

## Our Living PAST!



### VILLAGE OF SCHNECKSVILLE (1840)

Adam Schneck from Wur-temberg, Germany took up land in this area in 1766. His son, Daniel, became the founder of the village in 1840. Schnecksville was named for Daniel who came into possession of all the lands where the village now stands.

In 1840, Daniel Schneck divided a part of this land tract into building lots. That year, he and his son Moses erected the first hotel, later known as the Gross Hotel and also all the early buildings.

### Original Gross Hotel, Store, and Post Office Building (1840)

Moses Schneck and his father, Daniel, erected this hotel in 1840.

The hotel business was conducted by various individuals until 1914 when the license was transferred to the Eagle Hotel across the street. The last Gross Hotel keepers were William H. Snyder from 1901 to 1912, and Jonas C. Weaver and Frank E. Lutz from 1912 to 1914.

George Rau opened the first store in this building. He sold it to Daniel Schneck. In 1843, Joel and Peter Gross leased the store from Schneck and afterwards purchased it and continued the business until 1874.

The post office was opened in this building on February 16, 1846. Peter Gross was the first postmaster. Various individuals served as Postmasters. The post office was moved to the Frank Kovacs home in October 1950. From there it was transferred to the new Post Office Building in Schnecksville in September, 1961. A part of the original Gross Building was used as a beauty shop.



The original **Schneck House** is on Route 873, Main Street, between Schnecksville and Neffs. It is probably the oldest building in the Schnecksville area. The nucleus is a genuine log cabin, the front part being the first building. It is located on a tract of land once owned by Thomas Penn and John Penn.



### GEIGER'S COVERED BRIDGE (1858)



Geiger's Covered Bridge located near the village of Weidasville spans the Jordan Creek. The structure was built in 1858, has stone abuts and a double wooden floor. Geiger's is 120 feet long with a water pipe running through it from which water was pumped from the Jordan Creek to a nearby farm. The County of Lehigh maintains this bridge.

Next issue of *"what's going on"*, we will take a look at Neffs history.