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## Manheim Toll Roads

**Manheim, Petersburg & Lancaster Turnpike**

**Manheim & Lititz Turnpike**

**Manheim & Sporting Hill Turnpike**

**Manheim & Penn Twp Toll Road**

**Manheim & Lebanon Plank & Turnpike Road**

Through the interests of a few local collectors, Manheim's early history, artifacts and records of the toll roads leaving Manheim have been preserved. Just recently the stock certificate pictured below was located and acquired.



Collectors and friends of HMPF have been responsible for saving ledgers, a stock book, numerous stock certificates, toll road tokens, brass seals, a map, and many documents related to the toll roads.

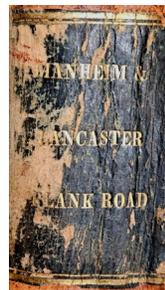
A map of the **Manheim, Petersburg & Lancaster Turnpike**, 11 feet in length, framed and on the wall leading to HMPF's Ensminger Library, was acquired through a friend. The map is one of two known, both drawn in 1899 by John Miller, Manheim teacher and surveyor.



**Tokens from the Manheim & Sporting Hill Turnpike and the Manheim & Lititz Turnpike**



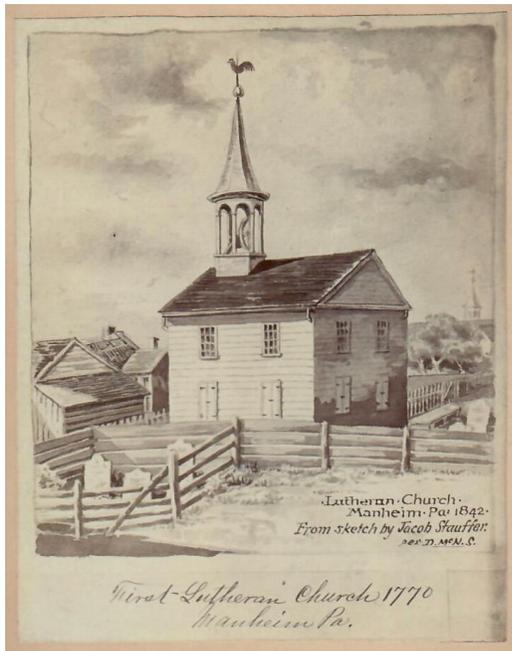
**Seals from the Manheim and Sporting Hill Turnpike and the Manheim & Penn Trop Turnpike**



The stock certificate book, 1851-1909, that was sold in 1991 at the estate sale of Sylvia Rupp has since returned to Manheim. The book indicates that the Manheim & Lancaster Plank Road became known as the Turnpike with a certificate issued the 9th day of April 1863.

## Where are they?

There are several mysteries connected to the Stiegel story. The ones mentioned here concern sketches. Where are the original sketches of the Stiegel Mansion and the First Lutheran Church by D. McN.S.? What does per D. McN.S. tell us? The sketches must have been in Manheim in 1907 when Charles Ensminger produced the postcards depicting them. Noted on the Mansion postcard is D. McN.S. and 1881. D. McN.S. may have sketched both the mansion and church in 1881. He did his sketch of the church by copying Jacob Stauffer's original 1842 church sketch, as noted on the postcard. Also, where is Jacob Stauffer's original sketch?



George Heiges had some thoughts concerning the present location of Jacob Stauffer's 1841 sketch but he never explored the possibilities. Perhaps it's time for HMPF to conduct a search.

## Other Questions!

Where is the Stiegel wedding ring? At the time George Heiges published **Henry William Stiegel and His Associates**, in 1948, it was the possession of Charles Ziegler of Hershey, Pa. Earlier, around 1935, the ring was the possession of Mrs. Bessie Stiegel Miller, Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Does a ticket of Stiegel's 1773 lottery exist? If a specimen does exist, where is it, who signed it, is it identified as the American Flint Glass Manufactory Lottery?

Philip Nordell, from Ambler, Pa., who collected early American lottery tickets and owned the largest collection of the tickets in existence, over a thousand different tickets, did not own a specimen of the 1773 Stiegel ticket. However, he did own one of the three known York, Lebanon & Heidelberg tickets issued in 1769 and signed by Henry Wm. Stiegel. Since Mr. Nordell's passing, a fourth specimen surfaced in 1994 and was auctioned by a New York company. Mr. Nordell's collection was acquired by a casino for exhibit purposes.

When the American Flint Glass Manufactory building was razed, in 1812, to what area locally was the debris haul? It's recorded that some of the bricks were used to build a hotel at Fiddler's Green, now known as Neffsville, Pa. There is a little known legend that much of the debris was hauled to an area near Manheim. That area remains a secrete to prevent an archeological excavation by some for gathering personal treasures. Perhaps a sanction ground penetrating radar search and supervised excavation could be conducted in the future. More than forty years ago, there was a report by someone living in the area of the glass factory site about a possible well location cave-in. Could that location contain factory site debris and treasures? There are many things that could come to light and clear up mysteries.