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THE BERRYSBURG WATER COMPANY

There are very few of the present residents of Berrysburg that know anything of the Berrysburg Water Company, yet the following is a copy of the Charter given by the State of Pennsylvania:

To all to whom these presents shall come

Sends Greeting;

Whereas in and by an act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth entitled "An Act to authorize the Governor to incorporate the Berrysburg Water Company in Dauphin County" approved the 19th. day of April A.D. 1850, the Governor of this Commonwealth is authorized and required to issue his letter Patent under the Seal of the State in the manner and at the time specified.

And Whereas the stipulations, conditions, and things in the said act directed to be performed have been fully complied with,

Now Know Ye That in pursuance of the power and authority to me given by the law, I, the said William F. Johnson, Governor of the said Commonwealth, do, by these presents, which I have caused to be made patent and sealed with the seal of the State, create and erect the subscribers to the stock of the said Company for the number of shares by them subscribed to, to wit: H.C. Boshler, five shares, John Miller, three, D.F. Hoffman, one, Andrew Halterman, one, Peter Bordner, two; B.F. Evitz, one; John K. Fill, one; David Bohner, one; Christopher Yeager, one; Jeremiah Harner, one; James M. Wallis, three; J.D.V. Snyder, five; Daniel Witner, one; John Rampel, three; C.W. Botz, one; Abraham Snyder, two; Jonathan Souser, two; Thomas Harper, two; Gregory W. Deehant, one; Simon Koppenhaver, one; Lot Bergstresser, one; Jonathan Reop, one; Solomon Martz, one; John A. Bresler, one; Joshua Weaver, two; John A. Witman, two; (amounting in the whole to fifty two shares) and also those who shall afterwards subscribe into one body politic and cooperate, in deed and in law by the name, style, and title of "THE BERRYSBURG WATER COMPANY". And by the said name the subscribers shall have perpetual succession and all the privileges and franchises, incident to a corporation, and the said subscribers and those who shall afterwards subscribe their successions and assigns, are generally to be invested with all the rights, powers, and privileges, with full force and effect, and to be subject to all duties, requisitions, and restrictions, specified and enjoined in and by the said Act of the General Assembly, with all the other laws of the Commonwealth.

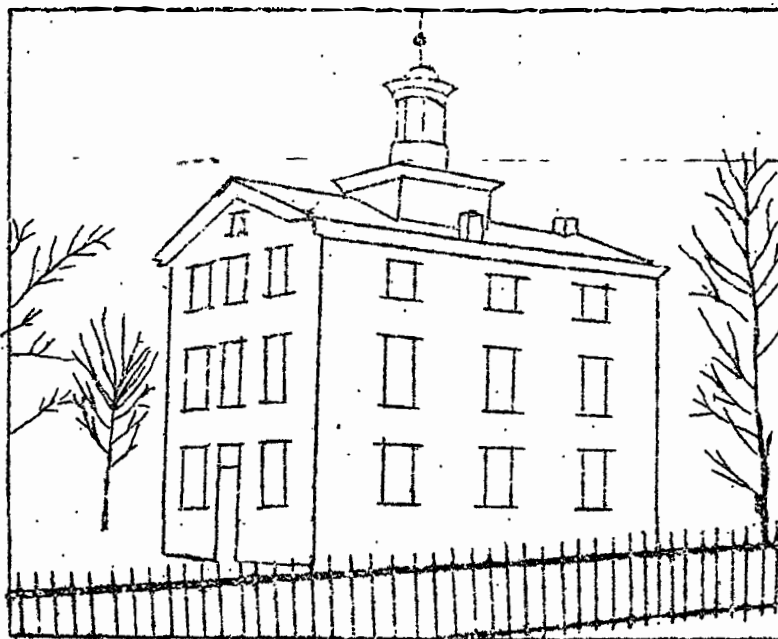
Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State at Harrisburg this twelfth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty, and of the Commonwealth, the seventy fourth.
By the Governor

H.L. Russell
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

This company planned to supply Berrysburg with water from a spring on a farm now occupied by Mrs. Daniel Lower. It was to be forced into town by means of a ran. On September 7th. 1850 the Board of the Company decided to accept the offer of Christian Orendorf to lay the pipes (which were made of lead) for \$150.00 per perch. At a meeting September 10th. they accepted Michael Sharen's offer for

ditching at $1\frac{3}{8}$ cents per foot. The last trace of the company tells us that water was supplied to the town for a short period of time. The story goes that water was delivered on the Commons for two days and then for some reason or other discontinued.

THE BERRYSBURG SEMINARY



The Berryburg Seminary was founded in 1851 by Rev. Henry S. Bassler, minister of the Reformed church. He owned the farm located about one mile north of town now owned by Albert Kluck.

Being impressed with the need of a more liberal education, Rev. Bassler established a school himself, with little assistance and scarcely any money. He set apart one and one half acres of ground which for many years was the home of the Seminary.

The building was about 35 by 55 feet, three stories high and built of brick. On the first floor was a school room and just inside the entrance of the building was a small hall with a hat and cloak room to the right of the main room, and to the right, flights of stairs leading to the second story. A hall extended lengthwise through the middle of the second story with four rooms on each side. At the end of the hall a room was extended over the width of the building. It was intended for a recitation room, but sometimes used for other purposes. When the building became the property of the Borough in 1871 the two upper rooms were thrown into one room for the Public High-School. The lower room being used for the Primary grades.

At first there was no fixed course of study and no students were graduated. Shortly after Professor Hockenberry became Principal in 1874 a definite course of study was established and the first graduating exercises were held in 1879.

Rev. Bassler also had personal charge of the management of the