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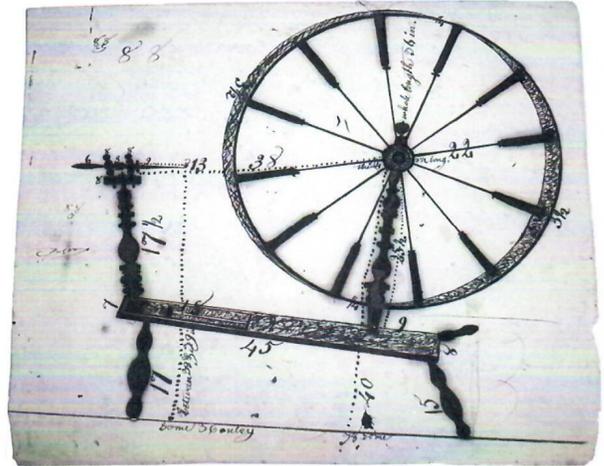
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Of Historical Significance



The house pictured above was the home of Daniel Danner.

Daniel Danner is recognized nationwide for the superb craftsmanship seen in the yarn winders and spinning wheels that he produced. In the July 2017 issue of **Our Heritage** is pictured one of the castle spinning wheels that he crafted. Also, in the special publication issued by HMPF in 2005 is pictured the castle spinning wheel that has been in the Ensminger/Keiffer family for generations. We are fortunate to also own one of Daniel Danner's ledgers. The ledger; yarn winder and the spinning wheel pictured in **Our Heritage** were gifted to us by the American Textile History Museum, Lowell, Mass. when the museum closed in 2017. Another Daniel Danner ledger was sold at auction in 2020 and it found its way back to Manheim through a collector.

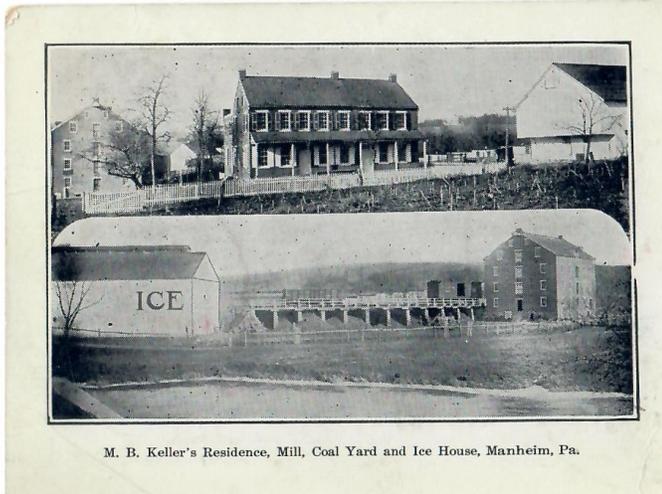


Drawing by Daniel Danner

Since Daniel Danner's home is located on the land owned by the Danner Home for Assisted Living, and the home is now closed, the community could conceivably have an opportunity to preserve the building and perhaps reconstruct Daniel's workshop, which was located right next door along Charlotte Street.

A few of our members recall the two croquet courts that once occupied the land where the Danner Home for Assisted Living Home was built in 1952. They also remember when the courts were somewhat overgrown with weeds and the area was a scary place to walk past. Occasionally, pranksters would hide in the weeds at night and jump out to frighten kids as they walked along Ferdinand Street. One kid remembers the area well, since on his trip at night along the dark scary area he found an unopened pack of chewing tobacco and upon sampling it got sick.

Postcards Bearing Important Information



The M. B. Keller postcard was recently given to Gary Frederick.

Many times the messages written on postcards provide information related to our early history. One such card is the one pictured above. Written on the back of the card is information from Mr. Keller concerning the ice that he had on hand and available. The card was mailed to Mr. Geyen in Brunnerville.

Mr. Keller's message reads: "I have about 1400 tons of ice housed again, fully 8 inches thick, clean, solid ice, no snow. Would be very much pleased to accommodate you when you are in need of ice. And oblige you very truly, M. B. Keller"

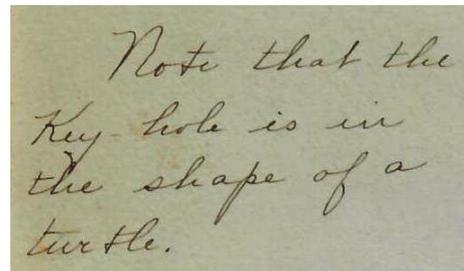
Mr. Keller's business was located along what we know as White Oak Road, The brick house is still there.

When he was in business, homes had ice boxes. The person writing this article remembers the ice box in his kitchen and emptying the pan at the bottom of the ice box that contained the water from the ice as it melted. Many of the homes in Manheim didn't have electric refrigerators until in the 1930s. Do any of our readers remember Connelly's Ice Plant just off Route 72 south of Manheim? The plant was near what was Sauder's Chevrolet and Buch's pond. The pond where many of all ages ice skated in winter.

The next two postcard also have interesting information written on them.



Written on the back of the above postcard is information concerning the shape of the key escutcheon on the front door to Henry Wm. Stiegel's Office.



"Note that the key hole is in the shape of a turtle."



The above picture was taken on Market Square in Manheim. The information written on the back of the card tells us that the Peerless Engine & Thrashing Machine combination was owned by George Zeno Miller. George was the father of Jay Miller, who with his wife Betty Kissinger Miller, lived at a South Charlotte Street address in Manheim.