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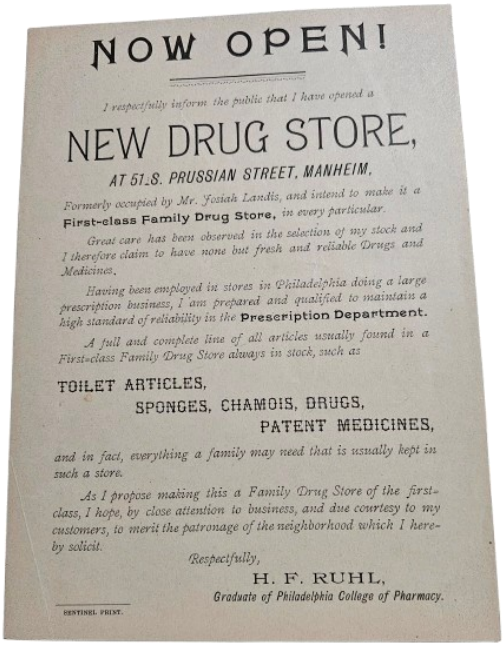
# OUR HERITAGE



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NOW OPEN!

*I respectfully inform the public that I have opened a*

NEW DRUG STORE,

AT 51 S. PRUSSIAN STREET, MANHEIM,

*Formerly occupied by Mr. Josiah Landis, and intend to make it a* **First-class Family Drug Store,** *in every particular.*

*Great care has been observed in the selection of my stock and I therefore claim to have none but fresh and reliable Drugs and Medicines.*

*Having been employed in stores in Philadelphia doing a large prescription business, I am prepared and qualified to maintain a high standard of reliability in the* **Prescription Department.**

*A full and complete line of all articles usually found in a First-class Family Drug Store always in stock, such as*

TOILET ARTICLES,
SPONGES, CHAMOIS, DRUGS,
PATENT MEDICINES,

*and in fact, everything a family may need that is usually kept in such a store.*

*As I propose making this a Family Drug Store of the first-class, I hope, by close attention to business, and due courtesy to my customers, to merit the patronage of the neighborhood which I hereby solicit.*

*Respectfully,*
H. F. RUHL,
*Graduate of Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.*

SENTINEL PRINT.

Harry Fry Ruhl, Sr., opened his drugstore business in 1891 in the drugstore building formerly occupied by Josiah Landis, at 51 South Prussian Street, now Main Street. He later moved his business to a location owned by his father, Samuel Ruhl, at 75 South Prussian St. Samuel was a carpenter and cabinetmaker. HMPF has one of Samuel's well-worn planes and a picture of Samuel at his workbench.

The reason for this article is because HMPF just received artifacts from Harry F. Ruhl's first drugstore, 1891. The items were given to HMPF in memory of the Ruhl family and Dorothy Ruhl, Harry F. Ruhl's granddaughter, and some are pictured in the next column.

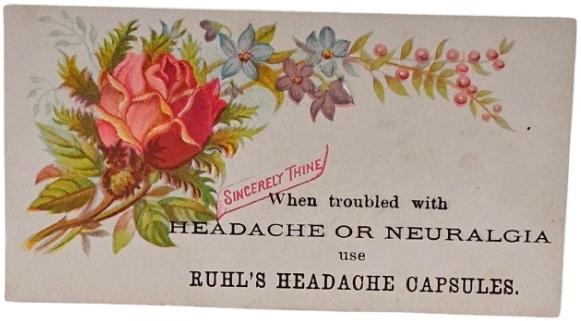


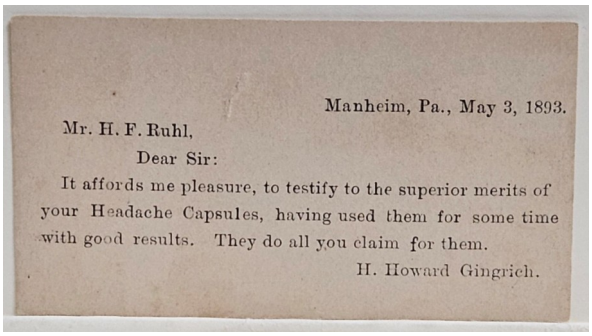

Mr. Ruhl in his first Drug Store.




We received three labels under glass apothecary bottles and a smaller embossed one. Two fancy candy jars, and they can be seen in the above "OUR FOUNTAIN" picture. Two Stiegel-type items, one a copper-wheel engraved flip and the other a ribbed wineglass, displayed on the museum's lighted bases. A special metal canister and miniature 1½" dia. x 2½" high glass flask carried by Dr. John Francis Dunlap, an early Manheim physician, when visiting patients in their homes. Also pictured is the underside of the container-type cap and lead clippings found in the cap. The early belief was that lead had healing qualities.

It's interesting that the trade card pictured below has a Headache Capsule endorsement on the reverse with a date of May 3, 1893. Mr. Ruhl opened his store in 1891 and by 1893 was compounding his own remedies.



Manheim, Pa., May 3, 1893.

Mr. H. F. Ruhl,

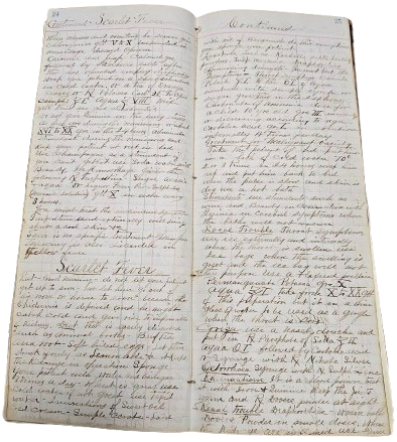
Dear Sir:

It affords me pleasure, to testify to the superior merits of your Headache Capsules, having used them for some time with good results. They do all you claim for them.

H. Howard Gingrich.

Perhaps some of what Mr. Ruhl compounded was based on ailments listed in the book that HMPF acquired at the sale of miscellaneous small items from the Ruhl Drug Store. Mr. Young, the person who purchased the Ruhl Drug Store business from Harry Ruhl, Jr., sold the business to Sloan's Pharmacy and later had an auction at his home along Penryn Road. It was at this sale that HMPF acquired the ailments book and a few other small Ruhl Drug Store items.





Mr. Ruhl was a very enterprising individual. Along with having a drugstore business, he did some job printing and photography, as the trade card and real photo postcard below indicate. Mr. Ruhl produced many real photo postcards, but unfortunately he did not stamp on the back of the postcards that they were by Harry F. Ruhl, as did Charles Ensminger with the Ensminger Postal Series, Manheim, Pa.






Kauffman Park, Trinity ECC Picnic, Harry Ruhl class teacher

For Manheim's Old Home Week celebration, in 1912, Mr. Ruhl had a number of commemorative items produced. Two are pictured below.






Some of us (very few) remember Mr. Ruhl also being in the apple orchard business and people being able to buy apples at the drugstore location. Baskets of apples could be seen in front of the store, and at the back of the interior of the store, one could sense the fragrance of apples from those in storage.