

SESQUI-CENTENNIAL

— OF —

Frankfort, Mineral County, West Virginia



FANFARE OF FRANKFORT

JULY 29, 30, 31, 1938

CONTAINING COMPLETE HISTORY AND PROGRAM

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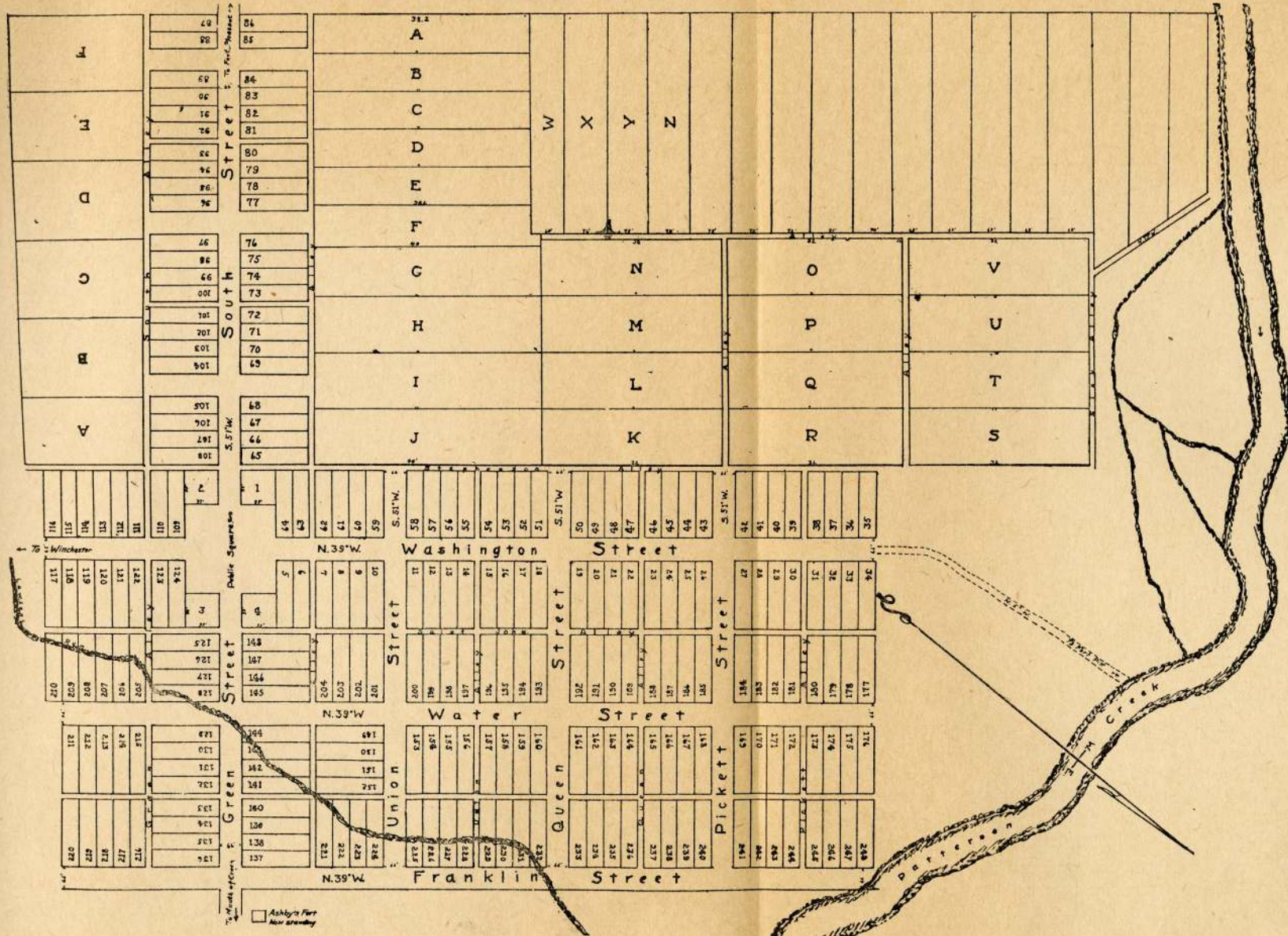
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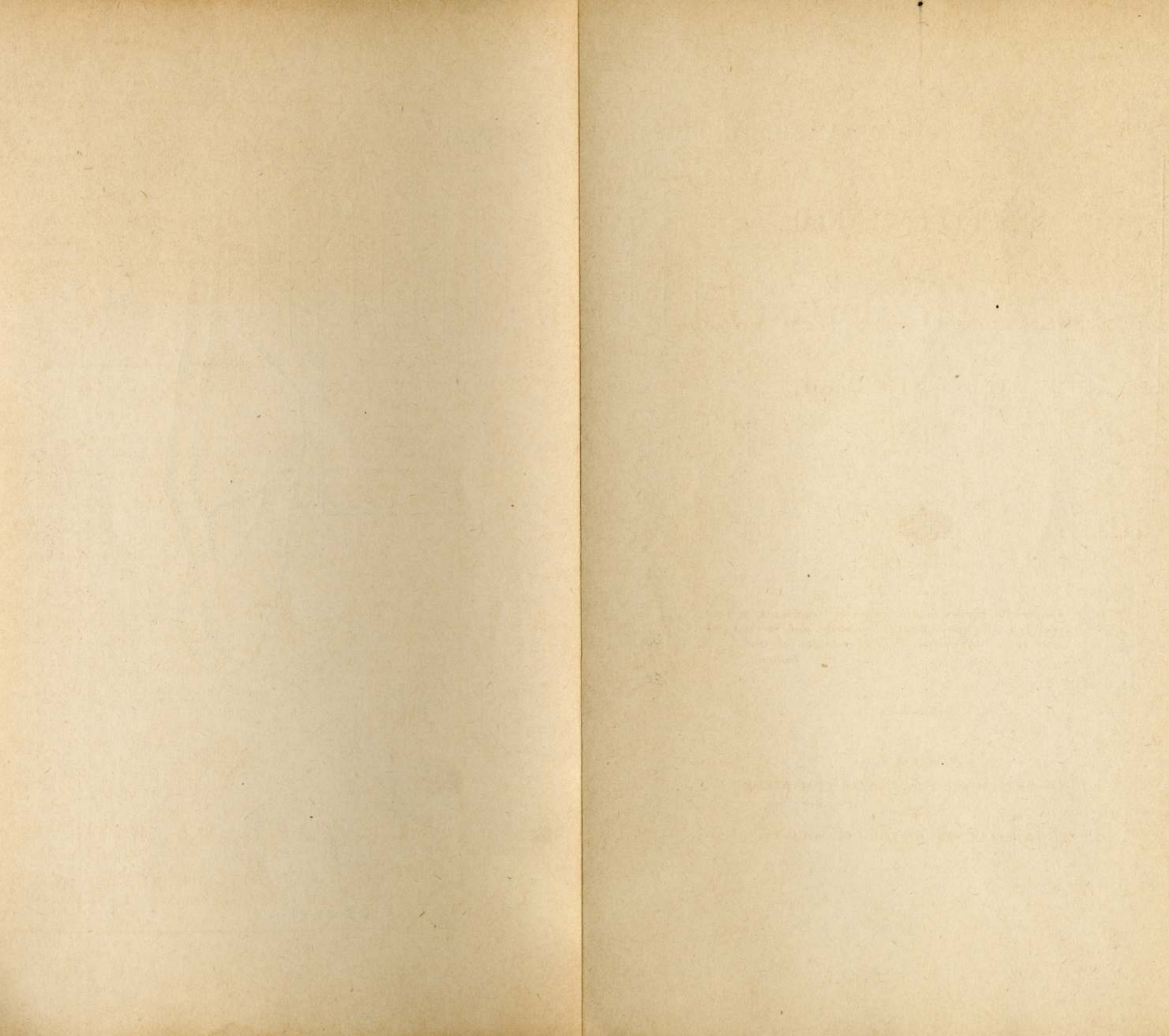
OLD MAP SHOWING PLAN OF FRANKFORT



Map copied by David G. Martin, Surveyor, Antioch, W. Va.

A map or plan for the town of Frankfort (Frankfort), Town laid off at Cross Roads, the one leading from Winchester to Frankfort, and the other from Fort Pleasant to Patterson Creek, situated in Hampshire County. The street leading from Winchester to Fort Pitt bears N. 39 degrees W., and those leading from the mouth of Patterson Creek to Fort Pleasant S. 51 degrees W. Each of the lots are 49½ feet in front and run back 188 feet, except the four corner lots which are 99 feet square, and the Market Place is 264 feet square including the streets which are 66 feet wide. The alleys are 16½ feet wide.

The lines bounding the town are as follows: Beginning at a white walnut at Patterson Creek, thence S. 42 degrees E. 221 perches to three white oaks; thence N. 60 degrees E. to three white oaks; thence N. 39 degrees W. 160 perches to said creek; thence along said creek N. 60 degrees W. 37 perches; thence N. 60 degrees E. to three white oaks; thence S. 15 degrees E. 38 perches; thence S. 47 degrees W. 48 perches; thence N. 73 degrees W. 32 perches to the place of beginning; containing 196 acres, 0 roods, and 9 perches, laid down by a scale of ten equal parts to an inch. Established in 1787, 139 acres of land were laid off in to lots and streets with out-lots, by John Sellars.



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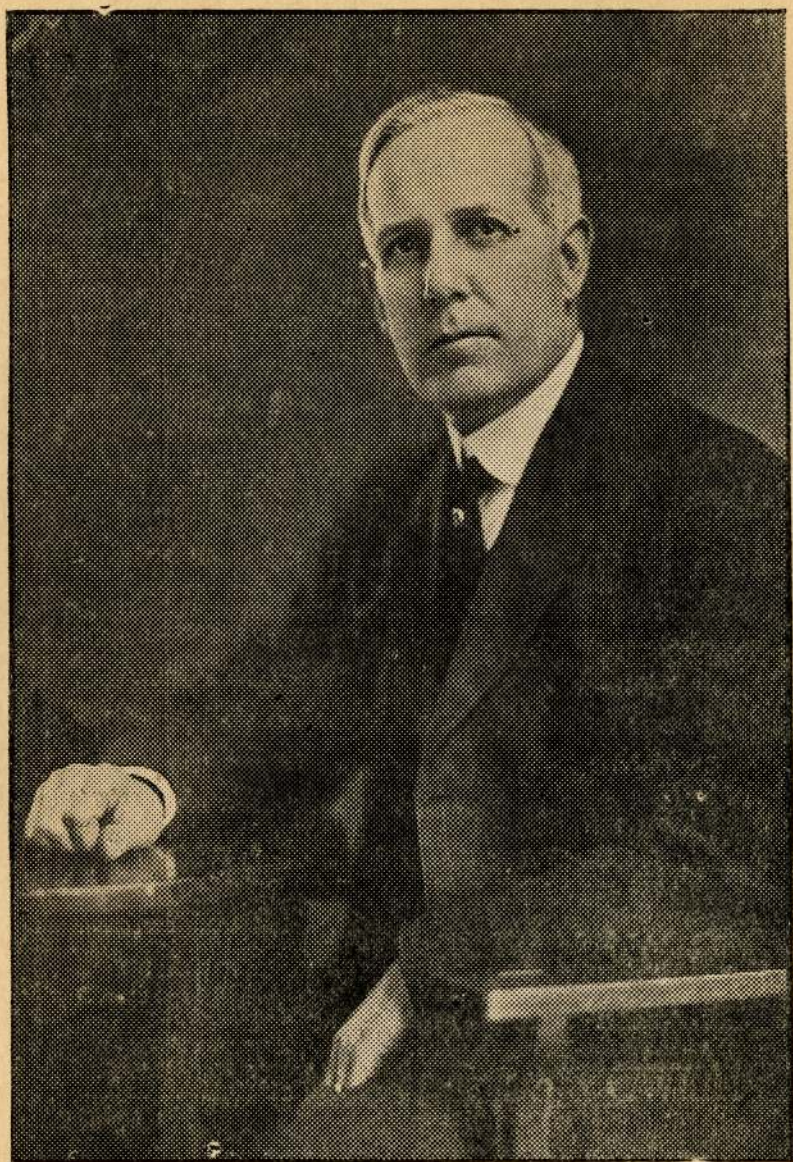
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HONORABLE JOHN J. CORNWELL
Ex-Governor of West Virginia

FOREWORD

This publication is designed to serve a four-fold purpose: To present a complete program of the Frankfort Sesqui-Centennial Celebration, together with a synopsis of the historical pageant, "Fanfare Of Frankfort". To present a brief history of Mineral County, and of Frankfort, (Fort Ashby). To encourage those who read these sketches to dig deeper into the treasure-trove of history found here. To stimulate the business and industrial interests of those who have helped to make this celebration possible.

LEONORA W. WOOD

Keyser, West Virginia.

July 6, 1938.

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Governor of West Virginia



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**TO THE CITIZENS OF MINERAL COUNTY, PARTICULARLY
THOSE OF THE PATTERSON CREEK VALLEY AREA**

It is a pleasure for me as Governor to extend to you the greetings of the State of West Virginia on the occasion of the observance of the 150th anniversary of the establishment of Frankfort, now Fort Ashby, by an Act of the General Assembly of Virginia passed December 5, 1787.

Your section of our State has been beneficently blessed—picturesque in scenery, rich in resources, outstanding in history and attractive in possibilities.

I congratulate you on your Sesqui-Centennial program, a means of vividly recalling to mind the men and women who and the events which have made your area one of great historical importance.

I believe I extend to you the wishes of the citizens of the entire State in wishing for you a most successful commemorative observance on this occasion and in future years a progressive development consistent with the accomplishments of the past and commensurate with the rich resources and natural advantages which are yours.

Sincerely yours,

HOMER A. HOLT,
Governor.

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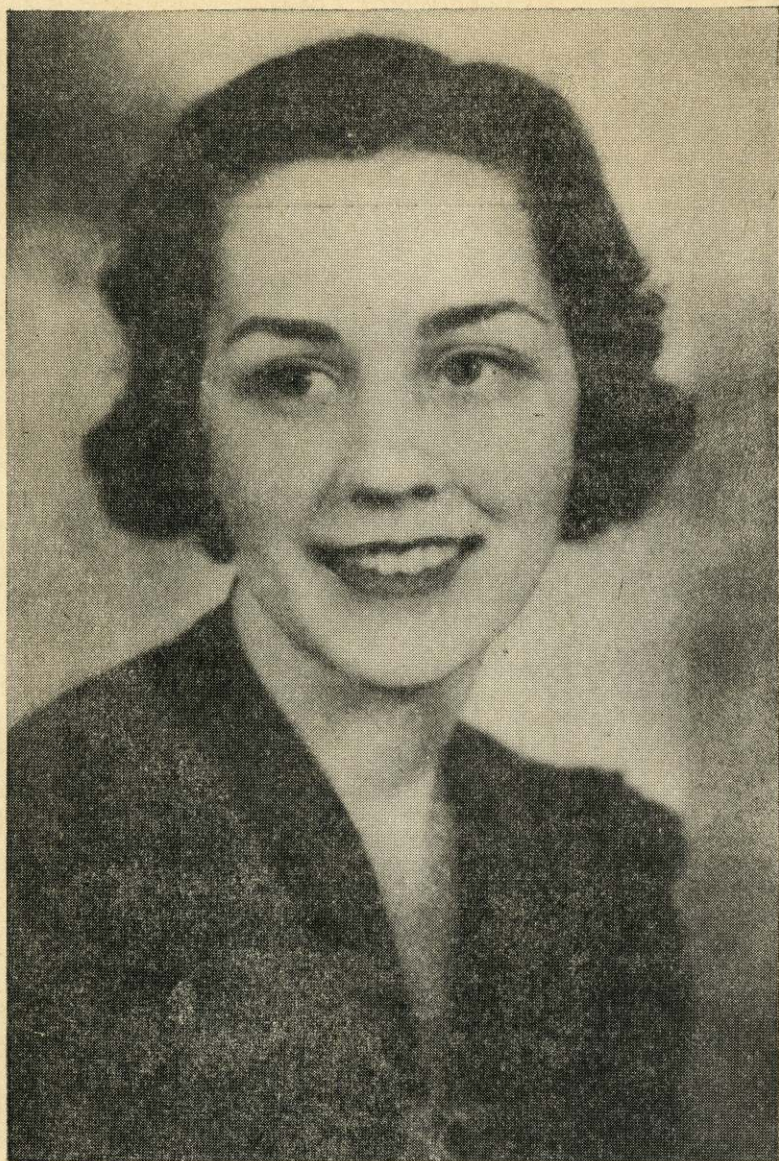
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PROGRAM

FRIDAY, JULY 29, 1938

- 10:30 A. M.—Parade.
- 11:00 A. M.—Band and Choral Concert.
- 11:30 A. M.—Address: Honorable John J. Cornwell.
- 12:00 —Noon. Recess for meals. To be obtained from Places Listed In This Program.
- 1:30 P. M.—Music: American Legion Drum Corps, Boyce-Houser Post No. 41, West Virginia Legionettes.
- 2:00 P. M.—The Coronation of Queen Frankfort I, His Excellency Governor Homer A. Holt officiating.
- 3:00 P. M.—Address: Colonel M. A. Reasoner, Medical Corps, U. S. A. Surgeon, Sixth Corps Area, Chicago.
- 3:30 P. M.—Address: Honorable Jennings Randolph, Congressman Second District.
- 4:00 P. M.—Baseball Game.
Marble Tournament.

HISTORIC EXHIBITS

Open from 10:00 to 12:00 A. M. and 1:00 to 5:00 P. M.
Public School House

FRIDAY EVENING, JULY 29, 1938

- 7:00 P. M.—Band.
- 7:30 P. M.—Folk Songs and Ballads by Maurice J. Matteson, Head, Music Department, State Teachers College, Frostburg, Maryland.
- 8:00 P. M.—Historical Pageant, "Fanfare Of Frankfort." In which the history of Patterson Creek Valley and Mineral County, from its earliest beginning to the present time will be depicted by a cast of 500 players.

SATURDAY, JULY 30, 1938

10:00 A. M.—Band.

10:45 A. M.—Address: "Places You Should See"—J. C. Sanders.

11:00 A. M.—Tour to Historic and Scenic Places Under Direction of Transportation Committee.

Historical Exhibits, and Entertainment by Historical Display Committee, Potomac Valley Chapter D. A. R., Mineral County Historical Society, and Recreational Committee.

12:00 —Noon—Lunch.

SATURDAY, JULY 30, 1938

1:00 P. M.—Band.

1:30 P. M.—Choral Concert—Helen Pownall, Director of Music.

1:45 P. M.—Charge To Knights—Colonel M. A. Reasoner, Surgeon, Sixth Corps Area, Chicago.

2:00 P. M.—RIDING TOURNAMENT.

4:00 P. M.—Band Concert.

5:00—P. M.—Colonial Dinner.

7:30 P. M.—Band.

Awarding of prizes: At this time prizes will be awarded to winners in "Historical Exhibits", "Better Homes" and "Band Concert" contests. Prizes to Tournament Riders will be awarded later.

8:00 P. M.—Pageant, "Fanfare Of Frankfort". In addition to episodes presented Friday evening, a special feature of this evening's performance will be crowning of the "Queen of Love and Beauty", and awarding prizes to winning knights of the Tourney.

SUNDAY, JULY 31, 1938

**SPECIAL HOMECOMING SERVICES PLANNED BY CHURCHES
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HISTORICAL PAGEANT
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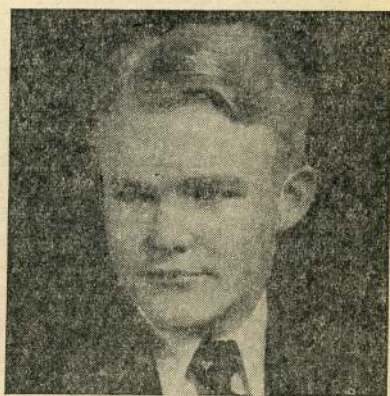


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Pattersons Creek Survey

List of persons to whom lots were granted on Pattersons Creek, from the first survey made by George Washington and James Genn, March, 1748.

No. of Lot	Name	Acres	Date
1	George Parker	399	1748
2	John Adam Long	293	1748
3	Nicholas Reasoner	277	1748
4	John Ratan	354	1748
5	Abram Johnson	309	1749
6	David Thompson	312	1748
7	John Colston	326	1777
8	Power Hassall	328	1748
9	John Bever		1749
10	Nicholas Crist	167	1748
11	Joseph Hamlin	289	1749
12	John Parker	312	1748
13	Matthew Rodgers	379	1748
14	Jacob Good	394	1748
15	Joseph Walter	238	1748
16	John Keller	300	1779
17	Benjamin Rutherford	201	1766
18	Robert Worthington	306	1766
	Jane McCracken		
	Margaret McCracken		
19	Survey for Nathaniel Parker, Jr.	300	1788
20	Occupied by Nathaniel Parker, Sr.	328	1788
21	Joseph Robinson	322	1748
22	Philip Martin	283	1748

Grant issued by THE RIGHT HONORABLE THOMAS LORD FAIRFAX, to Charles Keller, November, 1748. Charles Keller was killed by the Indians, 1756, the grant was re-issued to his son and heir, John Keller, June 1, 1779.

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Pattersons Creek and Mineral County

By Lenora W. Wood

The history of Mineral County had its beginning in 1734, when the House of Burgesses of Virginia passed an act creating Orange County. All the territory now embraced in what is West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and Illinois was included in the new formed county.

Four years later, 1738, that part of Orange County east of the Allegheny Mountains was divided into two counties: the lower Augusta and upper Frederick.

In 1753, Hampshire County was formed from portions of Augusta and upper Frederick Counties, and included all the territory now contained in Mineral, Hardy and Grant, with portions of Morgan and Pendleton.

After the War between the States, 1866, the western part of Hampshire was cut off and Mineral was created. The territory of this county has, therefore, been designated as Orange, Frederick, Hampshire, and Mineral, and its early history is inseparably linked up with the early history of Colonial Virginia which furnishes the background for much of our National History.

In 1669, John Lederer, having crossed the Patterson Creek and New Creek Valleys, stood on top of the Alleghenies, in what is now Mineral County, and looked westward over the vast territory drained by the Cheat.

In 1670, the governor of Virginia sent out an exploring party which crossed the mountains of the west seeking for gold, and trying to discover a river flowing into the Pacific Ocean. These explorers forced the steep, rocky heights of the Blue Ridge, descended into the valley west of that range, and discovered a river flowing due north, as far as they could see.

The observations of these explorers must have been greatly affected by the vastness of the wilderness. For to them, New River became "Four hundred and fifty miles wide; its banks in most places one thousand yards high." Beyond the river they could see towering mountains destitute of trees, and crowned by white cliffs. They believed these mountains to contain gold and silver, but made no attempt to cross them.

A party sent out the following year remained for several months in the New River Valley, but their findings are recorded only as conjectures.

Forty-six years later, 1716, Governor Spottswood of Virginia led a party of daring explorers over the Blue Ridge, across the Shenandoah River to the summit of the Allegheny Mountains. And these "Knights of the Golden Horseshoe" returned with reports that did much to encourage explorers to come into the South Branch Valley.

In 1736, a surveying party made up of William Mayo and Colonel Brooks, representing the King of England, and Mr. Savage and Mr. Winslow, representing Lord Fairfax, ran the line marking the western boundary of the Fairfax Grant.

On December 14, 1736, these commissioners trailed the Potomac to its source, ascertained and marked the dividing ridge where the waters on one side flow into the Cheat River and on the other side into the Po-

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tomac. Here they placed a large sandstone to mark the northern limit to the land of Lord Fairfax.

The report of these surveyors was approved by the King of England and the State of Virginia in 1746. And the Fairfax Stone, which they had planted ten years before, at the corner of Maryland and West Virginia, became the official cornerstone of the Fairfax boundary.

On the heels of these first surveyors settlers flocked into the region, some making their way across the mountains from New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, others pushing up from the Shenandoah Valley. News of the advancing settlement reached Lord Fairfax, at Greenway Court, new Winchester, and he began at once to arrange to have the lands laid off into manors and lots. On March 25, 1748, James Genn, then the only certified surveyor in the Colony of Virginia, led a party across the river at the mouth of Patterson Creek, and spent the night at Abram Johnsons. Included in this party were George Washington, then only 16 years old, and George Fairfax, with Henry Ashby and Robert Taylor as chairmen, Robert Ashby as marker, and William Lindsay as pilot. The following day they moved up the river to stay with Solomon Hedges, one of "His Majesty's Justices of Ye peace for ye County of Frederick," on whose table at supper time Washington says, "there was neither a Cloth upon ye Table nor a knife to eat with, but as good luck would have it we had knives of our own." On Monday morning, March 28th, 1748, they began what is generally believed to have been the first official survey of this region. There is evidence, however, that an earlier survey had been made of some of these lands. The Mineral County Historical Society has within its possession an original grant of land issued by Lord Fairfax to Hassel Power, bearing date of June 3, 1740—eight years before the Washington party came into the valley.

Washington's diary records that lands were laid off for Solomon Hedges, Henry Van Meter, Michael Stump, James Rutledge, Michael Liveryn, James Simons, Henry Harris, Philip Moore, Jeremiah Osborn, Benjamin Forman, Peter Casey, and others. Between the years 1748 and 1751, the Wappacoma Manor, containing 55,000 acres, the Patterson Creek Manor of 9,000 acres, and about 300 lots were surveyed.

As the surveys were made, those living on the lands were forced to take up the properties they occupied either by lease, or by actual purchase. In either case his lordship required a fixed rental to be paid annually, "on the feast day of Saint Michael the Archangel." From the renters he also extracted a small down payment which he termed "composition money." He stipulated in the deeds that the buyers should "never kill elk, deer, buffalo, beaver, or other game without consent of His Majesty, Lord Fairfax or his heirs."

Despite these conditions settlers continued to pour into the region: English, Scotch-Irish, French, German, Irish; brave, hardy men and women of many nationalities, willing to endure hardships, and brave the dangers of the wilderness, that they might build homes and secure to themselves and their families a foot-hold in this land of promise.

Coincident with the sale of lands and development of the South Branch and Pattersons Creek valleys by Fairfax, other wealthy London and Virginia gentlemen formulated plans for carrying on an extensive trade with the Indians, and for the colonization of the lands west of the Allegheny Mountains. These gentlemen, John Hansbury, of London; Thomas Lee, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the Colony of

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Virginia; Thomas Nelson, also a member of the Virginia Court; Col. Thomas Cressup, Colonel William Thorton, William Nimmo, Daniel Cressup, John Carlisle, Lawrence Washington, Augustus Washington, George Fairfax, Jacob Giles, Nathaniel Chapman, and James Woodrop, had watched the colonization of the Northern Neck of Virginia, and believed that a similar scheme could be extended to the great stretches of wilderness beyond the mountains, on the Ohio. They formed a corporation known as the "Ohio Company," and in 1749 were chartered by George II, and granted 500,000 acres of land. A few months later the company opened its first store on the south side of the Potomac, near the present town of Ridgeley, Mineral County. Mr. Hansbury had shipped about \$4,000 worth of goods from London. Abraham Johnson of Patterson Creek had been appointed proprietor, and the settlers could exchange their surplus supplies of grain, hogs, and tobacco for "blankets," "red shroud," "haif thicks," "liker" and "ches." Copies of original accounts of Abraham Johnson with the Ohio Company, which are still in the possession of his descendants are most interesting, and give a fair idea of the flourishing business that was carried on by this Company that can well be called, "Americas First Chain Store Corporation."

Although short lived the Ohio Company greatly influenced the trend of American history. In fulfilling the conditions of its charter and land grant it helped to secure for England the territory west of the Alleghenies. It brought more settlers into this region, and encouraged others to push further westward. It established a chain of heavily constructed store buildings which later were confiscated as forts, and became military centers for the protection of the settlers against the French and Indians. The road surveyed and built by this Company, from the upper Potomac Valley, near the present town of Ridgeley, to the Monongahela, now Pittsburgh, was the first outlet from the East to the West over which any white man ever traveled. It was the route over which General Edward Braddock, in 1755, made his historic march upon Fort Duquesne. It is today largely the roadbed of the National Highway from Cumberland to Pittsburgh.

Up to this time, the white men had been unmolested by the Indians. The noted Shawnee chief, Killbuck, had been on friendly terms with the villagers, and had visited the settlement frequently.

But the French on the Ohio had watched the westward advance of the English with growing jealousy and alarm. They recognized in the rapidly growing settlements, and in the Ohio Company the greatest threat to their dream of an inland empire, west of the Alleghenies. The French saw in Killbuck a valuable ally, and began sowing seeds of suspicion in his mind, persuading him that the English he had thought his friends were plotting the destruction of his people, that their trading was only a clever scheme for taking possession of their hunting grounds.

Early in the Spring of 1753 scouting parties of the Indians began roaming through the settlements, and their suspicious attitude aroused the anxiety of the people. The extensive fur trade that the Ohio Company had enjoyed with the various tribes was withdrawn, and there were numerous rumors of planned attacks that added to the mounting fear of the villagers.

The seven years from 1754 to 1761 brought horror and almost complete desolation to the entire section. Killbuck organized the Shawnees and other warrior tribes on the Ohio, and set up a "death claim" to every foot of ground west of the Ohio. The Indians began their depredations

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by lurking around the settlements, murdering, or taking captive the families along the trails, or attacking the men at work in their fields. Following Braddock's defeat at Fort Duquesne they grew more and more bold, and it began to appear as though they would murder or take captive every family in the Patterson Creek and South Branch valleys.

The House of Burgesses convened and voted 40,000 pounds (\$200,000), and authorized the raising of an army of 1,000 men.

Governor Dinwiddie, no doubt, greatly influenced by the people, gave Washington a commission as colonel, and made him commander-in-chief of the forces to be raised in Virginia for protecting the frontier.

It was not Washington's idea to build a chain of forts. He urged Governor Dinwiddie and the Virginia Assembly to concentrate all forces and make sufficient appropriations, and raise enough troops to march at once to the head of the Ohio, destroy Fort Duquesne and end the war. Little could be accomplished, he argued, by trying to fortify the frontiers or by fighting the savages after they had ravaged the settlements. For, said he:

"Unless we remove the cause, we shall be liable to the same incursions seven years hence as now, if the war continues and the enemy is allowed to remain on the Ohio."

The plans Washington submitted were rejected. His argument was considered wholly unpractical by the Virginia and British authorities. Governor Dinwiddie recommended the building of a chain of forts at strategic points along the border of the Allegheny settlements, from the head of the Potomac to the Holston River, and appointed "A Council of War" who were to assist in carrying out the Act of the Assembly in specifying the direction of the chain and location of the principal forts.

The Patterson Creek and South Branch Valley settlements, being on the extreme frontier, and exposed to the direct attacks of all the Indians who crossed the mountains were the first to be fortified.

Washington gave orders that two forts be erected on the east side of Patterson Creek. Fort Sellers, at the mouth of the creek, was the first to be built. Fort Ashby, five miles south, was erected a few days later. An officer and 30 men were placed at Fort Sellers to guard the settlers and supplies stored there. On Christmas Day, 1755, Captain Charles Lewis, of Fredericksburg, with a garrison of 21 men took charge of Fort Ashby. Washington's orders were that this fort must never be surrendered. In case of attack they were to defend it to the last extremity, and when bereft of hope, lay a train to blow up the fort, and retire by night to Fort Sellers or Fort Cumberland.

The fort was never surrendered, but on August 4, 1755, we find Washington writing to Governor Dinwiddie, indignantly denouncing "the passive behaviour" of officers in charge of some of the troops. He says:

"I have no doubt that you have ere this heard of the defeat of Lieutenant Rutherford of the Rangers, escorting an express to me at Fort Cumberland, and of the dastardly behaviour of the militia, who ran off without one-half of them having discharged their pieces, although they were apprised of the ambuscade by

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one of the flanking parties before the Indians fired upon them; and ran back to Ashby's Fort, contrary to orders, persuasions, and threats.

"They are all ordered in, as soon as the people have secured their harvest. Those of King George and Carolina Counties are already here. The rest I expect shortly.

"Through the passive behaviour of their officers they are very refractory."

It was, however, directly after this siege, and Rutherford's cowardly retreat, that the incident occurred which gave the fort its name:

Among marauding parties hanging around the fort was an unusually tall, long-legged Indian, whom the English nicknamed "The Crane." This Indian, for some unknown reason, held a personal grudge against Captain John Ashby, and was determined to kill or capture him. "The Crane's opportunity came one day when he discovered the Captain unarmed some distance from the fort. Ashby fled for his life, the Indian close behind. But the fleet-footed Crane found himself no match for the frightened captain. Finally he gave up in disgust, yelling, "Run, Jack Ashby, run!" To which the captain angrily replied, "You fool, what do you think I'm doing?"

Indian depredations continued for more than two years, and during this time Washington had succeeded, by means which seem almost miraculous, in erecting, partially equipping, and manning around three hundred forts. Historians tell us that more than one hundred forts were built on what is now West Virginia border, but we have accurate knowledge of only twenty-three that were built under Washington's supervision.

But numerous as the forts were they were inadequate to afford security to the settlers. Settlement after settlement was raided and destroyed until in the Fall of 1758 the only settlers that remained throughout the entire section of what is now Mineral and Hampshire Counties were in the immediate neighborhoods of Fort Ashby on Patterson's Creek and of Fort Pearsall, on the present site of Romney in Hampshire County.

Washington grew desperate. From his numerous letters to Governor Dinwiddie we have an insight into the character of the man that can be gotten from no other source. His work is more than an obligation imposed upon him by the Governor's commission. These poor, suffering people of the frontier are his people, and in his heart he virtually becomes their guardian.

Governor Dinwiddie and the Virginia Council did not understand the situation, and Lord Loudoun, the British Commander-in-Chief, had never visited Virginia and had no accurate knowledge of border conditions. Orders which Washington received were often inconsistent and confusing. Particularly was this true of the Governor's determination to reinforce Fort Cumberland and to evacuate all the stockade forts on the Branch. This he knew would mean that all the settlements would be abandoned. Writing to John Robinson, Speaker of the House of Burgesses, (December 19, 1756) he says:

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thus to expose so valuable a tract as the Branch in order to support a fortification, in itself of very little importance to the inhabitants or the Colony. The former order of the Council would have endangered not only the loss of Fort Loudoun, the stores and Winchester, but a general removal of the settlers of this vale, even to the Blue Ridge. This last has the same object in view, namely, Fort Cumberland and, to maintain it, the best lands of Virginia are laid open to the mercy of a cruel and inhuman enemy. My strongest representations of matters relative to the peace of the frontiers are disregarded as idle and frivolous; my propositions and measures are partial and selfish, and my sincerest endeavors for the service of my country are perverted to the worst purposes."

Not long after this Lord Loudoun was recalled to England and William Pitt, a man of fine common sense, and splendid executive ability became Prime Minister. Under his able administration affairs in America took on a decided change.

Substantial military forces were sent to America, and General Forbes immediately recognized Colonel Washington as the only man who understood the situation, and asked him to make a map of the line of march, and to formulate for him a suggestive scheme for conducting an expeditionary force of 4,000 men into the Ohio Valley

At last here was a man who was ready to accept the plans of this young Virginian. And in 1754, Washington at the head of the expedition, moved out toward the Ohio, with the intent of waging the long urged offensive, and the capture of Fort Duquesne.

Finding it necessary to make a new road through the wilderness the expedition was forced to advance slowly. And while they were wrestling with the wilderness Colonel Bradstreet made his notable dash across Lake Ontario, captured Fort Fontenac, and cut off the forces in charge of the fort, and before General Forbes reached the locality had burned the fort and retreated.

General Forbes ordered the fort rebuilt and named it Fort Pitt, (now Pittsburgh). Two hundred Virginians were left in charge of the garrison, and Washington returned with the expedition to Virginia, confident now that border troubles were at an end.

But Fort Ashby continued to serve as a haven of safety for the settlers on Patterson's Creek until after the Revolution and later Indian Wars, (1775-1795).

Richly significant is the fact that the only surviving fort, south of the Potomac, is located in the section that suffered more than any other from Indian depredations, and around which many of the most thrilling stories of border warfare are woven.

The old stockade was purchased by the Potomac Valley Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, on July 28, 1927. On February 5, 1935, the D. A. R.'s presented and deeded the fort to the Mineral County Court, upon condition that the court would restore the old structure to its original condition.

During the coming years many people will journey to Fort Ashby and looking upon this memorial of the heroic struggles and dauntless courage of their forefathers will be grateful to the organizations and persons who have helped to restore and preserve it.

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Again, however, this period of peace, expansion and renewed hope, was halted by lowering clouds of strife. Dunmore's War broke like an unexpected hurricane upon the western frontier, and marauding bands of Indians which invaded Hampshire County, sent the horror-stricken inhabitants scurrying back to the forts.

The Revolution which soon followed, 1775-1783, brought much suffering to these people. When the call was made for volunteers to join the forces of General Hand, and march against the Indian allies of Great Britain, on the Ohio, General William Forman gathered a company of Hampshire County men and marched with them to Wheeling. His troops met the Indians at McMechen Narrows, and were caught in an ambushade, and defeated. Captain Foreman and his two sons, together with seventeen other men, were killed; among these were Samuel Johnson, John Wilson, and William Lynn, from Patterson Creek. News of the disaster brought mourning to many homes and cast a shadow of sorrow over the entire settlement.

A few months later Captain Michael Cresap of Old Town, Maryland, came into this section and organized a Company of riflemen. They marched to Boston and engaged in several skirmishes. Captain Cresap returned with them to New York, where he died and was buried. The men in this Company from Frankfort were, William Powell, George Miller, William Johnson, Peter Ashby, Thomas Williams, John Paugh, Wagoner, Pew, and Harris.

And though the British Army never invaded this section, and there were no battles fought in what is now Mineral County, it is said that there was not a battle of the Revolution in which some of these men were not engaged.

At the close of the Revolution the Fairfax lands were confiscated by the State of Virginia and thrown open to the public. Those who owned Fairfax grants were given clear titles to their property, and others were encouraged to buy at attractive prices. Home-seekers and speculators flocked into the region. There began a period of growth and development such as hitherto had been unknown.

A fair idea of who these early settlers were is given us by the list of the first census of Hampshire County, 1782. Abraham Johnson, Gent., was appointed to list the "tithables" in the Patterson Creek District. His list shows that there were ninety-eight heads of families and six hundred and twenty-two inhabitants living in the Patterson Creek Valley at this early date.

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Hansom, Thomas	5	
Umstot, Peter	7	
Queen, Charles	7	
Spencer, John	7	
Thomson, John	6	
Coulson, John	3	
Beverley, John	5	
Parker, Benjamin	7	
Wise, Adam	6	
Woolf, George	8	
Blackburn, Willm.	11	
Cannon, Thomas	7	
Jones, Peter	11	
McBride, John	7	
Beeler, Charles	3	2
Cunningham, John	5	
New, Peter	7	
Thomson, David	5	
Powell, William	8	
Kent, John	11	
Price, Arjalon	8	6
Dobbins, Thomas	5	
Thomson, Francis	1	
Benkit, Jacob	7	
Buffington, Thos.	4	1
Parker, Benja.	6	
Cooper, Joel	11	
Parker, George	6	
Parker, James	3	
Hirsman, Casper	8	
Good, Isaac	6	
Good, Peter	3	
Casselman, Lewis	9	
Huffman, Henry	6	
Cooper, Thomas	10	
Miller, George	8	
Hazle, Henry	8	2
Johnson, Wm.	9	
Reasoner, Jacob	9	1
Johnson, Wm., Junr.	2	1
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Vandivear, Willm.	12	5
Fearend, Isaac	8	
Pigman, Moses	7	
Vandivear, John	2	
Hartley, Hugh	5	
Brandenburg, Math.	12	
Johnson, Okey	6	
Piersall, John	3	5
Beaver, Matthias	6	
Beaver, Michael	6	
Beaver, Peter	4	
Nave, Henry	10	
Miller, Michael	6	
Riding, Joseph	8	
Stagg, John	8	
Putman, Peter	12	
Clark, Stephen	9	
Hendrick, Abrm.	3	
Bacorn, Job	3	
Martin, Thomas	3	
Martin, Samuel	3	
Johnson, Abrm., Senr.	2	
Johnson, Abrm., Junr.	6	
Wright, Gabriel	8	
Taylor, George	4	
Hiersman, Matthias	2	
Hiersman, George	2	
Noel, Peter	5	
Cory, Joseph	5	
Blue, Abram	6	
Parker, Nathaniel	10	5
Ross, Lawrence	10	12

This influx of settlers resulted in rapid development of transportation facilities, and by 1786 a State Road was opened from Winchester to Wheeling. This road, which passed through the village of Frankfort, became the frequent scene of stage-coach travellers, and covered wagon caravans, bringing home-seekers, traders, and adventurers; and of loads of cattle, droves of hogs, and turkeys on their way to market.

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The petition of the inhabitants in and about the town of Frankfort—Showeth That whereas John Sellers of Hampshire County hath at the Instance and Request of your petitioners laid off a Portion of His Valuable Land Situate on Pattersons Creek in Hampshire County on the great road leading from the Eastern to the Western waters for the purpose of Improving the same into a Town, and has laid off the same into a Town, and has laid off the same into In and Out Lots and that the same is already Considerably Improved and whereas it will be of utility to your petitioners and the public in general that the Sd. town be Established under proper Regulations your petitioners pray that the Land be Established a town Called and known by the name of Frankfort and that Trustees be appointed to superintend the same with such power as is given to other Trustees where towns is by law established.

AND your petitioners as in duty Bound shall pray.

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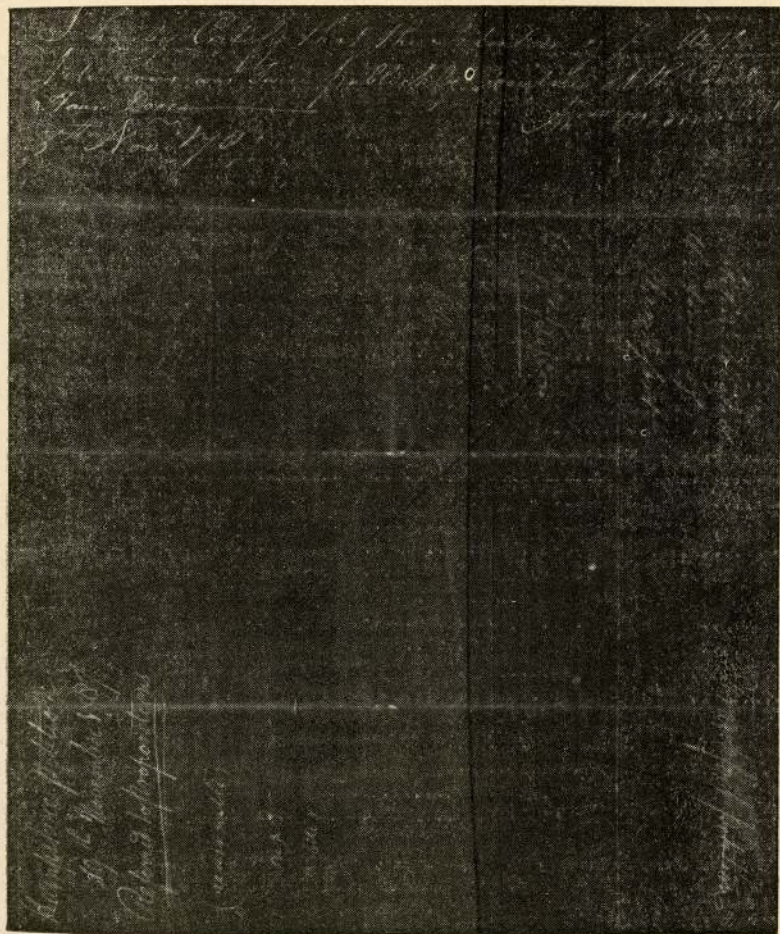
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The petition was granted, and on December 5, 1787, the Act to establish a town in the County of Hampshire by name of Frankfort, was passed:

AN EXACT COPY OF THE ACT PASSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA, ON DECEMBER 5, 1787, ESTABLISHING A TOWN IN THE COUNTY OF HAMPSHIRE, BY THE NAME OF FRANKFORT.
(HENING'S STATUTES AT LARGE. VOLUME XII, pp 595-596)
AN ACT FOR ESTABLISHING A TOWN IN THE COUNTY OF
HAMPSHIRE.

I.—BE it enacted by the General Assembly, That one hundred and thirty-nine acres of land, in the county of Hampshire, the property of John Sellers, and laid off by him into in and out lots, with convenient streets, shall be and the same is hereby established a town by the name of Frankfort, and that John Mitchell, Andrew Cowper, Ralph Humphries, John Williams, Sen. James Clark, Richard Stafford, Hezkiah Whitman, and Jacob Brookhart, gentlemen, be trustees thereof, who, or the major part of them, shall have power, from time to time, to settle and determine all disputes concerning the bounds of said lots, and to establish such rules and regulations for the regular building of the houses thereon, as to them shall seem best. In case of death, resignation, removal out of the country, or other legal disability of any one or more of the said trustees, it shall be lawful for the remaining trustees to supply such vacancy, and the person so chosen, shall have the same power as if they had been particularly named in this act.

II.—AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That so many of the lots in the said town as are not sold by the said John Sellers, are hereby vested in the said trustees, and they, or a majority of them, shall within six months after the passing of this act, sell the said lots at public auction, having previously advertised the time and place of such sale at the court house of the said county, on three successive court days, and convey the same to the purchaser in fee, subject to the condition of building a house on each, sixteen feet square, with a brick or stone chimney, to be finished within three years from the day of sale, and pay the money arising from the sale to the said John Sellers, or his legal representatives. So soon as the purchasers of the said lots shall have built thereon according to their respective deeds of conveyance, they shall then be entitled to, and have and enjoy all the rights, privileges, and immunities, which the freeholders and inhabitants of other towns of this state not incorporated, hold and enjoy. If the purchaser of any lot sold by the said trustees shall fail to build thereon within the time before limited, it shall be lawful for the said trustees, or the majority of them, to enter into such lots, and sell the same again, and apply the money for the benefit of the inhabitants of the said town.

Hening's Statutes At Large, Volume XII, pp. 595-596.

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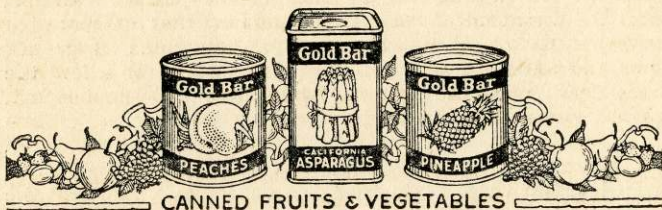
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Both the petition of inhabitants and Act of Assembly shows that the town had been laid off on lands of John Sellers. After these records the name "John Sellers" disappears, and the so-named founder of Frankfort becomes a mere fathom, too allusive to be placed by puzzled historians.

The land on which the town was laid off was granted to Charles Keller, by Lord Fairfax, in November, 1748. Charles Keller was killed by the Indians in 1756, and upon legal application of his son and heir, John Keller, this plot of 300 acres, designated in survey made by James Genn and George Washington, as "Lot No. 16," was regranted to John Keller of Lancaster County in Pennsylvania, on the first day of June, 1779. Following the establishing of the town numerous lots were sold by John Keller, and by the Trustees of the town. These deeds (Deed Book 8, Office of Clerk of County Court, Hampshire County) all name John Keller as original owner.

In laying off 139 acres for a town, and setting aside four lots, 264 square feet, in the center of the town as a "Market Place," the founders of Frankfort indicated their belief that it would become the metropolis of this section of the State. And for many years the growth of the town justified their hopes. It became the agricultural and trading center of the entire area. Two large hotels were established here, and the "Market Place" was often crowded at night with the canvas-covered wagons of merchants and farmers, on their way to, or returning from, the eastern markets.

In October, 1794, the eyes of the nation were again focused upon Frankfort, as the place of rendezvous for a large number of the troops called out by President Washington to march into Pennsylvania to suppress the Whiskey Insurrection. Washington writing from Cumberland, Maryland, where he had gone to review the troops says:

I found upwards of 3,200 men (officers included) in this Encampment. Understood that about 500 more were at a little village on the Virginia side, 11 miles distance, called Frankfort, under the command of Majr. Genl. Morgan; that 700 more had arrived at that place, the evening of the 18th., under Brigr. Matthews and 500 more were expected in the course of a few days under Colo. Page—and that the whole were well supplied with Provns., Forage and straw."

This, so far as we have been able to ascertain, is Washington's last reference to this village around which so much of his military activities had centered, and with the marching of the troops the village settled down to the peaceful pursuits of agricultural life.

The Citizens of Frankfort were not willing to have their children grow up without religious and educational advantages. And there are numerous records which show that the church was established shortly after the coming of the first settlers to this region.

The Church of England, or Episcopal, was the first to be established here. This section was included in the Parish of Frederick, long before the organization of Hampshire County. Parish dues were being paid by the pioneer settlers here as early as 1745. Mrs. J. H. A. Brown, of Keyser, W. Va., who is a descendant of Abraham Johnson, has within her possession the following receipts:

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April 15, 1745.
Thomas Chester L. F. C."

"Received of Abraham Johnson the County and Parish Liveys of the year 1747.

And. Cambell, Sheriff."

"Received of Abraham Johnson one county and peresh levey for the year 1748 by order of Samuel Canel. I say received by me this 15th. day of July 1748.

Solomon Hedges."

Presbyterian history had its beginning in this community in 1768, when the Rev. Joseph Bay was appointed by Donegal Presbytery of the Synod of Pennsylvania, to make a tour of the settlements in the Patterson Creek and South Branch Valleys. Three years later, 1782, the Frankfort Church was organized, and the Rev. John Lyle, assumed the pastorate of the Frankfort, Romney, and Springfield churches. Mr. Lyle remained here until his death, 1807.

The great Methodist circuit rider, Bishop Asbury, was the founder of the Methodist Church here. He made numerous trips through the mountains of Western Virginia. On June 11, 1781, he came to this settlement of which he writes:

"From William's I crossed the South Branch and went to Patterson Creek. I came to a Dutch settlement. The people love preaching, but do not understand class meeting, because they are not enough conversant with the English tongue; and we cannot all do as J. Hagerty and W. Wydner, who speak both languages; could we get a Dutch preacher or two to travel with us, I am persuaded we should have a good work among the Dutch. I love these people; they are kind in their way."

Other itinerate preachers followed Rev. Francis Asbury; but there are no records of an established church here until 1851. Rev. Jesse K. Powers, was the first regular pastor of the Frankfort M. E. Church, South.

Education and religion were inseparable in the minds of these frontiersmen. And the Frankfort settlement was fortunate in having leaders and promoters who were learned men, and were not willing to have their children grow up in total ignorance. The Indian war-whoop had scarcely ceased to echo along the ridges of cemetery hill before the inhabitants of this community had selected a site for a school, and set to work to erect the log school house which stood on a lot near the old stone hotel. A teacher was secured, and a subscription paper went the rounds of the community, each family signing for as many children as they could afford to send, and specifying whether the tuition was to be paid in tobacco, produce, or board.

The names of the first teachers of these "pay schools" will never be known. But among those who taught here in early years were, Mrs. Athey Marker, John Taylor, Thomas Powell, Nimrod Furr, George A. Throupe, Zuyler Chadwik, Lewis T. Dunn, Isaac Dunn, Sallie Kane, and Lizzie Russell.

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The history of the Frankfort community from the Revolutionary to the Civil War was not especially eventful. Its citizens continued to be leaders in religious, educational, and political affairs, and were a peace-loving and prosperous folk.

The social life of the community seemed to be high above the average. There were numerous dances, house-warmings, husking bees, and quilting parties. But the event most eagerly looked forward to from year to year was the Riding Tournament. Knights of the Tourney spent much time practicing, and throughout the country-side fair maidens vied with each other for the honor of being chosen "Queen Of Love and Beauty."

The Civil War, 1861-1864, brought many changes to the community. The majority of the citizens were loyal to the Confederacy. There were forty-seven men who marched with the Hampshire Guards, and Frontier Riflemen, who left Romney on May 18, 1861, to join other Virginia regiments at Harper's Ferry.

There were no important battles fought in the immediate neighborhood of Frankfort, but there were numerous skirmishes. The village being situated at almost equal distance from the strong Federal encampment at New Creek (Keyser), and from Romney, the most strategic center of Hampshire County, was a convenient stopping place for soldiers on furlough, and for spies of both armies. Many thrilling stories have come down to us of Federal officers who cloaked their identity under Confederate uniforms, and of Confederates at home to snatch a bit of needed rest, who made narrow escapes from would-be captors.

When West Virginia, December 20, 1863, passed an act establishing a public school system, the citizens of Frankfort were among the first in what is now Mineral County to take advantage of it. The first public school house in Frankfort District was erected on the lot now owned by R. M. Johnson, (The building still standing and used as a dwelling house).

FRANKFORT TODAY

Frankfort, the oldest and most historic town in Mineral County, West Virginia, has lost none of her beauty or charm during one hundred and fifty years of eventful existence. She pauses on the eve of her greatest birthday celebration to reflect with conscious pride on her rich historical background, and to enjoy the rewards of a long life, well spent.

Today, as when established, she is full of promises, holding within easy reach those things that go to make a great industrial center. As yet, however, she has been undisturbed by the wheels of trade, and her inhabitants, most of whom are the direct descendants of the courageous frontiersmen of two centuries ago, enjoy the beautiful farms, and grass-covered hills, that inspired their forefathers to settle here.

The four lots in the center of the village, which John Keller donated as a "Public Square," are still public property, and await the fulfillment of the prophesy made by Frankfort's ambitious founders, that their town would one day become the metropolis of the Eastern Panhandle of Western Virginia.

There are two active churches in the village: The Methodist, located on the corner of Green and Water streets, and the Presbyterian, on Water street.

The Junior High School, the first to be founded in Mineral County,

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has out-grown the present building, and plans have been made for erecting additional buildings.

A wide-awake Parent-Teachers' Association, with a membership of 38, does much to encourage educational development in the community.

An outstanding organization of the village is a newly organized Fire Company, with a membership of sixty. Under the leadership of its president, Harold Carvey, and an excellent corps of officers, it constitutes what might correctly be called, "A Young Men's Business Club," as well as a Fire Company.

Frankfort invites you to study her history, enjoy her unsurpassed mountain scenery, and to partake of the unstinted hospitality of a little town with a big heart, and a big future.

MIKE'S RUN, ON PATTERSON CREEK, HOME OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S MOTHER

By Luke McDowell

When Bunker Hill, Princeton, Saratoga, Valley Forge and York Town, were proclaiming the birth of a new nation there were growing to young manhood and young womanhood in America they who would one day be the parents of statesmen and soldiers destined to give this nation a new birth of freedom.

Near the Rappahannock lived Lucy Hanks, vivacious and popular. The Hanks family, consisting of the father, Joseph, his wife, Ann, several sons, and one daughter, Lucy, was undistinguished but reputable. School facilities were generally beyond the means of folk of the Hanks' standing, however, but Lucy had managed to learn to read and write.

At the close of the Revolution Joseph Hanks with his family left the old home to establish a new one at the headwaters of Mike's Run, in what is now Mineral County, 1781.

In that wilderness home fate and romance combined to give the world Nancy Hanks, mother of the immortal Lincoln, for Lincoln said of her: "She was the illegitimate daughter of Lucy Hanks and a well-bred Virginia planter." Perhaps it would have been more considerate had he said: "Lucy Hanks and a well-bred Virginia planter were the illegitimate parents of my mother, Nancy Hanks."

The stay of the Hankses in Doll's Gap was not prolonged. On March 9, 1784, Joseph Hanks, by mortgage deed, conveyed his land to Peter Putman. (Deed Book 6, p. 169, Hampshire County. That mortgage was never paid. After possessing the farm, Peter Putman, in 1787, conveyed the same to Jacob Doll. (Deed Book I—Hardy County). From that time the Doll family have had continuous possession of the farm where Nancy was born.

A sturdy monument of native stone marks the spot where the Hanks cabin stood. This memorial was dedicated May 28, 1933.

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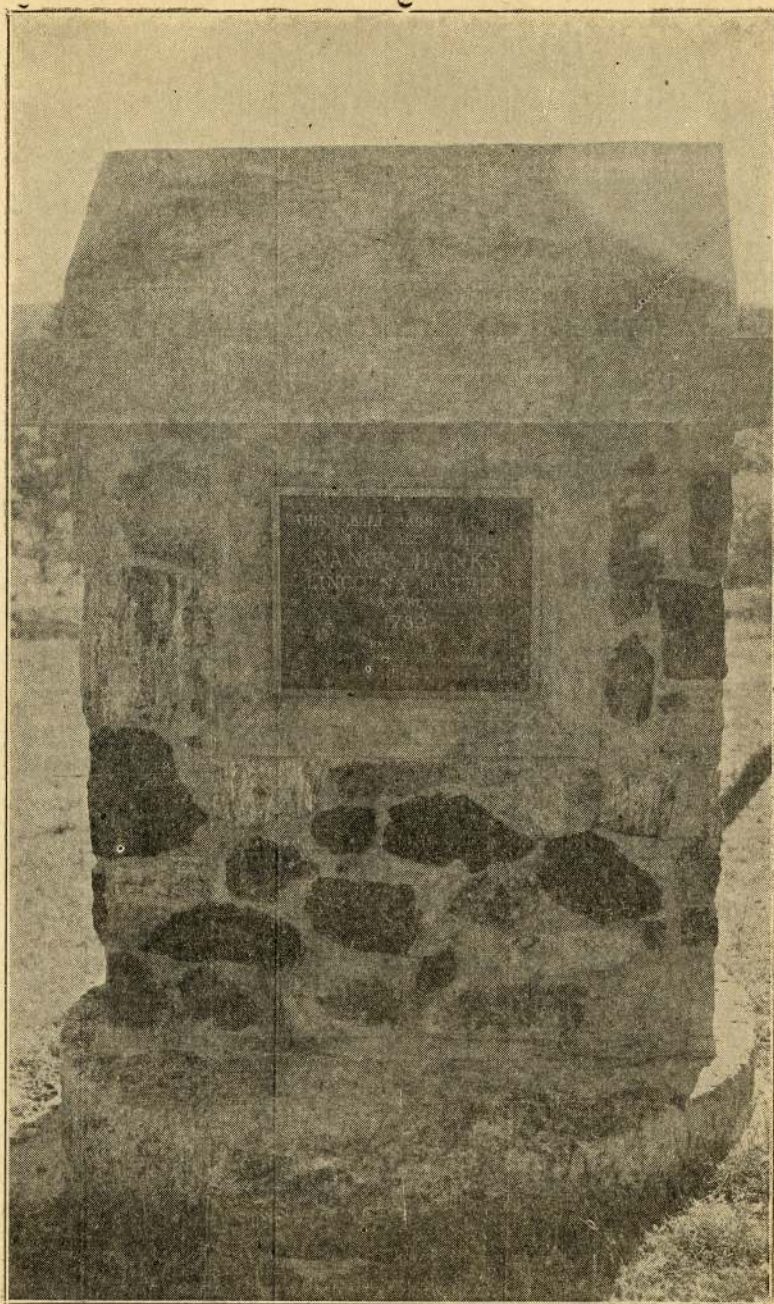


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EPISODE I

Indians

DIRECTORS—ALLEN E. HILL and MRS. VINTON GALLION

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In the year 1725, peace reigns in the beautiful valley of the Wappacoma. Indians move with stately tread through spreading forests, or fish along the edges of cool waters. When the day is done they gather around their camp fires, and revel in simple joys known only to creatures of the out-of-doors.

SCENE I

Indian Village

Children play, squaws engage in various occupations. Chief sits in center smoking pipe, meditating. Braves return from hunt. Braves and maidens dance to "The Call of the Flowers."

SCENE II

The Arrival of Hunters

Hunters and explorers were the first white men to break through the wilderness.

EPISODE II

Exploring—The Mayo Survey

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SCENE I

Surveyors

In Camp at Mouth of Savage River, Near Piedmont, W. Va.

In 1736 the first official survey of the boundary lines of Lord Fairfax was made by William Mayo, Robert Brooks, Captain Winslow, and George Savage, representatives of Virginia and of the British government.

EPISODE III

Expanding

DIRECTOR—REV. J. E. RATCHFORD

Ensemble Furnished by Citizens of Springfield

SCENE I

First Settlers Arrive on Patterson Creek, 1735.

SCENE II

James Genn, George Washington, and Party Come to Patterson Creek to Survey Lands of Lord Fairfax.

DIRECTOR—EDWIN BALDWIN

Ensemble Furnished by Young People Organizations of Keyser Churches.

SCENE IV

Washington's First Encounter With the Indians

In 1748 James Genn, then the only certified surveyor in the Colony of Virginia, accompanied by George Washington, George William Fairfax, Chairmen and Pilots, swam their horses across the river at the mouth of Patterson Creek, and came to Abraham Johnson's.

It was on this trip that Washington had his first encounter with the Indians of which he says:

"We were agreebly surpris'd at y. sight of thirty-odd Indians coming from War with only one Scalp. We had some Liquor with us of which we gave them part it elevated their Spirits put them in y. Humour of Dauncing of whom we had a War Daunce."

EPISODE IV

Trading—The Ohio Company

DIRECTOR—MRS. FRANK RIDGELEY

Ensemble Furnished by Citizens of Ridgeley

SCENE I

Market day, visiting day, for whites and Indians.

Coincident with the sale of lands and development of the South Branch and Patterson Creek Valleys by Fairfax, a group of wealth London and Virginia gentlemen formulated plans for carrying on an extensive trade with the Indians, and for the colonization of lands west of the Allegheny Mountains. They formed an organization known as the "Ohio Company," and in 1749 opened their first store on the south side of the Potomac, near the present town of Ridgeley.



To the citizens of Fort Ashby and Mineral County we extend our heartiest congratulations upon this occasion. Yours is an enviable achievement. May your Sesqui-Centennial and subsequent undertakings be crowned with success. May we extend a cordial invitation to you to visit PORTERS when you are in Cumberland and dine in AIR-CONDITIONED comfort.

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EPISODE V

Conflict—Beginning of Indian Uprising

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Ensemble Furnished by the Woman's Club of Keyser

SCENE I

French General Meeting with Indian Chief, Killbuck

SCENE II

Settlers Take Refuge in Fort. Incident from which Fort Ashby
Got Its Name.

The French, on the Ohio, had watched the westward advance of the English with growing jealousy and alarm. They recognized in the rapidly growing settlements, and in the Ohio Company the greatest threat to their dream of an inland empire, west of the Alleghenies. The French saw in Killbuck a valuable ally for their campaign against the English, and began sowing seeds of suspicion in his mind.

EPISODE VI

Early Churches of Patterson Creek

DIRECTOR—MRS. FRED WARNER

Episcopal Rector, Rev. John E. Shirley; Solomon Hedges, Clyde Bonar;
Rev. Joseph Bay, Honorable William MacDonald; Bishop Asbury, Rev.
Richard N. Edwards.

SCENE I

Episcopal Rector, Solomon Hedges, "Tithables" of the Parish of
Frederick, 1745.

SCENE II

Rev. Joseph Bay is sent from Donegal Presbytery of the Synod of
Pennsylvania, in answer to petition of inhabitants of the South Branch,
and Patterson Creek Valley settlements.

SCENE III

Bishop Francis Asbury, the Great Methodist Circuit Rider, Comes to
Patterson Creek.

Scarcely had the Indian war-whoop ceased to echo along the ridges
of Cemetery Hill when citizens of this community turned their attention
to establishing schools and churches.

The Church of England, or Episcopal, was the first to be established
here. This section was included in the Parish of Frederick, and parish
dues were being paid by settlers here before 1745.

Presbyterians entered the field in 1768.

The great Methodist circuit rider, Bishop Asbury, was the founder
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EPISODE VII
Learning—Early Schools of Patterson Creek

DIRECTOR—FLORENCE HOWARD
Ensemble Furnished by 4-H Clubs of Patterson Creek

SCENE I
Opening Day of School, 1774.

The founders of this community were not willing to have their children grow up in ignorance. Soon after the restoration of peace a "pay school" was started. A teacher had been secured, and a subscription paper sent throughout the community. Each family signed how many pupils it could send, and whether the teacher could expect cash, produce, or board.

EPISODE VIII
Founding of Frankfort

DIRECTOR—MARGARET I. KELLER
Ensemble Furnished by Descendants of John Keller, Founder of Frankfort.

SCENE I
Meeting in Keller home to draft petition to be presented to General Assembly of Virginia, 1787.

EPISODE IX
Insurrection

DIRECTOR—E. V. LINVILLE
Ensemble Furnished by Lions Club of Keyser.

SCENE I
Camp Scene

SCENE II

Messenger arrives with orders from Major-General Harry Lee. Call to Assembly, Washington's "Farewell Address" Read to Troops.

In the Summer of 1794 Frankfort was a place of rendezvous for Militia called out by President Washington, to march into Western Pennsylvania, to suppress the Whiskey Insurrection, 2,000 soldiers under command of Major-General Morgan, Brigadier-General George Matthews, and Colonel Carter Page, were encamped at Frankfort.

EPISODE X
Prosperity

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SCENE I
Knights of West Virginia Hills

SCENE II
Crowning of the Queen of Love and Beauty, and Her Maidens.

The early social life of Patterson Creek Valley communities was high above the average. There were numerous dances, house-warmings, husking-bees, and quilting parties. The event most eagerly looked forward to from year to year was the Riding Tournament. Knights of the Tourney spent much time practicing and throughing the country side fair maidens vied with each other for the honor of being chosen "Queen of Love and Beauty."

EPISODE XI
The Civil War Period

DIRECTOR—MRS. CLARK WETZEL

SCENE I
Company A. 33rd Virginia Infantry Entertained at Old Stone Tavern by Their Mothers, Wives, and Sweethearts.
Ensemble Furnished by Citizens of Patterson Creek.

SCENE II
DIRECTOR—MRS. D. H. WEAKLAND

Family of Jacob Daniels, at Short Gap, Entertain Soldiers.
Ensemble Furnished by Descendants of Jacob Daniels.

SCENE III
Organization of Society of Ex-Confederate Soldiers in Hampshire County.
DIRECTOR—MARY A. KIRK
Ensemble Furnished by Citizens of Hampshire County.

Much valuable Civil War history of this section is found among records of Society of Ex-Confederate Soldiers in Hampshire County, 1883. The aim of this organization was:

"To collect and preserve the material for a truthful history of the late war between the Confederate States and United States of America, and to obtain a true roll of the Confederate Soldiers who went out from Hampshire County, to honor the memory of our comrades who have fallen, to cherish the ties of friendship among those who survive, and to fulfill the duties of sacred charity toward those who may stand in need of them."

EPISODE XII
Mineral County Established

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SCENE I

Session of House of Delegates of West Virginia, January 18, 1866.
The bill for establishing the County was introduced by Henry G. Davis,
Act for establishing the County of Mineral out of a part of the County
of Hampshire, was passed February 1, 1866.

EPISODE XIII

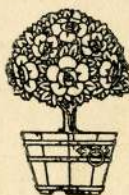
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The establishment of high schools in every community rendered unnecessary the work designated for Potomac State School at the time of its establishment. The aims and purposes of the institution were changed, therefore, and in 1921 Potomac State School became a Junior College. Since 1921 all of the work offered has been of college grade.

Under provisions of the Acts of Legislature of 1935, Potomac State School came under the direct control of the Board of Governors of West Virginia University, and this Board today has full control of the school's educational policy and program. The relationship between Potomac State School and West Virginia University had been a very close one throughout the years and now that they have come under the same Governing Board Potomac State functions in reality as an integral part of the University.

Potomac State School is the only publically supported Junior College in the State of West Virginia. The State of West Virginia is to be commended for its foresight and wisdom in maintaining a Junior College, as the trend nationally in higher education has placed emphasis upon the establishment and maintenance of institutions of this type. The college offers opportunities of a broad scope to meet the needs of the various classes of students who enroll for college work. Courses are offered in Arts and Science, Agriculture, Commerce and Business Administration, Home Economics, Music, Pre-Engineering, Pre-Law, Pre-Medicine, and Pre-Education.

Potomac State School is justifiably proud of the high standards that it has maintained throughout its history. The quality of credits earned are guaranteed by the full accrediting accorded the institution by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, by the State of New York, and by the American Medical Association Council for Pre-Medical work. The student body of Potomac State School is a growing one and last year, reached the highest peak of recent years. While several students come to the college from distant points and several states are represented on the campus, the majority of students come from Eastern and Central West Virginia and from the neighboring counties of the State of Maryland.

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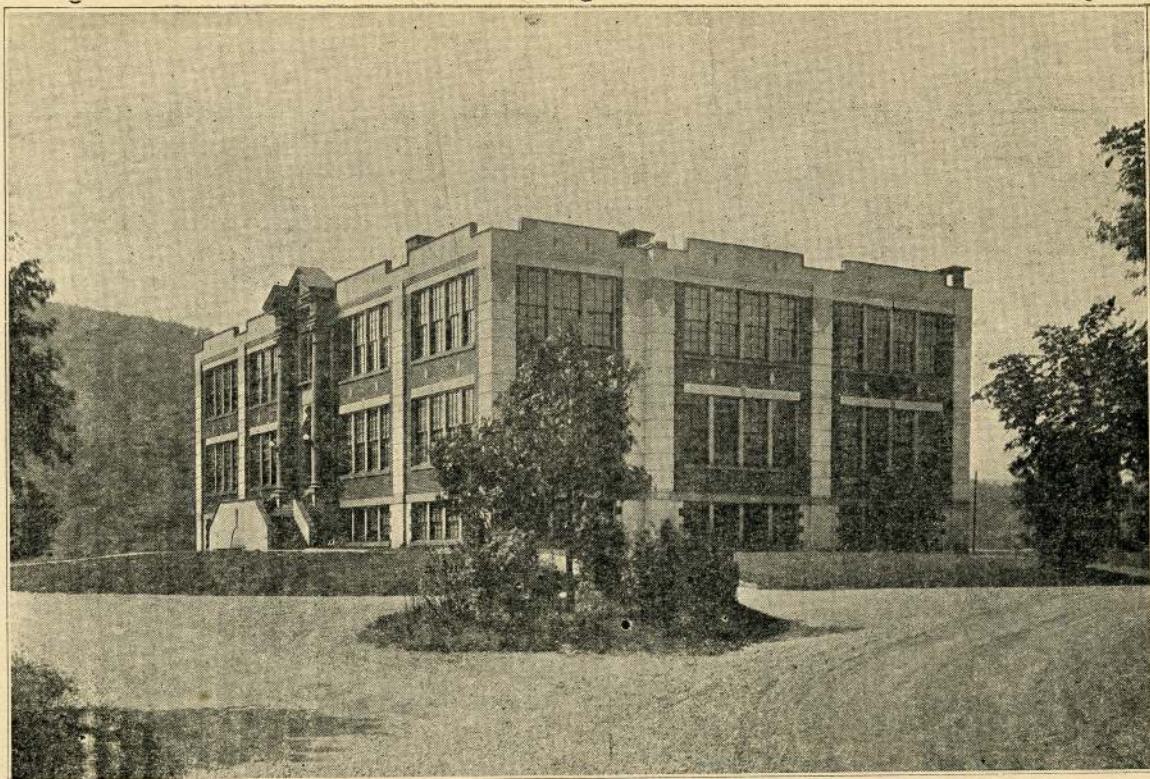
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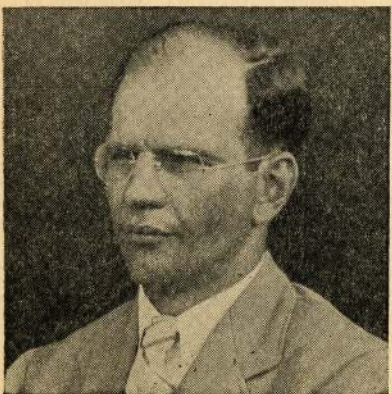
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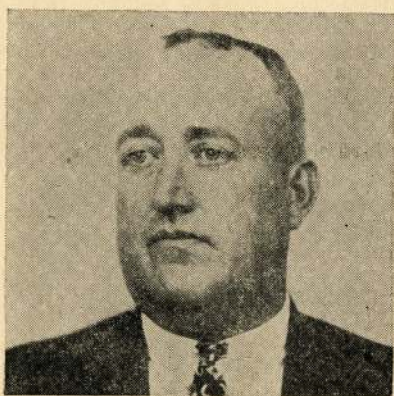
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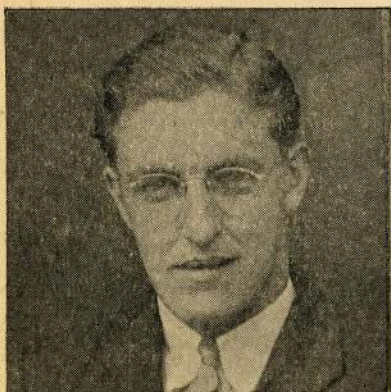
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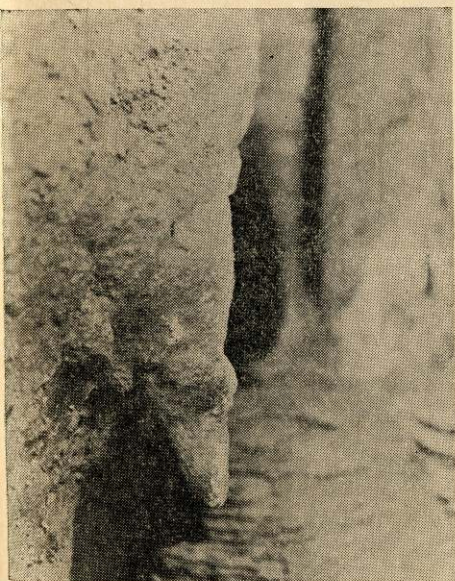
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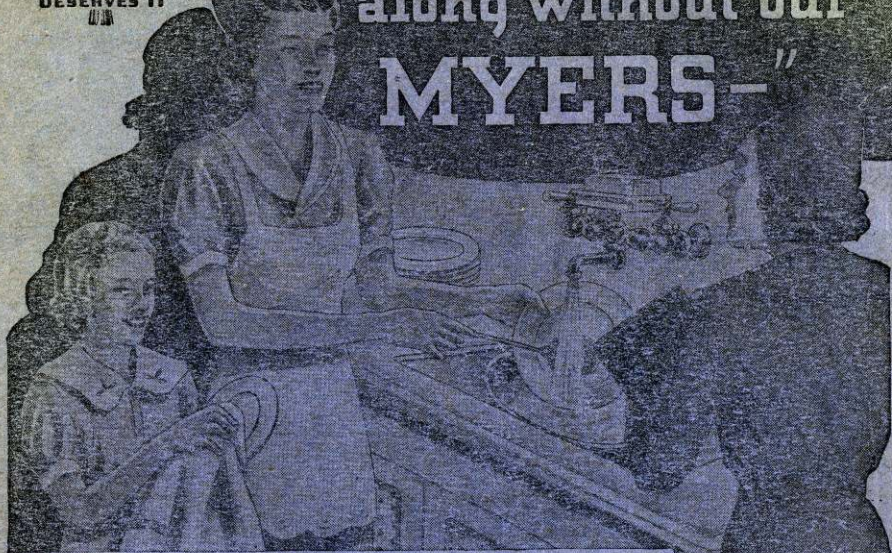
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