 5—Elder John Kline taken to Harrisonburg and imprisoned (with others) "upstairs" in the jury room of the county court house; released April 18.
- 1862, April 18—Banks advances southwest; Jackson moves from Rude's Hill to Lacey Spring.
- 1862, April 20-30—Jackson in Swift Run Gap, back of Conrad's Store (now Elkton).
- 1862, April 29—Capt. E. A. Shands killed at Mauck's Mill

on the Shenandoah River, East Rockingham, by the accidental discharge of a gun.

- 1862, April-May—General Banks constructs a fort on the hill, northeast side of Strasburg, the embankments of which still remain.

NEW BOOKS BY SOCIETY MEMBERS

1. *The Hammers and Allied Families*, by Elsie Byrd Boggs, an illustrated volume of 176 pages, with map, published for the author by Joseph K. Ruebush Co., Harrisonburg, is really a history of Pendleton County, W. Va.
2. *A History of Page County, Virginia*, by Harry M. Strickler, is a handsome volume of 457 pages, with many pictures and maps; issued by the Dietz Press of Richmond.
3. *Historic Harrisonburg*, by John W. Wayland, is a volume of 425 pages, with maps and pictures.
4. *Robert E. Lee and His Family*, by the same author, contains 113 pages, with 28 pictures and 2 maps; published by the McClure Printing Co., of Staunton.
5. C. J. Carrier of Bridgewater has recently issued a new printing of John Lewis Peyton's *History of Augusta County, Virginia*, a volume of 402 pages, first published at Staunton in 1882.

A BUSINESS REPORT

Most historical societies collect dues from their members annually and on this basis supply them with the society publications. The Rockingham County Historical Society operates on a different plan. A nominal fee of one dollar makes one a life member, without further dues or assessments. Whenever a copy of the *Rockingham Recorder*, the society's official magazine, is issued the members are notified by the publication committee and each member can purchase as many copies at the special rate as he desires.

This plan has two distinct advantages: (1) it avoids the labor and expense of correspondence in collecting annual dues, which would require a paid office force. No officer or agent of our society is paid. (2) It does not obligate the society to issue the *Recorder* at stated intervals, whatever conditions may be, as would be the case if annual dues were collected.

This issue of the *Recorder* is No. 1 of Volume II. The four issues of Volume I average 87 pages each, with the pages numbered consecutively throughout the volume, and No. 4 contains a complete index of the four issues, No. 1 to 4, inclusive. Accordingly, the four issues can be bound together in a complete indexed volume of 348 pages. The regular price for each issue (number) is \$1.50, but to members of the society the special price is \$1.00 each. A supply of back numbers is kept on hand, and they may be purchased separately or all four together.

The value of the *Recorder* is widely recognized over the country by libraries and historical societies as well as by individuals. Our society membership is distributed in twenty or more different states besides Virginia. The contents of the magazine consist of records and articles of value that are of special interest to persons who have any connection with Rockingham County and adjacent sections of Virginia, and thousands now living in many parts of the

nation trace their ancestry back to this part of the Old Dominion.

In the first issue of the *Recorder* is printed verbatim the first minutes of the Rockingham County Court, date of April 27, 1778. At that time the county included considerable portions of what is now the State of West Virginia. Each succeeding issue of the magazine continues this record from the old minute book of the court, thus preserving and making widely available authentic information about pioneer families, wills, deeds, settlement of estates, laying out roads, and civil and military officers and soldiers of colonial and Revolutionary years. These records alone are well worth the price of the magazine. In addition there are diaries and papers relating to the war of 1861-65, old towns and villages, churches, schools, and notable incidents.

To put the *Recorder* on a permanent basis financially and to make possible more frequent issues, an Endowment Fund is being provided from contributions by society members and other persons of public spirit who recognize the historical and educational value of the magazine. The society, particularly through this publication, ranks along with the public libraries and public schools as an educational institution. The *Recorder* extends this service over the country at large and preserves for future generations valuable information that otherwise would be lost or would remain inaccessible except to persons living in Rockingham County.

The society is incorporated under the laws of Virginia with a board of trustees composed of well-known citizens who will invest the Endowment Fund, the income from which will be used exclusively to support the society publications.

A special committee is authorized to solicit contributions to the Endowment Fund. Mr. Howard V. May, Broadway, Va., R.F.D. 2, is treasurer of this special committee, and contributions may be sent directly to him.

Appended herewith are a few of the testimonials received by the committee to the outstanding value of the *Rockingham Recorder*.

"The *Recorder* is a great institution. I've read every word in the copies so far issued. It is a mine of information for everybody, especially the young folk who want to know about the history of their native land."

William H. Keister

(Dr. Keister was head of the Harrisonburg schools from 1894 to 1947).

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"In my opinion the *Rockingham Recorder*, official magazine of the Rockingham County Historical Society, is a very valuable publication, not only from a historical standpoint, but also for persons engaged in genealogical research. To me its value is immeasurable, and I hope that means may soon be available to issue it more frequently."

Lurline E. Griffith

(Mrs. H. G. Griffith, Baltimore, Md.)

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"I feel very strongly that the Rockingham County Historical Society is rendering a real service in the publication of original records which have not been available before in printed form. The *Recorder* is an invaluable addition to our local history and genealogical collections. I only wish that it could be published more often."

Florence B. Yoder

(Miss Yoder is head librarian of the Rockingham Public Library.)

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"The *Rockingham Recorder* prints only things of permanent value, and it is a mine of information for historians researchers, former residents, any who are interested in old families, estates, customs, and names of early settlers in one of the richest and most progressive counties of the Old Dominion. Only recently a native and former resident

came by plane from his present home west of the Mississippi River to look up some information on his family history. It is the purpose of the *Recorder* to preserve this kind of information and make it available for all who can use it. The contents include interesting events, early court records, diaries, sites of early homes, churches, and schools, and hundreds of definite dates for easy reference."

John S. Flory

(President Emeritus of Bridgewater College)

THE HARRISON-KEEZELL STORY EXAMINED

The story referred to relates to an alleged contest between Thomas Harrison, founder of Harrisonburg, and Geo. Keezell, grandfather of the late State Senator George B. Keezell and founder of Keezletown, each of whom desired to have the court house and other county buildings of Rockingham located on his land. We may be pretty certain that the story has some basis in fact, but some of the details can hardly be credited, or at least need some modification. The place for the court house (the present site) was determined upon in May 1779, and the ground was deeded to the court later the same year. At that time there was no Harrisonburg and no Keezletown.

The Harrison-Keezell story in brief is as follows:

Mr. Harrison and Mr. Keezell both set out on horseback for Richmond, each to lobby there for his location: Mr. Harrison had a big spring and some smaller ones, at the crossing of at least two old trails; Mr. Keezell also had a water supply at the intersection of roads, one of which had long been the main route of travel in the Valley from north to south.

Mr. Keezell was several miles nearer Richmond and got the start of Mr. Harrison, but by the time he reached the summit of the pass in Swift Run Gap, top of the Blue Ridge, he (and his horse too, no doubt) felt the need of rest

and refreshment; so he stopped at the tavern or wayside inn that for many years stood there. The distance from his home at or near the site of Keezletown was about 21 or 22 miles, and the ascent of the mountain was toilsome.

The distance for Mr. Harrison to the same point at the top of the mountain was five miles farther. When he arrived there he and his horse also must have been fatigued, but when he saw Mr. Keezell's horse, with which he evidently was familiar (I think I have heard it described as a white horse) he did not stop, but pressed on and reached Richmond ahead of Mr. Keezell, thus getting the court house located on his land.

The facts relating to the location of the court house and other county buildings are set down in the old minute book (order book) of the court, which is well preserved, and it is plain that the place for these buildings was picked by the local magistrates composing the court; there is no evidence or indication that anybody anywhere else had anything to do with it.

The Act of Assembly providing for the creation of Rockingham County, to be cut off from the northeast part of Augusta was passed in October, 1777, and Patrick Henry the governor, commissioned 17 men, Silas Hart, Daniel Smith, Abraham Smith, John Grattan, Josiah Davisson, and others, to set up the new county and compose its court. On April 27, 1778, fourteen of the seventeen met at the home of Daniel Smith and organized. Silas Hart was sheriff though he soon resigned in favor of Josiah Davisson. Thomas Lewis was sworn in as county surveyor; Captain Peter Hog was appointed county clerk.

The home of Daniel Smith was located two miles northeast of the site of Harrisonburg, and the court continued to meet there, from time to time, for a year and seven months. The place is now well known as Smithland.

At the regular meeting of the court on March 23, 1779 notice was given that on the second day of May court it

would be decided where the permanent meetinghouse of the court would be fixed, and the sheriff was directed to summon the absent justices to be present at that time. Accordingly, on May 25 (1779), the second day of the May session, the clerk entered the following record:

"On a Majority of the Justices being present & conformable to a Resolution of the Court in March last, for fixing a place for the Court house the several Members having proposed three different places a Majority were for fixing it on the plantation of Thomas Harrison near the head of the Spring."

The same court, May 25, 1779, appointed John Davis, William McDowell, John Fitzwater, and Benjamin Harrison commissioners to let out the building of a stone court house. On August 5, 1779, Thomas Harrison and his wife Sarah for five shillings, deeded two and a half acres around the big spring to the justices for the county buildings, and on the 23d day of the same month the deed was acknowledged before the court and ordered to be recorded.

On November 22, 1779, the court met for the last time at the home of Daniel Smith, and on account of a malignant fever in the Smith family soon adjourned to the plantation of Thomas Harrison, where the court continued its session the same day and the next; and on the second day (November 23, 1779) Benjamin Harrison, William Herring, and John Davis, or any two of them, were directed to let out the building of a court house. But this building was to be of logs, not of stone as at first contemplated. It was ready for use, apparently, by the end of 1780 or early in 1781. The court continued holding its sessions in the house of Thomas Harrison until the court house was finished.

Thomas Harrison, probably in the latter part of 1779, proceeded to lay out a town on 50 acres of his land around the lot he had deeded to the county, and in May of the next year it was given legal status as Harrisonburg by the state legislature. Soon thereafter Mr. George Keezell also laid out a town on his land, 100 acres. Interesting particulars

about this undertaking are given on pages 96 and 97 of my book, "Virginia Valley Records," published in 1930. These items were copied from Mr. Keezell's original plan, as set forth in a document loaned me by the proprietor's grandson, Hon. George B. Keezell. It contains the signatures of 20 odd prominent men of the neighborhood who in May, 1781 agreed to purchase lots. For some reason, however, the chartering of Keezletown was delayed; but in December 1791 it was given legal status by an Act of Assembly.

When it was announced in March 1779 that the court would fix the place of the county-seat in May following, it is probable that there was much speculation among the people generally and a good deal of activity and wire-pulling among the gentlemen who had sites to offer. The court record states that three different sites were considered, none of which is named; but we naturally assume that one was the plantation of Thomas Harrison, which was fixed upon. After that date it would have been a waste of time and energy as it appears, for Mr. Harrison or Mr. Keezell to have sought a ruling in Richmond or anywhere else,—the matter was already settled. If they (or either of them) did appeal to outside authority it was probably done between March 23 and May 25, 1779. But at that time they would have had to go to Williamsburg: the legislature did not begin its sessions in Richmond until May 1, 1780.

Riding horseback to Williamsburg, or even Richmond and back was a considerable undertaking in 1779. It was done, of course. On July 26, 1779, the court authorized the sheriff to pay James Butcher 90 pounds for riding express to Williamsburg and returning with the sheriff's commission. The currency by that time in value was much below par, but even so 90 pounds was a tidy sum. I doubt whether either Mr. Harrison or Mr. Keezell would have put so much in hazard.

As indicated in the caption, this paper is intended as an examination and study of the Harrison-Keezell story, not a refutation. The tradition, we may be right certain,

has some basis in fact: just how much is fact and how much is fiction cannot, perhaps, be determined at this date.

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CONVERSE'S VALUABLE WORK

"Harrisonburg and Rockingham County in World War II," by Dr. Henry A. Converse, a typed volume of 535 large pages including several pictures and a map, well bound, has recently been acquired by the Rockingham Public Library in Harrisonburg. Dr. Converse devoted a number of years to this task and has produced a record that is comprehensive and authoritative and that will be of interest to thousands of people. Beginning before the war, it presents the various activities and organizations of the city and county that performed important functions in the war. Accounts are given of the several war memorials and the veterans' organizations.

Probably the part of the volume that will be of most permanent interest is the roll of the men and women who served in the armed forces, with pertinent items relating to each. Those who were prisoners of war and commissioned officers are enrolled also in separate lists.

This work should be made available to the public in a printed edition. In the years to come, even more than at present, it will be a rich source of information for historians and genealogists.

The old stone church, erected in 1844 or 1845, on the Valley Pike 11 miles northeast from Harrisonburg, is a celebrated landmark. It is believed to stand on the site of the first Smith Creek meeting house of the Friends (Quakers), which was in use as early as 1738. At or near the same spot Valentine Sevier, father of the celebrated Gen. John Sevier, kept a wayside inn around 1750. The village including the stone church has been known for many years as

Tenth Legion, the name having been adopted from Thomas Jefferson who spoke of this region as the "Tenth Legion of Democracy."

Not long ago Mt. Hebron, popularly known as Whitesel's Church, celebrated its founding and history of a century and a quarter. It is located near the village of Pleasant Valley, six or seven miles southwest from Harrisonburg; dates from 1824, and is the oldest United Brethren Church in Virginia. It stands on land donated by Mrs. Mary Whitesel.

In April 1951 the mayors of Harrisonburg and Louisville, Ky., attracted wide notice in the newspapers by their exchange of felicitations, pictures, etc., of their respective cities. Harrisonburg and Louisville were established as towns in 1780 by the same act of the Virginia Legislature.

The Rockingham Public Library has been a vital factor in the educational and literary progress of Harrisonburg and its environs for the past 30 years or more, carried on much of the time under handicaps—lack of adequate funds and a suitable building. Within the past few years the general recognition and financial support given this valuable institution has been most gratifying. Early in 1952 the books were moved into the spacious new building on Newman Avenue, in Harrisonburg, and a wider field of service at once became possible. Extended use of the library by people of the city and county immediately began. The operation of bookmobiles to outlying districts has been notably facilitated. For some years this extension service has been carried into Page county as well as Rockingham.