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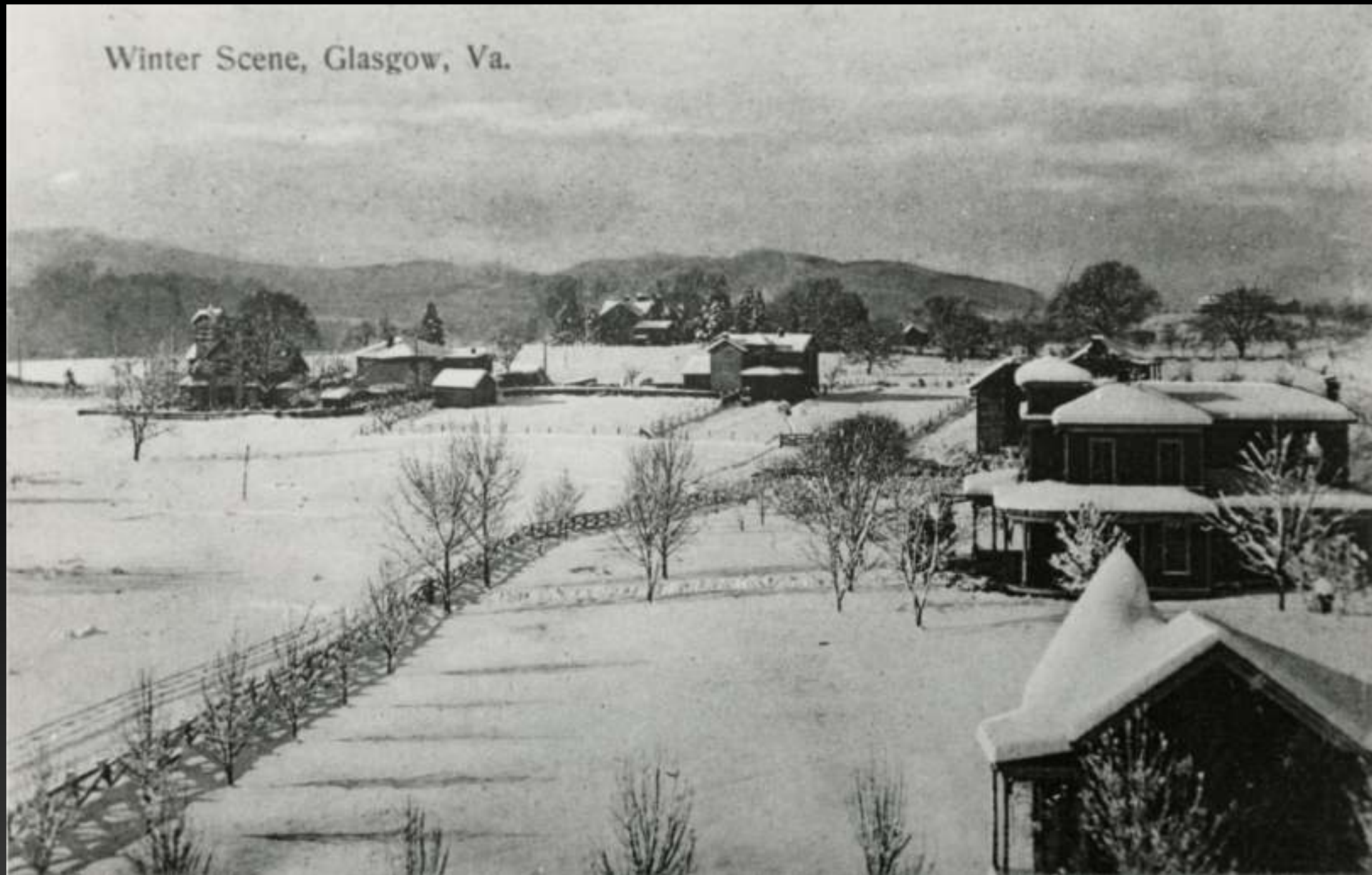
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Winter Scene, Glasgow, Va.





Ice on James River, Glasgow, Va. Feb 10th, 1918.





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GLASGOW CITY.

SKETCH OF VIRGINIA'S LATEST INDUSTRIAL TRIUMPH.

1 LOCATION DESCRIBED BY NATURAL

Advantages—The Rockbridge Company's Property—Developments—Industry—A Welcome to Capital and Labor.

Mr. James A. Pugh, the able and cultured editor of the *Roanoke Herald*, visited Glasgow the latter part of March last, and as a result of his observations the interesting article which appeared in his paper March 25th, as an editorial correspondence. It speaks for itself.

The great majority of the people of America are absolutely ignorant of the grand and magnificent possibilities of the future of Virginia. They know, perhaps, that there is on the State that George Washington, Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson were Virginians, and that the late war was brought to a close by the surrender of Lee, the great confederate chieftain, to Grant, the great silent commander of the Union forces at Appomattox, in Virginia; but that it is the richest in iron, coal, stone, zinc, mica, asbestos, lead, tin, glass sand, fire and terra cotta, clays, timber, and numerous other sources of wealth, of all the States of the forty-two that compose the United States of America, they

Glasgow possesses all of these to an extent and value not surpassed in Virginia or the South. When the proposition to found a city at that point was submitted to capitalists throughout the country, they selected Prof. Proctor, of Kentucky, to thoroughly investigate its advantages and resources. He did so, and the result may be seen in the accompanying paragraphs.

ROCKBRIDGE COMPANY'S PROPERTY.

On the east side of North river, and of the Lexington branch of the Richmond and Allegheny division of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroads, is a boundary of 1,100 acres of land, in which are deposits of brown and red hematite iron ores, which analyze from 50 to 55 per cent. Of this ore 20 tons per day are shipped to the furnace at Roanoke, above Lynchburg, where practical tests have shown that it can be worked as easily and profitably as any ore produced in the South. Thirty or forty acres of this tract have set aside to be used in sites for furnaces, and sufficient money has been raised to construct two furnaces, of 100 tons each, to utilize these ores. From the mines to the furnaces there is an easy down grade, and it is the only plant in the South, if not, in fact, the only one anywhere, in which the manager may witness the product from the mines to the furnace, and from the furnace to the point of shipment without leaving his office door. Prof. Proctor and Campbell and other eminent geologists and mining engineers, who have backed their judgment with their money, express the opinion that the output of iron from this tract will be sufficient to run two or

three and building materials of every description. Only new machinery will be used, and the enterprise is backed by a cash capital of \$20,000.

The machinery for a large planing mill is on the ground.

Bids are being received for the building of two 100-ton iron furnaces on the 1,100 acre tract.

Propositions for the establishment of rolling mills, flaring mills, terra cotta works, cement mills, glass works, wooden mills, stone works, foundries and agricultural implement factories have been received and are being considered by the company.

Woolly shoe manufacturers of Lynn, Mass., who are large stockholders in the Rockbridge company, have decided to establish a large shoe factory at Glasgow.

The Shenandoah Valley Railroad company will erect handsome freight and passenger depots in the early future.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad company will follow suit on the James river and North river branches of their line as soon as the most eligible locations can be ascertained.

THE COMPANY'S DEVELOPMENTS.

A large force of men, which is being increased as rapidly as laborers can be secured from various sections of the country, is at work in grading streets, which will be paved with semi-sandstone, found on the property in great abundance. This will be crushed, and when placed on the streets soon forms a cement, impervious to water and free from the disagreeable rattling incident to travel-

This line will shorten the distance between Pittsburg and Atlanta over 270 miles, as compared with the shortest existing route, and much of Glasgow it develops a section of country heretofore inaccessible by the markets of the world, and which, almost beyond calculation, in minerals, timbers and stone. Another advantage is that it does not come in competition with any other road, and these two are regarded as simply sufficient to secure its construction. Glasgow controls the great water gap through which all roads projected from the east and the south must run, and in this "command of the situation" it possesses advantages which other localities cannot hope to acquire.

A FINE RESIDENCE SECTION.

Glasgow has every essential advantage as a place of residence, being sufficiently elevated above sea level to secure a pure atmosphere, while the abundant supply of crystal water is unobscured by any other section. Added to these may be mentioned an important advantage in protection from winter storms by high mountains, and breezes in the summer months.

Ex-Gov. Fitzhugh Lee is arranging to erect a handsome villa on one of the many beautiful sites overlooking the business portion of the town, and Prof. Proctor, who has so thoroughly investigated the resources and advantages of the place, and attested his faith in its future by the outlay of more money in lots than any other one man, will also erect a handsome residence near Gov. Lee's.

The streets have a width of sixty and seventy feet, and the Rockbridge road, heretofore mentioned, which

HERE AND THERE.

CONDENSED ITEMS FROM THE REPORTER'S NOTE-BOOK.

RESERVATIONS MADE "ON THE FLY."

What the Real Estate Men Are Doing—Some Prominent Appraisals—Condition of Business—Fair Visitation to the New City.

A good barber could hold up a large trade here.

Visitors can find ample accommodations here now.

The Blue Ridge back of Glasgow will be in operation soon.

Editor Copeland, of the *Danville Register*, was here Thursday last.

Glasgow's substantial building boom speaks for the city's near future.

A first-class laundry on a small scale to begin with could be made to pay here.

The west Glasgow Land company has placed a number of its lots on the market.

Since the good weather has set in business here shows a decided improvement.

Glasgow's success was assured beyond any doubt, that the enterprise was on top and in the lead.

Steady, industrious laborers, carpenters, painters, etc., can find employment here at good wages.

The Glasgow Real Estate exchange, the object of which is to regulate the real estate and stock business here, is one of the first tiers of the plans.

The Rockbridge company are moving to secure a Western Union Telegraph office to be located at some central point in Glasgow and the outlook for the convenience is promising.

Stock in the Rockbridge company took a bulge last week and is now selling and in demand at \$100 per value. The success of Glasgow is already being established. It is reasonable to expect that this stock will keep pace with other values as they advance.

Gov. Lee returned to Lexington Monday morning on the early B. & O. express from a business trip to New York in the interest of Glasgow and while he would not give expression to what the definite object of that trip was, or with what success it met with, yet his manner spoke louder than words.

Build the Depot.

The C. & O. and S. V. railroad officials three months or more ago came here by appointment and met President Lee for the special purpose of selecting sites for their passenger and freight depots, two on the first named line and one on the S. V. R. R.

Sites were selected and the railroad officials promised to build the depots as soon as the plans could be gotten up, lumber bills made out and the material placed on the grounds.

There seems to be an unnecessary delay in the important matter.

TOWN TOPICS.

GLASGOW'S LOCAL BUDGET NEWS FOR LAST WEEK.

WHAT THE RESIDENTS OF THE

City Are Doing—Rapid Progress—Building the East Two Week—The Advances in Real Estate Values.

Railroad Matters.

Ex-Governor Fitzhugh Lee some time ago the promise of Chesapeake and Ohio and Shenandoah Valley railroad officials to passenger and freight depot the grounds and the locations elected by representatives of railroads and the Rockbridge company.

The C. & O. will build a depot Echald's Ferry, where a substa bridge will span North river, another depot on the main line of three quarters of a mile west of easy Falls. The S. V. R. R. build near the Blue Ridge road south of the present side-tracks.

These buildings it is hoped will put up early in June.

Express matters for Glasgow should be addressed to Balcory until an office is established here rather the two offices, one by United States Express company the other by the Adams Express company.

An evidence of a town's growth



Map of
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ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY

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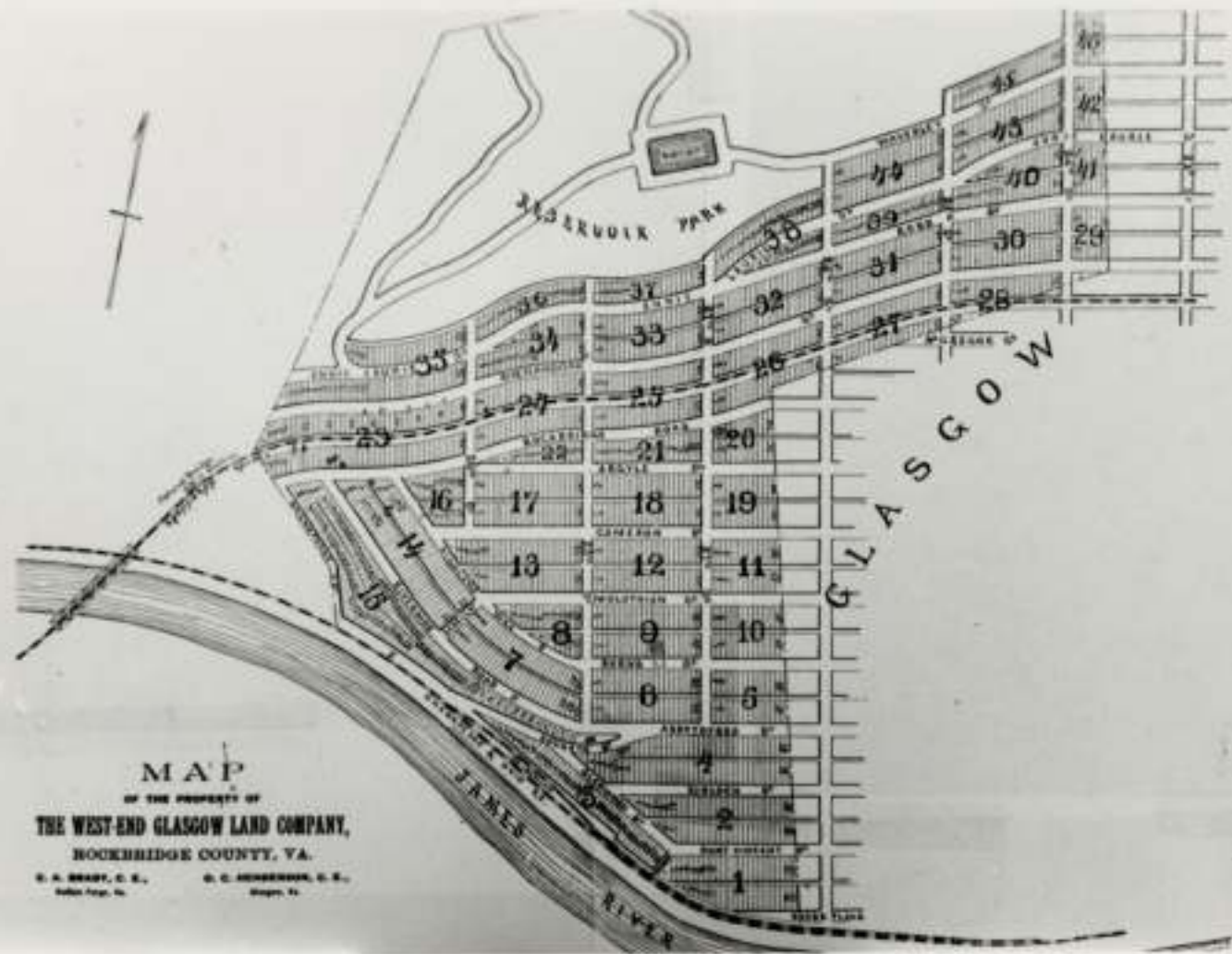
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GLASGOW, :: VIRGINIA.

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The hotel was built on the site of the old hotel, and is one of the most beautiful and interesting of its kind in the world.

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WALTER H. ROBERTSON, Auctioneer, Glasgow, Va.
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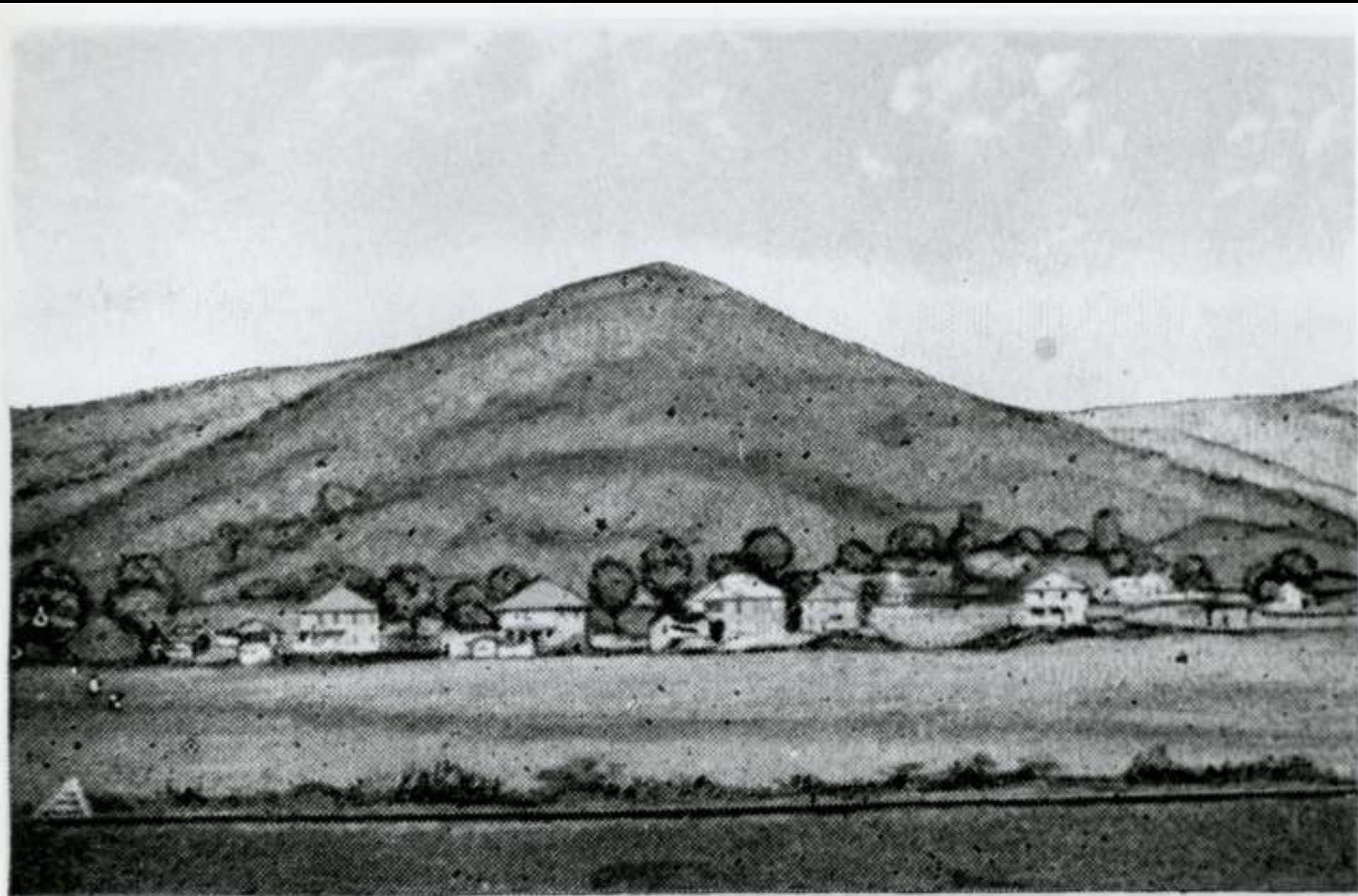


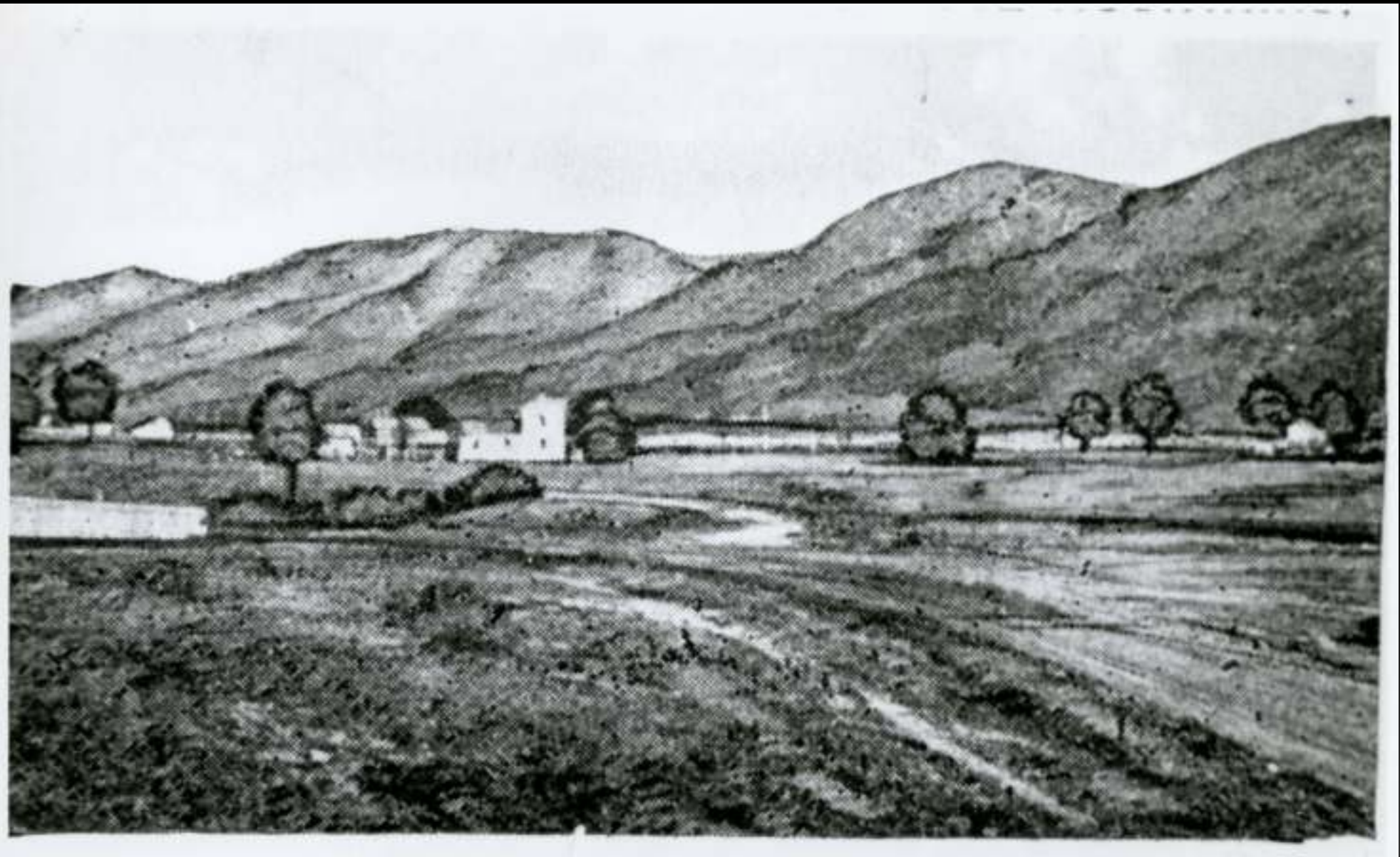




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North River and Blue Ridge Mountains,
Glasgow, Va.



James River & Blue Ridge Mountains, Glasgow, Va.

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THE COURAGE OF FRANK PADGET

Heavy rains early in 1854 left the James River and the treacherous Balcony Falls in full flood. On 21 January the towrope of the canal boat, *Clinton*, snapped. Washed over the Mountain Dam and through successive falls, its passengers became stranded in the raging waters. Braving the dangerous river, Frank Padget, an enslaved boatman, skillfully led a crew of five rescuers who successfully saved dozens of the stranded passengers. While he was attempting to rescue the last passenger, Padget's craft was broken on the rocks. Unable to fight the rushing current, Padget drowned.













PACKET BOAT "MARSHALL"





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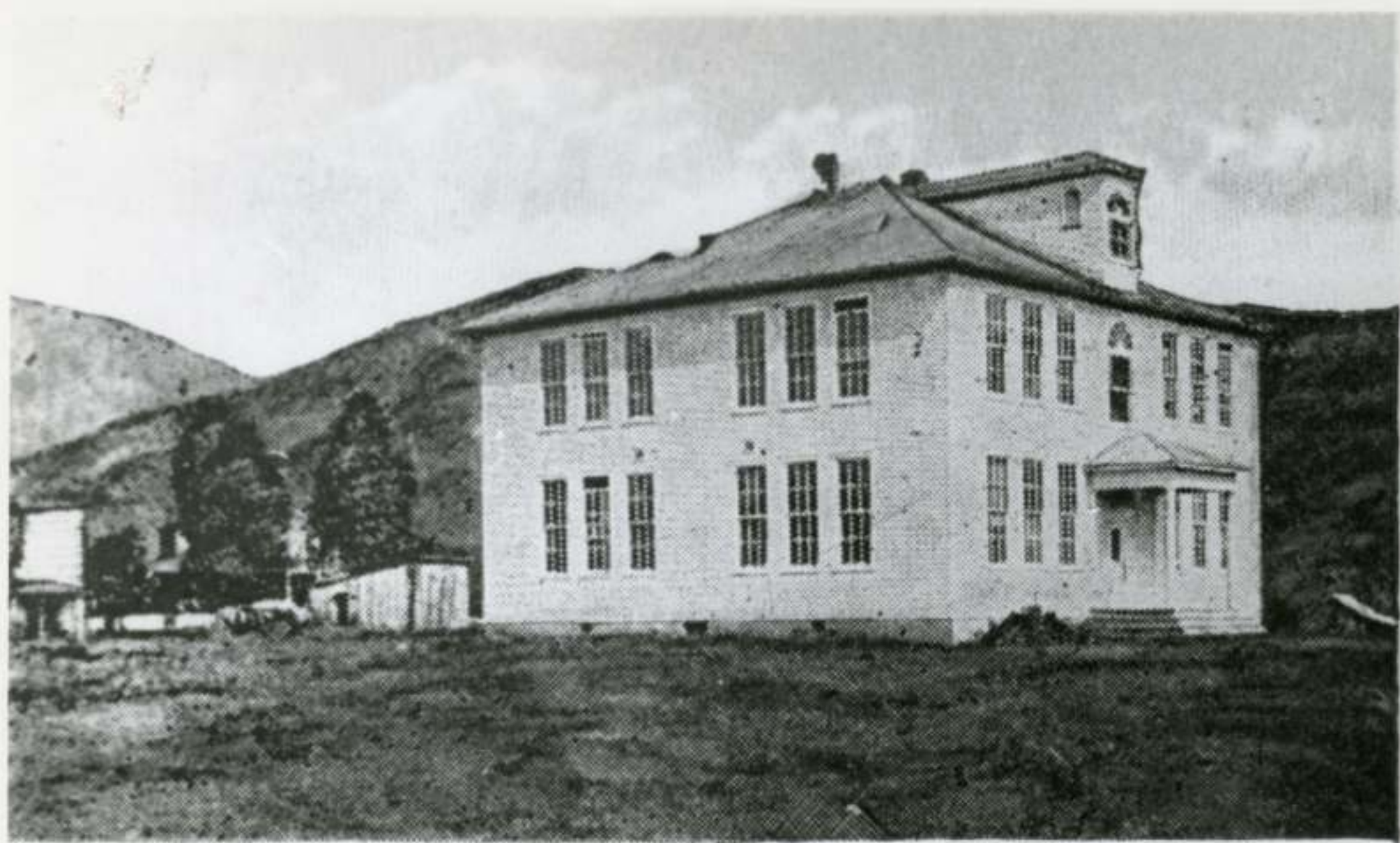






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Dinner at 1

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Rev. T. H. Nae, 25
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Come and hear it

The League Meets
Every Friday and
Third Mon. Nights
at the School Build-
ing.



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Lylburn Downing School

Lylburn Downing School opened here in 1927 after the Home and School League, an organization of local Black parents and citizens, campaigned for equitable schools. Built with financial support from the Black community, Rockbridge County, and the Rosenwald Fund, the countywide school first served grades 1-9 and expanded to include a high school in the 1940s. Desegregation closed the original edifice in 1965, but the newer buildings became Lexington's middle school. Lylburn Downing (1862-1937) was born enslaved in Lexington, attended Lincoln University, and was pastor of Roanoke's Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church for more than 40 years. He was a long-time advocate for African American education.

Department of Historic Resources, 2021









LYLBURN DOWNLING GIRLS' TEAM—Members of the Trojanette squad are, from left to right, Curtissa Coffield, Carolyn Poindexter, Emily Moore, Madelyn Mays, Karen Poindexter, Linda

Mackey, Addie Hall, Sharon Henderson, Linda Thompson, Elissa Poindexter (captain), and Myra Strauge (co-captain).—staff photo by Dedrick

Girls



Basketball







Girls' Basketball Team 1946-47

First Row (left to right): Joan Lorch, Mildred Clayton, Lucille Ferguson, Virginia Curtis, Carol Ingers, Elizabeth McManamy, Marion Thompson, Maxine Watts, Betty Campbell, and Mildred Thompson.

Second Row: Coach Virginia Tapp, Gabe Lorch, Ruby Laffan, Loretta Dudley, Betty Farmer, Joan Thompson, Phyllis Hallinan, Audrey Blackburn, and Winifred Mary Moore.

MUNDY – TRIPLE IMAGE?? WITH 1962 TROPHY??





Boosting School Spirit



NATURAL BRIDGE cheerleaders line up for a cheer at a recent basketball game. From left to right, Bridget Thompson, Doris Mitchell, Margie

Watts, Pam Nixon, Susun Ward, Sheila Clarke, Sedona Adams and, kneeling, Rita Hubbard, head cheerleader. staff photo by Dedrick



Schoolgirls ... at Natural Bridge High

Items assembled here are drawn from a large bequest donated in 2020 consisting of memorabilia, yearbooks, and photos representing decades of student life at the former Natural Bridge High School.

These items center on the 'Lady Rocketers' athletic teams & competitions. Prizes - and printed teamsters - from the 1940s, 1960s, and 1980s. In other photos, early iterations of Natural Bridge's elementary and high schools. Backbridge and Lexington High Schools consolidated in 1992.

What stories could your own shared memories or school's archives offer to accounts of local history, wherever you grew up?





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School Vote Scheduled Tuesday

Area Voters To Settle School Issue

By DARRYL WOODSON

It is once again decision time in Rockbridge County.

Several years of discussions, negotiations, politicking and heated arguments — all part of the 1980s school consolidation debate — will come down to next Tuesday's referendum.

County voters will be asked whether or not they want the county to issue up to \$13.2 million in gen-

County, City Near H.S. Agreement

City Would Pay 20 Percent Of Building Costs, County Would Run School

By DARRYL WOODSON

Rockbridge County and Lexington leaders this week are within one paragraph of reaching an agreement on high school consolidation.

The agreement, if the differences in that one paragraph are worked out, would commit the city to paying 20

percent of the cost of the agreement states.

The agreement would also become a moot issue if the city and county eventually reach an agreement on total school system consolidation. The arrangements for construction and operation of the high school would be included in the school system merger plan.

School Plan On Ballot In Spirit

Question: Shall Rockbridge County be allowed to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed THIRTEEN MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$13,200,000), the proceeds of which are to be used for school purposes and to contract a debt therefore?

By DARRYL WOODSON

When Rockbridge County voters go to the polls next week, the phrase "consolidated high school" will not be on the ballot.

But — because of actions and comments by county leaders and this week's city-county "near" agreement — it will be there in spirit.

That the ballot mentions only "for school purposes" and does not specify that the money will be used for the new consolidated high school has caused concern among some people. They are concerned

the traditional way such bond referendums are written and the way prescribed by state statute.

Charles Trimble, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, said last week that he feels confident bonds, if approved, would be used only for the consolidated high school. He noted that four of the supervisors said at the public hearing on the referendum in February that if the bonds pass in the referendum, they would vote to issue the bonds for the purpose of building the new school. He also noted the resolution asking for the referendum stated



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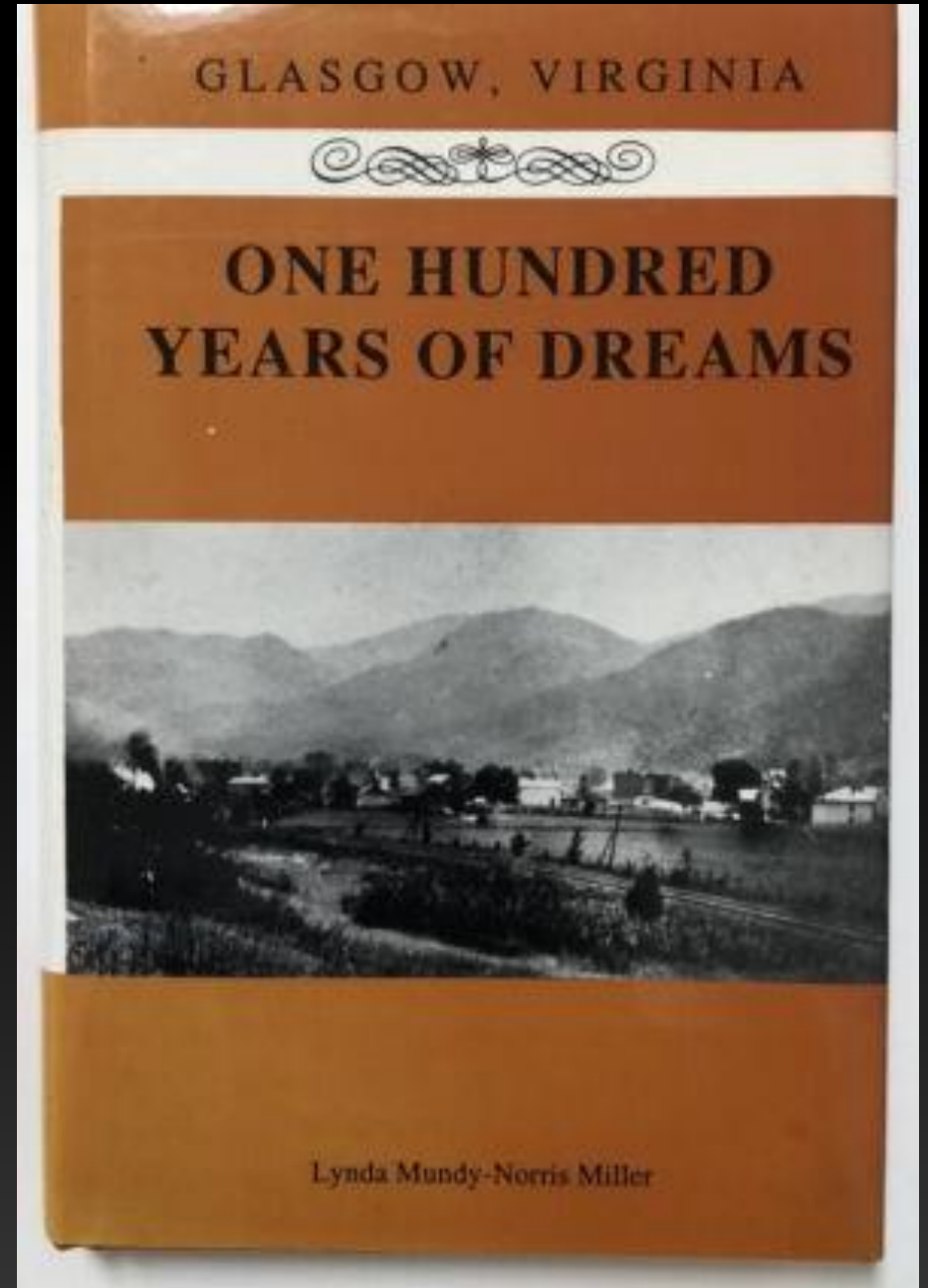
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| #1 - Colteny Lowey | #2 - Buddy Downey | #3 - Osker Skuffa |
| #4 - Harvey Wood | #5 - Joe Entsminger | #6 - Red Watts |
| #7 - Bob Painter | #8 - Bill Missimer | #9 - Steve Bellard |
| #10 - Claude Siple | #11 - Paul Siple | #12 - Billy Roberson |
| #13 - John Cash | #14 - Red A. Cash | #15 - Wootsie Glenn |
| #16 - Stuart O'Connell | #17 - Jimmy Spangler | |



BIG ISLAND 2-B TEAM
BIG ISLAND, VA
JUNE 1946

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| #1 Tom Crotch - University of Richmond | #9 Neal Clark - University of Richmond |
| #2 D. Johnson - " - " - " | #10 Tom Feeley - Bedford (Amateur) |
| #3 Dick Carrington - " - " - " - " | #11 Caselt Bellard - Bedford |
| #4 Al McCaskey - Lynchburg | #12 G. Anthony - Bedford (C) |
| #5 Dave Miller - University of Richmond | #13 Harry Downey - Big Island |
| #6 Tally Funder - Lynchburg | #14 W. O. M. M. M. - off the mound |
| #7 Caspy Crotch - University of Richmond | #15 Ed O. O. - off the mound |
| #8 Harry Beville - Brewster | |











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COAL DISCOVERED

John Peter Salley (Salling) and companions discovered coal near here in 1742 on their exploring trip from the Greenbrier River. They followed the Coal River to its junction with The Great Kanawha River at St. Albans.

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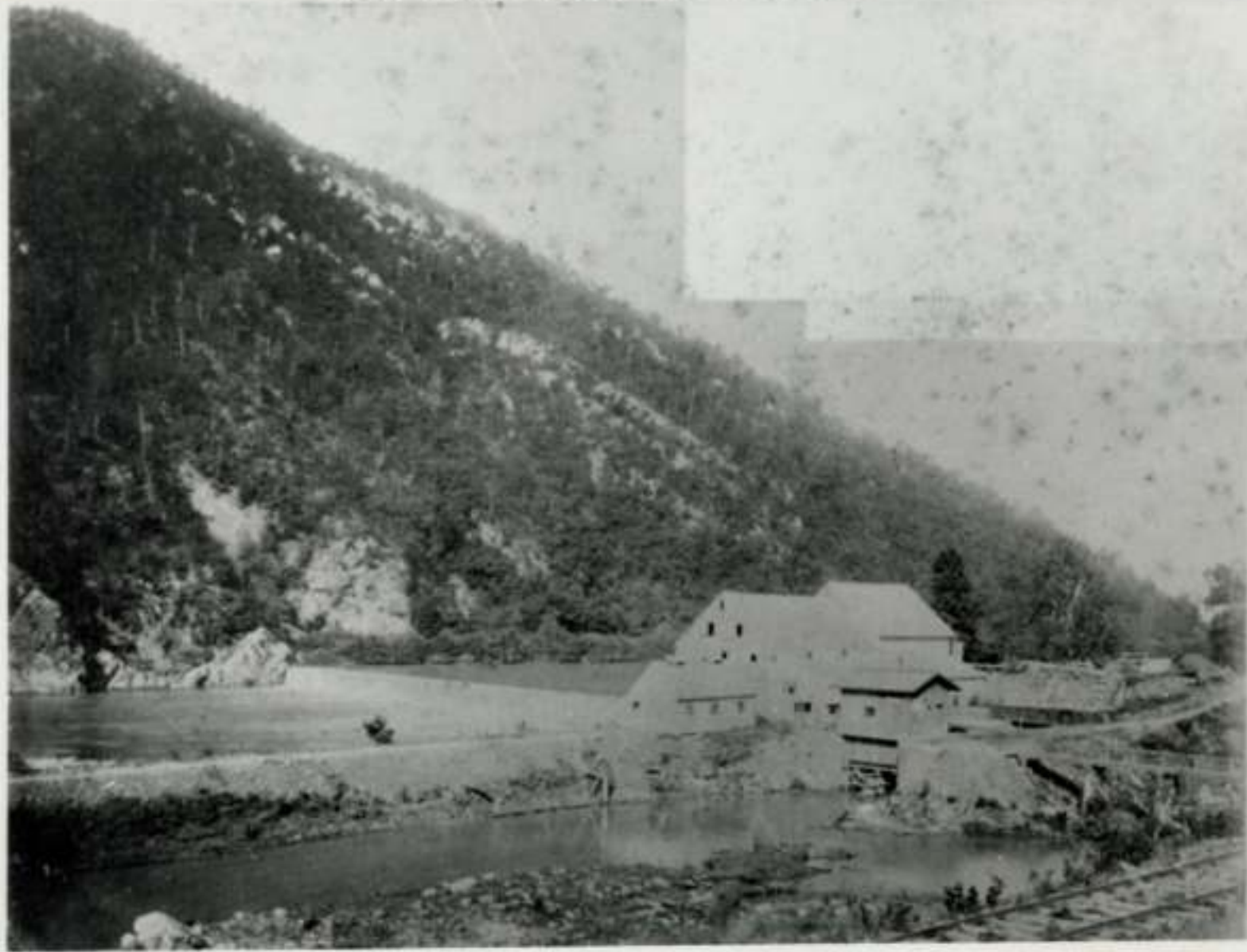


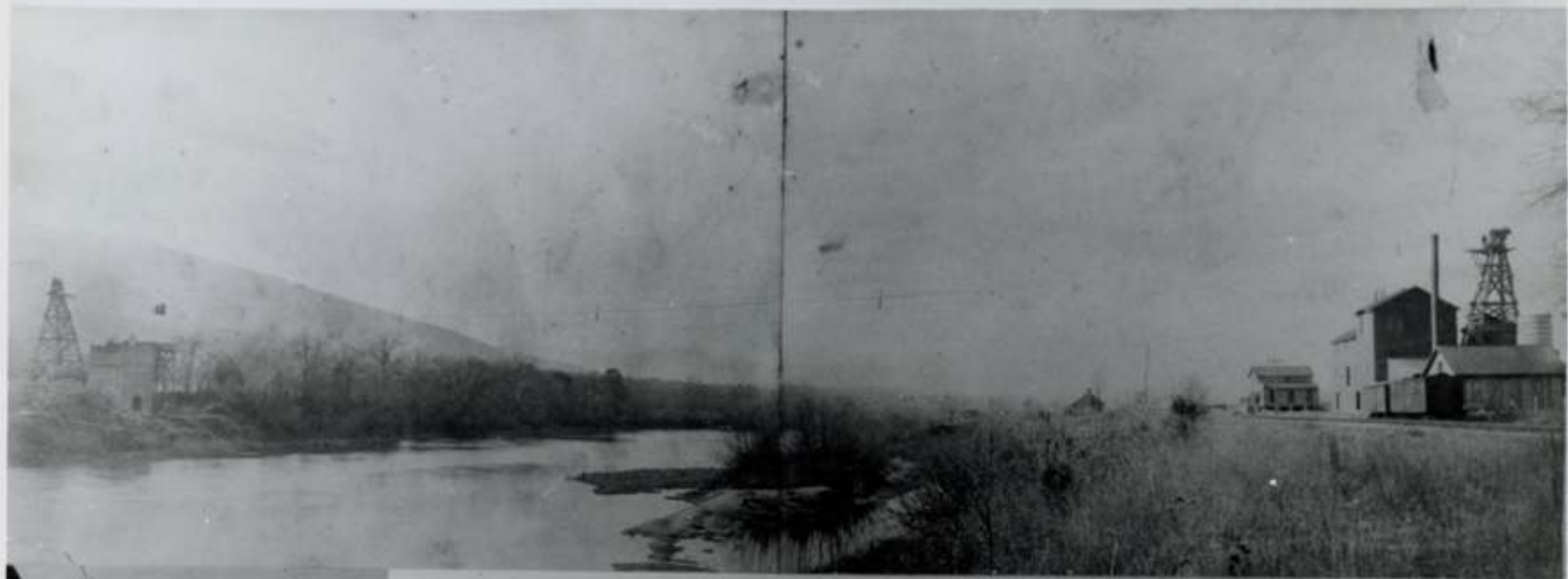


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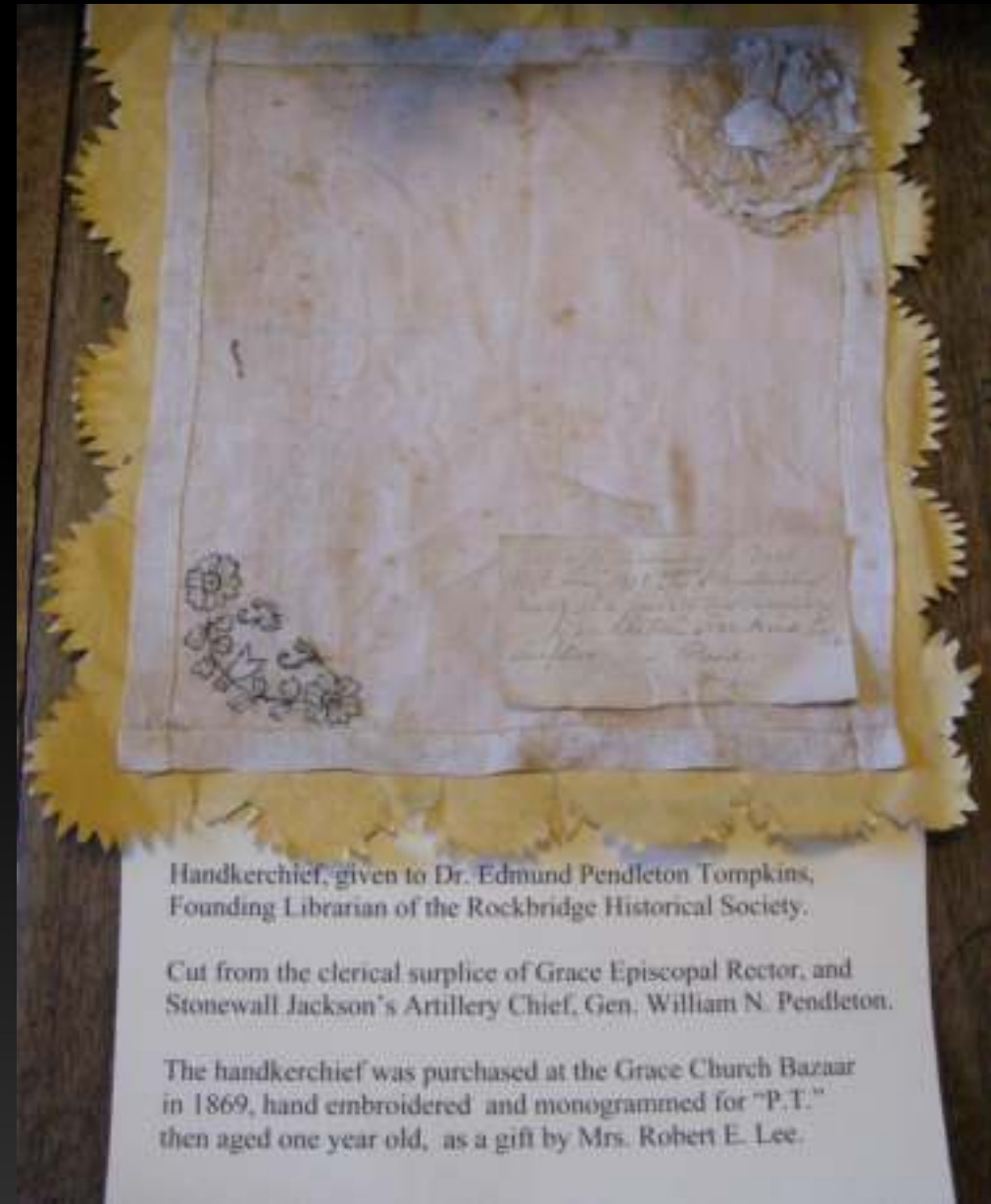
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Legacies of Dr. Edmund Pendleton Tompkins: Founding Librarian of RHS

**Artifacts from Dr. Tompkins' Collections
Donated to RHS, featured with family here, at
RHS 75th Anniversary Gala (2014)**



Handkerchief, given to Dr. Edmund Pendleton Tompkins,
Founding Librarian of the Rockbridge Historical Society.

Cut from the clerical surplice of Grace Episcopal Rector, and
Stonewall Jackson's Artillery Chief, Gen. William N. Pendleton.

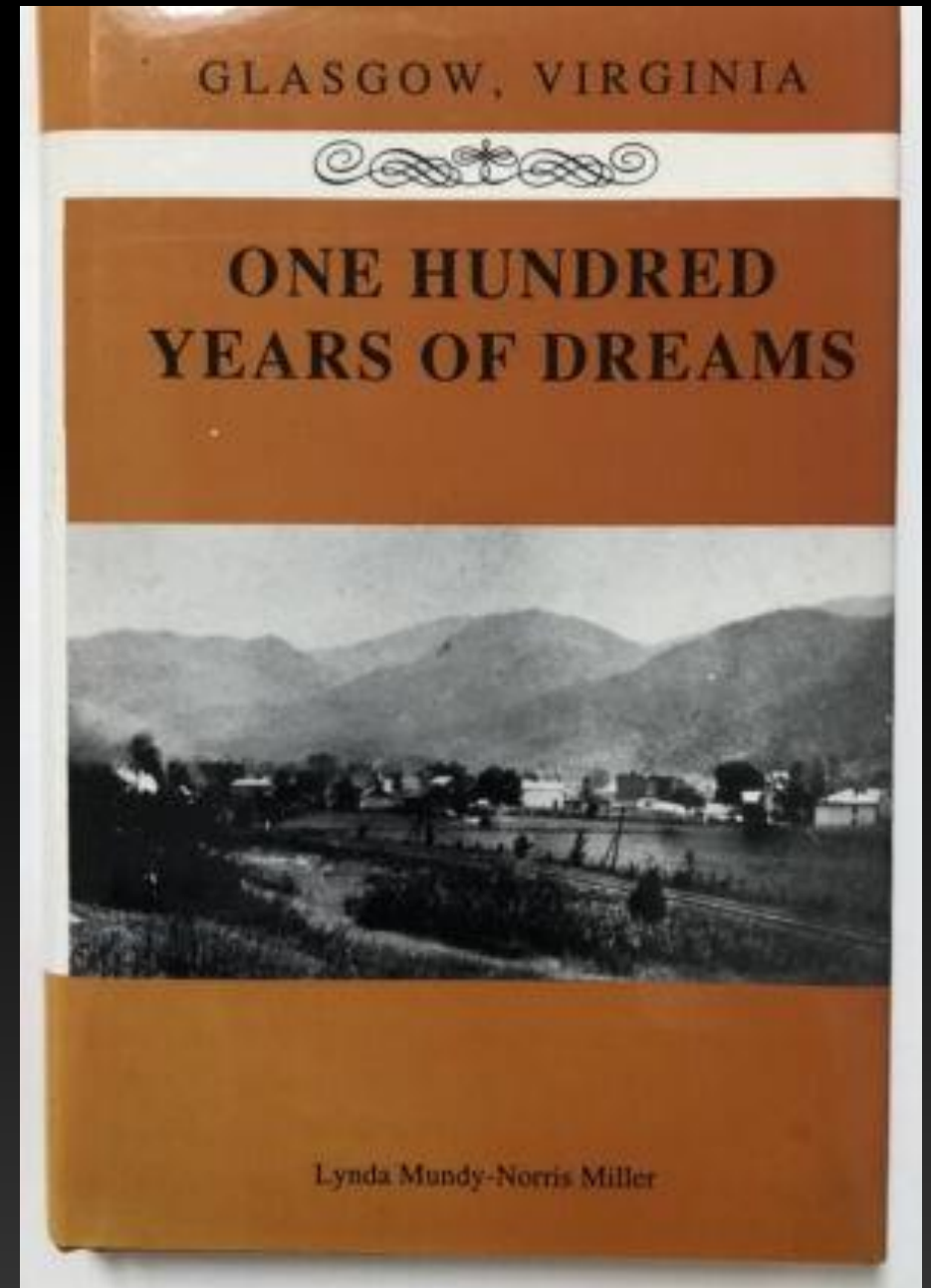
The handkerchief was purchased at the Grace Church Bazaar
in 1869, hand embroidered and monogrammed for "P.T."
then aged one year old, as a gift by Mrs. Robert E. Lee.



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