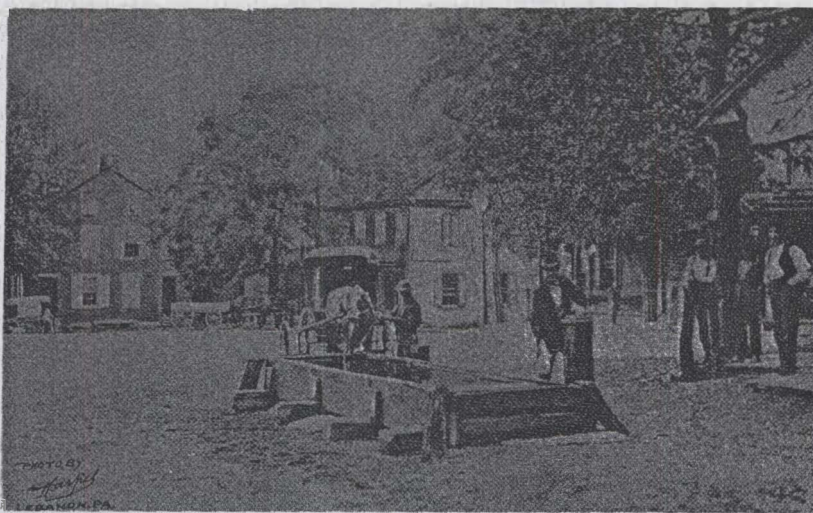


History
The Schaefferstown Water
Company, Incorporated
Mountain Park,
Schaefferstown, Pennsylvania

1763
Plus Then,
Now And Forever!
Is Our Prayer
Wasser Hum Gott



Inhabitants of Market Street
Schaefferstown, Pennsylvania

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FOREWORD

It is the earnest desire of the inhabitants of Market Street, Schaefferstown, Pennsylvania, those who assume the responsibility of looking after "Fountain Park" and "Schaefferstown Water Company, Incorporated," that this unique history always be -- readily available.

To keep this very important history true, accurate and current, we have printed this book using the researched accurate account by the late Charles S. Mock, as published in Schaefferstown's Bicentennial Book of 1963, and have brought it up to date - adding some interesting facts; this dates from 1763.

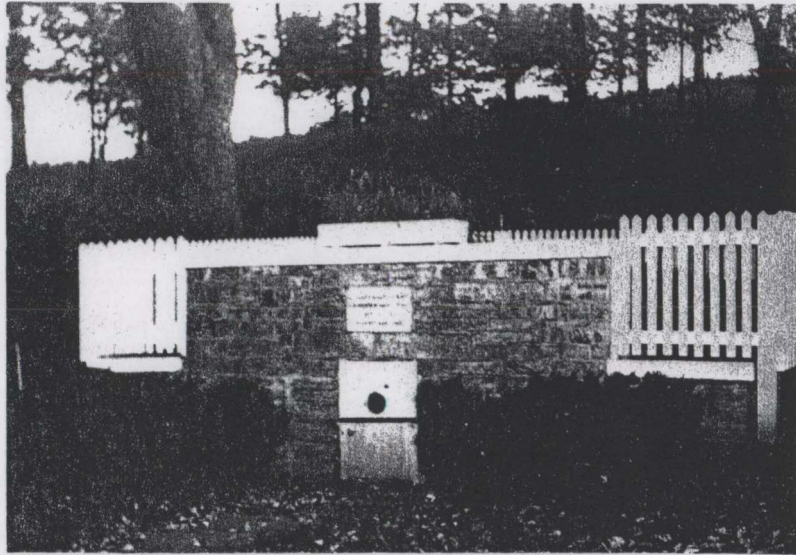
This is the only known Water Company with water flow going uphill by gravity.

Present Officers:

President - Glenn Wolgemuth

Secretary - Joanne Sweigart

Treasurer - The Rev. William W. Miller



Reservoir and spring, Fountain Park, South Market Street.

This book is dedicated to all those past, present and future who were and are worthy in their loyalty of preserving the Oldest Existing Chartered Water Works and it's Park in the United States, known as: "The Schaefferstown Water Company, Inc." and "Fountain Park."

In the early Spring of 1963 "Cast Iron Pipe Research Association" of Chicago, Illinois, publishers of "Cast Iron Pipe News" contacted the late Charles S. Mock, Secretary at that time of "The Schaefferstown Water Company, Incorporated" regarding confirmation of age of pipe employed in carrying water to the fountain in the square of Schaefferstown and to the fountain half-way to the square on South Market Street; also, to outlet at foot of "Fountain Park."

"Schaefferstown Water Company", alerted to the fact of cast iron pipe being used for some portion of 200 years when it replaced the old original wood pipe, immediately thought in terms of "Bicentennial." It was the intention of "Cast Iron Pipe Research Association" to assist those interested and overseers of the Water Company to plan and hold a real celebration commemorating this fact.

Their records are from around the world and they established "The Schaefferstown Water Company, Incorporated" as the oldest public water system in Pennsylvania and in North America, fourth oldest in the world. As is their custom in observance of an occasion of this kind, they have the television crews come in and, on hand, participants in appropriate costume or dress for a re-enactment of the laying of the first section of Cast Iron pipe.

Arranged program of celebration for a number of days pertaining to the history of the Oldest Existing Chartered Water Works would have followed.

Because the history of this Water Company is so inextricably interwoven with the history of the former "Heidelberg" now called "Schaefferstown" it seemed unfair not to include the whole of the community in this effort.

The townfolks immediately began their own individual plans which resulted in a beautiful elaborate celebration but emphasis was more on the usual "town" type of bicentennial with a promoter who conducted these kinds of events. The real purpose was commemorating an event that the residents of "Schaefferstown" thought worthy; that which was; when the founder of "Schaefferstown," Alexander Schaeffer and his wife Anna Engle, deeded for a nominal sum, a tract of land now known as the "Fountain Park" to the inhabitants of Market Street, July 16, 1763.

This deed included a spring and the wooden pipeline and trough on the square, a quarter of a mile away, and a trough, half-way on South Market Street.

In the deed the inhabitants of Market Street were named overseers in trust with the responsibility of maintaining these facilities. This they have done through the years, in committed loyalty and pride.

"The Schaefferstown Water Company, Inc." was allocated a five thousand dollar (\$5000) trust fund by the Bicentennial Community Committee as a share from their financial returns of the week-long celebration.

The Trust Fund is held at Lebanon Valley National Bank of Schaefferstown in the name of "The Schaefferstown Water Company, Incorporated." The Company is allowed the use of the interest only, which goes for the upkeep of park maintenance, lights and whatever repairs are necessary to troughs, pipe, playground equipment or building structures on the grounds.

Coin boxes were set up at Market Street south and at the foot of the park

where people could leave a donation to help defray expenses of upkeep. Due to new rulings by the Department of Environmental Resources, we presently are made to move the coin boxes fifty feet from former locations. This will soon be taken care of, erecting at new sites in Park as well as a memorial plaque displaying historical facts.

There has never been a charge for this water from the time a modern pressure-type water system was installed in the early 1900's by a private concern, to the homes in Schaefferstown, known as "Heidelberg Township Water Company."

The unique fact about "The Schaefferstown Water Company, Incorporated" is that the flow of this water is by gravity, uphill; no pumps employed. It is as unique as it is antique and its water has been flowing for all these years. We pray it will flow forever. It is a gift from God!

On Behalf Of Residents Of
Market Street
Written by Ruth D. Mock



Wooden trough at Upper Fountain, Market Square, Schaefferstown, Pa.

REPRINT OF BICENTENNIAL HISTORY

The residents of Old Schaefferstown have excellent reason for feeling proud of the Schaefferstown Water Company. Originally, known as "The Fountain Company," it has the enviable distinction of being the oldest gravitational water conveyance system by underground pipes, ever established, in a British Colony in North America.

"The Fountain Company's" history is inexorably woven into the history; of the town, its residents, and its founder, Alexander Shaffer.

The exact date of construction is unknown; however, the years 1744 to 1750, are the most likely. A systematic search of old documents, records, and deeds, expressly those pertaining to Alexander Shaffer and the town itself, are most revealing.

In some of these records Alexander Shaffer is described as a yeoman, or freeholder; however, his activities in the purchase of land, subdivision of the land into lots, streets, and a town square, followed by; the sale of building lots, would be more accurately described, as real estate promotion, or land development as we know it today.

During the year 1743, Mr. Shaffer recorded this development, or town plot, under the name of "Heidelberg," at the county seat in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

The following year, 1744, he climaxed his development plans by building a large hotel or tavern, fronting on the town square, at the intersection of the two great roads which bisected the town. This hotel was known as, "The King George," now known as the "Franklin House."

Viewing these operations in perspective, it is apparent that Mr. Shaffer was far too practical, and farsighted in business matters, to build a hotel as large and substantial as "The King George," without first assuring himself of an adequate water supply, a prime necessity for a hotel catering to drovers, freighters, and teamsters.

Construction of the Water System in conjunction with the Hotel, not only assured him of sufficient water for its profitable operation, but in addition; two fountains located on the town square, both of which supplied pure cold drinking water in all seasons, would be a definite incentive in the purchase of building lots; the sole objective in Mr. Shaffer's land development project.

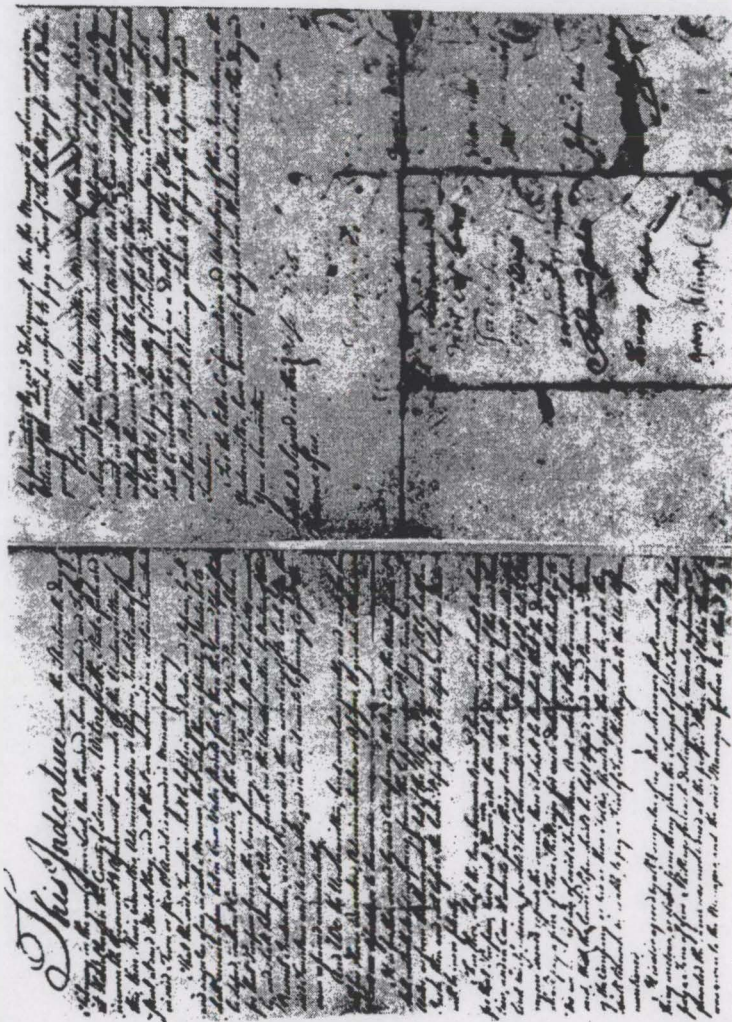
An excellent illustration of Mr. Shaffer's foresight and practicability in business affairs is a document dated February 13, 1759, which records an agreement among the various residents of Market Street.

This agreement, regulates the flow of water to the upper fountain, which was located in front of Mr. Shaffer's Hotel. It also, fixes responsibility for repairs, and imposes a fine of five shillings for pollution of the trough.

In addition, the twenty-one individuals who signed it were themselves, subject to a fine of ten pounds for breaking the agreement. Eighteen of these signatures are still legible, and most of them have been verified. One woman's signature is in the group, by name, Gertraut Sweitzer.

The agreement is interesting, in that, direct mention is only made of the upper fountain. What is more interesting, are the things not mentioned, except; by vague reference, or implication.

Undoubtedly, the fountains had been in full operation many years prior to



Photostat of agreement dated Feb. 13, 1759. Text of agreement with signatures appears in book at end of this history.

1759, and during these prior years, many differences had arisen among various residents of the town, relative to the repair and operation of the fountains. The agreement obviously was an attempt to settle these differences, first; by fixing responsibility, second; by assessing heavy fines for non-compliance.

Although Mr. Shaffer is not mentioned in the agreement, he undoubtedly dictated its terms, through his son, Henry Shaffer whose signature appears on it. He was in an excellent position to dictate terms, as he had purchased and owned the land on which the spring was located prior to 1759.

Approximately, four and one-half years later, on July 16, 1763, Alexander Shaffer and his wife, Anna Engle, conveyed the spring and the land around it, to George Ulrich and Fredrick Albright, as trustees and overseers in trust, for the use of the inhabitants of Market Street, subject; to a yearly gound rent of sixteen shillings and one penny half-penny (approximately \$3.90 U.S. Currency) to be paid the heirs, and assigns, forever.

The deed is executed on sheepskin and illuminated in color, by a religious organization, then located, at the Ephrata Cloister, Ephrata, Pennsylvania.

The water works system, consists of two fountains, or watering troughs; a reservoir and spring; connected by approximately thirteen hundred feet (1300) of underground pipe.

The troughs, originally constructed of wood were approximately ten feet (10') in length, three feet (3') in width, and fifteen inches (15") in depth. They overflowed into a stone basin on which they were mounted. The base or basin was about one inch in depth and served as a catch all, draining off the water thru a groove cut into the lower end of the basin.

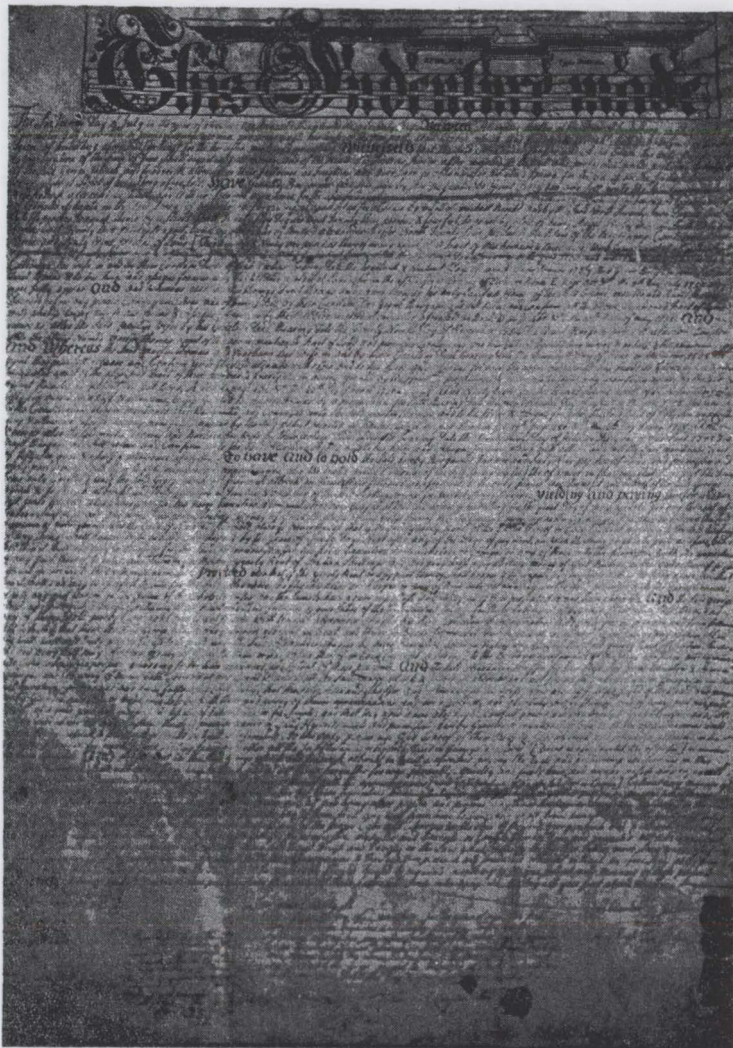
These fountains or troughs, were located on the northwestern, and southwestern sides of Market Square. During the early 1800's, the lower trough was removed from Market Square to its present location on Market Street.

In 1910 the wooden trough at the upper fountain was replaced by one of granite, a gift of Matilda Zimmerman, in memory of Mary Rex Zimmerman, a descendant of Alexander Shaffer.

In 1936 the wooden trough at the lower fountain was also replaced by a granite basin.



Granite trough, replacing wooden trough at Upper Fountain, Market Square, Schaefferstown, Pa., 1910.

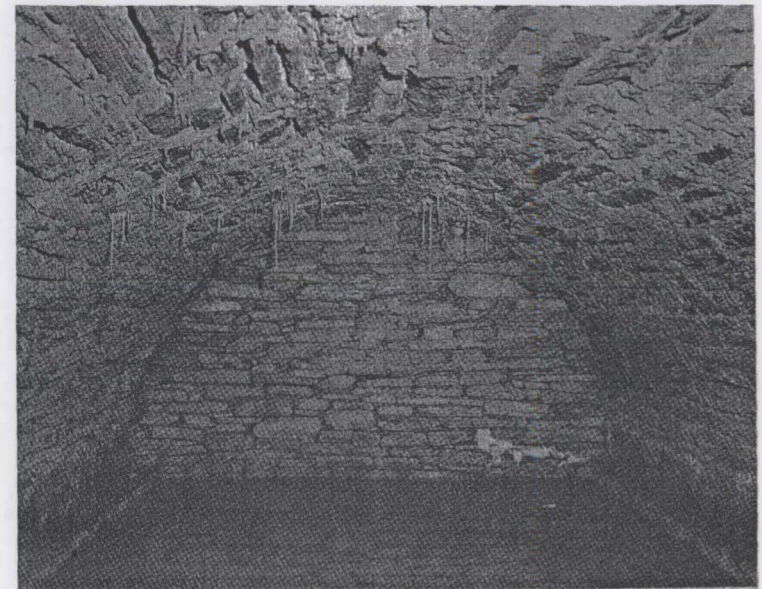


Photostat of deed dated July 16, 1763

The reservoir and spring are located on a two and one half acre tract of land, on the northern slope of Tower Hill.

On April 12, 1892, the company purchased the land, which adjoined their holdings on the south, from Dr. Thomas T. Zerbe and Dr. James M. Keath for the sum of one hundred and eighty dollars (\$180.00). This land, originally the site of Baron Henry Stiegel's castle, or tower, increased the company's holdings, to approximately three and one-half acres. In recent years the acreage has been developed into a recreational area called "The Fountain Park."

The reservoir, housing the spring, has an approximate storage capacity of 13,000 gallons, and was originally walled on three sides with an arched stone roof. The roof and sides have not been repaired, and are today exactly, as they were 200 years ago. The front of the reservoir or spring house had originally been open with a breastwork or dam to contain the water. During the early 1840's the spring was walled in the front, and in 1846, the fountain overseers received instructions to build "a water-proof wall across the ditch about fifteen (15) feet in front of the spring house, and on both sides, for the purpose of backing up the waste water."



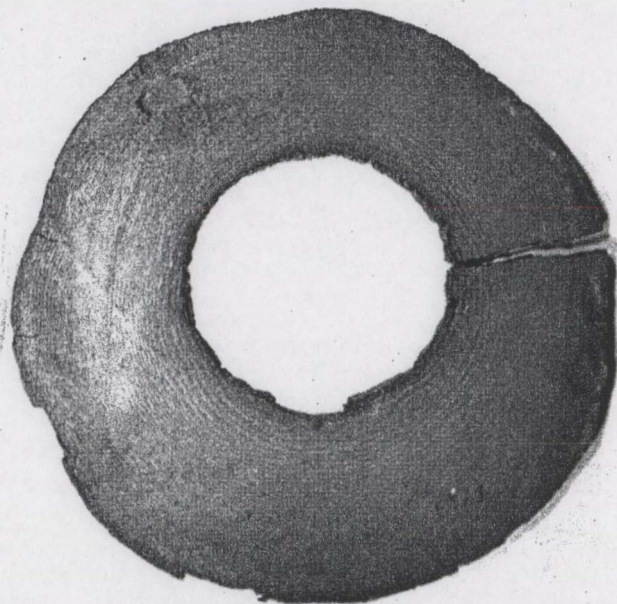
Interior of spring. The water is so clear at the bottom of the reservoir that the depth is deceiving.

In 1909, it was again repaired and constructed in the manner in which it is today. At this time, a beautifully cut stone, weather worn with age, was found at the spring site. It bore the date 1736, and is now imbedded in the masonry to the left of the entrance of the spring house.

In as much as the date 1736 is two years prior to Alexander Shaffer's arrival in this country, the assumption is: that some other person, name unknown, possibly walled and roofed the spring on that date, and, that Alexander Shaffer adapted the existing structure to his plans, by building the dam or breastwork across its front to contain the water.

The pipe line connecting the fountains and reservoir is approximately one-fourth mile in length, running on, and parallel to South Market Street. The original pipes were made of wood, long sections of oak with a hole bored through the center. These sections were tapered at one end, and reamed at the other. They served the community for almost a century.

In 1845, the wooden pipes were replaced by iron pipes, which have now been in continuous service for 118 years, and up to the present, have shown no indication of having to be replaced.



Cross section of old wooden pipe, Schaefferstown Water Co., Schaefferstown, Pa.

Unfortunately, very few of the records concerning the original "Fountain Company" are available; however, on October 23, 1819, a public vendue or sale was held to dispose of old pipes and logs, the property of the "Fountain Company of Heidelberg." Purchasers were Abraham Rex, William Rex, John Hower, Christian Garrett, Jacob Caps, Peter Moore, and John Krum. Proceeds of the sale amounted to eleven dollars and sixty-seven cents (\$11.67).

Sales of a similar nature, leasing of the Fountain lot, and a head tax levied on individuals, horses, and cattle, were the company's source of income. The head tax varied from year to year, depending on company expenses, and was levied on all persons residing on Market Street and Market Square, including children, tenants, boarders, cattle, sheep, and horses. The average yearly tax for individuals and horned cattle was ten cents, and horses, fifteen cents.

Records of tax payment were kept by the fountain overseers and delinquents were dunned until payment was made.

Company expenses consisted of the annual ground rent payable to Mr. Shaffer, his heirs, or assigns, and repairs to the water system itself.

The original trustees appointed by Mr. Shaffer and later the heirs, usually served as company officers. They levied and collected taxes, and generally controlled the company's affairs.

During the early 1840's the management and affairs of the company deteriorated to such an extent that the residents of Market Street petitioned the Pennsylvania State Legislature for an act of incorporation, giving as their reason, the better management of the company.

On April 16, 1845, their petition was granted and a charter was issued to "The Schaefferstown Water Company," the name under which it operates today.

This was another milestone in the company's history, for in addition to being the oldest water company in the United States, it now also became the First Chartered Water Company in the United States. The company officers at this time were: George Renner, president; George Miller, secretary; William Weigley, treasurer; and Henry Iba and John Pfluger, fountain managers.

After incorporation the affairs of the company improved. Over the signature of company's officers, a loan of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) was obtained from the old Lebanon Bank, Lebanon, Pennsylvania. This money was used for the purchase and installation of the previously mentioned iron pipe. The following items were taken from the treasurer's report of June 20, 1845:

June 20, 1845	Reading Railway - freight	\$ 38.54
June 25, 1845	Strickler McKnight - leading	14.31
July 17, 1845	Jacob Shock - 4 BBLs. cement	8.04
Sept. 16, 1845	Abraham Rex - pipe	152.00
	Labor - etc.	65.18

Total cost for purchase and installation of approximately 1300 feet of iron pipe two hundred seventy-eight dollars and seventeen cents (\$278.17).

Excerpts from Water Company records reveal interesting facts pertaining to colonial life in Schaefferstown in addition to characteristics of some of the inhabitants. Thrift, hard work, and a sense of humor have always been credited to our Pennsylvania Dutch ancestors. What is seldom mentioned is: their progressiveness and innate ability in driving a close bargain.

In 1850 the company held a meeting for the purpose of settling a contract regarding two sand-stone troughs with a stone cutter, named Moses Fetter, who had contracted to build and install the troughs for the sum of forty dollars (\$40.00).

Mr. Fetter evidently having underbid the contract, petitioned the company for an extra allowance, as he would otherwise sustain a considerable loss. The company on hearing this, decided that, "Moses Fetter should put on trough one step sixteen paces broad and as long as the trough is broad, also; two stones to carry the water off, and one-half moon sand stone at the lower end of the trough, as broad as the trough and at least two feet thick; and also, insure the sand stone troughs from breaking by frost as long as the said Moses Fetter lives, for which, the said company will pay the said Moses Fetter the sum of seventy dollars (\$70.00) as soon as there is money in the treasury." It is not recorded as to whether the troughs broke up, or Mr. Fetter passed away. The treasurer's report shows two payments, totalling fifty-two dollars (\$52.00) to Moses Fetter. This was eighteen dollars (\$18.00) short of the contract price.

In 1869 the members of the company voted unanimously to sink a mine shaft in the Fountain lot for the purpose of ascertaining whether there were any mineral deposits imbedded in their property. The shaft was to be sunk

along the road, and below the spring so as not to endanger the water supply.

The treasurer's report shows one week's labor to George Moore ten dollars (\$10.00) and labor to John Staley, ten dollars and fifty cents (\$10.50). There is no further mention of minerals.

In 1870 the company ordered "a lamp, and an iron lamp post installed in the centre of Market Square and the said lamp shall be tended alternately by the landlords of the respective hotels. It was further ordered that the fountain overseers be instructed to proceed with the erection of the said lamp post, and that if they neglect, or refuse, to proceed with the work, W. M. Weigley, and J. Zerbe shall attend to the said business." There is no record of installation.



Original location of ornamental fountain - North Market Street at square.

It had long been the custom of the company to hold business meetings in a private room, at one or the other of the hotels, fronting on Market Square. Members of the company were notified as to the time and place by the town crier, Fred R. Hoffman. The landlord usually charged the company sixty cents (\$.60) to a dollar (\$1.00) for the use of a room. At one of these meetings, a company member, obviously with tongue in cheek, made a motion that all members adjourn to the bar for a drink, to be paid by the company in lieu of room rent. The motion was seconded, and unanimously approved, probably to the dismay of the landlord, who was also an officer of the company.

The annual ground rents had been a constant expense to the company for many years, and their payment had gradually become a source of contention among its members.

In 1848 Abraham Rex, a surviving trustee of Shaffer's, had sold the ground rents to Jacob Weidle, who continued to collect them until 1858, when the company refused payment. In 1861 Mr. Weidle instituted suit for non-payment. The Water Company authorized their president, Benjamin Dissinger, to hire Josiah Funk, Esquire, as counsel to fight the suit. The company lost, and on May 31, 1864, paid Jacob Weidle eleven dollars and sixty one cents (\$11.61), for three years' back rent, and four dollars and six cents (\$4.06) to the constable and justice of the peace, for cost of suit.

Nine days later on June 8, 1864, Mr. Weidle sheriffed "The Schaefferstown Water Company" in the amount of twelve dollars and nineteen cents (\$12.19) additional back rent. Two days later on June 10, the company again paid Mr. Weidle.



Wooden trough at Lower Fountain, South Market Street, Schaefferstown, Pa., 1900.

The ground rents had now become a hot issue and "The Schaefferstown Water Company" decided to purchase title to the ground rents from Mr. Weidle. On August 1, 1865, the purchase was consummated, and title passed from Mr. Weidle to "The Schaefferstown Water Company" for the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00). The money for the purchase had been borrowed on a note to Jacob Buffenmoyer. The release of ground rents was recorded in the Lebanon City Court House, May 19, 1873. A conservative estimate as to the amount of rent paid Mr. Shaffer and heirs covering the one hundred and two-year period (102 years) would be about four hundred and thirty dollars (\$430.00). Copy of this release appears later in this booklet.

The following items and dates are mentioned as they may be of interest to local residents:

- 1873 The company installed a picket fence around the spring area.
- 1875 Iron stocks were purchased and installed at fountains.
- 1904 Refreshment stand built in park.
- 1910 Granite fountain and trough installed, replacing wooden trough, at upper fountain.
- 1911 Electric lights installed in park area.
- 1919 Band stand erected in park.
- 1932 Reforestation of upper fountain lot.
- 1936 Granite basin installed at lower fountain.
- 1943 Deed, recorded for lot purchased in 1892. New benches and two fireplaces installed in Park Area.
- 1944 Upper fountain moved to its present location.
- 1959 Park area rewired, and lights installed. Ten new tables and benches installed. New fence placed around reservoir.
- 1960 Band stand remodeled and repaired, including addition of storage for the benefit of local churches.
- 1961 Refreshment stand remodeled and repaired.
- 1962 Painting all buildings and fences in Park Area.
Erection of large sign at Park entrance.

In its two centuries of existence the Old Fountain Company and the Water

Company of today, have always been in a perpetual state of financial embarrassment. This is not surprising as the company is a non-profit organization, and is so registered. The actual cash carry-over from year to year would probably average less than twenty dollars (\$20.00). As a result, the company has had to take recourse in borrowing from banks and individuals, or, the issuance of company scrip to tide them over unforeseen emergencies.

However, when these emergencies arose, and there have been many in the company's two hundred (200) years of existence, the residents of Market Street and other public spirited citizens, and organizations in the town and surrounding area have always donated their time, energies, and money to the company's welfare.

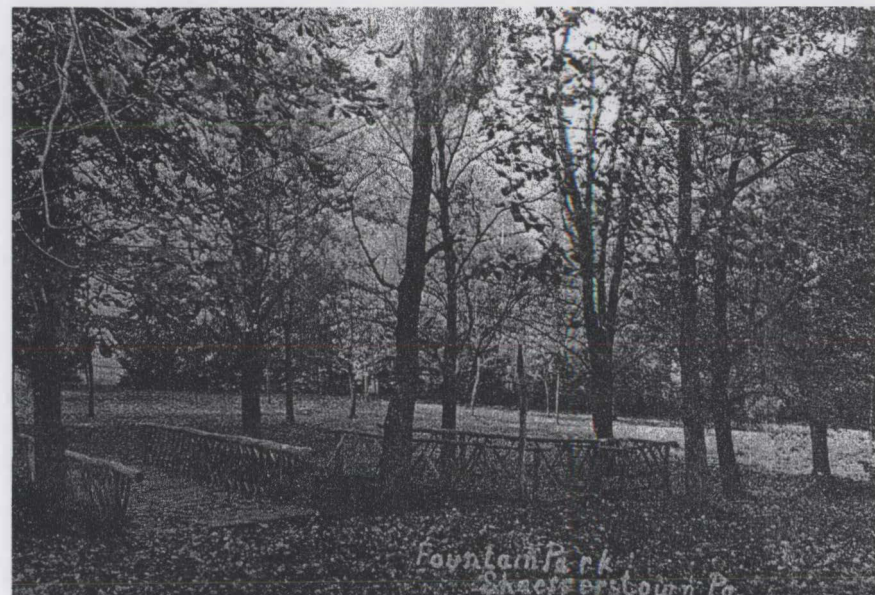
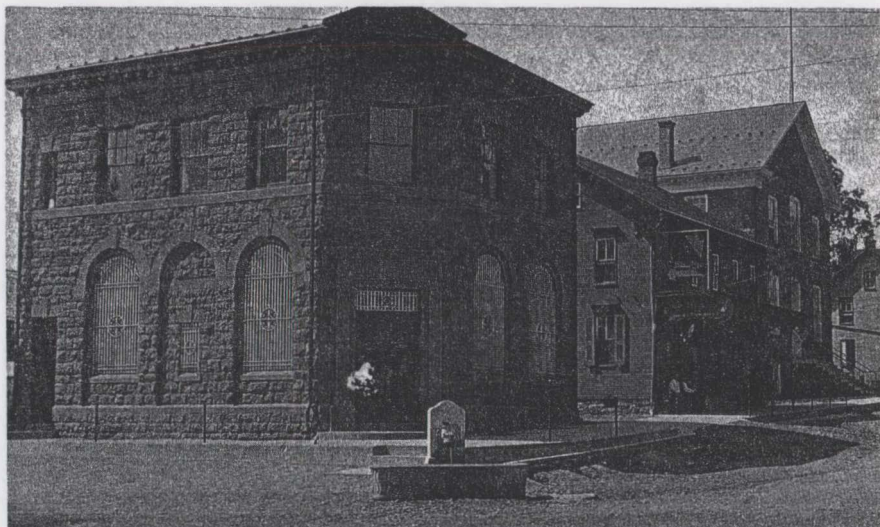
In such manner has "The Schaefferstown Water Company" continued to exist, and the water continues to flow to the same places as it did, during Alexander Shaffer's lifetime.

When Mr. Shaffer conveyed the land and spring to the residents of Market Street in 1763, he probably had in mind a monument of some kind in memory of himself and wife, Anna Engle. However, we are doubtful, that he had sufficient foresight to visualize his Water Company in full operation two hundred (200) years later, and that during these many years, local farmers and other people from surrounding cities and towns would journey to Schaefferstown in order to avail themselves of this fine drinking water.

We feel certain that Mr. Shaffer would take great pride in the Fountain Park and the Water Company as it is today, as do his descendants, the residents of Market Street and the community as a whole.

Written by

The late Charles S. Mock, Secretary
"Schaefferstown Water Company"



Original bridges in Fountain Park.

Text of Agreement with Signatures

THIS INDENTURE, made the thirteenth day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and fifty nine (1759), at Heidelberg, in the County of Lancaster, WITNESSETH That a firm and irrevocable covenant and agreement was made by the underwritten, of this their heirs, Executors, Administrators or Assigns, inhabitants of Market Street, at said Heidelberg and all that are concerned in a certain Fountain, in said Town or Street and it is agreed in manner following:

That the said Fountain shall be kept in good order and repair by all and singular of us in such a manner that when there is plenty of water or to remain open, but in case water should fail, then the lower pipes, shall be stopped, without contradiction by the consent of two persons, chosen for that purpose from the Company, said persons shall be elected annually and shall have full power from us the underwritten by virtue of this present Indenture, and it is granted them accordingly, to look after the said Fountain and its conduits, and in case it wants repairing, to get the same repaired immediately.

AND WE the underwritten by ourselves jointly and each for himself, his heirs, Executors, Administrators or assigns to give due obedience and lend assistance to the same.

IT IS further agreed by said Company that in case the water fails and shall not withstanding spring from the uppermost Pipes twice as much water as from the lowermost, but if the upper pipes don't fall by half an inch, then and not before, the lower pipes shall be stopped as long as water will be more plenty.

Further, shall the two above mentioned persons, which shall be chosen for the purpose, have full Power over the whole direction of said Fountain, and in case it wants something done to it, each of us will willingly lent his assistance, provided his circumstances will admit of it, but in case any one should refuse the same, then it shall be lawful, that the delinquent shall pay a fine of five shilling for each delinquency, that shall go to the use and repair of said Fountain. And when it shall occur, as aforesaid, that the lower pipes should be kept stopped and any Person or Persons, of the Company, or his or their folks, should open the same, he she or they shall likewise be liable, to pay a fine of five shillings, also to the use before mentioned.

And it is also agreed by all and singular of us, that whosoever shall wash anything unclean, or cleans something from trough of said Fountain, he shall pay a fine of five shillings for each Delinquency, towards repairing it, provided that the same was mentioned at the proper place. And is Notice thereof was given to the Managers, and the said Managers for bear to do their duty by prosecuting the said Delinquent, then the Managers to whom was given notice of the same, shall be subject to pay a fine of ten shillings for each Delinquency.

FINALLY. we the Underwritten Members of the said Company bind ourselves, our Heirs, Executors, Administrators or Assigns to keep the said Agreement in all and each singular Article. And in case any of us shall breach willfully the same, it shall be lawful by these presents, that he or they shall be liable to pay a penalty of Ten Pounds, Pennsylvania Currency which shall be recovered the same as a Debt for a Note of Hand as the Law directs, and this Penalty shall likewise go towards defraying the Expenses of said Fountain.

For the better confirmation and witnessing of this Indenture, we the underwritten, have hereunto set our Hands and Seals the Date and year above written.

Sealed and Signed in the Presence of us.

Henry Shaffer
George Boyer
Thomas Edwards
George Khingel
George Fleisher
George Albright
Martin Albright
Casper Iba
Anthony Wilson

Michael Winter
Christopher Seyler
Joseph Long
Gertraut Sweitzer
Adam Moor
Andreas Kapp
Johannes Neif
Nicholas Beckey
Etem Strone

Original document in possession of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lewis, Schaefferstown, Pa. at that time (1963).

Copy of Release of Ground Rents

TO ALL PEOPLE TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME OR MAY CONCERN WHEREAS ALEXANDER SHAEFFER, late of Heidelberg Township, in the County of (late Lancaster) now Lebanon and State of Pennsylvania, deceased, became lawfully seized in his demesne as of Fee, interalia, of, in, and to the Yearly Rents and Incomes issuing out of, and accruing from the Town of Heidelberg alias, Schaefferstown.

AND being so thereof seized, died, having first made his last Will and Testament dated the 28th day of April A.D. 1784.

WHEREIN, among other things he did give and devise the said yearly rents and incomes of the said Town unto his Son Henry Shaeffer, his heirs and assigns: Who being so thereof seized died having first made his last Will and Testament dated the 11th day of October A.D. 1803.

WHEREIN AND WHEREBY among other things he did give and devise the same unto his Son Henry Shaeffer, his heirs and assigns: Who with his wife, Elizabeth, by their Deed of Trust dated the 30th day of June A.D. 1832 among other things conveyed the same unto Abraham Rex and John Bomberger for the benefit of creditors: And

WHEREAS the said Abraham Rex Surviving Trustee, with his wife Elizabeth by their Indenture of the 10th day of July A.D. 1848, did grand and convey the said Ground Rent or Rent Charges unto Jacob Weidle, his heirs and assigns.

NOW KNOW YE, That the said Jacob Weidle and Maria his wife for a valuable consideration to them in hand paid by the Schaefferstown Water Company owner and occupier of Lot called the Fountain Lot situate in the said Town of Heidelberg and Subject heretofore to the payment of a yearly Ground Rent, do and by these presents have remised, released and forever quit claim to the said Ground Rent or Rent Charge.

AND forever discharge the said Lot & Water Company of and from the payment of the said Ground Rent or Rent Charge.

IN WITNESS whereof the said Jacob Weidle and Maria his wife have hereunto set their hands and seals this first day of August A.D. 1865.

WITNESS

J. J. Blair

Jacob Weidle (SEAL)
Maria Weidle (SEAL)

LEBANON COUNTY, ss:

On the first day of August Anno Domini 1865 before me a Justice of the Peace personally appeared the above named Jacob Weidle and Maria his wife and in due form of law acknowledged the above Indenture to be their Act and Deed and desired the same might be recorded as such.

AND the said Maria being of full age and separate and apart from her said husband by me thereon privately examined and the full contents of the above Deed being by me first made known unto her did thereupon declare and say that she did voluntarily and of her own free will and Accord, Sign, Seal, and as her Act and Deed deliver the above Indenture without any coercion of her said husband.

WITNESS my hand and seal the day and year aforesaid

(Stamp 5 cts)

J. J. Blair, J.P. (SEAL)

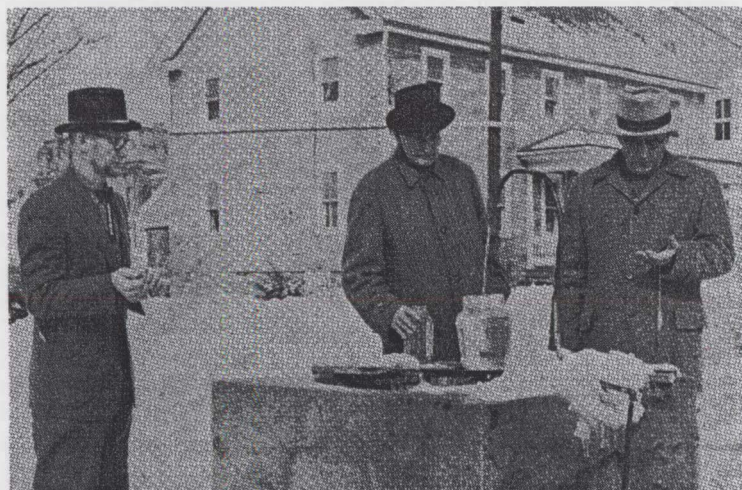
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W.S. BORDLEMAY, RECORDER

Certified from the records February 5, 1963 in Miscellaneous Book H, Page 199

Sallie McK. Hartman
RECORDER

Footnote — According to Dr. Arthur D. Graff, former professor of history at Kutztown State College, and current president of the Pennsylvania Folklore Society, Benjamin Franklin got his idea for Philadelphia's waterworks from Schaefferstown.



Schaefferstown Water Co. President, Jacob Boltz (right) checks his watch as Secretary Charles Mock (center) checks the flow of water at the lower fountain. Justice of the Peace John Stohler (left) looks on. If the present rate of flow were constant over these 200 years, approximately 4,000,000 tons of water have flowed from the three outlets of the water system. The photo and information were current in 1963. Messers Boltz and Mock are now deceased.

1986

"Historical Highlights" from secretary's report of Minutes of meetings of "The Schaefferstown Water Company, Inc."

It is interesting to note a meeting of the Water Company on May 6, 1926, Mrs. Mary Snyder was appointed lower fountain overseer although women were not permitted to attend Water Company meetings nor vote.

Also later in a meeting, August 6, 1930, Mrs. Lizzie Mock and Mrs. John Ressler were appointed to collect water taxes unpaid from April 1, 1926 to April, 1930.

It was not until July 13, 1961 that a motion was made by Mr. Paul Double and seconded by Mr. Harry Hewitt that beginning 1962 all ladies 16 years and over, married or unmarried be permitted to attend all meetings of the Water Company and be eligible to hold office same as the men. Stated in those minutes: "They were to be notified in the usual manner."

Meeting of August 25, 1930, Mrs. Mock and Mrs. Ressler had collected \$43.00 of outstanding Water Taxes with a few parties yet to be heard from.

A picnic was planned for the benefit of the Water Company for September 13, 1930, with following committees appointed - music: Messers Harry Rhoades and Dawson Peiffer, kitchen: Mable Boltz, Lizzie Mock, Mrs. Peiffer, Mrs. John Ressler and Mrs. Ida Zerbe, refreshment stand: N. P. Stober and Charles Zerbe, soliciting funds: Harry Moyer and Thomas Mock. Following is a report of receipts.

Receipts and Expenditures of the Picnic held September 30, 1930.

Expenses.	
Otto Paris, Tuning Piano	\$ 6.50
Root Press, Dodgers	5.50
Pretzels48
Fred Hoffman, Ice50
Elmer Rudy, Doggies	1.25
Enck & Bro. Ice Cream and Candy	14.05
Galen Funck, Rolls, Cocoa Milk, Etc.	4.50
Sam. Fetter, Soft Drinks	2.25
Celery, Cabbage, Etc.35
Orchestra	28.50
	<u>\$63.88</u>

Receipts	
From Sale of Chicken & Waffles, Sandwiches, Etc.	50.07
From Sale of Ice Cream & Soft Drinks	28.76
From Sale of Left over Cigars	4.65
From Sale of Butter40
	<u>Total Receipts</u>
	\$ 83.88
	<u>Total Expenses</u>
	\$ 63.88
	<u>Balance</u>
	\$ 20.00

Tree planting and replacement has always been a constant duty to protect the water table in "Fountain Park." Thursday, April 14, 1932, evergreens were ordered from the "Department of Forest and Waters of Pennsylvania" which were delivered April 12th, 1932 and were planted by high school boys of the Schaefferstown district, directed by teacher of agriculture, Mr. Lloyd H. Lebo. Helping in the planting were Charles L. Zerbe, N. P. Stober, H. C. Moyer and C. T. Hickernell.

The high school boys assisting were: Norman Brown, Norman Brubaker, Ernest Carpenter, Leon Clauser, Myron Dubble, Clayton Hackman, Miles Hammer, Harold Horst, Henry J. Huber, Charles Walter, Warren Kohl, Ernest Brightbill, Raymond Bucher, Chester Corl, Leon Hagg, Henry Krall, Joseph Matthews, Myrle Mowery, Morris Ream, Myers Sechrist, Leo Backenstose, Harold Bollinger, Cyrus Bucher, Charles Huber, Mark King, Samuel McQuate, Herman Mock, John Reinhold, John Rhoads, John Huber and Franklin Dieffenbach Zimmerman.

August 30, 1932

Rental of park when not used for money making purposes was changed from five (\$5.00) to two-fifty (\$2.50) per day.

August 1932 to December 1932

One hundred and seventy three dollars (\$173.00) was paid for pipe and plumbing necessary because of New Bridge built on South Market Street and cast iron pipe was installed on south side of Bridge by the Water Company. A change made necessary to the pipe line, because of Bridge construction.

November 5, 1934

Rev. O.O. Leidich, then Secretary, suggested that the proper care of the original deed from Alexander Schaeffer to the residents of Market Street be

placed in a Bank Vault for safe keeping. Members present at meeting: H. C. Moyer, Jefferson Landis, N. P. Stober, Jacob Boltz, Charles L. Zerbe, Rev. O. O. Leidich, Thomas Mock, James Wike, Charles T. Hickernell and H. F. Rhoades, June 26, 1936.

A Memorial Day Picnic financial return amounted to eighty one dollars and forty three cents (\$81.43).

December 19, 1936

Treasurer's report showed a balance of ninety three dollars and nine cents (\$93.09).

President Harry C. Moyer gave account of cost of new fountain on South Market Street by Mr. Thomas Batdorf, Myerstown, Pennsylvania of one hundred dollars (\$100) for granite basin made by Myerstown Marble and Granite Works.

July 4, 1937 Reprint of newspaper account, Lebanon Daily News.

OFFER REWARD FOR SOLUTION TABLET BLAST

SCHAEFFERSTOWN RESIDENTS
AROUSSED OVER RUTHLESS
DESTRUCTION

PETER ZIMMERMAN MEMORIAL

Co-operation of the state police has been asked by indignant residents of Schaefferstown who are seeking to establish the identity of the persons responsible for the despoiling of the Zimmerman memorial in town square during the recent July the Fourth celebration. The memorial erected a quarter century ago at a cost of \$1250 by the late Miss A. Matilda Zimmerman in memory of her father, Peter Zimmerman, consisted of a bronze tablet supported by a base of stone, was shattered and probably irreparably damaged by a blast believed to be dynamite.

Destruction of the tablet is not believed to have been deliberately planned but rather the result of a thoughtless Independence Day prank. The blast is believed to have been set

off about 8:30 o'clock on the evening of July 2, and the damage wrought was not discovered until the following morning. It was recalled that about that hour residents of the town were disturbed by an explosion of more than ordinary intensity but no thought was given to any serious damage resulting.

The location of the memorial is in the square immediately behind the public water fountain and trough maintained by the Schaefferstown water company for the accommodation of the public.

Atty. Charles T. Hickernell and Prof. Harry C. Moyer, county superintendent of schools, are active in the movement promoted by town residents who have authorized the payment of a reward for information which will lead to the arrest and conviction of the guilty party or parties.

REWARD

For the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who wrecked the Zimmerman Memorial Fountain in Schaefferstown.

SCHAEFFERSTOWN
WATER COMPANY

May 5, 1938

The Schaefferstown Band and Ladies Lodge (P.O. of A.) "Patriotic Order of America" planned a joint picnic on Memorial Day. Eliminating a joint "Tag Day" at the picnic for benefit of the Park, everyone agreed to try and secure donations from outside sources, each to try to get a total contribution of \$5.00.

April 5, 1939

Park rental increased to \$8.00 for afternoon and evening picnic purposes and \$3.00 for afternoon picnics.

July 20, 1942

President Harry C. Moyer proposed that the town be divided into districts and persons be appointed to ask for contributions for needed improvements for Park.

August 12, 1942

A report that two hundred dollars (\$200) had thus far been collected by three solicitors.

August 29, 1942

Picnic report of Ambrose Warner - Net Profit - two hundred and fifteen dollars and eighty nine cents (\$215.89).

March 31, 1943

Treasurer's report of five hundred and forty four dollars and seventy cents (\$544.70) on hand.

May 17, 1943

Improvements of fence repairing, pointing stone wall and vault; facing and building fireplace; band stand moved north 25 feet and erecting set of steps to stand - grand total - four hundred and ninety five dollars (\$495.00).



Granite basin replacing wooden trough at Lower Fountain, South Market Street, Schaefferstown, 1936.

*Schaefferstown Pa
Aug 16 1944.*

*We the undersigned
Supervisors of Heidelberg
Township do hereby grant
permission to the Schaefferstown
Water Co. to move the Water
trough from in front of Bank
Building approximately 15
ft. west.*

*Signed Supervisor { Wallace Walter
of Heidelberg Twp { Frank McGehee
Secy.*

*Attest.
Frank McGehee Secy-Treas*

Because ornamental fountain at square was in way of traffic inviting damage, permission was sought from the Supervisors of Heidelberg Township to move the fountain to it's present location.

Moving of fountain and trough was done last two weeks of August, 1944 by the "Lion's Club of Heidelberg" who also placed the light standards.

June 30, 1950

Letters mailed to approximately 300 residents of Schaefferstown and other interested individuals for donations to Water Company resulted in two hundred and thirty two dollars and fifty cents (\$232.50) being received.

June 8, 1951

Report of long term president Harry C. Moyer, who after having served for over ten years, lost his life in an automobile accident.

May 13, 1951

A moment of reverant observance was held by all assembled for Annual Meeting of "The Schaefferstown Water Company, Inc."

There has been a constant struggle to financially care for improvements and general maintenance of "Fountain Park" and finally, coin boxes were set up at Market Street lower fountain and in the park at trough site. Contributions were helpful in paying for repairs, cost of light and general improvements, never a charge for water!

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Health Laboratories
BACTERIOLOGIC WATER REPORT
(Standard Methods)
Military Zone Series No. 12081
Sample: Water - Spring-Public Fountain between
Sq. & Park
#5- Fountain Park- Harry G. Moyer
Received from: Lester E. Betner
Schaefferstown- Heidelberg Twp.- Lebanon Co.
Date Collected: 10/6/42 Examined: 10/15/42 Reported: 10/15/42
Total Count (Age 21-24 hrs.) No. per cc. 20
Coliform Organisms-M.P.N. per 100 cc. 0
Presumptive test (Lactose Broth) 0
Confirmed test (Bile Soluble Green Lactose Broth) 0
Completed test
Quantity examined in cc.: 1-0.1 1-0.1 1-0.1
1-10 1-1 1-0.1
1-10 1-1 1-0.1
Thomas M. Misset
Director of Laboratories
Issued by Authority of Secretary of Health

July 17, 1963

New trough at foot of "Fountain Park", a replica of the original ones used, was given by the "Heidelberg Lion's Club" at time of "Schaefferstown Water Company" Bicentennial.

1973

The first woman elected president, Ruth D. Mock, served the presidency for the next eight years.

July 17, 1973

On tenth anniversary of Bicentennial, evening devotions and a rededication of "Fountain Park" and it's spring was held in the park with sounds of Scripture and Silent Meditation by Pastor Wm. W. Miller. Titled "This Water --Our Birthright."

"Without this gift there can be no life...keep this birthright sure for generations to come; with Thanksgiving."

1974

Rest rooms built in the Park according to state specifications. Improvements of four thousand, two hundred and fifty nine dollars and sixty two cents (\$4,259.62).

1978

New lighting was installed by Richard C. Bucher as a gift to the Park. Care and attention to the preservation of "The Schaefferstown Water Company, Inc." and "Fountain Park" has required great diligence with the emphasis on historical aspects and attention to purity of water.

Tests were made regularly. Illustrated are several examples of Bacteriologic Water Reports of 1942.

1978

Two extremely large, old trees with much character had to be cut down. Tree work and planting is a never ending endeavor.

1981

To further insure the purity of water, ultra violet ray lights were installed in "Fountain Park." All water passes under these lights. Tests show its is pure of Coliform Organisms. Cost - one thousand, five hundred and thirty seven dollars and eighty five cents (\$1,537.85).

Nitrate level resulting from modern agricultural practices has resulted in higher count than that approved by "Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources." Hopefully, this too will be resolved.

1985

Ultra violet ray light was installed at lower Market Street fountain to further insure purity. Cost - seven hundred and thirty eight dollars and forty cents (\$738.40). All labor: volunteer, for these projects.

"Keepers of the Spring" are: the inhabitants of Market Street, Schaefferstown, Pennsylvania knowing and believing, "Preservationists are citizens of the future, not the past!"

Alexander Schaeffer and his wife, Anna, are both buried in the Schaefferstown, Pennsylvania cemetery. Anna died in 1773 and her husband in 1786.

Services required by "The Schaefferstown Water Company, Inc." and "Fountain Park" to keep it functioning are Amplification and Band Shell, Benches, Buildings, Fireplaces, Fountains and Water Lines, Rest rooms, Lighting, Plantings, Painting, Grounds and Caretaker services, Insurance and Children's Playground Equipment.

Donations can be made and are appreciated to help preserve this memorial of a great heritage.

What constitutes the area of "Public Park" in "Fountain Park" was made possible by the purchase of ground from T. T. Zerbe, M. D. and his wife, Emma E. and J. M. Keath, M. D. and his wife, Ida H. all parties of Schaefferstown, Lebanon County; October 7th, 1892 by the Water Company for three hundred dollars (\$300.00), for one acre and eighty perches of land.

Perches is a term commonly used in early years as a measure of length, equal to a rod. In square measure, a square rod. A rod is defined as a measure in length containing $5\frac{1}{2}$ yards or $16\frac{1}{2}$ feet; a perch.

Witness to payment made by "Water Company" are:

S. Agnes Scott	T. T. Zerbe	Seal
George T. Louser	E. E. Zerbe	Seal
	J. M. Keath	Seal
	Ida H. Keath	Seal

This Indenture includes the statements: To have and to hold the said premises with all and singular the appurtenances for the only proper use, the Water Company, their successors and assigns, Forever In Trust for the same uses and purposes as the said "The Schaefferstown Water Company" now holds the "Fountain Lot" as, trustees or overseers by Alexander Schaeffer and Anna Engle, his wife by Indenture dated July 16 A. D., 1763 recorded in office

of Recorder of Deeds, Lebanon, Pa. by the late George D. Dullabohn in Deed Book F. p. 383 a c and for further uses and purposes of a public park or pleasureground; In Trust for the uses of the inhabitants of Schaefferstown and vicinity, Forever.

Signed George T. Lauser, J.P.
Written by Ruth D. Mock
Edited by Glenn Wolgemuth
and
The Rev. Wm. W. Miller

In behalf of the inhabitants of Market Street, Schaefferstown, Pa.
A request was made to D. L. Backenstose, M.D. born and raised in Schaefferstown to write of the Schaefferstown Bands.

"FOUNTAIN PARK" AND "THE SCHAEFFERTOWN BAND"

Imagine if you will, living without radio, television, and V.C.R. This is the way it was over 100 years ago in the Post-Civil War period of our country.

Maybe it was the war atmosphere, or maybe it was that our ancestors loved music, that aroused interest in a town band. "The Schaefferstown Cornet Band" was organized in 1896, acquiring the instruments of the defunct "Pannebecker Band" of Lancaster County. It was duly incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania, April 22, 1870. The band remained a viable organization until the year 1924.

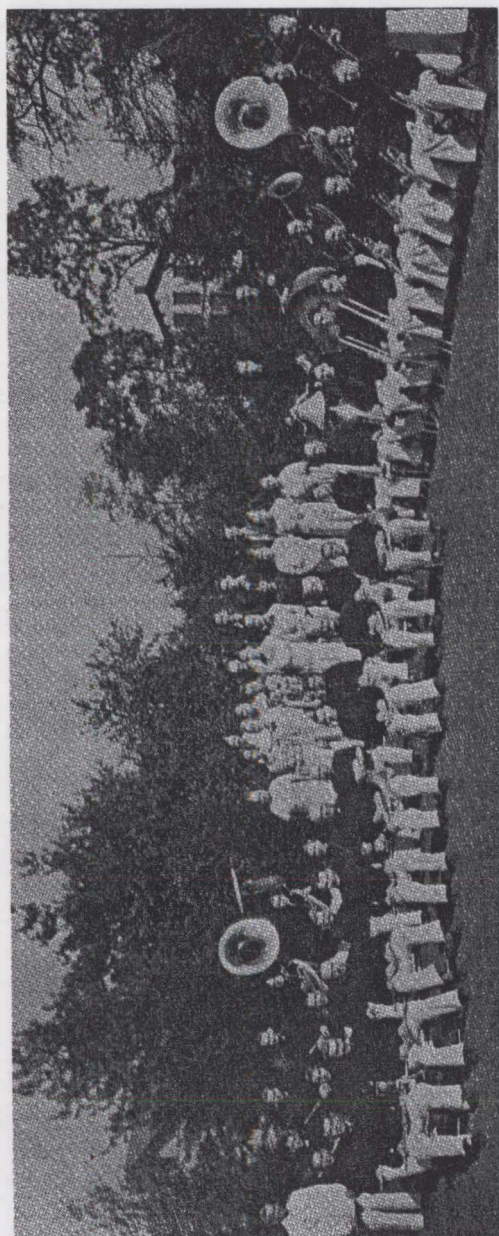
Band music had instant appeal to the residents of Schaefferstown. The parades commemorating Decoration Day (May 30), Independence Day (July 4), and later Armistice Day (November 11) were sparked by the music of the enthusiastic "Silver Cornet Band." The annual county Fireman's Parade always witnessed the "Schaefferstown Fire Company" and the "Silver Cornet Band" marching as a proud unit in competition with other county Fireman organizations.

Probably the most endearing contribution of the band to the community was playing in the "Fountain Park" for various benefits such as Church picnics, band benefits, and Fire Company nights. The "Fountain Park" had a band shell specifically for the purpose of band performances. It also had buildings for serving food and non-alcoholic beverages. Benches were provided for the listening audiences.

These social get-togethers were anticipated with great excitement by the school children and also the adults of the community. At times, for the benefit of the band and the fire company, these events served to raise money for current expenses and acquisition of new equipment.

The band had invitations from adjacent communities to play at picnics and fund raising events. It was known in the locale for its excellent performance and presentation of stirring band music. Many accomplished musicians participated in the 54-55 year history of the Schaefferstown "Silver Cornet Band." Any interested reader should refer to the Schaefferstown Bicentennial Edition 1763-1963 for details of individual band members.

In 1928 the Schaefferstown Band was reorganized with stimulus from the youth of the town. Eventually the band grew to a 45 member unit. It followed the activities of the original band, playing at the Firemen's carnivals, picnics



SCHAEFFERSTOWN CONCERT BAND—1935

First row, left to right—Franklin Zimmerman, Jr., David Beamesderfer, Gerald Jackson, George Mann, Harry Rhoads, Harry Schrader, John Brunner, Hayden Kurtz, Sr., Rudolph Kurtz, Mark Brunner, Roger Ulrich, Walter Steckbeck, George Horst, Warren Hewitt, James Dissinger, Galen Funck, Arthur Strohman. Second row—Jean Albert, Warren Kohl, Irwin Huber, Jefferson Landis, Myles Hanmer, George Netzley, John Reinhold, William Behney, Bill Hardy, George Boltz, John Backenstose, George Wike, Harold Bollinger, Victor Hensel. Third row—Henry Swanger, Carlos Parson, Ralph Miller, Nathan Miller, Carl Albert, Jacob Boltz, Director.

CHORUS

First row, left to right—Mabel Boltz, Myrtle Keener, Mary Strickler, Mabel Zerbe, Miriam Mock Miller, Mary Louise Horst Keller, Anna Miller, Verna Horst, Edith Zehring, Florence Hewitt. Second row—Laura Keener, May Wike Spiller, Leon Keener, Theodore Kreiger, Chester Corl, John Hickernell.

and of course parades in town and neighboring communities. It disbanded in 1941.

Written by

D. L. Backenstose, M.D.

Son of the late John Backenstose, former Postmaster of Schaefferstown, Pa., both of whom played in the Schaefferstown Bands.

Names have been used in this history in memory of those who participated in the life of "The Schaefferstown Water Company, Inc. and "Fountain Park" for us, who remember them, and for those who are yet living, to know that their efforts were recorded and are remembered in gratitude.

Vesper services are held in "Fountain Park" Sunday evenings of July. Beginning in 1938 and continuing, they are sponsored by the churches of the community and following a service out in the open under the trees with the birds filling in for the choir, the good women of the community serve a light refreshment afterwards.

It is a wonderful way to end a Sunday. For the past several years, on the final Sunday the "Rehrrsburg Band" has presented a beautiful concert.

All welcome!

We are all proud to have helped to have this book, "The History of Schaefferstown Water Co., Inc" published.

Glenn Wolgemuth
President

PAST PRESIDENTS

George Renner	1845
Jonathan Zerbe	1846
Henry Iba	1847
William Bair	1848
W. M. Weigley	1850
William Bair	1851
Leonard K. Seltzer	1852
Tobias Fensler	1853
Tobias Fensler	1854
William Bair	1855
Peter Zimmerman	1856
Peter Zimmerman	1857
Peter Zimmerman	1858
B. G. Dissinger	1859
B. G. Dissinger	1860
B. G. Dissinger	1861
Alexander Steinmetz	1862
Michael Keath	1863
Henry B. Iba	1864
Jonathan Zerbe	1865
Christian Miller	1866
Christian Miller	1867
Christian Miller	1868
Christian Miller	1869

Christian Miller	1870
John Stahley	1871
John Stahley	1872
John Stahley	1873
John Stahley	1874
John Stahley	1875
Thomas Bender	1876
Thomas Bender	1877
Thomas Bender	1878
Michael Ream	1879
Michael Ream	1880
John H. Miller	1881
John H. Miller	1882
John H. Miller	1883
John H. Miller	1884
John H. Miller	1885
A special meeting was held to elect a President due to the death of John H. Miller. E. S. Fetter was elected to fill the balance of John H. Miller's term.	
E. S. Fetter	1885
E. S. Fetter	1886
E. S. Fetter	1887
Thomas J. Shaeffer	1888
John L. Graybill	1889

John L. Graybill	1890
John G. Kaufman	1891
A special meeting was held to elect a President due to the death of John G. Kaufman.	
J. W. Keath	1892
J. W. Keath	1893
J. W. Keath	1894
J. W. Keath	1895
J. W. Keath	1896
J. W. Keath	1897
Fred Carpenter	1898
Fred Carpenter	1899
Fred Carpenter	1900
Fred Carpenter	1901
Fred Carpenter	1902
John S. Fetter	1903
John S. Fetter	1904
John S. Fetter	1905
John S. Fetter	1906
John S. Fetter	1907
John S. Fetter	1908
John S. Fetter	1909
John S. Fetter	1910
John S. Fetter	1911
John S. Fetter	1912
John S. Fetter	1913
John S. Fetter	1914
John S. Fetter	1915
John S. Fetter	1916
John S. Fetter	1917
John S. Fetter	1918
John S. Fetter	1919
John S. Fetter	1920
John S. Fetter	1921
John S. Fetter	1922
John S. Fetter	1923
John S. Fetter	1924
John S. Fetter	1925
C. J. Hickernell	1926
C. J. Hickernell	1927
C. J. Hickernell	1928
C. J. Hickernell	1929
C. J. Hickernell	1930
C. J. Hickernell	1931
C. J. Hickernell	1932
C. J. Hickernell	1933
H. C. Moyer	1934
H. C. Moyer	1935
H. C. Moyer	1936
H. C. Moyer	1937
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H. C. Moyer	1940

H. C. Moyer	1941
H. C. Moyer	1942
H. C. Moyer	1943
H. C. Moyer	1944
H. C. Moyer	1945
H. C. Moyer	1946
H. C. Moyer	1947
H. C. Moyer	1948
H. C. Moyer	1949
H. C. Moyer	1950
Charles L. Zerbe	1951
Charles L. Zerbe	1952
Charles L. Zerbe	1953
Harvey Barton	1954
Harry Hewitt	1955
Harry Hewitt	1956
Jacob Boltz	1957
Jacob Boltz	1958
Jacob Boltz	1959
Jacob Boltz	1960
Jacob Boltz	1961
Jacob Boltz	1962
Jacob Boltz	1963
Paul Double	1964
Paul Double	1965
Harry Hewitt	1966
Harry Hewitt	1967
Harry Hewitt	1968
Harry Hewitt	1969
Ray Horst	1970
Ray Horst	1971
Ray Horst	1972
Ruth D. Mock	1973
Ruth D. Mock	1974
Ruth D. Mock	1975
Ruth D. Mock	1976
Ruth D. Mock	1977
Ruth D. Mock	1978
Ruth D. Mock	1979
Ruth D. Mock	1980
John Enck	1981
Glenn Wolgemuth	1982
Glenn Wolgemuth	1983
Glenn Wolgemuth	1984
Glenn Wolgemuth	1985
Glenn Wolgemuth	1986

From 1845 - 1986 39 presidents have served "The Schaefferstown Water Co., Inc." Prior to this time was all volunteer.



Replica of original wooden troughs.