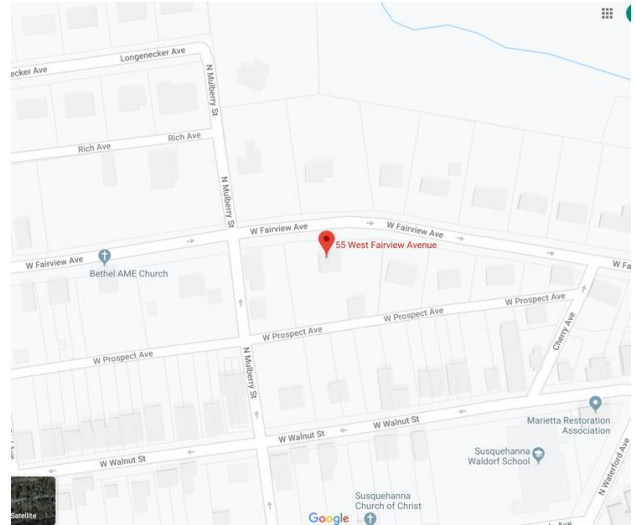


### **Barr Spangler Residence: 55 Fairview Avenue; Marietta, Pennsylvania**



#### **Abstract:**

Barr Spangler was the oldest active bank president in the U. S. when he died at age 100 in 1922. He directed the First National Bank of Marietta (1863) for 59 years. He served as Treasurer of the Pennsylvania State Temperance Union. He was a delegate to the State Prohibition Convention in 1887 and twice the candidate for Pennsylvania state auditor general for the Prohibition Party. In 1885, Spangler was the Prohibition candidate for State Treasurer of Pennsylvania. He was a leader in the Marietta First Methodist Episcopal Church. At age fourteen he worked as a clerk in a dry goods store and eventually buying the business joined by his elder brother William, his son Charles, and a nephew, J. Barr. In 1853, he moved his store and residence to 36 West Market Street where the family business continued until 1979. On Fairview Avenue, he built Cottage Place in 1861 expanding it in 1871 into the Early Dawn mansion. It remained in the Spangler family until 1956 when the current owners, the Baker family, named it Old Hickories.

#### **Prologue**

This is one report in a collection of eight reports about historically significant properties in Marietta, Pennsylvania a National Historic District. These reports focus on five prominent families who contributed to the establishment and building of Marietta in the nineteenth century.

The Clark, Mehaffey, Cassel, Spangler, and Rich families feature in this series of reports. The Clark/Mehaffey property is located in former Irishtown. Four Cassel family properties are located in former Moravian Town. Three Spangler (two Spangler & one Rich) properties are located on Fairview Avenue in former Waterford.

The industries and businesses associated with these families and properties are agriculture, lumber, coal, iron, transportation, and retail/distribution of

related products. The Rich family is associated with the insurance industry and all the families in this study were involved with local banking enterprises.

Members of these families, representing these industries, associated with these properties, served in local Marietta Borough public service positions and elected to the state and/or federal legislatures, while others were appointed U. S. Ambassadors. Many held state and national leadership positions in the Whig, Republican, and Prohibition political parties.

In 2014, Arcadia Publishing (Charleston, South Carolina) published a book entitled, Elizabethtown College as part of their *Campus History Series: Images of America*, authored by Jean-Paul Benowitz, who teaches History at Elizabethtown College. In 2015, Arcadia Publishing

asked Jean-Paul to write a history of Elizabethtown Borough, published under the title, Elizabethtown: Images of America. In the fall semester of 2016 Elizabethtown College began offering an Honors First Year Seminar, taught by Jean-Paul, called “Landmarks and Legends: Learning Local History.” In the spring semester of 2017 Elizabethtown College began offering an Honors research methods course, taught by Jean-Paul called, “Elizabethtown History: Campus and Community.” These courses helped Elizabethtown College secure a Mellon Grant, in 2018, called “Confronting Challenges with Confidence: Humanities for Our World Today.” Jean-Paul’s courses were supported by this grant as part of the “Development and Delivery of Global and Regional Heritage Studies Courses/Experiences.” The Mellon Grant and these local history courses led to the creation in 2019 of a Certificate in Public Heritage Studies for History majors at Elizabethtown College. These courses are based, in part, on The National Collegiate Honors Council program called “Partners in the Parks.” This is an outdoor experiential learning program offered through a collaboration between NCHC and the National Park Service. NCHC also offers programming called “Place As Text” where students immerse themselves in the local community exploring the culture and geography of the local neighborhood. Students are challenged to be sensitive and reflect about the human experience in the local built environment.

In the spring of 2016 the course, “Elizabethtown History: Campus and Community,” involved a partnership with the Lancaster Preservation Trust and Elizabethtown Borough. Students conducted archival and field research in an effort to prevent the historically significant Moose Lodge building in Elizabethtown from being razed. This successful historic preservation project attracted the attention of the Architectural Historian for Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Engineering District 8.

In the spring of 2017 the course, “Elizabethtown History: Campus and Community,” involved a partnership with PennDOT. Students engaged in archival and field research to conduct National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 Reviews of local historic properties. Student research findings were published through the digital humanities project: ArcGIS story maps. Students’ reports were used by PennDOT, Elizabethtown

Borough, and the federal Department of Transportation regarding historic preservation initiatives and public works projects concerning rebuilding the Market Street Bridge.



Corner of East Market & North New Haven Streets  
Marietta, Pennsylvania

In the spring semester 2019, the course, “Elizabethtown History: Campus and Community,” involved a partnership with RiverStewards, Inc. The students conducted NHPA Section 106 Reviews of historically significant properties in the Marietta Historic District(s) and the Chickies Historic District. The students published their findings online through an ArcGIS map. The students presented their findings at Scholarship and Creative Arts Day (SCAD) at Elizabethtown College on Tuesday 16 April 2019 and at Marietta Day on Saturday 11 May 2019 in Marietta. One of the students in the class, Kyle C. Cappucci, expanded the project for a Summer Scholarship, Creative Arts, and Research Project (SCARP) in the summer of 2019. Cappucci broadened the Community Based Learning project to include Marietta Restoration Associates, Inc.; RiverStewards, Inc.; Rivertownes PA USA, Inc.; and Susquehanna Heritage, Inc. Cappucci expanded the scope of the map beyond historical significance to illustrate the contemporary relevance of Marietta.

Cappucci presented his scholarship to the Marietta Borough Council meeting on Tuesday 9 July 2019 and to the general public at the former First National Bank on Wednesday 17 July 2019. His presentations entitled: “Putting Historic Marietta on The Map: This Place Matters!” illustrated how the scholarship by the Honors students at Elizabethtown College can bring positive attention to the Marietta

Historic District, the Chickies Historic District, and the Northwest Lancaster County River Trail. To this end, Cappucci suggested the Marietta Restoration Associates, Inc. take the lead in launching a historic preservation awareness campaign created by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, called “This Place Matters!”

“This Place Matters!” a national campaign, created by the National Historic Preservation Trust, encouraging people to celebrate places meaningful to them and to their communities. Since 2015, participants have shared more than 10,000 photographs of themselves and their favorite places on social media using the hashtag #ThisPlaceMatters.

In the summer of 2020, Kyle Cappucci will work on an Elizabethtown College Summer Scholarship, Creative Art and Research Program Project entitled: “This Place Matters! The National

Trust for Historic Preservation and Economic Revitalization in Marietta, Pennsylvania.” Through this SCARP project Elizabethtown College partnering with various stakeholders in Marietta, will be launching a This Place Matters campaign for Marietta. This campaign is not just public awareness through photography and social media. It is about telling the stories of why these places hold historical significance. Through This Place Matters, the National Historic Preservation Trust, encourages and inspires an ongoing dialogue about the importance of place and preservation.

This is one report, in a series of eight reports being used to inform the Marietta This Place Matters campaign.

*Jean-Paul Benowitz*  
Wednesday 20 May 2020

### **Property Details:**

The estate is located directly between 67 and 45 West Fairview Avenue. The estate was built in 1861 and 1971 by Barr Spangler. The total acreage of the land surrounding the home is twenty-six thousand five hundred seventy-two square feet or 0.61 acres. The land is a residential property. The home is two and a half stories high and has a total square footage of five thousand eight hundred sixty-three square feet. It includes one full bathroom, twelve different rooms, including five bedrooms. The total basement amounts to one thousand eight hundred eighty-six square feet. There are two porches. One open slab porch totaling five hundred sixty-seven square feet and one raised enclosed solid walled porch totaling sixty-five square feet. The home is connected to the public gas, sewage, and water systems and is hooked-up to electricity.<sup>1</sup>

### **Deed Search:**

Benjamin Long went bankrupt in the late 1810s.<sup>2</sup> Because of this, Sheriff Fredrick Hambright had the task of selling different parcels of land which Long had subdivide.<sup>3</sup> The land was sold to Fredrick Moyer (18 March 1822).<sup>4</sup> Next, transferred to Martin Kindig (26 May 1829),<sup>5</sup> then Henry B. Shaffner (21 July 1830),<sup>6</sup> Calvin A. Shaffner (Henry B’s son) inherited land from father.<sup>7</sup> Then transferred to Thomas Stence (31 March 1853),<sup>8</sup> then Barr Spangler (2 July 1860),<sup>9</sup> then Anna B. Stibgen (10 July 1920),<sup>10</sup> then Mary F. Stibgen (26 May 1933),<sup>11</sup> then

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<sup>1</sup> “Lancaster County Property Tax Inquiry,” Lancaster PA. Devnet Wedge, accessed Feb. 2020  
<http://lancasterpa.devnetwedge.com/parcel/view/4201117000000/2020#SalesHistory>

<sup>2</sup> Book E, Volume 5, 56.

<sup>3</sup> John C. Landis, Marietta Candlelight Tour of Homes; 2012 Pictorial Review,” Marietta Restoration Association, accessed Jan. 2020  
<http://www.mariettarestoration.org/2012-pictorial-review.html>

<sup>4</sup> Book E, Volume 5, 56.

<sup>5</sup> Book R, Volume 25, Page 526.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid.

<sup>8</sup> Ibid.

<sup>9</sup> Book R, Volume 25, Page 527.

<sup>10</sup> Book R, Volume 25, Page 528.

<sup>11</sup> Book I, Volume 31, Page 352.

James R. Baker (19 June 1956),<sup>12</sup> then Karen M. Sullivan, Sharon C. Showalter, James R. Baker, Jr., Marilyn Alarie, Lauralee B. Baker, Hollis D. Baker (22 July 1997),<sup>13</sup> then Lauralee B. Baker (14 November 2006).<sup>14</sup>

### Architectural Style:

The “Second Empire” is a time period in France (1852-1870) when Napoleon III, Napoleon I’s nephew, by a coup d’etat reintroduced imperial rule, thus ending the second republic (1848-1852).<sup>15</sup> Baron Haussmann was appointed by Napoleon III to oversee and carry out improvements and renovations to slums throughout Paris.<sup>16</sup> Many buildings were torn down and rebuilt using what is now known as the Second Empire style.<sup>17</sup>

The style took its form from similar styles employed by earlier powers such as Louis XIV and Napoleon I.<sup>18</sup> This made the new and exciting style seem more permanent. Because of its widespread use during this time period, the Mansard roof is a defining feature of the Second Empire style, especially in America.<sup>19</sup>

While he did not come up with the design himself, French architect François Mansart employed the use of the Mansard roof so heavily in the 17th century that it became known as *un toit à la mansarde*, or Mansard roof.<sup>20</sup>

Because of the Paris Exposition of 1855, the style became very popular and spread to many places including America where it was thought of as a modern style compared to romantic revival styles such as Gothic Revival and Italianate.<sup>21</sup> It was employed mostly in the Midwest and the Northeast but can be found in many parts of the country in both civic and domestic forms.<sup>22</sup> The style was popular simultaneously in France and the United States.<sup>23</sup>

The second empire style is similar to and resembles the Italianate style in some ways. Many Italianate homes in America had Mansard roofs added to them, while the style was popular, as updates to keep them looking modern.<sup>24</sup> The style is eclectic and resembles many styles employed during the Italian and French Renaissance.<sup>25</sup> Many second empire buildings have large mass, or appear to because of their height and breadth and square or rectangle design.<sup>26</sup>

Old Hickories’ architecture is modeled after the French Second Empire/Mansard Style. Many examples of the style are wood framed, but in rural areas brick and stone are sometimes used as seen with Old Hickories.<sup>27</sup> The style has two variations or ornamentation, the high style and vernacular style.<sup>28</sup> The high style, being the more prestigious of the two, is often seen in use with brick and stone.<sup>29</sup>

The mansard roof is the most distinguishable feature of the style. This style was extremely popular in America in the 1860s and 70s.<sup>30</sup> The style, first seen in America in the 1850s, was most popular after the Civil

<sup>12</sup> Book B, Volume 45, Page 456.

<sup>13</sup> Lancaster County Recorder of Deeds, Search Public Records, Records Search, Instrument Number 4092722, accessed 14 January 2020, <https://searchdocs.lancasterdeeds.com/countyweb/disclaimer.do>.

<sup>14</sup> Instrument Number 5591499.

<sup>15</sup> “Second Empire Style,” Christine Huckins Franck, architecture, LLC, accessed May 2020. <https://christinefranck.com/2012/02/07/second-empire-style/>

<sup>16</sup> Ibid.

<sup>17</sup> Ibid.

<sup>18</sup> Ibid.

<sup>19</sup> Ibid.

<sup>20</sup> Ibid.

<sup>21</sup> Ibid.

<sup>22</sup> Ibid.

<sup>23</sup> Ibid.

<sup>24</sup> Ibid.

<sup>25</sup> Ibid.

<sup>26</sup> Ibid.

<sup>27</sup> “French Second Empire,” Antique Homes, accessed April 2020. <https://www.antiquehomesmagazine.com/historic-style-guide/french-second-empire/>

<sup>28</sup> Ibid.

<sup>29</sup> Ibid.

<sup>30</sup> “French Second Empire,” Antique Homes.

War and was referred to by some as the “General Grant Style” due to its popularity during the Grant administration.<sup>31</sup> In its time, it was referred to as the “French” or “Modern French” style but was later named Second Empire.<sup>32</sup> It is also referred to by some as the “Second Empire Baroque,” or “French Baroque Revival.”<sup>33</sup>

European architect Detlef Lienau is credited with building the first second empire home in the United States. It was a New York City built for Hart M. Schiff in 1850.<sup>34</sup> James Renwick’s gallery, now simply referred to as Renwick’s gallery (1859-60), was the first American architect-built example of the style.<sup>35</sup> The public building was received well and spread interest for the style.<sup>36</sup> Architects Alfred B. Mullett and John McArthur, Jr. helped spread popularity for the style by heavily using it in federal public buildings from Boston to Philadelphia and Washington D.C.<sup>37</sup> Many of these buildings better resembled the style than examples found in Europe.<sup>38</sup> Wealthy businessmen began using the style in residential settings as a means of showing their fortune and power gained from the Civil War.<sup>39</sup>

It can be seen in almost any Pennsylvania town as single residences, duplexes, rowhomes, department stores, hotels, and more.<sup>40</sup> The high style ornamentation of the second empire style was inspired largely in part by the Louvre expansion.<sup>41</sup> It has many distinguishable features, including, mansard roofs with pattern shingles,<sup>42</sup> iron roof crests,<sup>43</sup> decorative window surrounds and dormers,<sup>44</sup> and one-story porches<sup>45</sup> and eaves with brackets.<sup>46</sup> The vernacular style is much simpler than the high style and much more eclectic.<sup>47</sup> Old Hickories has every one of these previously listed features.

## History of Marietta, Pennsylvania

**Editor’s Note:** *This section of the property report was authored by Kyle C. Cappucci, Elizabethtown College Class of 2022 as a research paper entitled, “Marietta Pennsylvania Historic District & The Susquehanna National Heritage Area Designation ArcGIS Story Map” presented at the Landmark Conference Thursday 11 July 2019 as part of the college’s Summer Scholarship, Creative Arts, and Research Projects (SCARP) program. It has been inserted here to give the reader context for the reminder of the report.*

As early as 8,000 BC Paleo-Indian settlements, the Susquehannocks flourished along the Susquehanna River with agricultural production and operating complex trade routes expanding throughout the continent. Every river valley and every tributary of the Swatara, Conoy, Chickies, Conestoga, Pequea, and Octorara Creeks has considerable evidence of human habitation in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania prior to European contact.<sup>48</sup>

In 1616 Etienne Brule (1592-1633) a French expert in the Algonquin language, who lived among the Susquehanna tribe in western New York, traveled down the Susquehanna River into the Chesapeake Bay. Along the way, Brule explored the tributaries of the Susquehanna River in Lancaster County and encountered the Susquehannock tribes living along the Susquehanna River.<sup>49</sup>

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<sup>31</sup> “Second Empire Style,” Christine Huckins Franck, architecture, LLC.

<sup>32</sup> Ibid.

<sup>33</sup> Ibid.

<sup>34</sup> Ibid.

<sup>35</sup> Ibid.

<sup>36</sup> Ibid.

<sup>37</sup> Ibid.

<sup>38</sup> Ibid.

<sup>39</sup> Ibid.

<sup>40</sup> “French Second Empire,” Antique Homes; today

<sup>41</sup> “Second Empire Style,” Christine Huckins Franck, architecture, LLC.

<sup>42</sup> Will Jones, How to Read Houses: A Crash Course in Domestic Architecture, (2014) 40-41, 96-97.

<sup>43</sup> Ibid, 96-97.

<sup>44</sup> Ibid, 82-83.

<sup>45</sup> Ibid, 66-67.

<sup>46</sup> Ibid, 84-85; “Second Empire/Mansard Style 1860 – 1900,” Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission.

<sup>47</sup> “Second Empire Style,” Christine Huckins Franck, architecture, LLC.

<sup>48</sup> Benowitz, Jean-Paul, *Elizabethtown Advocate*. “American Indians Were Major Part of Development of E-town” etownpa.com <http://etownpa.com/american-indians-major-part-development-e-town/> (accessed May 21,2019).

<sup>49</sup> Ibid.



In 1629 Etienne Brule partnered with the British fur trader Sir David Kirke (1597-1654) establishing trade relations between the Europeans and Susquehannock tribes. By 1680-1690 no Susquehannock villages existed in Lancaster or York Counties. There was a migration to New York to settle among the Iroquois and Seneca and a movement south to Maryland.<sup>50</sup>

In 1681 British King Charles, II (1630-1685) granted a land charter to Quaker leader William Penn (1644-1718) to repay a debt the King owed to Admiral William Penn (1621-1670). King Charles named it Pennsylvania, meaning Penn's Woods: Penn and Sylvania from the Latin *silva* which translates forest or woods. There were no Susquehannocks living in this region by the time William Penn acquired the land from King Charles, II (1630-1685).<sup>51</sup>

In 1701 William Penn (1644-1718) gave a patent of 3,000 acres of land along the Susquehanna River to George Beale (British). By 1703 Consumed by debt, William Penn (1644-1718) charged his land agent James Logan (1674-1751) to send him in London "bear and buck skins for they [the creditors] bear an advance" and "urge the Pennsylvania assembly to establish a propriety monopoly in the Indian trade."<sup>52</sup>

In 1708 James Logan invited the French Expert Indian language interpreter Peter Bezaillion (1661-1742) to establish a fur trading post where the Conoy Creek meets the Susquehanna River in Bainbridge, Pennsylvania 7.5 miles north of Marietta. By 1719 Bezaillion invited the Piscataway tribe to move from Maryland to Conoy Town. They assumed the name Canoise or corn shellers and were called the Conoy Indians.<sup>53</sup>

In 1717 Peter Logan did not only invite French and Indian fur traders to settle between the Conoy and Conewago Creeks along the Susquehanna River, he also sold land to the highest bidders among the Swiss-German (mostly Mennonite) Palatine farmers arriving in Pennsylvania in 1717. Simultaneously there was an influx of Ulster Scots or Scots-Irish settlers. William Penn's sons John (1700-1746), Richard (1706-1771), and Thomas (1702-1775) inherited a great deal of debt when their father died in 1718. The Penn brothers became alienated from Quaker beliefs and did not subscribe to their father's ideals for Pennsylvania.<sup>54</sup>

In 1717 one year before his death, William Penn reserved 16,000 acres in Lancaster County for various tribes as a reserved hunting ground. This promise by William Penn would not be kept by his sons. According to Mennonite historian the Reverend John L. Ruth, Mennonite settlers in Lancaster County anxiously paid up to four times more than the price the Penn brothers were asking for acres. Meanwhile the Scots-Irish settlers encouraged to move here by James Logan started living on the land without title. The obvious defense of one's claim to property was to construct buildings and begin to improve the land, even before it was legally acquired.<sup>55</sup>

In 1719 Robert Wilkins, Scotch-Irish (Ulster Scots; Anglo-Irish Presbyterians), Indian Trader, acquired 300 acres along the Susquehanna River north of Chickies Creek. In 1719 George Stewart, Scotch-Irish, was sold a tract of land east of the Robert Wilkins tract. In 1727 Robert Wilkins sold the tract of Penn land to Scotch-Irish, The Reverend James Anderson, clergy at the Donegal Presbyterian Church (1732) in Mount Joy, in East Donegal Township. Son James Anderson operated the ferry and built the Accomac Inn.<sup>56</sup>

In 1733 George Stewart's son and daughter-in-law, John and Ann Stewart, inherited and sold the James Anderson tract to David Cook. This tract of land was given to his son David Cook whose son, David Cook, laid out the town of New Haven. Additional acres of the Stewart tract were given to David Cook's son James.<sup>57</sup>

Peter Bezaillion built Old Peter's Road, as it is still known in parts of Lancaster County, to facilitate French and Indian fur trading linking Philadelphia to Bainbridge (1719). Bezaillion who, in partnership with the British, challenged France's control over the territory between the Appalachian Mountains and the Mississippi

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<sup>50</sup> Ibid.

<sup>51</sup> Ibid.

<sup>52</sup> Ibid.

<sup>53</sup> Ibid.

<sup>54</sup> Ibid.

<sup>55</sup> Ibid.

<sup>56</sup> Marietta Sesquicentennial Souvenir Booklet (Marietta, PA: August 4, 1962).

<sup>57</sup> Ibid.

River, a struggle which helped precipitate the French and Indian War. The French found the Algonquin tribes their allies, while the Iroquois sided with the British. Raids of British colonists occurred on both sides.<sup>58</sup>

By 1743, The Piscataway tribes had moved away from Bainbridge, migrating north along the Susquehanna River settling in Shamokin. British victories in Quebec (1759) and Montreal (1760) led to France surrendering all of New France to the British. The British took over all French forts on the frontier and became the new authoritarian power for the tribes in these regions during The French and Indian War (1755-1763).<sup>59</sup>

Between 1775-1783 Marietta played an important role in the American Revolution manufacturing iron and lumber, producing agricultural goods, distilling whiskey, and ferry transportation between Lancaster and York Counties over the Susquehanna River. The capitol of Continental Congress was in Lancaster City on 22 September 1777. Lancaster City was the capitol of Pennsylvania from 1799-1812. York City was the capitol of the Continental Congress from 1777-1778. The Articles of Confederation were drafted and adopted in York thus the establishing the first constituting and government for the United States of America. In 1789 Quaker leader Samuel Wright renamed Wright's Ferry as Columbia and petitioned the new U. S. Congress to make this the location of the U. S. Capitol.<sup>60</sup>

In 1804, the third generation of Anderson, grandson James Anderson, laid out the town of Waterford. By 1812, James Anderson and James Cook procured a charter from the Pennsylvania legislature and named their incorporated towns Marietta. The next year, 1813, Anderson's town Waterford and Cook's town New Haven were consolidated including a tract of land owned by John Myers east of Moravian Town and a tract of land owned by Benjamin Long north of Waterford.<sup>61</sup>

In the same year, 1813 John Pedan, James Mehaffey, and Colonel James Duffy purchased 161 acres west of the Anderson tract and laid out Irishtown. The founders named each north-south street after U. S. naval heroes: Biddle, Jones, Decatur, Bainbridge, Morris, Hull, and Porter. The east-west streets named for American sea vessels: Essex, United States, Wasp, and Constitution. United States Street would become Market Street when all the towns were incorporated into the borough of Marietta.<sup>62</sup>

The next year, 1814, the Cassels sell the Neff tract to Jacob Grosh who laid out Moravian Town, known locally as Bungletown. By this time the major industry in Marietta was lumber. By 1814 there were nine lumber merchants in Marietta. Planing mills, lumberyards, carpentry shops, and allied businesses were the backbone of the local economy. Marietta was a waypoint for shipping lumber, bundled into rafts, downriver. In 1807 Henry Cassel established a lumber business on the corner of Third and Bank Streets. In 1848 Henry Cassel was joined by his son A. N. Cassel who in 1872 built a planing mill associated with the business. In 1850 B. F. Hiestand & Sons Planing Mill was established on the Susquehanna River below Chickes Rock with the lumber offices located on the corner of Bank and Second Streets. In 1945 the Hiestand lumber properties were deeded to the Paul W. Zimmerman Foundries Company manufacturing brass, bronze, and aluminum castings. In 1954 Zimmerman Foundries Company, was acquired by the Donegal Manufacturing Corporation, later called Donegal Steel Foundry Company which manufactured carbon, low alloy and stainless steel castings primarily for tanks for the U. S. Army during the Korean War (1950-1953).<sup>63</sup>

During 1812-1814, The Columbia-Wrightsville covered bridge constructed over the Susquehanna River, at the time considered the longest covered bridge in the world. Greatly enhances the economy for Marietta. Between 1812-1815 the War of 1812 between the U. S. and Great Britain began over alleged British violations of American shipping rights, such as impressment, the forcing of American merchant sailors to serve on British ships. American forces unsuccessfully invaded Canada and the British retaliated by burning down Washington, D. C. Within weeks U. S. Forces repulsed sea and land invasions of the British at the Port of Baltimore,

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<sup>58</sup> Ibid.

<sup>59</sup> Ibid.

<sup>60</sup> Lloyd, Junie, YorkBlog, "How did they get across the wide Susquehanna when there were no bridges?" <https://yorkblog.com/universal/how-did-they-get-across-the-wide-susquehanna-when-there-were-no-bridges/> (accessed May 23, 2019).

<sup>61</sup> Marietta Sesquicentennial Souvenir Booklet (Marietta, PA: August 4, 1962).

<sup>62</sup> Ibid.

<sup>63</sup> Ibid.

particularly Fort McHenry. The war ended with victory for the United States at the Battle of New Orleans. Two companies from Marietta marched to Maryland in defense of Baltimore. One of the companies was called the Marietta Grays commanded by Jacob Grosh.<sup>64</sup>

In 1817 James Anderson built a road over Chickies Mountain, the Old Columbia Pike, linking Columbia, Pennsylvania, formerly Wright's Ferry, (1726) 3.6 miles south of Marietta. Anderson was preparing for the state legislature to build a bridge across the Susquehanna River connecting Marietta to York, Pennsylvania (1741). James Anderson operated a ferry across the Susquehanna River. Two miles north Mennonite Christian Winiker operated a ferry known as Vinegar Ferry.<sup>65</sup>

The Economic Panic of 1819 was the first major peacetime financial crisis in the U. S. following the collapse of the economy in the transition from a colonial commercial status with Europe toward an independent economy. The downturn was driven by global market adjustments in the aftermath of the Napoleonic Wars, its severity was compounded by excessive speculation in public lands. The Pennsylvania legislature did not build a bridge between Marietta and York. James Anderson lost most of his money building the Columbia Pike.<sup>66</sup>

Between 1826-1840 construction of the Pennsylvania Canal system to connect Philadelphia (1682) to Pittsburgh (1669) commenced. The Pennsylvania Rail Road (1846) eventually purchased the Pennsylvania Canal from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.<sup>67</sup>

In 1855 Eagle Furnace, anthracite iron furnace, opened. The iron industry in Marietta was dominated by Henry Musselman, Henry Miller Watts of Carlisle, and his father-in-law Dr. Peter Shoenberger, of Pittsburgh. The local iron industry was managed by Watts' son Ethelbert Watts (1846–1919) a U. S. diplomat who played important roles in the Spanish American War, Russo Japanese War, & WW I. These iron plants produced pig iron, sold under the brand name Vesta, transported on the Pennsylvania Canal and later by the railroad. In 1917 the iron plants, known as the Susquehanna Iron Company, sold the furnaces to E. J. Lavino who produced ferromanganese, used for high grade steel, during WW I. The manganese ores came from all over the world & the ferromanganese product was shipped to Youngstown, Ohio, Coatesville, and Pittsburgh. The production of iron ceased in the 1920s and the furnace was dismantled between 1928 and 1934.<sup>68</sup>

Between 1861-1865, during the American Civil War Marietta played a role in the Battle of Gettysburg 1-3 July 1863. Women from Marietta organized to prepare linen bandages and baked two wagonloads of bread dispatched to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania (1806) 45 miles west of Marietta. Marietta was protected from an invasion of Confederate troops because on 28 June 1863 Union forces burned the Columbia-Wrightsville covered bridge to prevent an advance of Confederate troops approaching from Wrightsville, York County. The Pennsylvania Rail Road used the bridge piers to support a rail bridge crossing the river from 1868-1896 when it was destroyed by the Cedar Keys Hurricane. In 1810 David Muma built a stone house which David Cassel (1774-1855) turned into a hotel in 1823 called the Perry House Hotel named for War of 1812 Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry (1785-1819). Perry House was a stronghold for Confederate sympathizers of Marietta where Copperheads and Unionists engaged in hostile political debates.<sup>69</sup>

In the post-Civil War years, by 1876 The Marietta Holloware and Enameling Company was established, by Colonel James Duffy among others, producing hollow castings such as toilet bowls, lavatory basins, cast iron cookware, ink pots for stencils, glue pots, teakettles, and cookware including sauce pans, and skillets.<sup>70</sup>

In 1882 Dr. H. M. Alexander used the methods of British physician and scientist, Edward Jenner (1749-1823) to create a vaccine for smallpox which he manufactured and sold commercially nationwide and globally. The work began in a chicken house adjacent to his office at 299 West Market Street. He purchased the H.

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<sup>64</sup> Ibid.

<sup>65</sup> Ibid.

<sup>66</sup> Revolvly. "Panic of 1819" revolvly.com <https://www.revolvly.com/page/Panic-of-1819> (accessed May 21, 2019).

<sup>67</sup> Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission. "Pennsylvania Canals- 1846" phmc.state.pa.us [www.phmc.state.pa.us/portal/communities/documents/1776-1865/pennsylvania-canals.html](http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/portal/communities/documents/1776-1865/pennsylvania-canals.html) (accessed May 21, 2019).

<sup>68</sup> Rivertownes. "The Furnaces of Rivertownes" rivertownes.org <http://www.rivertownes.org/Features/Furnaces/Marietta.htm> (accessed May 21, 2019).

<sup>69</sup> Marietta Sesquicentennial Souvenir Booklet (Marietta, PA: August 4, 1962).

<sup>70</sup> Ibid.



McMullen Farm in the Irishtown neighborhood of Marietta located at Wasp and Biddle Streets and established the first commercial biological laboratory in the United States known as Dr. H. M. Alexander and Company and also as the Lancaster County Vaccine Farm.<sup>71</sup>

By the time of the First World War, in 1916, the heirs of Dr. Alexander sold their shares of the company to the Gilliland Laboratories, Inc. During the Second World War, in 1943 Gilliland Laboratories was acquired by the American Home Products Corporation. The following year, in 1944, The American Home Products Corporation was incorporated into the Wyeth Laboratories, Inc. In 2005 Wyeth Laboratories was acquired by Britain's largest drugs maker, GlaxoSmithKline.

In 1889 Donegal Mutual Insurance Company, formerly Donegal and Conoy Mutual Fire Insurance Company, established on West Market Street in Marietta. During 1960-1961 Donegal built their national headquarters in Colonial Revival style campus on River Road Pennsylvania Route 441 (PA 441).<sup>72</sup>

In 1893 The Columbia and Donegal Electric Railway (C&D), later purchased by The Pennsylvania Traction Company which was acquired by the Conestoga Traction Company (1899) was chartered to build a trolley car line connecting the four miles between Columbia and Marietta and building the Chickies Rock Park. The wooden cars, painted bright blue with yellow trim, were purchased from J. G. Brill Car Company (1868-1954) Philadelphia and the electric lines were installed by Westinghouse Electric Company (1886) Pittsburgh. Trolley tickets were purchased at the Libhart Drug Store.<sup>73</sup>

During 1917-1918 the United States declared war on Germany on 6 April 1917 more than two and a half years after the start of the First World War. Before entering the war, the U. S. remained neutral although it was an important supplier to Great Britain and the Allied Powers. The U. S. made its major contributions supplying raw material for the war effort. The U. S. military established the Marietta Holding and Reconsignment Point along the Susquehanna River. The primary mission was to receive and store Quartermaster, Ordnance, Medical, Engineer, and Signal Corps supplies until east coast ports were in a position to receive and ship materials overseas.<sup>74</sup>

During the Second World War, in 1941 the U. S. military expanded the Marietta Holding and Reconsignment Point to accommodate supplying the Lend Lease Act. In March 1941 Lend Lease was enacted distributing food, oil, warships, warplanes, and weaponry. In December 1941, four days after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and the United States, the U. S. Congress declared war against the Japanese Empire. Nazi Germany declared war against the U. S. in response to what was claimed to be a series of provocations by the United States when it was still officially neutral during the Second World War. The United States declared war on Germany.<sup>75</sup>

During this time, 1942-1945 there was an expansion of the Marietta Holding and Reconsignment Point which is officially designated as the Marietta Transportation Corps Depot. The depot encompassed over eight million square feet, over 400 acres, and employed more than 800 civilians in addition to military personnel.<sup>76</sup>

In 1947 Machinecraft, Inc. was established manufacturing automatic food shaping machines for mass production of hamburgers and French fries. The hydraulic valves for the first two air craft carriers built during the Second World War were designed and manufactured by Machinecraft. This technology allowed planes to be kept on an even keel during take-off and landing on the decks of the ships.<sup>77</sup>

In 1952 Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation built a natural gas compressor two miles west of the Marietta Air Force Station. This compressor station moves natural gas destined for markets in Philadelphia and New York.<sup>78</sup>

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<sup>71</sup> Ibid.

<sup>72</sup> John C. Landis, Candlelight Tours of Marietta 1966 to 2015 (Landisville, PA: Yurchak Printing, Inc, 2015).

<sup>73</sup> Marietta Sesquicentennial Souvenir Booklet, (Marietta, PA: August 4, 1962).

<sup>74</sup> Ibid.

<sup>75</sup> Ibid.

<sup>76</sup> Ibid.

<sup>77</sup> Ibid.

<sup>78</sup> American Oil & Gas Historical Society. Big Inch Pipelines of WWII" aoghs.org <https://aoghs.org/petroleum-in-war/oil-pipelines/> (accessed May 23, 2019).

Between 1953-1955 the Transportation Material Command was established at the Marietta Transportation Corps Depot with the mission of supply control, cataloging, procurement, mobilization planning, and standardization and production engineering. In 1955 Marietta Transportation Corps Depot was transferred from the U. S. Army to the U. S. Air Force which created air station with the primary functions of receipt, storage, shipment, and disposal of Air Force material and equipment.<sup>79</sup>

In 1955 the United States Aluminum Corporation of Pennsylvania USALCO is established. Rectangular twenty-five pound “ingots” smelted from scrap aluminum were produced to make castings for automotive automatic transmissions, pistons, aluminum fry pans, and products for national defense purposes.<sup>80</sup>

In May 1957, New Jersey Shell Casting Corporation was organized and operated until 1961 as a shell molding foundry. The corporation existed under the laws of the State of New Jersey from 1957 to 1979 because Joe Nagy lived in New Jersey at the time of incorporation. In May 1957, the original one room block building on South Decatur Street in Marietta, PA was rented from the U.S. Expansion Bolt Company. On December 9, 1965, New Jersey Shell Casting Corporation purchased the block building from the U.S. Expansion Bolt Company. The original size of the building was 2,700 square feet. Due to the growing needs of the business, the foundry has been expanded over the years and currently houses over 18,000 square feet under roof. In 1962, the business was converted to a non-ferrous brass, bronze and aluminum green sand-molding foundry and remains as such today<sup>81</sup>

In the 1970s, a large part of the Marietta Transportation Corps Depot became the Armstrong World Industries Ceiling Manufacturing Plant. Currently part of the Marietta Transportation Corps Depot is owned by the General Services Administration (GSA). The GSA portion of the site is used for the storage of a variety of ores including manganese, chrome, beryl, zinc, and lead in the form of ingots. Access to both portions of the site is restricted by perimeter fencing which has either locked gates or is guarded. The current property owners are: AWI (302.4 acres); GSA (67.5 acres); AAAA Enterprises, Inc. (39.9 acres); PADOT (23.27 acres); Richard C. Yunginger (36.40 acres); and Frederick W. Bushong et ux (9.6 acres).<sup>82</sup>

This property is a superfund site which means the federal government, through the Environmental Protection Agency, has identified parties responsible for hazardous substances releases to the environment and has either compelled them to clean up the sites or it may undertake the cleanup on its own using the Superfund (a trust fund) and costs recovered from polluters by referring to the U. S. Department of Justice.<sup>83</sup> Sites managed under this program are referred to as “Superfund” sites established as the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980. The EPA identifies sites such as Marietta Transportation Corps Depot because they pose or had once posed a potential risk to human health and/or the environment due to contamination by one or more hazardous wastes. Marietta Transportation Corps Depot is currently registered as an Active superfund site by the EPA. However, it is not on the NPL (National Priorities List), which means the EPA does not consider it one of the nation's most hazardous waste sites.<sup>84</sup>

Established in 1970, Lawn Equipment Parts Company (LEPCO) is a family-owned and operated wholesale distributor of quality outdoor power equipment, parts, and accessories. Originally, LEPCO operated as an after-market parts distributor to independent lawn equipment dealers. Today, we handle nine major brands of power equipment and continue to supply aftermarket parts to over 1,300 dealers in the northeast region. Over the years, LEPCO has continued to grow, becoming one of the preferred distributors in the industry. Maintaining their reputation for outstanding customer service to its dealers continues to be their everyday focus. LEPCO’s continued goal is to provide quality products and services to groups of independent dealers who, in turn, can provide a higher level of service and support to the end-users for all the brands represented. They sell exclusively

<sup>79</sup> Wardlow, Chester, Center of Military History. “The Transportation Corps: Responsibilities, Organization, and Operations” [historyhttps://history.army.mil/html/books/010/10-19/CMH\\_Pub\\_10-19.pdf](https://history.army.mil/html/books/010/10-19/CMH_Pub_10-19.pdf) (accessed May 23, 2019).

<sup>80</sup> USALCO, “About Us” [usalco.com https://www.usalco.com/company/history/](https://www.usalco.com/company/history/) (accessed May 23, 2019).

<sup>81</sup> New Jersey Shell Casting Corporation. “Our History” [njshell.com http://njshell.com/history.htm](http://njshell.com/history.htm) (accessed May 29, 2019).

<sup>82</sup> ProPublica. “Marietta Air Force Station” [projects.propublica.org https://projects.propublica.org/bombs/installation/PA39799F1509009799](https://projects.propublica.org/bombs/installation/PA39799F1509009799) (accessed May 23, 2019).

<sup>83</sup> Wikipedia. “Superfund” [Wikipedia.org https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Superfund](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Superfund) (accessed May 23, 2019).

<sup>84</sup> GovInfo. “Hazardous Waste: Information on Potential Superfund Sites” [govinfo.gov https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/GAOREPORTS-RCED-99-22/html/GAOREPORTS-RCED-99-22.htm](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/GAOREPORTS-RCED-99-22/html/GAOREPORTS-RCED-99-22.htm) (accessed May 23, 2019).

to retail dealers in Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania.<sup>85</sup>

In 1981, Rich Kushner opened Swedish Motors at 7 North Decatur Street, advertising that his employees had a unique knowledge of Swedish cars and foreign parts. His niche was more than enough to preoccupy his technicians, some of whom have been with Rich since their service doors opened. Today, Swedish Motors offers the same reliable auto service while also selling and restoring preowned and vintage vehicles.<sup>86</sup>

Jagtrux, Inc, a contract/common carrier for tractor trailer transportation was incorporated in 1982 by Jim Germak. In 1998 Jagtrux, Inc. purchased an abandoned locomotive repair shop in Marietta, originally built in 1942, and completely renovated the building. Eventually Jagtrux acquired surrounding property and expanded into a seventy-five-acre facility with a full-service shop, cross dock facilities, and secure trailer storage lots. Germak established a strong relationship with Armstrong World Industries becoming a Core Carrier for Armstrong's facilities in Marietta.<sup>87</sup>

B. N. Excavating is a second-generation family business, specializing in residential, commercial and agricultural excavating services. Bob Nafziger started the company in 1986, after working as an employee for an excavating company in the area for over 15 years. Bob started the company with a single backhoe, dump truck and track loader and steadily built relationships with area contractors to build the business. Today, B.N. Excavating has grown from a small, one-man operation to a trusted leader in the excavating industry throughout Lancaster County and beyond. Headquartered in Marietta, PA, the company is now home to an experienced team of full-time excavators and a diverse line of professional excavation equipment that can meet the excavating needs of small businesses, home owners and agricultural operations.<sup>88</sup>

R & T Mechanical, Inc. was founded in 1987. R & T Mechanical is a contracting company which provides services including plumbing, heating, air-conditioning, and other similar work. R & T is in the East Donegal Industrial Park along with several other companies and organizations including Hess Auctioneers, LLC, Jaxtrux, Inc, Vanguard Modular Building Systems., LLC, and Hiltz Propane.

Founded by Matt Hiltz, a mechanical engineer who has many years of experience in the propane industry, Hiltz Propane Systems is family-owned and operated and comprised of a dedicated crew of propane installation and repair professionals. Specializing in complete turnkey propane system design and installation services, Matt and his dedicated crew bring extensive experience to the table in the areas of LPG system design, engineering, plant connection, fitting and maintenance services.<sup>89</sup>

Established in 1998, Vanguard Modular Building Systems, LLC acquired Schiavi Leasing Corp., the predominate modular builder and regional supplier of modular classrooms in Maine since 1986, as a wholly owned subsidiary. Vanguard successfully expanded on Schiavi's already extensive modular construction capabilities to include distinctively engineered and designed multi-story permanent modular buildings, while retaining the requirements for temporary modular space of all sizes and configurations. Vanguard's experienced modular sales and construction management teams are in offices throughout the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts, enabling us to effectively serve more than 20 states. They provide construction management services and quality temporary and permanent modular buildings to the education, commercial, construction, healthcare, oil and gas, government, and religious markets.<sup>90</sup>

Hess Auctioneers, LLC began operations in June 2007 when John Hess (Hess Auction Group), Phil and Roger Garber (GFI Transport), and Jim Germak (Jagtrux), recognized a need for public truck, trailer and equipment auction and consignment auction in the Mid-Atlantic region. Since the company is conveniently

<sup>85</sup> LEPCO. "About Us" [lepco.com http://lepco.com/about-us/](http://lepco.com/about-us/) (accessed June 13, 2019)

<sup>86</sup> Swedish Motors. "About Us" [swedishmotors.com http://www.swedishmotors.com/about-swedish-motors](http://www.swedishmotors.com/about-swedish-motors) (accessed May 29, 2019).

<sup>87</sup> Jagtrux. "Our Story" [jagtrux.com http://jagtrux.com/dotnetnuke/AboutUs/OurStory.aspx](http://jagtrux.com/dotnetnuke/AboutUs/OurStory.aspx) (accessed May 23, 2019).

<sup>88</sup> B.N. Excavating. "About Us" [bnexcavating.com https://www.bnexcavating.com/about-us.php](https://www.bnexcavating.com/about-us.php) (accessed May 29, 2019).

<sup>89</sup> Hiltz Propane Systems. "About Us" [hiltzpropanesystems.com https://www.hiltzpropanesystems.com/about-us/](https://www.hiltzpropanesystems.com/about-us/) (accessed June 13, 2019)

<sup>90</sup> Vanguard Modular Building Systems. "Vanguard History" [vanguardmodular.com https://vanguardmodular.com/vanguard-history/](https://vanguardmodular.com/vanguard-history/) (accessed June 13, 2019).

located close to Harrisburg, Lancaster and York, the current site is convenient, secure and allows consignors to bring their equipment to the site in advance of the auctions, so buyers can preview the inventory.<sup>91</sup>

Lancaster Recumbent opened in December 2014, and today, the shop has over 75 different types of recumbent cycles – and continues to grow. The shop moved to a new location at 103 West Market Street in March 2018 – a larger space (for more cycles) located a block and a half off the Northwest Lancaster County River Trail in Marietta, PA. Lancaster Recumbent offers rides for all of life's cycles, new and used semi-recumbent and recumbent cycles, offers personal customizations and adaptations to meet your specific needs. Lastly, they offer repairs and maintenance for practically anything with wheels – from recumbent to traditional upright cycles, from strollers to wheelchairs and walkers.<sup>92</sup>

In September 2017, after seven, sometimes controversial, years in the making, Pennsylvania's first large-scale commercial soybean-processing facility was opened at 1609 River Road in Conoy Township. Perdue Agribusiness's new \$60 Million soybean-processing plant has been long touted by Perdue as a boon to farmers from Lancaster County and the region, saving them transportation costs. The plant has received strong endorsement from local agriculture and business groups.<sup>93</sup> The state gave Perdue an \$8.75 million grant to build the plant in Pennsylvania. With processed water coming from the adjacent Lancaster County Waste-To-Energy Facility on the same campus, as well as steam, Perdue AgriBusiness said the plant is the most environmentally friendly soybean plant in the country. Perdue said the facility would have the lowest rate of hexane emissions of any soybean-processing plant in the United States. The plant will process soybeans and turn them into soymeal for livestock and dairy farms. The plant has 35 permanent employees. Perdue said its construction generated 150 jobs and the plant will spawn 500 jobs in crop production and transportation. Gov. Tom Wolf said, "This plant is a game changer for farmers in Pennsylvania, opening new lanes of supply, new markets, and new opportunities in the commonwealth's agricultural economy."<sup>94</sup>

Texas Eastern Pipeline (TETCo) is a major natural gas pipeline which brings gas from the Gulf of Mexico coast in Texas and Louisiana up through Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee, Missouri, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Pennsylvania to deliver gas in the New York City area. It is one of the largest pipeline systems in the United States. It is owned by Enbridge. Enbridge connects people to the energy they need to help fuel their quality of life. In the United States alone, more than two million miles of pipelines deliver petroleum and natural gas products. Every year, Enbridge invests in the latest technology and training to meet the high environmental and safety standards our neighbors expect, and to keep pipelines the safest, most efficient and most reliable way to move energy resources.<sup>95</sup> Marietta has its own Compressor Station off River Road and has a direct connection to this major national phenomenon.

### **Genealogical Context & Purpose for the Spangler Family**

The Spanglers were a German family immigrating to Central Pennsylvania in the eighteenth century. The first Spangler ancestor on the line of Barr Spangler to come to the the British colonies in America was John Balthasar Spengler (1706-1770), his great grandfather, who died in York and was likely born in Hilsbach, Germany, which is a small territory in Baden. John, who went by the name Baltzer<sup>96</sup> owned a tavern in York where, it is reported, the first elections were held in York County.<sup>97</sup>

<sup>91</sup> Hess Auctioneers. "About Us" [hessauctioneers.com https://www.hessauctioneers.com/about-us/](https://www.hessauctioneers.com/about-us/) (accessed May 29, 2019).

<sup>92</sup> Lancaster Recumbent. "About Us" [lancasterrecumbent.com https://lancasterrecumbent.com/about-us/](https://lancasterrecumbent.com/about-us/) (accessed May 29, 2019).

<sup>93</sup> Lancaster Online. "After long fight, Perdue to open \$60M soybean-processing plant Monday in Conoy Township" [lancasteronline.com https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/after-long-fight-perdue-to-open-m-soybean-processing-plant/article\\_a709d652-9f98-11e7-88a9-238ddeda959e.html](https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/after-long-fight-perdue-to-open-m-soybean-processing-plant/article_a709d652-9f98-11e7-88a9-238ddeda959e.html) (accessed May 29, 2019).

<sup>94</sup> Lancaster Online. "10 facts about the new \$60M Perdue soybean plant in Conoy Township opening today" [lancasteronline.com https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/facts-about-the-new-m-perdue-soybean-plant-in-conoy/article\\_a062b1b8-a216-11e7-8cac-d7d57ce2f935.html](https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/facts-about-the-new-m-perdue-soybean-plant-in-conoy/article_a062b1b8-a216-11e7-8cac-d7d57ce2f935.html) (accessed May 29, 2019).

<sup>95</sup> Wikipedia. "Texas Eastern Transmission Pipeline" [wikipedia.org https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Texas\\_Eastern\\_Transmission\\_Pipeline](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Texas_Eastern_Transmission_Pipeline) (accessed June 13, 2019)

<sup>96</sup> Ancestry.com, "Online Family Trees", accessed April 2, 2020

<sup>97</sup> Ibid.

Baltzer Spangler, under a Pennsylvania grant, settled in 1733 by a tract of land on Codorus Creek,<sup>98</sup> thus the Spangler family line in Pennsylvania began. He was one of the first family patriarchs in the history of York County, and was one of the first persons to build a home. Additionally, Baltzer was one of the most well-known members of the German Reformed Congregation.<sup>99</sup>

His son, Barr's grandfather, also named John, lived from 1747 to 1796 entirely in York County and was a Revolutionary War Veteran.<sup>100</sup> John Spengler served on the Committee of Safety in York County, and also as a Private in the Militia under Captain Godfrey Fry.<sup>101</sup>

John's son, Barr's father, also named John, and baptized Johannes Spengler at York's Trinity United Church of Christ in December of 1779.<sup>102</sup> John Spengler married his wife, Barr's mother, Anna Barr, in Marietta (Maytown) on May 27, 1812.<sup>103</sup> John Spengler died of an unknown cause on October 4, 1841 in Marietta, leaving behind his wife and children. He was only the second of many children born to John Spangler (1747-1796) & Margaretha Weinhold (1757-1792).<sup>104</sup>

**Barr Spangler** was born to John Spangler and Anna Barr in 1822, the third of six children. Only three of those children, including Barr, lived past 1860.<sup>105</sup> In his early years, Barr worked as a dry goods clerk for the Sterrett firm. Barr became a partner with Sterrett, before forming the firm Spangler and Rich, which became Spangler and Haldeman, eventually known as B. & C. S. Spangler, the firm lasted until 1979.<sup>106</sup> In addition to running the B. & C.S. Spangler dry goods firm for many years, Barr directed the First National Bank of Marietta for fifty-nine years, becoming the oldest active Bank President in the United States at the time of his death. He was active in the Pennsylvania State Temperance Union and Prohibition Party running for public office at times but never winning elections.<sup>107</sup> His dry goods business began in the firm of Sterrett and Spangler, with his brother William Spangler, that he is reported as working for and purchasing around the age of 14.<sup>108</sup> Once that firm dissolved, likely due to William's death in 1849 due to dysentery<sup>109</sup>, he went into business with the Rich family at the firm of Spangler and Rich.<sup>110</sup> After John Rich (he was Mennonite) died in 1885,<sup>111</sup> Barr went into business with Levi Haldeman<sup>112</sup> (The Haldemans also descended from Mennonites) thus the firm of Spangler and Haldeman was formed. Levi Haldeman's wife, Mary Jane Spangler, was Barr's niece. She was his brother William's daughter, born around 1847 shortly before his death.<sup>113</sup> Mr. Haldeman withdrew from the company years later, beginning the family B. & C.S. Spangler firm.<sup>114</sup> His grandson J. Barr Spangler joined the firm<sup>115</sup> when he grew old enough, upon his death in 1961<sup>116</sup> he is still listed as being a merchant. Newspapers describe

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<sup>98</sup> Wentz, The Beginnings of the German Element in York County, Pennsylvania, 58

<sup>99</sup> Pennsylvania German Society, Proceedings and Addresses Vol 24, 58

<sup>100</sup> Ibid.

<sup>101</sup> U.S. Sons of the American Revolution Membership Applications, 1889-1970, Ancestry.com, accessed April 2, 2020, <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2204/>

<sup>102</sup> Pennsylvania & New Jersey Church & Town Records, 1669-2013, Ancestry.com, accessed April 2, 2020, <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2451/>

<sup>103</sup> Ancestry.com, "Online Family Trees", accessed April 2, 2020

<sup>104</sup> Ibid.

<sup>105</sup> Ibid.

<sup>106</sup> Historical Newspaper Clippings, Newspapers.com

<sup>107</sup> Ibid.

<sup>108</sup> Ibid.

<sup>109</sup> U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedules, 1850-1885, Ancestry.com, accessed April 2, 2020, <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8756/>

<sup>110</sup> Historical Newspaper Clippings, Newspapers.com

<sup>111</sup> "John W. Rich", FindAGrave.com Online Memorial, last modified March 5, 2016, [https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/158925531/john-w\\_-rich](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/158925531/john-w_-rich)

<sup>112</sup> Historical Newspaper Clippings, Newspapers.com

<sup>113</sup> Ancestry.com, "Online Family Trees", accessed April 2, 2020

<sup>114</sup> Historical Newspaper Clippings, Newspapers.com

<sup>115</sup> Ibid.

<sup>116</sup> "James Barr Spangler, Sr", FindAGrave.com Online Memorial, last modified December 25, 2013, <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/122164253/james-barr-spangler>

Barr as someone who "grew up in his community, gave his best to it, and throughout his long life, was an example to his fellow townsmen of good citizenship....(Barr) was a most remarkable man. His long life of usefulness will be an inspiration to many younger men who were fortunate enough to come into contact with him."<sup>117</sup>

Upon his 100th birthday, Barr received congratulations from President Warren Harding.<sup>118</sup> Additionally, the *Lancaster Era Newspaper* reported "Our congratulations to Barr Spangler, veteran businessman and banker.....he is still actively engaged in his business, and almost daily is at his desk at First National Bank. He writes most of his own letters, his memory is remarkable, and his judgment is as keen and sound as ever."<sup>119</sup> Barr Spangler passed away shortly after his 100th birthday, on September 17, 1922.<sup>120</sup> His grandson J. Barr Spangler was chosen to succeed him as Director of First National Bank,<sup>121</sup> and Barr was buried in the Spangler - Barr family plot at Marietta Cemetery.<sup>122</sup>

**Charles S. Spangler** was born to Barr Spangler and Mary Ann Sultzbach in 1857.<sup>123</sup> He quickly became the son involved in the Spangler family dry goods business, starting as a clerk in the firm as of at least 1880,<sup>124</sup> much like how his father who started in the business many years before. In 1884, Charles married Maria (sometimes known as Riley) Summy in Mount Joy.<sup>125</sup> The couple had three children, Paul, Susan, and Florence, only the two girls made it to adulthood. Eldest son Paul was killed in 1898 in front of the Charles S. Spangler Mansion as a result of an accidental gunshot wound.<sup>126</sup>

Newspaper articles quote Charles as a prominent Lancaster County resident, who in addition to running the B. & C. S. Spangler dry good firm was secretary of the Marietta Cemetery Association.<sup>127</sup> He died at the age of 69 in 1926, as a result of nephritis and pneumonia.<sup>128</sup> His wife and two daughters survived him.

**Susan Spangler** was the eldest daughter of Charles S. Spangler & Maria Summy,<sup>129</sup> and she inherited the Charles S. Spangler Mansion upon her mother's death in 1936, after her father gave the property to her mother<sup>130</sup> upon his death in 1926. Susan never married, worked, and lived in the home essentially her entire life.<sup>131</sup> She passed away at the age of 73 in December 1960 because of a stroke. Susan deeded the Charles S. Spangler Mansion to her only living close relative, sister Florence Spangler Mylin, who quickly sold it.<sup>132</sup> It was turned into apartments around this time by the succession of owners. In the 1980s it was restored into a single family dwelling.<sup>133</sup>

Benjamin Long (1787-1859) owned a number of lots in Marietta in the early 1810s which he planned to develop.<sup>134</sup> When this proposition turned unprofitable, Long's land was sold at sheriff's sale.<sup>135</sup> Fredrick Moyer purchases the plot of land which is now 55 West Fairview Ave in 1822 at said sheriff's sale.<sup>136</sup> Before there was

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<sup>117</sup> Historical Newspaper Clippings, Newspapers.com

<sup>118</sup> Ibid.

<sup>119</sup> Ibid.

<sup>120</sup> "Barr Spangler", FindAGrave.com Online Memorial, last modified October 20, 2013,

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/119038335/barr-spangler>

<sup>121</sup> Historical Newspaper Clippings, Newspapers.com

<sup>122</sup> Ibid.

<sup>123</sup> Pennsylvania Death Certificates, 1906-1967, Ancestry.com, accessed April 2, 2020,

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/5164/>

<sup>124</sup> 1880 U.S. Federal Census, Ancestry.com, accessed April 2, 2020, <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6742/>

<sup>125</sup> Ancestry.com, "Online Family Trees", accessed April 2, 2020

<sup>126</sup> Historical Newspaper Clippings, Newspapers.com

<sup>127</sup> Ibid.

<sup>128</sup> Pennsylvania Death Certificates, 1906-1969, Ancestry.com, <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/5164/>

<sup>129</sup> Ancestry.com, "Online Family Trees", accessed April 2, 2020

<sup>130</sup> Lancaster County Deed Records

<sup>131</sup> 1940 U.S. Federal Census, Ancestry.com, accessed April 2, 2020, <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2442/>

<sup>132</sup> Lancaster County Deed Records

<sup>133</sup> Interview with Home Owner, January 30, 2020.

<sup>134</sup> Book E, Volume 5, 56.

<sup>135</sup> John C. Landis, *Candlelight Tours of Marietta 1966 to 2015* (Landisville, PA: Yurchak Printing, Inc, 2015); 2012 Pictorial Review," Marietta Restoration Association, accessed Jan. 2020 <http://www.mariettarestoration.org/2012-pictorial-review.html>

<sup>136</sup> Book E, Volume 5, 56.



ever a home built on the land it was bought, sold, and inherited several times. In 1829 Martin Kindig purchased the land from Moyer.<sup>137</sup> Kindig was a teacher and “druggist” (pharmacist).<sup>138</sup> After owning the land for just one year, Kindig sold it to Henry B. Shaffner in 1830.<sup>139</sup> Shaffner worked with a Marietta, Mount Joy, Sportinghill, and Manheim Turnpike Road Company commissioned to build a road connecting Mount Joy to Manheim.<sup>140</sup> After Shaffner’s death around 1950, his son Calvin A. Shaffner inherited the land before selling it in 1853 to Thomas Stence.<sup>141</sup> Stence was a shoemaker who owned a shop at 4 East Hazel Avenue in Marietta.<sup>142</sup> In 1860, Barr Spangler purchased the land from Stence.<sup>143</sup>

Barr Spangler was a prominent Marietta resident, born there to John Spangler and Anna Barr in January of 1822.<sup>144</sup> At the time of his death in 1922, he was credited as being the oldest bank President in the United States at the First National Bank in Marietta.<sup>145</sup> He was a lifelong Marietta resident who also became prominent in political circles, being the Prohibition Party's failed candidate for Auditor General twice and Treasurer of the Pennsylvania State Temperance Union for several years.<sup>146</sup> At a young age, he began employment at a dry goods store in Marietta as a clerk and was later given full control of the business, thus beginning the B. & C.S. Spangler firm.<sup>147</sup> However, other family members were involved—including his eldest brother William and a nephew, J. Barr Spangler.<sup>148</sup> Spangler—along with his wife Mary Ann Sulzbach (1827-1921) and family—lived above their store on West Market Street.<sup>149</sup> In 1861 Spangler built a small cottage on his Fairview Ave. parcel of land while continuing to live above his store.<sup>150</sup> The cottage was simply named Cottage Place.<sup>151</sup> The magnificent home we see today was built ten years after the cottage and now incorporates the original cottage as an annex to the main home.<sup>152</sup> Buchman and Dehuff of Columbia were commissioned to build the home.<sup>153</sup> After completion, Spangler and his family moved in in 1871 and renamed the home Early Dawn.<sup>154</sup>

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<sup>137</sup> Book R, Volume 25, Page 526.

<sup>138</sup> Franklin Ellis and Samuel Evans, History of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, with Biological Sketches of Many of its Pioneers and Prominent Men (Press of J. B. Lippincott & Co., Philadelphia, 1883 by Everts & Peck), 626, [https://books.google.com/books?id=WsQxQAAMAAJ&pg=PA626&lpg=PA626&dq=martin+kindig+marietta+pa&source=bl&ots=0I35PBNULG&sig=ACfU3U0Ucn-yFenTGMJXIErialML\\_R2YDw&hl=en&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwifufuX98DnAhVhzlkKHVwnC-sQ6AEwC3oECAIAQ#v=onepage&q=martin%20kindig%20marietta%20pa&f=false](https://books.google.com/books?id=WsQxQAAMAAJ&pg=PA626&lpg=PA626&dq=martin+kindig+marietta+pa&source=bl&ots=0I35PBNULG&sig=ACfU3U0Ucn-yFenTGMJXIErialML_R2YDw&hl=en&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwifufuX98DnAhVhzlkKHVwnC-sQ6AEwC3oECAIAQ#v=onepage&q=martin%20kindig%20marietta%20pa&f=false)

<sup>139</sup> Book R, Volume 25, Page 526.

<sup>140</sup> *Laws of the General Assembly of the State of Pennsylvania, Passed at the Session of 1859, in the Eighty-Third Year of Independence.* (Harrisburg: A. Boyd Hamilton, State Printer. 1859) 379, [https://books.google.com/books?id=G84\\_AQAAMAAJ&pg=PA379&lpg=PA379&dq=henry+shaffner+marietta+pa&source=bl&ots=GoPirWf6ff&sig=ACfU3U0YunuuryaJoT-0p8RBZ2BTG3d42g&hl=en&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjPjqu698DnAhXLtlkKHChDO0Q6AEwA3oECAMQAQ#v=onepage&q=henry%20shaffner%20marietta%20pa&f=false](https://books.google.com/books?id=G84_AQAAMAAJ&pg=PA379&lpg=PA379&dq=henry+shaffner+marietta+pa&source=bl&ots=GoPirWf6ff&sig=ACfU3U0YunuuryaJoT-0p8RBZ2BTG3d42g&hl=en&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjPjqu698DnAhXLtlkKHChDO0Q6AEwA3oECAMQAQ#v=onepage&q=henry%20shaffner%20marietta%20pa&f=false)

<sup>141</sup> Book R, Volume 25, Page 526.

<sup>142</sup> Marietta Candlelight Tour of Homes; 2012 Pictorial Review,” Marietta Restoration Association, accessed Jan. 2020 <http://www.mariettarestoration.org/2012-pictorial-review.html>

<sup>143</sup> Book R, Volume 25, Page 527.

<sup>144</sup> “The Strangest Names in American Political History,” Political Strange Names, accessed Feb. 2020, <https://politicalstrangenames.blogspot.com/2013/08/barr-spangler-1822-1922.html>

<sup>145</sup> Ibid.

<sup>146</sup> Ibid.

<sup>147</sup> Ibid.

<sup>148</sup> Ibid.

<sup>149</sup> Ibid.

<sup>150</sup> James C. Landis, Candlelight Tours of Merietta 1966 to 2015 (Landisville, PA: Yurchak Printing, Inc, 2015).; Digest of Visitations for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. (2015) 21-22.

<sup>151</sup> Ibid.

<sup>152</sup> Ibid.

<sup>153</sup> Ibid.

<sup>154</sup> Ibid.

Spangler's marriage to Mary Ann Sulzbach produced three children - Cuvier, Anna, and Charles.<sup>155</sup> Son Charles (1857-1926) was the son involved in the operation of the B. & C.S. Spangler firm with his father.<sup>156</sup> While still running the B. & C. S. Spangler firm, this is when Barr additionally became the director of Marietta's First National Bank and held this role for almost sixty years—he never stepped down and died while holding the post.<sup>157</sup> He is quoted as being a firm believer in "fresh air and very little medicine" and received congratulatory telegrams from the Governor of Pennsylvania and the President of the United States upon turning 100.<sup>158</sup> Barr Spangler died September 17, 1922, shortly after his 100th birthday.<sup>159</sup> His son Charles then died in December of 1926, and daughter Anna died years later in 1938.<sup>160</sup> Son Cuvier predeceased him and passed in 1906.<sup>161</sup>

Spangler sold the home to his daughter, Anna B. Stibgen, for an undisclosed amount in 1920.<sup>162</sup> Just thirteen years later in 1933, Stibgen gave the property and home to her daughter, Mary F. Stibgen for "natural love and affection."<sup>163</sup>

In 1956, Stibgen sold the home to James R. Baker (1917-2005) for \$11,000.<sup>164</sup> Baker worked as a superintendent of shipyard facilities at Wiley Manufacturing Company of Port Deposit, Maryland.<sup>165</sup> Baker also worked as president and director of Wiley's credit union.<sup>166</sup> During World War II, Baker oversaw construction of the Paul Bunyon crane in Muskegon, MI.<sup>167</sup> The crane was constructed through a contract with the Army Corps of Engineers.<sup>168</sup> The crane began helping with the war effort in 1944.<sup>169</sup>

Beginning in 1948, Baker and his brother John operated a welding and fabricating shop called Baker Brothers.<sup>170</sup> Examples of their wrought iron railings can be seen in many places in Lancaster county.<sup>171</sup> Baker also worked for the Marietta Water Company where he was appointed to the board of directors in 1972.<sup>172</sup> Later, in 1986, he was promoted to assistant superintendent, a position he held until his death.<sup>173</sup> Baker was also involved with the Marietta Borough Council, Donegal Joint School Authority, and Marietta-Donegal Joint Sewer Authority.<sup>174</sup> For the entirety of his life he was a member of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Marietta.<sup>175</sup>

Baker had previously lived with his family on Market Street but moved to Fairview Avenue to accommodate his growing family's need for more space.<sup>176</sup> Before moving in, the Bakers cleaned out the house and painted many of the walls.<sup>177</sup> After moving in, a partition on the west side of the house was removed turning the existing pantry and library/study into the dining room.<sup>178</sup> The kitchen was then moved to the existing dining

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<sup>155</sup> "The Strangest Names in American Political History," Political Strange Names, accessed Feb. 2020, <https://politicalstrangenames.blogspot.com/2013/08/barr-spangler-1822-1922.html>

<sup>156</sup> Ibid.

<sup>157</sup> Ibid.

<sup>158</sup> Ibid.

<sup>159</sup> Ibid.

<sup>160</sup> Ibid.

<sup>161</sup> Ibid.

<sup>162</sup> Book R, Volume 25, Page 528.

<sup>163</sup> Book I, Volume 31, Page 352.

<sup>164</sup> 1956 deed

<sup>165</sup> "James R. (Jim) Baker," Lancaster Online, Feb. 7, 2005, accessed April 2020. [https://lancasteronline.com/obituaries/james-r-jim-baker/article\\_d5385148-7db6-5521-a2f2-9e2a5ebd7e00.html](https://lancasteronline.com/obituaries/james-r-jim-baker/article_d5385148-7db6-5521-a2f2-9e2a5ebd7e00.html)

<sup>166</sup> Ibid.

<sup>167</sup> Ibid.

<sup>168</sup> Ibid.

<sup>169</sup> Ibid.

<sup>170</sup> Ibid.

<sup>171</sup> Ibid.

<sup>172</sup> Ibid.

<sup>173</sup> Ibid.

<sup>174</sup> Ibid.

<sup>175</sup> Ibid.

<sup>176</sup> Interview with Marilyn Alarie, March 26, 2020.

<sup>177</sup> Ibid.

<sup>178</sup> Ibid.

room and remodeled with knotty pine cabinets.<sup>179</sup> The existing kitchen became what the Baker family referred to as the “back room.”<sup>180</sup> The kitchen table and chairs were left there as well as the existing coal stove.<sup>181</sup> Around 1972 this room was remodeled.<sup>182</sup> Two partitions were removed, the ceiling was lowered, and a colonial fire place with a raised hearth was added to replace the coal stove.<sup>183</sup>

In 1997, Baker gave the home to his children: Keren M. Sullivan, Sharon C. Showalter, James R. Baker, Jr., Marilyn Alarie, Lauralee B. Baker, and Hollis B. Baker.<sup>184</sup> Later in 2007, the siblings gave the house to their sister, Lauralee B. Baker.<sup>185</sup> Baker is a partner at Barley Snyder, a law firm in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.<sup>186</sup> After moving in, Baker had many renovations done to update the house including: widening the concrete driveway to better accommodate modern sized cars, replacing the electric and HVAC.<sup>187</sup> The “back room” was gutted and restored back to its original state.<sup>188</sup> The kitchen was updated and the back porch was extended to make an L shape, following the outside of the house.<sup>189</sup> Baker still owns the house to this day.

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<sup>179</sup> Ibid.

<sup>180</sup> Ibid.

<sup>181</sup> Ibid.

<sup>182</sup> Ibid.

<sup>183</sup> Ibid.

<sup>184</sup> Instrument Number 4092722.

<sup>185</sup> Instrument Number 5591499.

<sup>186</sup> Marilyn B. Alarie Email April 1, 2020

<sup>187</sup> Interview with Marilyn Alarie, March 26, 2020.

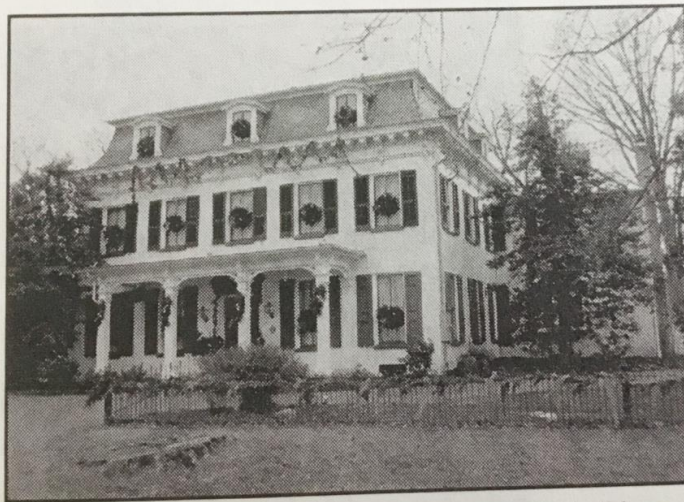
<sup>188</sup> Ibid.

<sup>189</sup> Lauralee B. Baker, Barley, accessed March 2020, <https://www.barley.com/Lauralee-Baker>

**Appendix: Historical Photos:**

*55 Fairview Avenue, rear, "Old Hickories,"*

Barr Spangler Manse backside of the home, looking from where the barn used to be and what is now the detached garage.

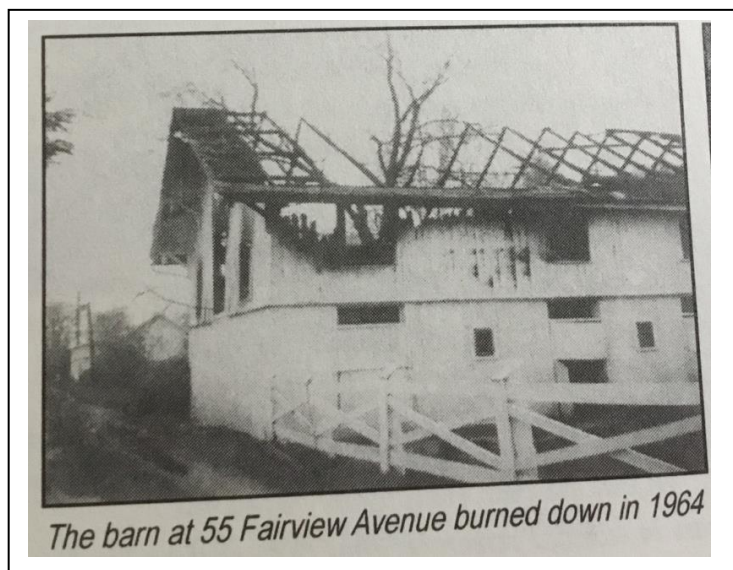


*55 Fairview Avenue, decorated for the winter holidays*

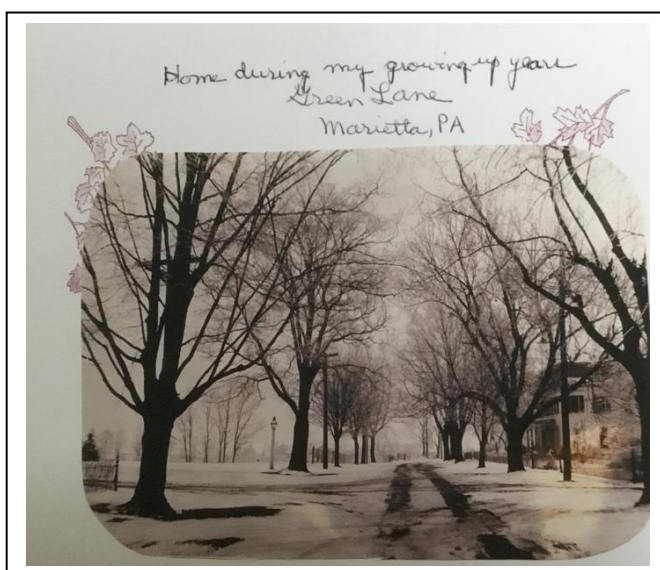
Barr Spangler Manse front of the home, street view, decorated for the winter holidays



Barr Spangler Manse porch on the backside of the home, looking from the driveway. This porch was widened in the 2007 renovations.



Barr Spangler Manse (1964) carriage house and stables fire, later remodeled into a detached garage.



Fairview Avenue looking east (1945) Barr Spangler Manse can be seen on the right.

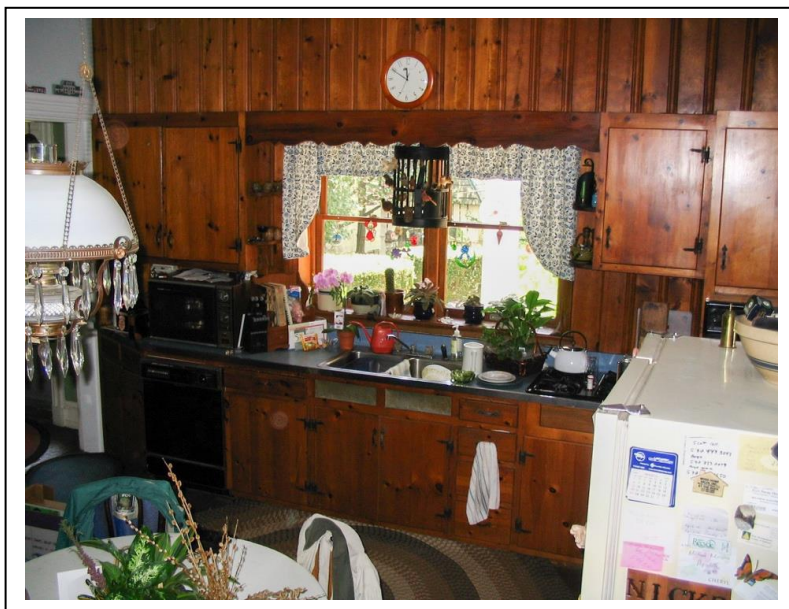
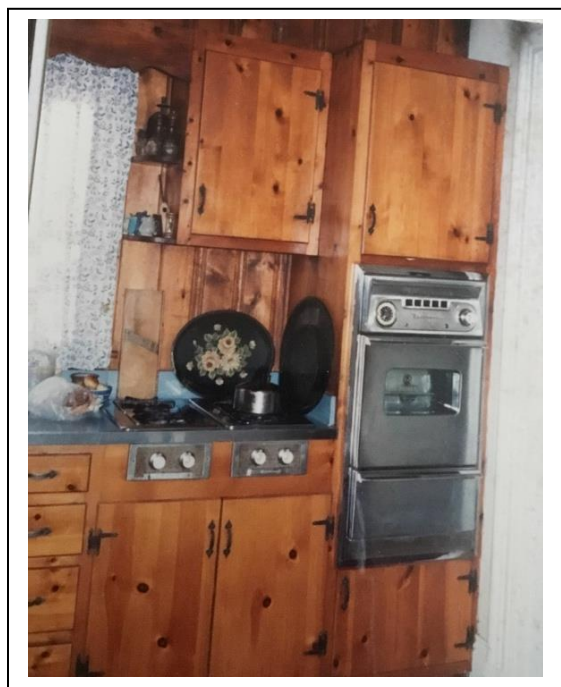




East side of Barr Spangler Manse ~ 1970.

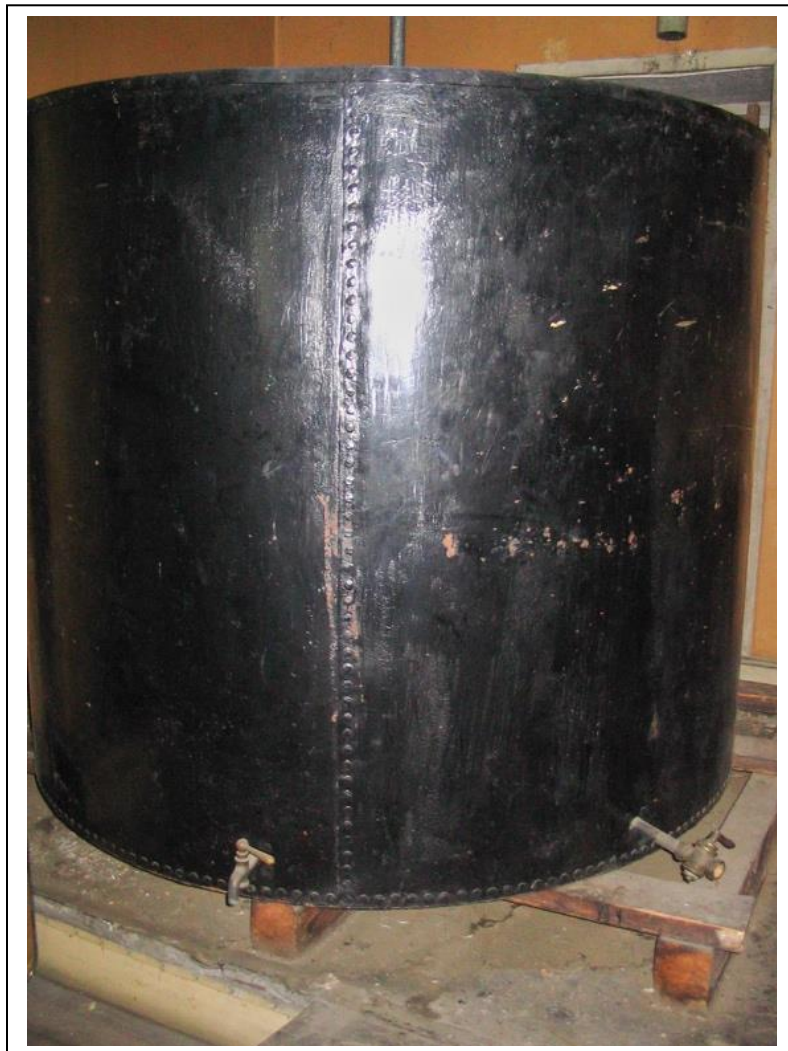


Front of Barr Spangler Manse as seen from Fairview Avenue ~ 1980.



Kitchen from 1956-2007.



**Appendix: 2007 Renovations**

This tank was on the third, top, floor. It was about 6 feet wide and collected water from the roof. It traveled through pipes down to the second floor bathrooms.



2007 renovations to the original Cottage Place built in 1861.



Extending the porch on the backside of the Barr Spangler Manse.





This portion of the Barr Spangler Manse is the oldest part of the house, built in 1861. On Fairview Avenue, Barr Spangler built Cottage Place in 1861 expanding it in 1871 into the Early Dawn mansion. It remained in the Spangler family until 1956 when the current owners, the Baker family, named it Old Hickories.

#### **Appendix: Contemporary Photos:**



Barr Spangler Manse, Fairview Avenue,  
looking west.



Barr Spangler Manse, Fairview Avenue,  
looking east.



On 13 May 1961, the Marietta Restoration Association hosted an event called, "A Day In Marietta Homes." The Barr Spangler Manse was featured on this historic house tour. In 1966, the same year President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the National Historic Preservation Act, the Marietta Restoration Associates, Inc. was formed. This grass roots local historic preservation group sponsored a historic house tour called, "Christmas By Candlelight." Since 1966, the "Candlelight Tour of Homes" has been an annual event. The Barr Spangler Manse has been open to the public for historic home open houses beginning in 1961.