

## DRUGGISTS FROM "THE LOWER END"

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Mike Roth found the following article and I typed it up to share it with the Society. Over the years, Mike and I have come across many mentions of drug stores started, or being run by, our local citizens, in other states as well as in Pennsylvania. This article puts much of it all together in an enjoyable way.

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# Sorted for Drug Stores

A compilation of articles in the retyped collection of newspaper articles built by Stanley T. White, Mike Roth and other members of the southern Lancaster County Historical Society, April 9, 2020

**Oxford Press, March 19, 1879**

**Graduated.**

Among the graduates at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy last week was Clement B. McCullough of Coleraine, Lancaster county. He graduated with distinction, ranking number nine in a class of one hundred and eighteen, and received honorable mention by the faculty. This high degree of merit has been fully earned by Mr. McCullough, as he has been a very faithful student of pharmacy ever since he entered the drug store of our townsman, Madison Lovett, to receive his preparatory instruction for college. Mr. McC. is again the employee of Mr. Lovett.

**Subject: State and Quarry Streets in Quarryville.**

**Lancaster Daily Intelligencer, January 30, 1885**

L. T. Hensel's new building, at the corner of State and Quarry streets, is approaching completion: the second story will be occupied by an Odd Fellows' hall; a drug store, cigar store, tin shop and other business enterprises will be accommodated below.

**Subject: Exchanged Real Estate.**

**Lancaster Intelligencer, November 11, 1893.**

Dr. J. P. Miller, of Fairmount, has exchanged his property in Oak Hill, consisting of a farm of 44 acres, large store house, the harness and tin shop building, bake house and the land on which the carriage building stood, to Fletcher McLaughlin, of Wilmington, Del. For a large drug store and farm near Singerly Station, on the B. & O. Railroad, in Cecil county, Md., containing 116 acres. Mr. Miller will take charge of the drug store at once, and Mr. McLaughlin will move to Mr. Miller's summer residence near Fairmount until spring. He will then occupy the fine farm recently purchased from the late Frederick Paxson.

**Subject: Rhorer Drug Store to Sell Alcohol.**

**Quarryville Sun, September 6, 1895**

Dr. T. M. Rohrer has again taken out license for the sale of alcohol, in order to accommodate his customers. He will also keep a first-class brand of Whisky for medical uses.

**Subject: New Post Office and Council.**

**Quarryville Sun, April 3, 1896**

The room formerly used as a restaurant in the drug store building, is now being fitted up for the post office and council chamber.

**Subject: Post Office Moves.**

**Quarryville Sun, May 8, 1896**

The post office was moved on Thursday from the store to the room in the drug store building, which will prove a great convenience. There is also a current rumor to the effect that

we will have a lady assistant.

**Subject: Soda Fountain at Rohrer's Drug.**

**Quarryville Sun, May 28, 1897**

A new soda fountain has arrived for Dr. T. M. Rohrer and will soon be placed in position in his drug store. Good soda is a luxury that Quarryville has never been able to afford before and as the doctor will make a special effort to cater to those who have a taste for such pleasant drinks there can be no doubt that it will be well patronized.

**Subject: New Telephone Exchange.**

**Quarryville Sun, January 26, 1900**

One of the rooms over Rohrer's drug store has been fitted up for the telephone exchange. The position is filled by Miss Sallie A. Hensel.

**Subject: Wade Restaurant and Grocery.**

**Quarryville Sun, October 19, 1900**

A. M. Wade has rented the room in the drug store building, recently occupied by George M. Gregg, and will shortly open a grocery store and restaurant.

**Subject: Dr. Harry Knight, Quarryville Drug.**

**Quarryville Sun, January 21, 1910**

Dr. Harry M. Knight, manager of the store of the Quarryville Drug Co., has received a prize of \$5 from Paul Rieger & Co., of San Francisco, Cal., for writing the best article on the subject, "How I Would Conduct a Drug Store if I Owned One." The contest was open to any person in the U. S., and quite a number of letters were received. It speaks well for our young townsman, who is making a success of the business in our town, the Quarryville Drug Store having grown to one of the most substantial and popular business places in lower Lancaster County.

**Oxford Press, March 14, 1912**

**Fulton Township.**

C. H. Griest arrived home from Wheeling, West Virginia, Saturday, to remain a few months. He reports his drug store business in Wheeling A1.

**Subject: Hensel Hall at Rohrer's Drug Store.**

**Quarryville Sun, May 17, 1912**

Dr. T. M. Rohrer's drug store building is undergoing much change. The rear entrance to the room known as Hensel Hall will be vacated and a stairway will go up through the rear room of the drug store, entrance being from the porch on the side of the building next to Rumble's store. The Hensel Hall will be divided into four rooms, suitable for business offices or sleeping rooms. The building will be supplied with water and the whole of it will be heated with hot water.

**Oxford Press, Thursday, May 23, 1912**

**Coleraine.**

Miss Olive Flaharty of Kirkwood has accepted a position in Miller's drug store,

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**Oxford Press, Thursday, September 5, 1912**

The J. C. Gorsuch Company, Newport News, Va., have opened a drug store in Allentown, Pa. Mr. Gorsuch returned Tuesday evening from that city.

**Oxford Press, Thursday, August 28, 1913**

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### **Unknown Paper, early January, Died January 1, 1914**

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#### **DR. RICHARD V. L. RAUB**

On Thursday afternoon, after being a sufferer from a complication of diseases, Dr. Richard V. L. Raub died at his home in Quarryville, where he was born forty-two years ago.

He was the son of Dr. Harry E. Raub (*should read: Dr. Henry E. Raub*), who at the time of his death had about as large a practice as any one in his profession in this county, and was as popular in his business transactions as any man in the lower end.

From early boyhood days, Richard had a taste for the medical profession and after a course in the schools of the borough, entered the drug store of T. M. Rohrer, where he was for some time, while he read medicine with his father. He afterwards took a full course in the Jefferson Medical college, of Philadelphia. After his graduation, for a short time, he assisted his father in his large practice and later on located at Homeville, in Chester county, where he was very successful. Upon the death of his father, some ten years ago, he returned to his old home and took his practice which he well managed. He was popular with the people and had a host of friends; he has a kind disposition and made many warm friends. He was of quite a literary character and was well posted on the best authors. He very much enjoyed good company and there are many who mourn his death.

He was, as always had been his ancestors, an ardent Democrat, was well posted in public affairs, and could give a reason for his faith. In politics he had a great influence and in the last presidential campaign did considerable work. He was a member of the Episcopalian church and was greatly interested in the mission that the church has started in Quarryville. He was a member of the Lancaster County Medical Society and a charter member of Tucquam Lodge of Red Men. For many years he was a member of North Star Council American Mechanics and also of Quarryville Lodge of Odd Fellows. For several years he was a member of the borough council,



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of which he was the president several terms. At the time of his death he was in the borough School Board, last year being its president and this year its treasurer.

He was married to Miss Elizabeth Groff, who survives him. She was the daughter of the late Adam Groff, a prominent miller. His only child is Henry, one of the brightest boys in the high school.

John P. M. Raub and Harry E. Raub, of Unicorn, are his only brothers.

**Oxford Press, Thursday, July 16, 1914**

### **No Idle Dream**

#### **Spun by a Man of Business Who Punched the Pasteboard on the Narrow Gauge.**

At the meeting called Wednesday week for citizens of the Lower End of Lancaster county and Oxford, held at Fairmount, to discuss ways and means of renewing the life of the L., O. & S. R. R., J. M. Showalter, Oxford, was called to preside. When the meeting was thrown open Mr. Druckhow of Baltimore told of his scheme to make it a broad gauge and use P. R. R. rolling stock, that the citizens raise \$50,000, which would be secured by a \$200,000 mortgage. This was promptly refused and another meeting was held yesterday at 2 o'clock, where only the citizens along the line took part.

Last Sunday J. Clinton Gorsuch of Peach Bottom dropped into town with his brother Charles. They had motored over the hills in order that Charles might take the evening train for Chester, where he conducts a large drug business.

Everybody knows "Clint" Gorsuch and his ability as an accommodating railroader of narrow gauge fame, and in late years how he acquired a number of drug stores in various towns, also how he and his brother operate large slate quarries. How he punched the "blue slip trip ticket in the presence of the passenger" and had a fund of stories and jokes that made the trip from Oxford to the river a most comfortable ride, although his stories often jolted sometimes as roughly as the roadbed.

Seated on the lawn of Robert A. Walker, president of the Farmers National Bank, Third and Locust Streets, Mr. Gorsuch spun a story that was full of good points as to the economical side of operating the L., O. & S. R. R. to advantage over the manner it has been operated the past forty years. He would install better method of transfer of traffic in Oxford; cut out the trackage over the P. R. R. to Market Street station; haul freight with steam and convert the present passenger coaches into motor cars and run hourly to terminals. He pictured his dream in such a masterly and artistic manner that his hearers almost heard the rumble of the motor cars, smelled the gasoline and heard the fare being recorded in the register. His was no idle dream, for Clint is a hustler, quick of eye and thought and when he enters the arena for a contest of winning out he is almost every time on the side that wins, brought about by tenacity – everlastingly sticking at it. In a case of this kind the Lower End of Lancaster County has no better man of judgment to bring into action than Mr. Gorsuch, as his experience is weighty, and coupled with a knowledge of economical fitness, would undoubtedly bring results out of the present situation should his ideas meet the approval of his neighbors and all cast their lot as one man. Truly history repeats itself – first shall be last and last shall be first, and the citizens of the Lower End and Oxford are willing to invest when the present owners are divorced and the property becomes part and parcel of him who lives along the road.

Last month's check from Abbott, the creameryman, was over 4600 for freight and hauling. This would make a yearly income of \$5000 at least, from one individual. In 1888 the road was sold for \$5000.

**Oxford Press, Thursday, March 16, 1916**

**Gorsuch Store Burned.**

In a big fire in Pottsville on March 9, with a total loss of \$125,000, the Gorsuch drug store was damaged to the extent of \$2500. The store belongs to J. C. Gorsuch, Fulton township.

**Oxford Press, Thursday, August 3, 1916**

Clayton Griest of Eldora started on Sunday to Wheeling West Virginia, where his drug store is located, to tend to business interests.

**Subject: Wade's Empty Restaurant.**

**Quarryville Sun, December 5, 1916**

The vacant room in the drug store building, which has been unoccupied since A. M. Wade retired from the restaurant business, is undergoing a change in appearances, being fitted up for Ernest L. Hess, who will soon occupy it. Mr. Hess will use it as a meat store, in which line of business he has been very successful in building up a large trade, and this new location will be more central and larger also than his present place of business.

**Oxford Press, Thursday, January 4, 1917**

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**Oxford Press, Oxford Library, Mike Roth**

**January 25, 1917**

**Sold His Business**

**Lancaster County Boy Kept Coin Turning Fast--Right in Limelight--Creamy Days Ahead**

Woodward Campbell, who for some years conducted a cut-rate drug store in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., sold out last week to Clay Kenneday.

Twenty odd years ago Campbell was breaking on the L. O. & S., having abundance of Fulton township muscle. Clint Gorsuch, who had graduated as conductor on the same line of travel, had gone down to Norfolk, Virginia, and enrolled himself as a cutrater. Unmixed of no small girth, Gorsuch finally got from under the unpleasant knocks that old-established drug houses and local medicine men handed out and began to harvest money. Once or twice a year Engineer Spear, also of the L. O. & S. short course, went down to Norfolk and what he saw of Gorsuch and his trade convinced him it was away ahead of the old Oxford Co-operative Car-shop stock. In those days men with so much money in their hip pockets they couldn't sit down were mighty rare in this camp and Campbell didn't see one rigged up that way on the L. O. & S.

Bags of gold in such short time--Campbell didn't sleep right; he forgot his prayers; his lantern smoked--he resolved to get in pen-ink touch with Gorsuch. Campbell resigned--he had been made conductor of the through express some time before--and reached Norfolk as fast as steam could carry him. Gorsuch gave Campbell training and he proved an apt pupil. Seeds of self-confidence sprouted in his system and when he bade his master farewell he was keen for business.

Opening a cut-rate in Wilkes-Barre and warding off unpleasantness convinced Campbell

it was not velvet. But his Lancaster county bull-dogism would not smother and when the ring of the cash register became chronic Campbell felt like the fellow who joined church, fairly better. That he made a grand success means he can write a check of five figures and that Bradstreet is glad of his company.

Mr. Woodward Campbell owns one of the best farms in Fulton township, he wears fit clothes, smokes choice cigars and to his old friends is still "woody." He is blessed with a domestic manager, one of the late David Glackin's daughters, whose business ability is not surpassed by that of her sister, Mrs. L. W. Collins, Oxford. Mr. Campbell does not conceal the fact that he owes a large per cent of his winnings to the tact shown by his wife.

"Woody," may you live to be 100 and enjoy the income.

#### **Oxford Press, Thursday, February 1, 1917**

Clayton H. Griest of Eldora is spending the week at his drug store in Wheeling, West Virginia.

#### **Subject: Jacobs Drug Co.**

#### **Quarryville Sun, April 3, 1917**

The Jacobs Drug Co. is getting in its supplies and will open a first-class drug store in the Fritz & Collins building on State street in Quarryville, Saturday.

W. H. Jacobs, who will manage the store, was born and raised in Philadelphia and graduated at the Temple University in 1912. He conducted a drug store at 5100 North Broad street in that city two years. He was with the Miller Drug Company for a period of years and was employed by Clyde H. Cooper in Lancaster for four years. His experience will serve him well in the conduct of this new establishment.

His wife and family, who are now in Philadelphia, will later reside here.

#### **Oxford Press, Thursday, March 6, 1919**

Fred Paxson, who has been at his home in Oakryn since he was mustered out from camp, has gone to Chester, where he has accepted a position as manager of a drug store.

#### **Oxford Press, Thursday, August 7, 1919**

J. Clinton Gorsuch will open a drug store in Lancaster. It will be conducted by his son-in-law, George Dunn, now a resident in Chester. Mr. Gorsuch operated a drug store in Norfolk, Va., prior to settling on his farm near Peach Bottom, Lancaster county.

#### **Oxford Press, Thursday, March 18, 1920**

Bentley Jacobs, Fulton township, started Monday for Akron, O., where she has accepted a position in a drug store.

#### **Oxford Press, Thursday, June 3, 1920**

#### **Pennock, Edward died.**

The death of Edward Pennock, who had been ill for some weeks of nervous breakdown, occurred last Thursday at his home in Dunellen, N. J. The body was brought to Oxford Monday noon and interred in the family lot, members of the Masonic order officiating at the grave. Mr. Pennock's parents, the late Enos and Priscilla (Bernard) Pennock, resided at Pine Grove, Lancaster county, where the deceased was born 59 years ago. Edward was for years employed in

the drug store of the late George Cooke, this town (Oxford). He was graduated several years ago from the Philadelphia School of Pharmacy. For some years he represented John Wyeth & Brother, manufacturing chemists, Philadelphia, on the Pacific coast. Since then he has been connected with prominent drug stores in various cities. He will be remembered as a good friend, a man amongst men and one who loved to return to the scenes of his boyhood.

Edward is survived by his wife, son Richard, Morrisville, N. J.; daughters—Mrs. Meta Newman, New York, and Miss Priscilla, at home. The brothers and sisters are: George C., New York; William, Pine Grove; Misses Caroline, Jean and Jessie, Washington; Mrs. Annie Schoell, Philadelphia.

### **Quarryville Sun, December 6, 1921**

The household goods and family of Robert R. Gabriel arrived from Middletown, Del., Sunday, and will occupy the Samantha Hassel house on East State Street, part of the house now being occupied by Frank P. Forbes and family, Mrs. Hassel having gone to reside with her sons during the winter. Mr. Gabriel is the clerk in Dr. Vedder's drug store here. Quite a good deal of delay and annoyance was experienced in bringing the household goods here from Middletown, the start having been made Friday. It was necessary to unload and repack on the truck because of the load being too high to pass under wiring systems of towns and the snowstorm covered the furniture with a deep deposit of snow.

### **Quarryville Sun, December 27, 1921**

**Destroys Hotel Quarryville Containing Witmer Restaurant and American Store—Large Shedding a Prey to Flames—Several Business Places Badly Damaged and Narrowly Saved From Destruction—Good Work by Firemen.**

(Small excerpt:)—The Quarryville Drug Co. suffered loss not only by fire but theft, persons taking advantage of the opportunity to steal goods.

### **Quarryville Sun, February 2, 1937**

V. Chester Brown is making extensive changes in his building, in which structure the Quarryville post office is located. The basement of the building is having the concrete floor removed and a greater depth made after which a board floor will be installed. The wall is being torn away on side next to the former trolley station where a door will be inserted, and more light permitted to enter.

It is Mr. Brown's intention to move his store equipment to the basement and where he will have more room to display his line of radios, refrigerators and the like, in the sale of which he has been quite successful.

His present location will be renovated considerably for the use of Dr. R. R. Gabriel's Quarryville Drug Store, now located on opposite side of street.

The room in the Ferguson & Hassler building, in which the drug store is now located is needed for the growing business of Ferguson & Hassler, who will occupy it after April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Quarryville Sun, April 9, 1937**

Ferguson & Hassler, Quarryville's leading merchants, are planning to increase their store space. The rooms vacated by Quarryville Drug Co. are being transferred by Contractor Milton S. Herr, windows bricked in, and the whole floor space will be added to the five and ten-cent

department which adjoins. The demand for this class of merchandise has measured up to the firm's expectations and this new move will keep these merchants in the forefront of catering to the demands of the public.

Quarryville Drug Co. is nicely located now in the V. Chester Brown building adjoining the post office, where new floor was laid, and the rooms remodeled and put in spic and span condition. This change necessitated V. Chester Brown occupying the basement of the building, where he now displays to better advantage his stock of refrigerators, washers, radios and the like. Additional windows, new floor, paint and the like has transformed it into an attractive business place.

**Quarryville Sun, July 23, 1937**

Quarryville's newest industry is the making of saleable and palatable refreshments in the soft drink line. These products are fruit tingle and lemon ice.

The industry is located in the Geiger Building on Second Street, and is operated by J. F. Irwin, of this town, who formerly was in the drug store business.

Thirteen young ladies are employed in the making and bottling of these soft drinks, which products are having ready sale.

**Subject: New Pharmacist at Quarryville Drug Co.**

**Quarryville Sun, April 22, 1938**

A registered pharmacist is now in charge at all times at Quarryville Drug Co., which store is now being operated by Robert Gabriel, son of Dr. R. R. Gabriel, who recently died. In this issue appears the first of a series of advertisements announcing the big one cent sale that will be held the last four days of next week.

**Subject: Soda Fountain Now Being Installed in Drug Store.**

**Quarryville Sun, May 20, 1938**

Robert W. Gabriel has purchased The Quarryville Drug Co., stock and fixtures from W. D. Vedder, of York. Since 1921 the store has been managed by his father, Robert R. Gabriel, who recently passed away.

About a year ago, the drug store moved from the Ferguson & Hassler building to its present location in the V. Chester Brown building, next to the post office. At that time Mr. Gabriel made arrangements for soda fountain and ice cream, which plans his son is now carrying out. A soda fountain is being installed, and the famous Borden ice cream will be served.

Robert and his wife have moved to Quarryville and will live with his mother. He will put full time into the operation of the drug store. Assisting him is S. E. Meister, registered pharmacist, who will be on duty at all times for prescriptions and drugs.

**Gorsuch, John C. dies, Aged 81, June 14, 1938**

**Founder of R. R. Co. Built First Gasoline Driven Engine For Passenger Cars.**

John Clinton Gorsuch, 81 years old, one of the founders of the Lancaster, Oxford and Southern Railroad, and builder of the first gasoline driven engine for passenger cars, died at his home, 11 Corbell avenue, West Lancaster, 11 o'clock Tuesday night week. Death was caused by a complication of diseases after an illness of two weeks.



Mr. Gorsuch was born in Fulton Township, a son of William and Elizabeth McLaughlin Gorsuch. The L. O. and S. Railroad, which he helped to found, was in operation between Peach Bottom and Oxford for nearly forty-five years. Mr. Gorsuch was a conductor on the line from 1878 to 1897.

The railroad was purchased by a group of men from Southern Lancaster County in 1914 and at this time the old engine was discarded and a gasoline driven coach was assembled and built in Oxford, under the supervision of Mr. Gorsuch, the first of its kind used in the United States. When the railroad was dissolved some years later, the engine was sold to a New England railroad.

Mr. Gorsuch resided in Norfolk, Va., for a number of years and there was a pioneer in the cut-rate drug store business. When he returned to Lancaster County he developed the slate quarries at Peach Bottom, with his late brother and was president of the Gorsuch Brothers, Inc., quarries and slate granular mill, which was forced to discontinue when the Conowingo dam went into operation.

He was a road supervisor in Fulton Township for a number of years and was one of the leaders in the movement for the construction of the Robert Fulton highway. He was one of the organizers of the West Lancaster Fire Company No. 1.

Deceased was a member of the Presbyterian Church and of Oxford Lodge No. 353 F. and A. M.

Mr. Gorsuch is survived by his wife, who was Margaret Kennedy of Wakefield, and the following children: Elsie, wife of George W. Dunn, Lancaster; Myra, wife of Cyril R. Murphy, Hanover; Olive, wife of Thomas B. Alexander, Lancaster; Marguerite, wife of Lawrence T. Ingram, of Levington, Mass.; and Edith, the wife of Edgar H. Bicknell, Lancaster; four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

**Added from an earlier paper dated June 15, 1938.**

Services will be held briefly at the home Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock (DT), followed by services 2:30 P. M. at Chestnut Level Presbyterian Church. Internment will be in the adjoining cemetery. Friends may call at the home Thursday (today) from 7 to 9 p. m.

**Undated Newspaper**

**Wills**

J. Clinton Gorsuch, of Manor township, who died June 14, gave his furniture and household goods to his wife, Margaret Gorsuch, for her lifetime, to be succeeded by their children. He gave a gold watch to a grandson, Cyril Murphy.

He gave securities and \$1,000 each to four daughters, Elsie G. Dunn, Myra G. Murphy, Olive G. Alexander and Marguerite Ingram. He gave securities, his auto, a tool chest and \$1,000 to a fifth daughter, Edith Virginia Bicknell. He directed his executrices were to sell his dwelling at 917 Boisse(?)ain Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia, and his half-interest in the "Caldwell Place," Fulton township, which he jointly owned with his brother, Charles W. Gorsuch.

The residue is to be held by the Farmers Bank and Trust company, he directed, with

income, and principal, if necessary, to be paid to Mrs. Gorsuch. If the income is more than sufficient, and a balance of more than \$500 or more is obtained, this is to be divided among the children or their heirs. He directed his executrices, Elsie G. Dunn and Edith V. Bicknell, to retain I. C. Arnold, Esq., as counsel.

*(Not to be fussy, but here are a few minor corrections and additions to the above obituary: Having done extensive research on the Peach Bottom Railway, which later became the Lancaster, Oxford and Southern Railroad, J. "Clint" Gorsuch started with the Peach Bottom Railway in its early days as a brakeman, in September 1876. He rose to the position of Conductor as stated above in 1878. When the railroad, under the name Lancaster, Oxford and Southern Railroad went bankrupt, Gorsuch was involved, with other local farmers and businessmen, in buying the struggling railroad. He pushed for and began a project to have a motorized and self-propelled car take over the passenger train duties and after investigating, found no one was producing such a vehicle for narrow gauge trains, which was what this railroad was. Clint suggested converting a combine (part coach and part baggage area) into such a self-propelled car. It was then designed and built by Larry Kirk, with sections built in Havre de Grace, Md., at a boat building shop. These sections were shipped north and assembled at Oxford, and very likely under the supervision of Gorsuch.*

*Interested parties may wish to look at "Sorted for Gorsuch" in the computer folder "News Clippings Searchable", as Gorsuch had many notable events in his life that have been collected into the document, as well as mentions of other family members. S. T. White.).*

#### **Unknown Newspaper, 1941**

##### **Campbell, Woodward E. died, May 20, 1941.**

Born 84 years ago in Fulton township, Lancaster county, was a son of the late George and Pamela Woodward Campbell.

He is survived by one daughter, a son, and four grandsons—Mrs. H. E. Decker of Kingston, Pa., Alva Campbell of Pottsville, Pa., with whom of late years he resided. Death occurred Tuesday, May 20, 1941, at his late home. Funeral services and interment will be Friday at 2:30 P. M., at Penn Hill.

Woody as he was best known, several years ago conducted a cut rate drug store in Wilkes-Barre. His wife was Carrie, oldest daughter of the late David and Mary Glackin of Cherry Hill, Lancaster county, who passed away several years ago. His father was a soldier in the Civil War, having lost his life in the Battle of Gettysburg. He was for years a conductor on the L. O. & S. Railroad.

#### **Intelligencer Journal, Lancaster, Thursday, circa January 12, 1949, (his date of death)**

##### **Cauffman, John E. died.**

##### **HUSBAND DIES ON WIFE'S BIRTHDAY AT FLORIDA HOME**

John E. Cauffman, eighty-eight, a native of Fulton Twp, Lancaster Co., died at 10:30 a. m. Wednesday at Homosassa Springs, Fla., on the 85th birthday anniversary of his wife who, Wednesday night, was reported also in a critical condition after a long illness.

Mr. Cauffman was born at Wakefield, Fulton Twp., the son of the late Christopher and Emaline Gibson Cauffman. He was a farmer at Oakryn until 1920 when he moved to Chambersburg where he operated a cut-rate drug store for 25 years. About a year ago he and his

wife went to Florida where they were residing with a son, Horace Cauffman. He was a member of the Little Britain Presbyterian Church.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Lavinia Jenkin Cauffman, also from Fulton Twp., he is survived by his son, Horace Cauffman, with whom he resided; and a brother, Fred L. Cauffman, Peach Bottom.

**Unknown newspaper, Circa January 12 and 13, 1949 (actual dates of deaths)**

**Cauffman, John E. and Lavina S. died. (sp. Lavenia seems to be her actual name.)**

Word has been received here of the death of John E. Cauffman, 89, and his wife, Mrs. Lavina Cauffman, 86, in Homasassa Springs, Fla. Mr. Cauffman died at 10 A. M. Tuesday and Mrs. Cauffman died at 6 P. M. yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cauffman, who formerly resided at 235 Lincoln Way West, operated a farm in Lancaster County, before coming here to operate the Cauffman Cut-Rate Drug Store, Lincoln Way West, one of a chain of drugstores owned and operated with their son, W. Horace Cauffman.

Mr. and Mrs. Cauffman moved to Homasassa Springs last May, and the drug store was sold to Alfred Hafer about 13 months ago. Surviving Mr. and Mrs. Cauffman is the son, W. Horace, with whom they resided.

Joint funeral services will be held at the home of Mr. Cauffman's brother, Fred Cauffman, at Oxford, Pa., at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

**Unknown newspaper, Circa January 12 and 13, 1949 (actual dates of deaths)**

**Cauffman, John E. and Lavina S. died. (sp. Lavenia seems to be her actual name.)**

John L. Cauffman and Levina Jenkins died at Homocessa Springs, Fla, at the ages of 88 and 85 respectively. John Cauffman died on January 12 and Levina Jenkins on January 13. Both died at their late home. They were born in Fulton Township. Mr. Cauffman was the son of Chris and Emeline Gibson Cauffman and Levina Jenkins the daughter of Joseph and Mary Mahan Jenkins.

The couple moved to Florida last March. They operated a cut rate store in Chambersburg for 20 years. Surviving brothers and sisters are: Fred L. Cauffman, Peach Bottom and Annie J. Gregg. They were members of the Little Britain Presbyterian Church. V y Funeral services were held from the home of Fred L. Cauffman, Wakefield, on January 18 with interment in the Little Britain Cemetery.

**Funeral Announcement, circa January 12 and 13, 1949 (actual dates of deaths)**

**Cauffman, John E. and Lavenia.** (See scan of original in Scanned Original Clippings folder.)

In profound sorrow we announce the deaths of John E. and Lavenia S. Cauffman, Wed. and Thurs. the 12th and 13th of January. Services will be held Tuesday, January 18th, from Cauffman Funeral Home, at 2:00 o'clock P. M.

**Subject: Quarryville Drug Co. Moving.**

**Quarryville Sun, April 1, 1949**

Monday, April 4, the Quarryville Drug Company's place of business will be closed all day, due to moving into the new and enlarged quarters at 12 East State Street.

"The Pantry"—the soda fountain department—will be open for business Monday, April 4, and the drug department will resume business the following day—Tuesday, April 5.

After April 12, reservations will be taken for special parties, clubs and groups for

banquets and luncheons. These will be served in the beautiful and up-to-date "Octoraro Room."

R. W. Gabriel is proprietor and this "Rexall Pantry" will be under the management of Elizabeth I. Geiger, who was the former dietician at the Southern Lancaster County Joint High School.

The location of this new building is central, occupying the space where formerly was located one of the S. Book & Bro. warehouses. The structure is large and will afford room for one of the most up-to-date drug stores and restaurants. "The Octoraro Room" will accommodate nearly seventy persons, and with the tables in the front room, can accommodate 100 persons at one time.

**Subject: Quarryville Drug Company Moves.**

**Quarryville Sun, May 31, 1949**

Friday and Saturday were the official opening days of the new Quarryville Drug Company building on East State Street, on the former location of the S. Book & Bro. warehouse.

Many persons visited this store those days and evenings. A number of large baskets of flowers added beauty to the attractiveness of this Quarryville business institution. Boxes of candy and other gifts were given away.

The drug store is departmentalized and is arranged in an up-to-date manner. New ideas are incorporated in drug store construction and the large room gives ample opportunity to display the varied lines of products on sale.

In the various departments are found drugs and prescriptions, animal health department, rubber and hospital department, cosmetics and toiletries, photographic supplies, stationery and greetings cards, baby land, refrigerated candy department, novelties and the like.

In this building is found the Rexall pantry, where is had complete fountain service and a line of good foods. The Octoraro Room is in the rear and accommodates banquets and parties up to those of goodly size. In the building are rest rooms and a telephone.

**Quarryville Sun, April 27, 1951**

Next Tuesday the Pantry, the restaurant in the Quarryville Drug Co. building, will be reopened. Edwin Myers, of Lancaster, will be the new proprietor. He has had considerable experience in the restaurant business. In addition to being open week days the plan is to keep open and serve meals on Sundays also. A soda fountain will be operated also and banquets will be accommodated. Mr. and Mrs. Myers will reside in Robert Jackson apartments nearby.

**Subject: Quarryville Drug Co. Sold.**

**Quarryville Sun, October 6, 1976**

Robert (Bob) Gabriel, who for almost 40 years has operated the Quarryville Drug Co. has sold his business to Mr. Donald Esbin, president of Murr & Son, Inc., who operates the well known Willow Pharmacy in Willow Street.

Mr. Esbin has taken over the business as of Oct. 1.

Bob Gabriel purchased the Quarryville Drug Co. from W. D. Vedder of York, for whom his father, Robert R. Gabriel, worked as a pharmacist since 1921. It was upon the death of his father in the spring of 1938 that Gabriel purchased the business from Mr. Vedder.

The business was located in the Brown Building next to the Post Office. Gabriel said, "Struggling times followed but with hard work and faithful employees, the business began to

grow. With the help of many good and faithful customers, the prescription, the animal health business grew.”

A new building was completed in 1949 at its present location, 15 E. State St., and is still considered one of the finest drug stores in Eastern Pennsylvania.

In retiring from business, Gabriel said, “I want to thank my many friends and customers, past and present personnel for their loyalty.” All of the present personnel are staying with the new owner.

**Sun-Ledger?, 1984 No Date;  
Sando 50th Anniversary 1984.**

A return visit to Quarryville had special significance last week for one couple and about 150 of their friends. It was, in many ways, a reenactment of a ceremony that took place 50 years ago, as this couple met at Rhoads Restaurant for a reunion dinner.

The event had double meaning for the Rev. John Henry Sando and his wife, the former Patty Gabriel of Quarryville. Now living in Florida, the two returned here to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at the same restaurant where their wedding reception was held. At the same time, they celebrated the Rev. Sando’s 50 years as an ordained minister.

Patty Gabriel lived for many years on State Street in Quarryville. According to her brother, Bob Gabriel, the family moved here when they were teenagers and many of them are still in the area (including himself, now retired from ownership of the Quarryville Drug Store).

“She lived here maybe 14 or 15 years,” said Gabriel. “We came here as high school kids and she lived here until she went to college.”

The Sandos were married at St. Paul’s United Church of Christ in Quarryville on May 26, 1934. Just before that, on May 15 of the same year, the Rev. Sando received his ordination and became a minister in the U.C.C. church. His first pastorate, after graduating from Ursinus College and Lancaster Theological Seminary, was at the Old Reformed Church in Lancaster. They now live in Penney Farms, Florida in a retirement center for clergy and lay people in the church, where the Rev. Sando is Chairman of Pastoral Services.

The Sandos are spending this summer near Gettysburg, where they keep a summer residence. They have also spent many of their summers near Pine Grove, working with young people at both Camp Menschmill and Camp Michaux.

