

# HAYCOCK HISTORICAL NEWS

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## The Frankenfield Store 1890 - 1895

by Pat DeWald

This summer one of our members, Dave Long, loaned the historical society a ledger book from the Frankenfield Store that dated from 1890 to 1894.

The first entry in the book is for Abel McCarty, who on March 10, 13, and 21, 1890, put on credit a total of \$1.56 for purchases. March 21, 1890, he paid off 22 cents of the bill with eggs and on April 5, 1890, he paid the remainder in cash. In April, May and June he put on credit \$1.14, \$1.19, \$.07, \$1.33, and \$.15 for a total of \$3.78. In April he paid 74 cents towards his bill in cash with the balance of \$3.03 brought over into July. Another customer, Titus Ott, paid his bills with eggs, hauling, shoulder (not sure what that is) cash, squabs, and more eggs. Jefferson Afflerbach paid his bills with baskets and cash. One time he received 22 cents for his baskets, other times, \$1.12, \$1.33, and \$1.67. Samuel Streepy always paid in cash but most often two months after his purchases. The storekeeper had to be a good bookkeeper.

The general storekeeper would carry credit from one month to the next and sometimes years. People would charge items

and then pay some of the bill in cash or other items which the store keeper would accept as payment. Eggs were very popular as payment, as were cherries, feed, shoes, labor, hauling, squabs, apples, rabbits, and baskets. Haycock Township carried a balance and paid off some in cash and the remainder three dollars and 66 cents as payment for township taxes.

I believe the store was started about 1872, when Mahlon Frankenfield, the son of Henry Frankenfield, received his commission as Post Master at the newly created Haycock Run Post Office. Mahlon is the second son of Henry Frankenfield, one of the early settlers in the south eastern area of Haycock Township. (The location of the farm and store is now in Nockamixon State Park.) The first son of Henry was Jonas, a farmer all of his life with a farm next to his father's. The 1870 census lists Mahlon Frankenfield as living in Haycock Township, but I am not sure where. He is living with Mary Lambert 17, a servant, and William Nicholas 22, a store clerk. He lists the post office as Applebachsville. This is not unusual as the post offices at Tohickon and Haycock Run had not been established



The Frankenfield Store 1910

at this time. The 1870 census lists him as a retired merchant with wealth of \$4,360.00. He is 28 years old and unmarried. Where he was a merchant and made considerable money, I do not know. The 1876 atlas of Haycock Township lists M. D. Frankenfield as a merchant in dry goods at Haycock Run Post Office. I am supposing he began the Haycock Run Store in 1871 or 1872, and obtained a commission as post master which he combined with the store. He had been appointed post master at the new Haycock Run Post Office July 26, 1872, at an annual salary of 12 dollars. He remained post master until December 20, 1901, when Adin H Frankenfield took over. Adin was the son of Abel (A. D.) Frankenfield, the brother of Mahlon and third son of Henry. Sadie H. Snyder took over the post office from Adin for a short time, June 24, 1918, to December 24, 1919, when Oliver K. Ott became post master. He handed it over to his son George W. Ott on May 9, 1940, who was post master until it was discontinued October 31, 1948. The post master's job had been in the Frankenfield family all those years, as Oliver K. Ott married Sarah, the daughter of Jonas Frankenfield and Catherine (Deaterly) Atherholt.

When the store closed around 1910, a one story addition was built onto the house next to the store to accommodate the post office. George W. Ott used the store as an automobile repair business. After the sale of the house and store in 1948, George W. Ott built a red brick building on Rt. 412 for his automobile business which is the same red brick building that now stands at the end of Rt. 563 and Rt. 412 and houses the ice cream shop.

Haycock Run, Pa. 7/26/1902.

*M. Levi Koder*

*Bought of*

**A. H. FRANKENFIELD,**  
DEALER IN

DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, NOTIONS, BOOTS, SHOES, Etc.  
Terms Cash.

DATE	ITEM	AMOUNT
June 29	To Qualeas	.50
July 16	To Bal	.58
18	To Shoes	.57
Sept 19	To Groc	.67
Oct 7	To Groceries	.75
25	flour	.50
26	flour &c	.86
Nov 27	flour	.50
Dec 24	To Bal	.29
Apr 1	To Shoes &	.180
May 30	To Bal	.50
June 29	To Mr. Kelly	.66
Aug 21	To Faint Jars	.120
Sept 13	To Bal	.17
Nov 17	To Cough Syrup	.40
25	To Bal Lines	.216
Mar 13	By 450 lbs Apples	.44
		1.50

Frankenfield Store Receipt

Although Mahlon Frankenfield retained the commission of post master of Haycock Run, some sources list Abel (Aber, A. D.) Frankenfield as shopkeeper. But there is a mystery here, our documents which date from 1890 to 1894 list E. A. Frankenfield proprietor. At first I thought Abel may have taken the E. to distinguish himself from other Frankenfields until I read *Sterner's Remembrances 1875 to 1895*, where he lists for the Haycock Run Store, Abel, Edwin, and Adin as shop keepers. I knew of Abel and Adin but who was Edwin? After searching Ancestry.com for Edwin Frankenfield, I finally found him. He is Jonas Frankenfield's son born August 30, 1865, and died October 21, 1894, at the age of 29. He is buried at Kellers Church Union Cemetery. His mother is Catherine Atherholt, therefore his initials are E. A. Jonas and Catherine had two children, Sarah and Edwin. Sarah married Oliver K. Ott and from this line we received other ledger books for the store from Edna Berger for the years 1890 to 1895. These books have *E. A. Frankenfield dealer in dry good etc, Haycock Run Post Office* stamped on the pages. Edna is Sarah's granddaughter and lived in the house Oliver K. Ott built just down from the store until the park took it over. In one of the ledger books of E. A. Frankenfield the first entry is an extensive inventory list taken March 7, 1890. This may be about the time Edwin took over the store from Abel. Edwin would have been about 25 years of age then.

The 1880 census lists Abel as 31 years of age and a merchant, and the 1900 census lists Abel as a farmer. Unfortunately we do not have the 1890 census which may have listed Edwin as a merchant. So it is hard to tell just when Edwin started running the store. But I will speculate that since we have only ledgers from when Edwin was proprietor, if he had taken over the store sooner than 1890 those earlier books would have been kept with the 1890-95 books.

Abel passed away December 24, 1915, at age 67, in Haycock Township and is buried at Kellers Church Union Cemetery. Adin moved to Easton around 1915 and I do not know any more about him. Mahlon (M. D.) Frankenfield died November 11, 1908, in Haycock Township and is buried at Kellers Church Union Cemetery.

- MONTHLY STATEMENT -

Folio Page

Haycock Run, Pa., Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> 1894

*Mr & Mrs Sleifer*

**To E. A. FRANKENFIELD, Dr.**  
DEALER IN  
Dry Goods, Groceries, Notions, Flour, &c.

TERMS:

DATE	ITEM	AMOUNT
Aug 8	168 lbs Sug	.048
		\$ 7.14
	34.15	
	32.25	
	1.90	
	34.15	

Frankenfield Store Receipt

# BEER PLAYS A ROLE IN OUR HISTORY

by Nancy Janyszeski

*Frankenfield Store contd from page 2*

Here are just some of the items listed in the inventory of 1890:

ribbon, rick rack, fishing lines, candles, mustard plasters, collars and cuffs, different dress materials, gingham, muslin, cassimere (cashmere), scissors, bread knives, doz. spoons, razors, set of knives and forks, revolver, cartridges, corn plasters, hat stretcher, wicks, pepper, vanilla, carbolic acid, pr. hinges, chocolate, candy, coffee, rice, crackers, shawl straps, bolts, tallow candles, screw drivers, shells, horse nails, matches, enveloper, pins, tobacco, currants, raisins, lard, rubbers (for shoes), misses, men's and boy's, baskets, shirts, vest, drawers, children shoes, shawls, blankets, table cloth, slippers, knitting yarn, safety pins, tooth brushes, match safe, cologne, books, tinsel, spectacle case, mirrors, oil cloth, oysters, beans, files, emery paper, overalls, auger, wire, axes, saws, wheat flour, buck wheat, white sugar, salt, turpentine, oil of tar, whale oil, varnish, castor oil, machine oil, vinegar, molasses, coal oil spittoons (5), wagon grease, Epson salts, cream of tartar, cherry stoner, sealing wax, pocket knives and a yellow toboggan plus more.

The list of assets as of January 2, 1894 is:

Amount of stock on hand \$3,675.25

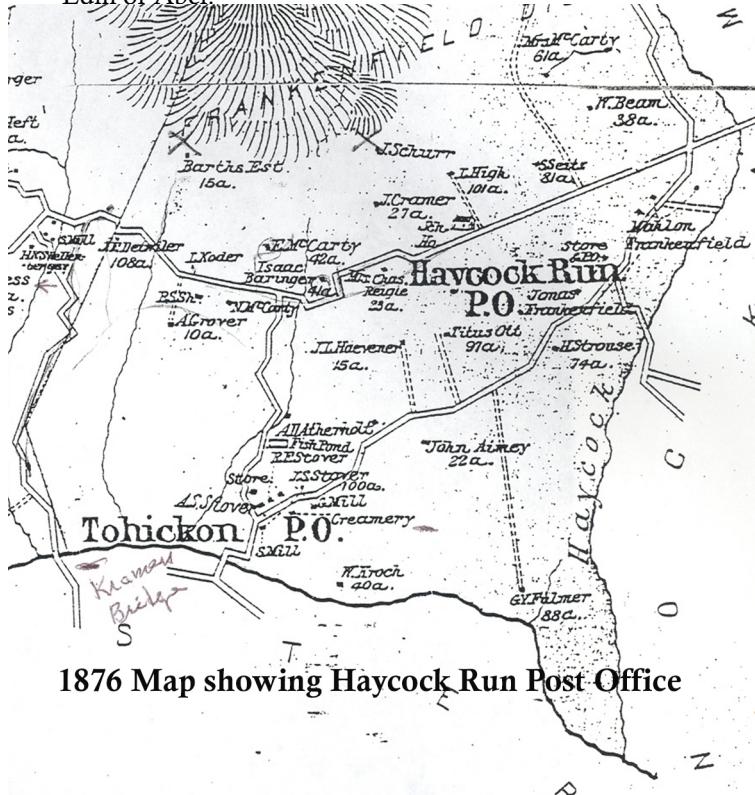
Bank a/c \$860

Bank a/c \$152

Cash on hand \$22.75

Total of \$4,720.00.

The liabilities were \$1,608.00 which included \$1,312.00, bills payable, interest \$60.00, interest \$65.00, interest \$13.00, rent, \$50.00 and Frankenfield \$210.00. This left \$3,112.00. Not sure what is meant by Frankenfield, it may have been for wages to Edin or Abel.



## 1876 Map showing Haycock Run Post Office

Water was often unsafe to drink because of contamination and as a result beer, wine and distilled liquors were in general use in colonial times. They were a valuable article of trade, and generally made in domestic stills. Small Beer or Ale is porridge like and contains very little alcohol. It was the favored drink for festivities and was produced in households for both adults and children.

When a Swedish engineer surveyed and mapped the mouth of the Delaware to the Falls in 1654, he described products of this country which included Maize. Indian corn was grown in hillocks (a small hill or mound, considered to be the source of Haycock) and when broiled on hot coals are delightful to eat. The blue, brown, black and pied (two or more colors) are brewed into a strong unclear beer.

In 1678 the Dutch granted a general exemption from all taxes on wine, beer, or distilled liquors for a period of three years, but the return of the English brought about an entire prohibition of the sale of strong drinks or liquors to the Indians and no distilling of grain by anyone.

William Penn had a brew house erected at Pennsbury and was known to have beer in his larder for the workman. While William Penn and his family were at residence at Pennsbury they were well taken care of. The candles came from Boston and butter from Rhode Island. The cellar was stocked with several kinds of spirituous and malt liquors, beer, cider, sherry, Madeira, Canary (a sweet white wine from the Canary Islands) and claret. On the occasion of a treaty or official visit, Small Beer was brewed at Pennsbury and on occasion ale was fetched from Philadelphia. Cider was made for the family from the apples grown in their orchard. William Penn himself was temperate in all his habits.

The first provincial assembly held at Philadelphia was in March 1683 where a number of acts were passed, the first three counties were formed, Buckingham (Bucks), Philadelphia and Chester. Each county had a house of correction and the county was authorized to fix the prices on linen and woolen cloth, a meal of victuals (food fit for consumption) at seven pence half-penny and beer at a penny a quart. Each settler of three years was to sow a bushel of barley, and persons were to be punished who put water in rum. Today 7 pence is equal to \$0.11 cents and a penny is 1/100 of a pound or \$0.16, so a half-penny would be \$0.08.

As difficult as it was to travel in the early days of the 1700's, visits were not uncommon between both family and friends, and often included great hospitality made up of cheeses, metheglin (alcoholic liquor made of fermented honey and spice) and beer.

The descendants of German immigrants of this county have retained the manners and customs of their fathers. The advent of the Germans introduced a new drink, called Mum, from Mumma for the inventor who first brewed it at Brunswick, 1492. A malt liquor brewed from wheat and, at first, considered a medicine. It was nauseating, but made potable by being fermented at sea. There are many theories on how Mum was made.

"The clamorous crowd is hushed with mugs of mum,  
Till all, turned equal, sound a general hum"

## AN AFFAIR TO REMEMBER

By all accounts, Haycock Historical Society's recent Italian dinner/fund-raiser, dubbed *The Italian Affair* - was a great success! The Social Events sub-committee was able to serve beautifully presented authentic Italian recipes, both made by our committee members and contributed by the local businesses - Giant Foods, Redners Market, Swanns Pantry, and Pasqualini's Italian Market. While it was hot on that July 19th day the temperatures did not hinder our guests or committee from have a wonderful day relaxing and appreciating the beautifully manicured lawn and flower beds of the Stokes property.



For their \$10.00 prepaid tickets, guests were able to select from authentic Italian appetizers of homemade Bruchetta served with toasted parmesan bread rounds, Mozarella & tomato stacks and assorted grapes and olives from the appetizer tent as they mingled and toured the Stokes house. The main entrées served at the buffet station were both meat and vegetable lasagna, stuffed shells and chicken a la Martino. Freshly baked Italian bread with herbed dipping oil was placed at every setting. Desserts were Cannoli, Lemonchetta (lemon liquor) pound cake, almond pound cake, biscotti and Italian cookies. Guests were treated to lovely centerpieces in colors reflective of the red, white and green in the Italian flag while Italian music played softly in the background.



Several framed copies of Haycock maps were displayed for silent auction and guests were invited to stroll through Stokes house and made a silent bid on the items. Over \$200.00 was received from the silent auction.

Seating capacity was for 48 guests. All of the printed tickets sold, plus we accepted a few extra last minute guests. We heard many positive reviews plus a couple new members signed on that day.

All of this success has fueled interest in tapping into our love for food to inspire other fund-raisers such as a homemade soup sale in the future or perhaps another event highlighting a different ethnic heritage each year, starting with those who have predominantly been a part of Haycock Township's history. We will keep you posted!

A sincere thank-you to all who contributed to the success of the event in any way!

Chris Handschin



Fall Clean up 2014

Fall clean up date is Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon with lunch.

Summer is coming to a close and it is time to think about fall. The fall clean up at Stokes will be on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon with lunch. **The rain date is Sunday, November 21, from 9 a.m. to noon.**

Chain saws and weed whackers are very welcome, as well as rakes. We will try to do our fall cleaning inside as well.

If you get a chance to stop in at Stokes I would be glad to see you. The house is open Fridays 10 a.m. to 12 noon, through October. Come out and see the fall foliage as we are very fortunate to have the beautiful grounds we have.

I hope everyone is having a great summer.  
If you have questions give me a call. 267-467-7608  
Pat DeWald

## ACTIVITIES

Fall clean up - Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon with lunch. See page 4.

Kringle Christmas Shoppe - Dec. 4, 5 and 6.

Victorian Tea - Sunday, Dec. 20 - 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.  
Stokes House

Stokes will be open Friday mornings April through October from 10 a.m. to Noon.

Gardening hours at Stokes are every Thursday morning -  
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

## MEETINGS

September 17 - History of Honey Hollow, a presentation by Diane Smith, the Bucks county Audubon Society Director of Education.

October 15 - In the 60th Anniversary year of the great flood on the Delaware River, Mary Shafer, author of Devastation on the Delaware, will give a presentation on the history of the flood.

November 19 - a return of Ann Atkins, "Flash History." Ann will speak on Golda Meir.

Meetings are held at the Bucks County Latvian Baptist Church in Applebachsville and begin at 7 p.m.

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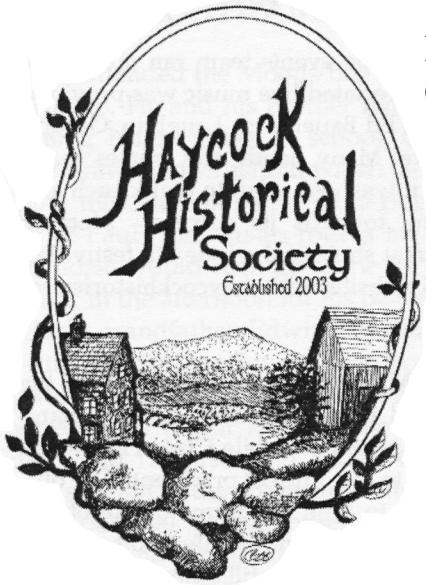
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