

HAD FIRST STORE A CENTURY AGO
MORE CHANGES IN LAST QUARTER CENTURY THAN IN FIRST
THREE QUARTERS HAD THE FIRST SCHOOL
[Millville]

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article appeared in *The Morning Press* on March 1, 1927, and provided a brief history of Millville. The author commented about several aspects of the town such as its economic base, municipal services, schools, its weekly newspaper, Eves family, Society of Friends, and its infrastructure.

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Just a century ago the first store was opened in Millville by David and Andrew Eves, but the changes that took place in the town during the first three-quarters of that century were slight compared with those of the last quarter century.

The industrial changes of the borough in the last quarter century have been almost kaleidoscopic, the most recent of which was the shutting down of the woolen mill.

Silk Mill Opened

In 1902 the industries of the borough comprised the woolen mill, the Eves wagon works, two planing mills, the grist mill and the creamery. In 1907 the Millville Tanning Company was formed, and was closed several years ago. One of the planing mills was closed down and is now the grange hall, the building having been remodeled. The other still is in operation. Within the last decade the Jouvaud and Lavigne Company opened a silk mill, and the borough for the first time enjoyed electric lighting of its streets.

The grist mill and wagon works still are in operation, while the creamery has become a receiving station for the Dewart Milk Products Company. Another milk receiving station also was established by the Harbison dairies. Another industry is the planing mill and lumber yard of A. J. Hummel.

The borough was incorporated in 1892, the Millville Water Company was chartered in 1898, and the sewer system was put in 1899 and 1901.

From 1887 to 1919 the borough had a weekly paper, which had been established by G. A. Potter and subsequently conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Trescott, and later by Eugene Cadman.

Post Office in 1831

The post office there was established in 1831, and the postmasters were David Eves, Andrew Eves, James George, William Masters, Uriah P. Henry, Ellis Eves, D. F. Herring, W. C. Eves, Joseph C. Eves, J. S. Cole and J. W. Biddle.

From its founding, one of the strongholds of the Society of Friends in this part of the state, the Society has remained active there years after other Meetings have been abandoned.

Long the seat of Greenwood Seminary, in which many of the most prominent residents of the county in years gone by were educated, the borough now has one of the five vocational schools in the county, and the Seminary buildings have been torn down for the construction of a Community Hall, in which the community organization conducts a weekly motion picture show. The hall is also the scene of many community events and entertainments.

Had First School

John Eves, who moved from Mill Creek Hundred, Delaware, in 1770, was the first settler in Millville, but did not remain because of Indian depredations, returning finally in 1785 to form a permanent settlement. From him more than 2,000 persons are now descended, and are scattered throughout the world. Charles Eves, of Millville, has compiled practically a complete history of the family, with the names of all of the descendants.

The grist mill which gave to the town its name was built and operated by John Eves.

The first school in the county is believed to have been established in Millville, when Elizabeth Eves instructed the children in the vicinity in a portion of the old meeting house in 1798.

In 1851 the Friends erected the Millville high school, William Burgess being the first principal. The school opened in 1852 with an enrollment of 30, and he continued as the head for 12 years. In 1862 the Greenwood Seminary Company, with capital stock of \$5,000 was organized.

Large Part of the Borough's Streets Paved

A larger proportion of the streets of Millville have been paved than any other borough in the county, in all probability. The two main streets through the town - Main and State Streets - have been paved with state and county aid, and the improvement that was wrought was one of the most needed in the community because the streets were deep with mud during the spring months.

A contribution of one of Millville's citizens went part way toward paying for borough's share of the improvement, which extends for a total of nearly two miles. The improvement has made it possible for the borough to devote its attention to the improvement of other streets more than formerly, with the result that conditions generally are beyond comparison with the time when the borough was likewise responsible for the maintenance of the two main streets and the resultant heavy expense. With the likelihood of a paved road to Bloomsburg this year, Millville is in an ideal position with respect to traffic.

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