

SHOCKEY NEWSLETTER No. 12

The 1985 Shockey Reunion was held at Kirksville, Missouri on 6 & 7 July 1985. It was held in Thousand Hills State Park. J. Waldo and Cecil Shockey and their daughter Walda Ann Paris were in charge. The Reunion had been held in Shockeyville, Virginia for many years, but in 1984 it was decided to hold it every other year at Shockeyville and in alternate years in another area of North America to make it more convenient for Shockey relatives to attend---and they did! About 120 attended. We found that most everyone that came on Friday were staying at the same Motel. Mrs Artabelle Shockey McHenry owned the motel and on Friday night she put tables together in the dining room so all of us could have dinner together. It was a wonderful evening. On Saturday we visited and got acquainted

On Sunday before lunch a business meeting was held. The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, the Treasurer gave his report and officers were elected for the next year. Chairman: John Shockey of Yardley, Pa., Secy. Mr. & Mrs Harold Shockey, Copper Hill, Va., Treasurer, Terry Shockey of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, directors: Ralph Shockey of Berkeley Springs, W. Va., Walda Ann Paris of Greencastle, Missouri and Francis Siner Shockey of Copper Hill, Va. It was decided to go ahead with plans to incorporate the Shockey Foundation. It was brought up that the Shockeyville Church was in financial trouble since most of the 6 to 12 people who attend are up in years and are unable to support the church. It was suggested that we accept donations instead of dues and that those who donated could specify whether their donation should go for the Shockeyville Church or to the Foundation Fund. Approximately \$450.00 was given for the Church at that time and another \$100.00 at Christmas. The Shockey Foundation has since donated \$200.00 to a Shockey who lost most of his belongings in the Flood in a small town in West Virginia.

After the business meeting John Shockey of Yardley, Pa., gave a prayer and then all enjoyed a bountiful lunch and spent the rest of the day getting acquainted, adding information to their family genealogy and visiting with old friends. The following is a list of those who signed the guest Register. Some did not sign and probably are not included in the list. Those Attending were: Jack and Nora Seitz, Blythe, Ca., Vada and Kenneth Ginther, Huntsville, Mo., Don & Cathy Ginther Clampitt, Bowen, Ill., Shirley Shockey Zabokrosky, Waterville, Kan., Harold and Violet Shockey and children, Slaydon, Erma and George, Copper Hill, Va., Francis and Margaret Shockey, Copper Hill, Va., Jack and Marie Lambert, Washington, W. Va., Bill and Wilma Shockey, Mineral Wells, W. Va., Florence Rutledge, Madera, Ca., Carl & Kim Ginther and sons Chris & Matt, Columbia, Mo., Lloyd and Ada Shockey Williams, Owasso, Ok., Bill & Evelyn Shockey Rupell, Trenton, N.J., John & Jane Shockey, Yardley, Pa., John & Lois Nance, Forrest, Ill., Earl & Janet Weakman, Forrest, Ill., Georgia Shockey, Kansas City, Kan., Jessie Shockey Barnes, Kansas City, Kan., Lloyd and Helen Lynum, Crystal, Minn., Mary Griffin, St. Louis, Mo., Alma Shockey Baird, Springfield, Mo., James & Sandy Morris and children: Jason, Andrea & Shannon of Paris, Ark., Bill & Martha Thornhill, Des Moines, Iowa., Mary Doss, Delight, Ark., Martha Bankrow, Ottumwa, Ia., Cora Kopp, Kansas City, Mo., John Waldo & Cecil Shockey, Kirksville, Mo., Mary Flynn, Searcy, Ark., Arttie Horne, Paris, Ark., Sally Shockey Smith, Springfield, Mo., Kelly Kruger, Minneapolis, Minn., Dorothy Shockey Thrift, Neosho, Mo., Helen Shockey, San Diego, Ca., Earl W. Shockey, Kirksville, Mo., Jud & Coral Shockey, Trenton, Mo., Jean Shockey Kellner, Madera, Ca., Donald & Kathleen Shockey, Wichita, Kan., Jerry & Betty Shockey Rockhold, Lineville, Iowa., Max & Annette Fentem, Springfield, Ill., Rosie & Marvin Shore, Charita, Ia., Mark & Sherry Shockey, Chillicothe, Mo., Marvin Moffit, Tucson, Ariz., Harry Moffit, Dixon, Mo., Jesse W. Shockey, Trenton, Mo., Velora Shockey Hashman, Camdenton, Mo., Julia Shockey, Wichita, Kan., Anna Maude Peel, Springfield, Ill., Terry & Barbara Shockey, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, John & Helen Shockey, Vienna, W.Va., Mr. & Mrs George Kopp, Kansas City, Mo., Jerry & Anna Shockey, Lincoln, Ill., Ralph & Marie Shockey, Berkeley Springs, W. Va., George & Alice Kopp Jr., Jefferson City, Mo., Frances McNeeley & Denise Snyder, St. Joseph, Mo., John A. & Patty Shockey & children: Jeffery, Jenny, Josh and Dani, Kirksville, Mo., Ernest Stewart & children, Edward Lee, Glen A. & Vivian, Clinton, Mo., John F. & John Sam Rader, Novinger, Mo., Rosie Shockey Stout, Chariton, Ia., Garnett & Walda Ann Paris, Greencastle, Mo., Gwen Watt, Novinger, Mo., Mr & Mrs Randy Paris & Brittany, Greencastle, Mo., Mr & Mrs Leroy Shockey, Chillicothe, Mo., Joe & Mildred Shockey, Decatur, Ill., Maureen Shockey, St. Joseph, M., Artabelle McHenry, Kirksville, Mo., Roy & Alice Shockey, Kirksville, Mo.,

Janice Shockey, Kirksville, Mo. If I missed anyone, I am sorry. This is all I had on my list.

The 1986 Shockey Reunion will be held at Shockeyville, Virginia on Sunday 6 July 1986. A map showing the location is included. There will be some extra signs put up to help you find the way. There is plenty of room for Campers, so you can come early and do some sightseeing around the area. Winchester, Virginia is the nearest town of any size and there are plenty of Motels. I am including a list of some of them.

Come and enjoy a wonderful day that you will not forget! Bring friends if you like; they are welcome. Bring something along for lunch, we put it all together family style.

As an extra treat for you the lovely Miss Mary Teresa Lippold will sing for us. She was Miss Allegany County, Maryland in 1985. She is a graduate of the Barbizon School of Modeling and at present is attending Towson State University where she is majoring in Musical Theatre with a minor in Voice. She has been a member of two musicals: "Rumpelstilskin" and "Guys and Dolls".

In 1983 she was 1st runner up in the Maryland Modern Miss Pagent. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs Thomas A. Lippold of Cumberland, Maryland.

We visited them one Sunday afternoon and she sang for us. I know you will all enjoy her very much. Also, she is a decendent of the Shockeys.

This lovely young lady has a lot of talent and I think she has a bright future ahead.

Those of you who arrive in the area early and like to sit around, visit and talk "genealogy" are invited to come to our house on Saturday afternoon. We will get a chance to visit and I will serve some refreshments. I need to know about three weeks ahead of time how many to expect. Directions to our home included.

A Shockey Reunion was held in Antlers, Oklahoma on 7 July 1985 at the home of Lillie Arms Deen and Raymond Deen. The gathering was opened with a prayer by Lelon Arms. The group sang "When we all Get to Heaven" and "Just Over in the Glory Land". Harlie Shockey read the 23rd Psalm and Virgie Young gave the blessing for the food. Those attending were: Evelyn and Regena Briscoe of Norman, Harlie Shockey of Lexington, Elsie Shockey Ingle of Ardmore, Junella Jobe and Tova Tyler of Nezperce, Idaho, Jeremy Tyler of Tribune, Kansas, Bernetta Shockey Arms of Willits, Ca., Lelon and Della Arms, Loretta, Virgil, Michael, Christina and Jackielynn Young all of Broken Boe, Lillie and Raymond Deen of Antlers, Lester & Zelma Porter of Weatherford, Tx., Wayne & Paula Marie Porter & Troy, Rowena & Glen of Earlsboro, Pollie Ann, Billie Lee, Brian Lee and Lisa Marie Glass of Oleta, Lane Morehead of Mt Pleasant, Tx., Jonny Allen Brock & Kelley Taylor of Okla. City, Okla., Opal, Harold, Charlotte, Richard & Nancy Ann Greer of Sawyer, Hubert Arms, Irma F., Brinda Joice Arms, Sonya Kay Glidewell, Ronnie Arms, Gary Arms, Fay Conley, Clara Arms Cooper & Walter Cooper all of Antlers. Heather Brown & James Arms of Frostproof, Fla., Gary & Billie Arms of Willits, Ca., Dennis, Liz & Billy Arms and Trish Chandler and Shannon Arms of Spencerville. Gladis Shannon, Gean Shannon & Ronnie Dukes of Willits, Ca., Carolyn & W.B. Anderson of Hugo, Curtis Lee Taybor, Jeani & Virgil Tabor, Larry Richardson of Pocohontas, Ark., Tina Tabor, Jonathan, Mary & LaDonna Tabor & William Briggs of Hugo. Junella, Bobby, Angie & Robert Lewis, Imogene Bell of Rattan, William Shannon, Shirley & 3 children of Hugo and Leroy Brock of Oklahoma City. All had a nice time visiting and eating dinner all together in the yard under the shade trees. Thanks to Lillie Deen for this news item.

A reunion of the decendents of Jefferson Shockey was held at Grove City, Columbus, Ohio in June 1985. It was hosted by Mrs William A. England of 3326 Voeller Ave., Grove City, Ohio. 43123. Phone 614-875-6414. We attended this reunion and met many lovely, friendly people. It was most enjoyable. I don't believe they have set a date for the next one, but anyone wishing to attend can contact Mrs England for information.

A reunion of the decendents of Benjamin Shockey was held in Waynesboro, Pa. The lunch was catered and was delicious. Anyone wishing information on the next reunion can contact Mrs Irene Harshman, 120 E. Irvin St., Hagerstown, Md. 21740.

Another reunion which we would recommend is the Markley Reunion. These are the decendents of Christian Markley and Margaret Shockey. This reunion is usually held in the State Park near Elkins, W. Va. For information on this one you can contact Mrs Sheila Starr, Route 2, Box 97 C, Phillippi, W. Va., 26416

The decedents of Christian Shockey have a reunion each year at Meyersdale, Pa. We have attended this one several times, though not in the last 4 or 5 years. They are wonderful, friendly people and the home cooked food is outstanding. If you wish to attend this one you can contact Mrs Althea Hoke, 23 North St., Meyersdale, Pa. 15552. We have not heard from Mrs Hoke for some time and she may not be in charge any more but can tell you who is.

These reunions are not large and some of them would like to increase the attendance. Those of you who are interested in genealogy and your "roots" will find that these reunions are a great place to learn where you came from.

NEWS ITEMS

Ron Shockey, his wife Moira, his mother-in-law Helen Gray and brother-in-law Dave Gray visited us this past summer. They are from Seattle, Washington. We took them to see the Shockeysville Church. It was a rainy day and not the best for taking pictures but they seemed to have a great time anyhow. We are glad they stopped to see us and hope to see them again

Sam & Arttie Horne went to Berlin, P., and Hanover, Pa., to their granddaughter's wedding in August. I think most of their family were along too. They wanted to see Shockeysville Church so we met them there and let them see the inside of the church. We had corresponded with Arttie but hadn't met her until the Reunion at Kirksville, Mo.

Harriett Robbins is still spry as ever at 97 years of age. She went on a trip to visit relatives and attended two reunions; one was at Prairie Grove, Ark. She still does her church work, makes quilts and lots of jams & jellies.

DEATHS

LeRoy Shockey of Prescott, Arizona died 1 April 1985 of cardiac arrest. He was the husband of Ann Shockey.

Dr. Charles F. Shockey died 21 September 1985 at Belington, W. Va. He was the son of Arthur Floyd Shockey and grandfather of Neil Bancroft.

Florence Shockey of Mer Rouge, Louisiana died 21 February 1985. She was the wife of Lucian Shockey of Mer Rouge, Louisiana.

Sara Shockey of Salem Virginia died early this year. She had been in a nursing home for a long time. We used to visit her when we were in that area. She was the daughter of Christian C. Shockey and Agnes Gilchrist Engleby of Roanoke, Va.

Myrtle Elbert, age 88, died 5 January 1986. She was a resident of Forrest, Ill. She was the daughter of Frank and Mary Gulder Shockey. She was the wife of Lester J. Elbert and the mother of Lois Nance, Rosemary Maurer and Janet Weakman.

Edward F. Shockey, NASA supervisor. Services for Edward F. Shockey, a supervisor with the satellite division of National Aeronautics and Space Administration Goddard Space Flight Center was held on Saturday, August 31, 1985 at the Barranco Severna Park funeral establishment.

Mr. Shockey, who lived in Severna Park, died Wednesday at Johns Hopkins Hospital after being ill with coronary artery disease. He was 51.

Born in Baltimore, Mr. Shockey graduated from Poly in 1952 and from Johns Hopkins School of Engineering three years later. He participated in the Bethlehem Steel Corp. management trainee program before serving briefly with the U.S. Army in 1957. He worked as an assistant supervisor for the Martin-Marietta Corp. environmental test laboratory until 1961 when he joined NASA-Goddard and participated in testing of NASA's early satellites. As head of the program engineering section in 1972, Mr. Shockey developed many approaches to satellite evaluation that remain a vital part of NASA programs today.

Later appointed to the Office of Flight Assurance, Mr. Shockey was able to identify satellite performance trends and reliability and was recognized as an expert on the statistical reliability of Goddard in-orbit satellites, according to a colleague, William Bangs.

Mr. Shockey was a member of the Maryland Historical Society and the Anne Arundel County Genealogical Society. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, the former Georgia Jones.

MARRIAGES

Carey Lynn Seitz married Ronda Joyce Allred on 14 September 1985 in Cerritos, Ca. Ronda is the daughter of Ronald and Carlene Allred. Carey Seitz is the grandson of Jack and Nora Seitz.

Gwen Paris Watt was married to Joh F. Rader on 26 September 1985. Her birthday is Sept. 26 and his birthday is Sept. 26. That will really be a special date for them. Gwen is the daughter of Walda Ann and Garnett Paris of Greencastle, Mo.

Suzanne Stevens and Michael L. Henning were married in All Saints Episcopal Church in Hanover, Pa. in August. She is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Bowman Stevens of East Berlin, Pa., formerly of Little Rock, Ark. The groom is the son of Mr. & Mrs Richard Henning of Bethlehem, Pa. Suzanne is the granddaughter of Sam & Arttie Horne of Paris, Arkansas

BIRTHS

Nathan Edward Shockey, born 2 December 1985 to Lawrence Shockey and Diane Wright Shockey of Santa Ana, California.

William Robert Shockey was born 27 September 1985 to Robin Carey Shockey and Ralph N. Shockey Jr. They now have 4 beautiful little boys! Of Course we think they are something special. They live in Elizabethtown, Pa.

GET WELL WISHES

Howard Bowers of Phoenix Arizona fell off the roof in April and was pretty badly banged up with nine fractures in his left wrist and hand.

Chester Shockey of Fairbanks, Alaska has been in a convalescent home for some time recovering from an illness. His wife, Rose, says he is doing better now.

Elmer Jacob Shockey of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada is in a nursing home since he had a stroke earlier this year. His wife, Deane, says they bring him home for weekends. He can't walk or speak but he enjoys the visits.

Collette Wait of Forrest, Illinois was seriously injured in an automobile accident on 22 December 1985. She is the granddaughter of John and Lois Nance of Forrest, Ill.

In October we made a trip "West" to do some research, visit some Shockeys and to visit our son, Major David F. Shockey who is Facilities Engineer at Dugway, Utah. We spent about a week with him and his family. They took us on several sight-seeing trips which were really great. It was good to see him and Donna and our pretty little granddaughters again. They are not so little any more; one is 11 and one is 16.

Along the way we visited Cleo Shockey and Margaret Cross who live in Zionsville, Indiana. They are Shockeys we met when they lived in Butler, Pa. Cleo helped us with our research when we wrote the Shockey History & Genealogy. We called Co. Cyrus Shockey who lives in Iowa City, Iowa. We didn't have time to visit him but just had to say Hello.

In Denver we visited Paul and Donna Porter. Donna has the Stagecoach Genealogy Library which is located in her home. She has hundreds of books! She loans books, sells books, rents books and does research. Her address is 1840 S Walcott Ct., Denver, Colo. 80219.

We tried to contact the Shockeys in Albuquerque and Mountainair, New Mexico but none were at home. We visited Mrs Julia Whiteside and her husband in Council Bluffs, Iowa. She also has helped us with our research.

We called Mrs William England of Grove City, Ohio. We had been to their reunion. We called Randy E. Shockey of Salt Lake City, Utah and Donald E. Shockey.

We did visit Mrs Euline Shockey, the widow of Everett True Shockey. She lives in Moriarty, New Mexico, is 80 years old and runs the Moriarty Museum. She told us a lot about the town, about the museum and about a lot of the items in the Museum which had belonged to Shockeys. If you ever pass that way be sure to stop in. You will enjoy it.

In Virginia we stopped at Christiansburg and called Harold & Violet Shockey and we went to dinner and visited with them. They have been to most of the Reunions and are very special to us.



50th Anniversary. Mr. & Mrs J. Waldo Shockey of Kirksville, Missouri celebrated their 50th Anniversary 3 March 1984. John Waldo Shockey and Cecil Whitton were married 3 March 1934 They have two children: Mrs Garnet(Walda Ann) Paris and John Shockey.

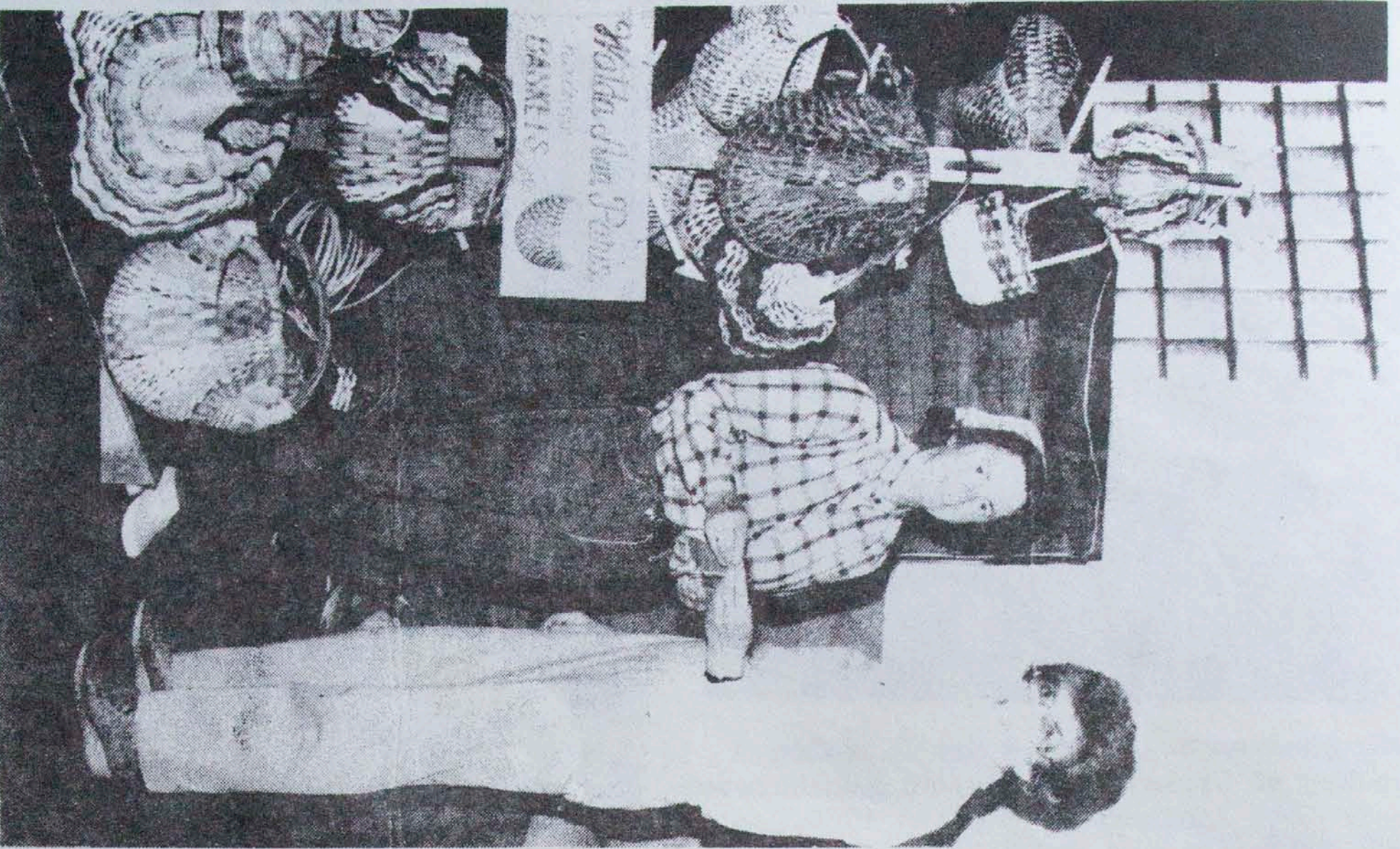


Mr. & Mrs John D. Shockey celebrated their 60th anniversary on 29 March 1985. They live in Vienna, West Virginia. They have a son, Carl E. Shockey of Vienna.



Mr. and Mrs. John D. Shockey

Sam and Arttie Horne (no picture) celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 22 December 1985. They live in Paris, Arkansas.



THE "BEST OF SHOW" AWARD at the 12th Annual Red Barn Arts and Crafts Festival was given to Walden Ann Paris (left) of Martinstown. Making the presentation is Alvina Britz.

Paris won the \$250 prize with her basketry exhibit. The prize was donated by Mrs. Earl Laughlin.

Last year Paris won the distinction of "Second Best of Show." An art teacher at Putnam County High School in Unionville, Paris has participated as an exhibitor in the Red Barn Arts and Crafts Festival since its beginning, twelve years ago. (Photo by Chad Schatz)

Martinstown Woman Is Red Barn Winner

Walden Ann Paris of Martinstown was named the winner of the "Best of Show" award at the 12th Annual Red Barn Arts and Crafts Festival held in Reiger Armory Saturday.

The festival, originally scheduled to be held on the square, was forced to move inside and may again be in the Armory Sunday pending weather conditions. The show will begin Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and continue through 4 o'clock.

Paris was named the division winner in Creative Needlework and Fiber Arts. Idell Thompson took second place and Truitt and Riley finished third.

Mary Lou Weilbrenner won the Sculpture and Jewelry division followed by Paris in second place and Vera Ruppert in third place. Guizhang You won the Carving division followed by Richard Hatter

and Charles Pritchard. Steve and Joyce Burton won the Creative Crafts competition followed by Victor Poage in second place and Haus Neuman and Veryl Ruppert tied for third place.

The Painting division was won by Ron Hediger with Gerald Walker in second place and Guizhang You in third place. Randall Spangler won the Graphics division followed by Vera Lile in second place and Sally Gillette in third place. Curtis Van Wye won the Photography competition and Shela Summers won second place.

Nora Cora Campbell was the winner in the Stoneware division with Yvonne Hepworth in second place and Mike Bowers in third place.

Special Mention winners include: Linda Walker, Sharon Simmons, Barb Anderson, Della Thompson, Jim Worth and Cynthia Thurston.

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Shockeysville: A Trip Through Time

By JOHN HARTSOCK

Star Staff Writer

"As on the highest mount I stand I look away across the sea . . . O Beulah land, sweet Beulah land. . ."

The old revival hymn might have been sung on the night in 1904 in Shockeysville Church when the cry went up: "Fire."

The congregation rushed from church to find their mountain village lit up in flames.

Yesterday in the clear mountain sunshine, some 85 of their descendants

came home to sing of the promise of Beulah land. It was the annual homecoming, a not uncommon event for churches, but curious at the place once known as Shockeysville because the community that once supported the church burned to the ground — along with the earlier church — 77 years ago.

The service, picnic and "hymnsing" were part of an event that has been held for as long as anyone remembers. So far, it has defied the momentum of time.

SHOCKEYSVILLE. It is neither a village nor the small white frame church that sits at the end of a dirt lane in a mountain meadow in northern Frederick County. It seems more a state of mind.

"There are strong spiritual ties here," said the Rev. Randy Martin, pastor of the Shockeysville United Methodist Church, standing in the little country graveyard where the founder of Shockeysville, the Rev. John Shockey, lies buried.

The community was founded around its church, and today the church is all that remains. Yesterday, the dusky interior of the church, with its pewter or copper turn-of-the-century sculpted ceiling, simple stained glass windows and rough-hewn pews, was filled with the praises of prayer and hymn.

The church even saw one more christening.

Later old friends, most related by blood or marriage, shared reminiscences of the past over meat loaf, casseroles and fruit cocktail out in the mountain meadow.

"My hair used to raise on end everytime I'd walk through 'Haunted Hollow,' on the Pack Horse Trail," said Adam Shirley, 72, as he recalled growing up in the mountains.

"A man was killed down there. They found his horse but they never found him," he said.

Around him younger generations of children ate their picnic lunches, and others discovered, some for the first time, what it was like to play on a mountain.

"John Dick carried the mail back then, and we would ride to school with him," Naomi Luttrell Adams said, recalling the 1930s. "I remember we would have to get out of his pickup where he would ford the creek and Ed Luttrell would help me cross the foot bridge, I was so small."

WHILE PICNICKERS enjoyed themselves, others went over to the graveyard where their ancestors were buried to take family pictures in front of the headstones. The headstones are like the final testament of the community.

Scott Luttrell, now living in Stephens City, is the historian of the church and is trying to stem the tide of a dwindling congregation. That's difficult enough for churches in urban communities that have seen congregations shrink in recent years. It would seem to be a near impossible feat for Luttrell, with everyone having moved away.

"Usually, we have only six or a dozen people at services," he said of a normal Sunday. That's a far cry from the time when the church had 100 members and the pews were packed.

As historian of the church, to Luttrell also falls the task of being historian of the community.

"As far as I can tell, the village burned down on Feb. 10, 1904," he said. "Everybody was in church at the time."

It may not have been the first fire, either. Records indicate that the original log church erected in 1872 was replaced by a frame church that burned in the 1904 fire.

The log church may have been burned in another fire reported to have taken place in 1898.

WHATEVER the earlier history of fire and churches, it was the 1904 fire that brought the demise of the village.

Until then, the village was a bustling mountain community that included the church, a grist mill, a granary, a blacksmith's shop, a general store, a post office, from three to seven houses (depending upon who is telling the story), and a number of outbuildings. What is now forested wilderness was farming country back then.

The land where the future village would be built was settled by the Shockey family in the 18th Century in a grant from Lord Fairfax. Settlers going west to Ohio took the old Pack Horse Trail that went through Shockeysville, and Luttrell speculates that that brought more settlers.

It was in 1872 that the first church, a log structure, was built at the initiation of Elizabeth Shockey, the wife of the first Rev. John Shockey. That was the real beginning of the village.

"THESE KINDS of churches grew up in the revivalistic era," Pastor Martin said of the religious ferment of the 19th Century, a time when evangelistic zeal traveled with the pioneers settling the country, and even the mainstream churches were rocked by its spirit. Today, Shockeysville Church still has the stamp of old-time religion about it.

The son of the Rev. John and Elizabeth Shockey, the Rev. John Shockey Jr., was not only pastor of the village church, but a circuit rider, sometimes traveling 200 miles for three weeks to preach in other little mountain churches in West Virginia and Maryland.

Today, ironically, the modern equivalent of the circuit rider must come to Shockeysville Church. Pastor Martin drives to two other churches on a Sunday morning. The congregation is so dwindled and the resources of the church so meager that he sits in also as pianist, playing hymns on an old upright.

"We're less formal here than in a lot of other churches," Pastor Martin said, adding that he eschews the clergyman's robes for simple coat and tie. "People feel more comfortable that way."

ALTHOUGH the village was not revived after the 1904 fire, in 1912 the church was rebuilt.

Vestiges of the community remained in the neighboring area, and it continued to have a post office in the nearby house of "Aunt" Maggie Shockey, the second wife of the Rev. John Shockey Jr. Aunt Maggie died in 1941.

"Aunt Maggie used to give us sugar cookies and oranges at Christmas time," said Eloise Mason Foltz.

Those kind of memories were reserved for the picnic after yesterday's service. Tables were spread with traditional picnic fare and later the pastor would tell his congregation:

"Usually we have a preaching service in the afternoon, but after all that chicken and pie you get a little sleepy. So I thought we would have a 'singspiration.'"



Star Photo by Meg McKinney

Village Descendants Sing Hymns at Homecoming

LIKE old-time religion, it was an old time picnic that gave friends and relatives the opportunity to remember.

"We were poor but we were happy," Violet Luttrell Moyer said, remembering the old days. "Well, it wasn't that we were poor, it's just that we didn't have a lot of things."

"I remember John Dick carried an axe with him the day after Halloween to cut away the trees on the road," said Lee Whitacre, 78, remembering the old mail-carrier, but denying that he was the culprit.

It wasn't Halloween pranks that eventually caused the loss of the post office around the time Aunt Maggie died. It was the families that left during the Depression and the 1940s. Finally, the post office closed down and the community lost its last legal claim as a village.

"Most people have a connection here," Mrs. Foltz said.

"When nothing goes right, you have to have a place to come to," Scott Luttrell added, attempting to define the attraction the church still has to many of the families over the years, even though they have moved away. "It's quiet and peaceful here."

AT YESTERDAY'S "hymnsing," which concluded Homecoming, babies cried, Adam Shirley tapped time with his hand against a pew, and some

members of the congregation, fed with chicken and pie, fought off afternoon drowsiness.

With voices filling the church, they sang an epitaph of sorts on the state of mind known as Shockeyville. It was in the words of the last hymn - a revival hymn:

"Blest be the fire that binds our hearts... And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear..."

While some people would consider themselves fortunate to keep their church open after so many years, Luttrell worries about the future of Shockeyville Church.

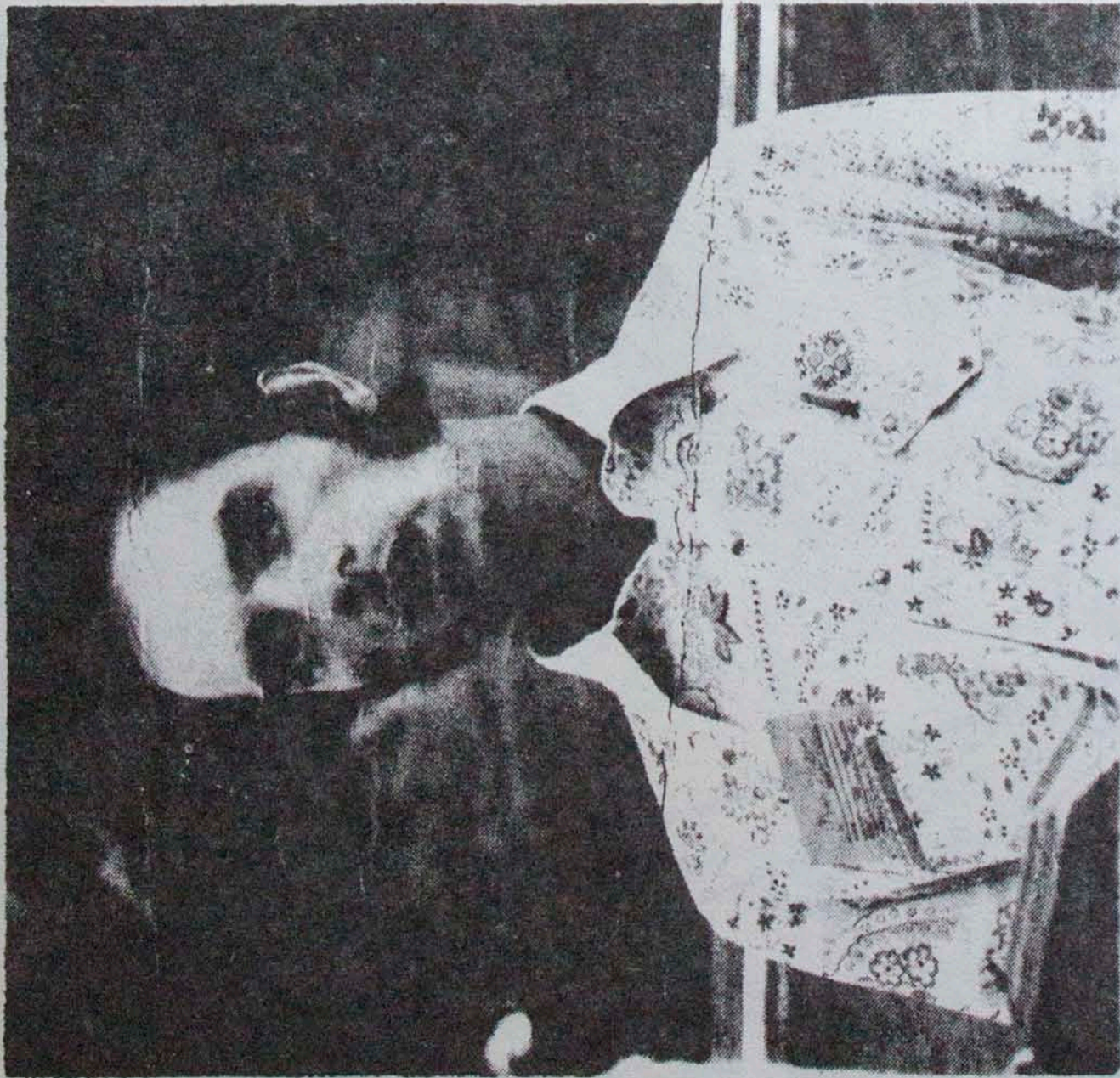
"I'm afraid it's so," he said of the dwindling congregation. "Most of our members have moved away."

There is the prospect that some day he may have to close the church. "I've even looked into it."

STILL, at least the old families are coming back one time a year.

"I haven't missed Homecoming in 14 years," said Mrs. Moyer, who made the trip with her family from Ohio. "It's — Homecoming. It's the only way I can see all my family and friends," she said.

The Shockeysville



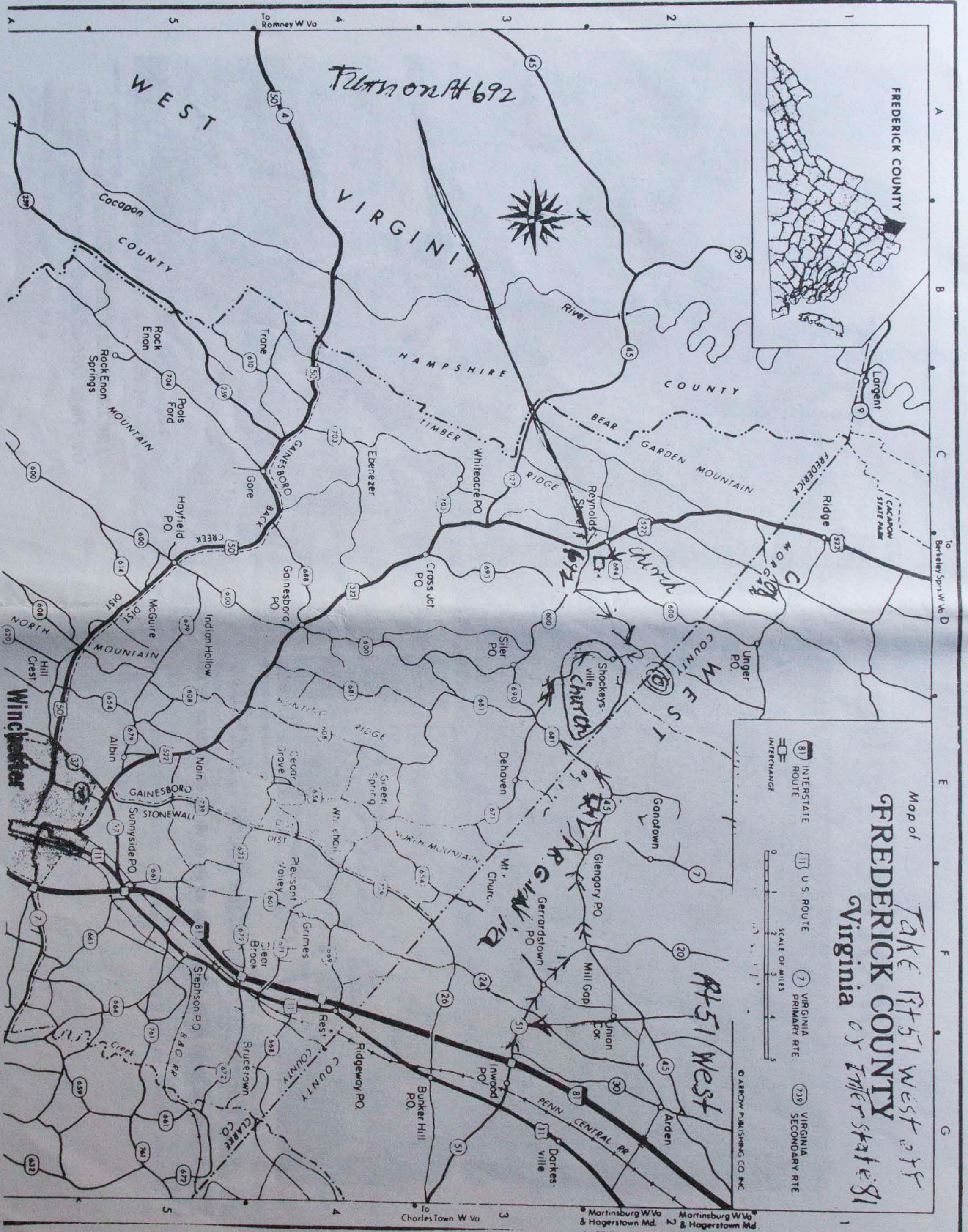
Star Photo by Meg McKinney

Scott Luttrell, Historian of the Church — and Village



Star Photo by Meg McKinney

The Ludholtz Family Visits the Grave of One of Their Ancestors



Map of
FREDERICK COUNTY
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- VIRGINIA PRIMARY RTE.
- VIRGINIA SECONDARY RTE.
- INTERCHANGE

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Use reserve side for family history, stories, legends, military service for each person including branch of service, where served, dates of service, occupation. Give birth date and place of birth of children's spouses. Where they have children make a separate sheet showing all information.

OTHER MARRIAGES

Names of parents of those who married into the family.

There are several Motels in Winchester, some near Martinsburg, W. Va., and some on Rt. 522 South toward Berkeley Springs. I am enclosing a list of some of them with prices and phone numbers. We are not recommending them, just telling you where they are and the cost: Cacapon Motel on Rt. 522 South, phone 304-258-2274, \$24.00 to \$28.00, Food available. Park Haven Motel or Motor Lodge, Rt. 522 South, \$20.00 to \$25.00, phone 304-258-1734. No Food.

Country Inn on 522 in Berkeley Springs, phone 304-258-2210; rooms \$45.00, Lovely Dining Room and excellent food.

D & D Motel on Rt 522, phone 304-258-2274. No Food; grocery store next door.

Winchester: Rt 50 & 81, Best Western, \$41.50, 15% discount for senior citizens, food.

Econo Lodge, Rt. 50 & 81, also Rt 81 & 11, phone 1-800-446-6900, 10% discount for seniors over 55. Food nearby. Cost: \$32.95 to \$36.95.

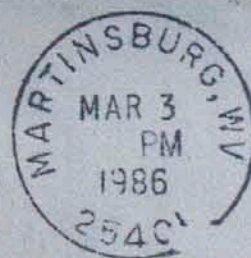
Howard Johnsons, Rt 81 & 11, \$40.00 to \$52.00, phone 1-800-654-2000. Restaurant has good food. There is also a Holiday Inn which you can reach with their toll free no. The toll-free number for Best Western is 1-800-528-1234.

To get to our house: take Rt 522 to Berkeley Springs, W. Va., turn on Johnson Mill Road by the green John Deere Sign. You can only turn one way. Follow Johnson Mill Road almost 7 miles -stay with the yellow lines as far as they go. There will be a sign where you turn left to our house. There is a Mobile home on the left and a white house on the right. Follow the unpaved road almost 1 mile. The house is on the right with a sign at the driveway. If you get lost, call.

This is the last call for your family history and genealogy sheets for Volume 111. We still have some copies of Volumes 1 and 11 of the Shockey History and Genealogy @ \$75.00 plus \$4.95 for mailing. After July the price will be \$100.00 per set plus mailing.

One more thing, be thinking of where you want the next reunion to be held and who is going to volunteer to be in charge.

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