

Pertinent
Facts
about
BURKITTSVILLE
Md.



Preface

This booklet was made by the Maryland History class at Burkittsville school as a culminating activity. We hope that it will create an interest in our community in cleanliness, beautifying, and improving the living conditions, to be a "booster" & not a knocker in our community.

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How to make our town grow
 a little more praise, a little less blame
 a little more virtue, a little less shame
 a little more thoughts of other men's rights;
 a little less selfish chase for delights
 a little more love a little less hate
 All these are needed to make Burkittsville great

a little honor, a little less greed
 a little more service, a little less creed
 a little more courage when pathways are rough
 a little more action, a little less bluff
 a little more kindness by you + by me
 and oh! What a wonderful town it will be

points of Interest

1. The Union Cemetery has some very old markers + monuments, their are a few over 130 years old, and many can't be read.
2. One mile west of the mt. Gap in road corresponds to memorial and the ruined domain of the "great Bath".
3. Along the Gapland road are many battle of Burkittsville Taps
4. Ruins of distillery and horseys distillery nearby
5. Snadlock Heights 9 miles east + Antietam Cemetery 7 miles west
6. The Old overshot waterwheel of D. Young reminder of past
7. The modern dairy farms of B. D. marked, G. V. Arnold, Irvin, etc.
8. The Historical churches, the modern school with its equipped play ground. Old Seminary
9. Nearby are historic Frederick, Harpers Ferry, Hambrill park watershed Reservoir + etc. of forestry
10. The fire tower and appalachian rail for hikes + look outs

Location

my home is in Burkittsville, in District # 27.
 The town grew up on the intersection of route 17 + the Jefferson - Gapland road. The fertile "Richmont plateau" lands around Burkittsville attracted farmers to settle them, + business houses, blacksmiths + professional people to supply these farmers need. Burkittsville is 6 miles S.W. of Middletown, 7 miles N. of Brunswick, 2 miles E. of Gapland + 14 miles W. of Frederick.

Elevation _____ 326 ft.
 Growing _____ 181 frostless days
 average temperature _____
 average rainfall _____ 53.2 f per year
 40.2 inches per year
 a picture of my home

Picture of my home on back

Burkittsville (Bentztown) (Barcl)

1. Under the shadows of the hills in dreams of quiet rest. This town that heard the bugle's trills
 Finds peace within her breast,
 Beyond ~~the~~ her tower the lovely heights & wonder
 goes the rose and Crampton Whispers in the wood
 That gently stir the grass
2. The mighty bath took wood & stone
 And made them into castled nooks & lived in memory of
 the War. And dreamt and wrote his books



The front of my house

Historical Facts

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 Delaware + Powhatan Indians once roamed about
 this region + their Appalachian trail stretches atop
 South Mountain even before 1760, pioneers were
 attracted to settle the fertile valley. The Maryland
 tract was made famous by Colonel Lee (E. Howard)
 Lee, whose mansion at Pteraville was center of Col.
 entertainment, Lee's estate was called forest + mead
 wood 1745, 1819. Earliest settlers were Lee, Willard,
 Slifer, Haines, ^{and} Abelt. etc. The Village was first called
 Harveys Postoffice 1832 and later named for Honeycutt
 who owned the ground town is on focus Valley from
 Court forest, + another town from the old slave
 an old slave house still stands at Peter Haines estate in
 Burkittsville Harveys distillery built 1830, was destroyed
 during civil war 1862, rebuilt and again ruined by 2nd
 amendment 1918. John Lockers built tannery about 1840,
 which W. W. (Barbara) operated. on the Chesapeake
 in the vicinity. The Reformed Church was established in
 1829 by Rev. Bickers. The Lutheran, 1854 by Rev. Rippey.
 Methodists built community 1862, Episcopal built chapel.
 also. The separate cemeteries later were united church
 of God established 1879 by elder S. Slifer. C. of Brethren
 1879 by elders J. Ausherman. During civil war. The first
 N. 8. brigade + Harpers Battery charged up the mt.
 toward the sea. Sept 17, 1862 following the
 confederates. 42 killed + 184 wounded - churches used
 as hospitals. Crampton Pass was much desired by
 both armies. In 1866, Rev. Wines established Burkittsville
 Female Seminary, which later failed. The first public school
 was a one room brick building sitting behind parish hall
 The hall was second public school. at the sea 1885 J. A.
 Townshend, "The Great Bath" built a mansion + building
 costing \$260,000. It was a civil war writer - estate is
 now ruins, but was visited by notables including
 American presidents. Kelly of California was one of
 his best poems. The town people loved him very
 much. The town was first incorporated in 1894 + the
 streets lighted with Carbide lamps. He bowled

was baliff. It soon failed tried again 1913 but failed same year

Rev. Ludman in 1914 established the union mountain top summer services, in the shadows of war correspondent Arch built in 1896, to honor Mary, but now to honor Christ. The town was again incorporated in 1939 with J. C. Skidmore as director - clerk. The Burgess had Mr. J. Wiener. in 1941. Gov. DeConno granted to the town a special workable charter which gave women votes, property assessments & taxation, etc. The main street has been repaved & well lighted - alleys cleaned & law enforced prevail. In 1942 - a community Victory supper was held. A census of 393 persons & the proceeds were used to equip Broadrun, Forest Valley, & Burkittsville with seven trained air wardens & first aid nurses. Many of our sons & daughters served the country in this war on the front, camp, school, farm, factory, rails & etc. red cross, etc., and other campaigns are held

Government of town

The Town was incorporated by charter granted by acts of Gen. Assembly of Md. Chapter 342, May 29, 1941 Elections are triennial. first Monday in June & all officers serve without pay
Officers 1941 - 1944

Burgess - Roy T. Duxton Clerk - J. C. Skidmore
Baliff - Earl M. Lowell Magistrate - A Jones
Commissioners - Edward Smith, Ralph Weedy, Raymond Gordon. The total property assessment for 1943 - \$92,685.71. No tax on agricultural or religious properties the District # 20 is under the County constable - Wm Beachley of Broadrun who keeps law & order outside Burkittsville. The State police enforce the vehicle laws of the entire state

Population facts

population of town 183
population of District # 20
Votes 459. Dem. 123, Rep. 336

Oldest persons (Mrs. Charlotte married (Mr. + Mrs. Turner (91) Mr. M. L. House (Arlington House) Miss Anne Sowers (Mrs. + Mrs. George (Melvin Beachley) Mr. George (Katzelwisch) Linda Howard (Sister of Johnny R. Decker) Recent birth (Peggy H. Metzger) (Chas. Decker) Constable (Hamp) (Linda L. Webber) (Andrew Taylor) (Clarence Moss) (John Beckel) District 20 is governed during absences & blackouts by

- Wardens - Roy T. Duxton
Ed Smith
J. C. Skidmore
Maurice Duxton
James Fearns
Gerrit Smith
Ralph Weedy
Melvin Jackson
Russell House
Robert ...
Lawrence Duxton
Edwin ...
Luther Brown
Aug. Police
Earl Lowell
Jack Brunner
Clifford Norris

Public utilities, transportation

1. Burkittsville's water system has fallen into ruin & wells & springs are used. 25% of the homes have running water - electrically pumped
2. Electricity supplied by stone Edison Company streets lighted etc. 10 centers - suspension 75 watt lights 857 of homes have electric
3. The street kept in repair by country road board with \$100 given by the town butters kept open by the board
4. There are no public transportation systems however a concrete on several macadam roads lead from the town 90% of families own autos 15% trucks 20% bicycles & a year & 1/2 when owned the first autos
5. Burkittsville has advantage of 2 telephone exchanges at Middletown, and at Burkittsville served by bell telephone co 15% of family 95% radio 95% new papers (Newspaper) Waller Regist new citizen Black times and several Sunday papers and many magazine week high mass first telephone to Arnold - first radio
6. the post office, 1st class, 2 c. magala postmaster box. service R.F.D. 2 mails

Commerce & Industry

I occupations

- Farmers 45%0
- Railroad 20%0
- Factory 23%0
- Wilford 5%0
- Retired + other 6%0
- Professional 1%0

place of business

- general stores C. freed
- H. D. Huttyors w. E. Coakley
- H. Gordon a. Pfeiffer
- 2 c. magala C. Huffer
- H. Holt car

5 Filling Stations

- 1 millinery shop (Mrs. a. Hoins)
- 1 Blacksmith shop (Chighton)
- 1 Carpenter shop (L. Ardant)

Largest farms

- 2 Zecker, H. Zecker, J. Andrew
- D. Marder, S. Varwood C. Root
- D. Young, B. Mahoney

Facts about farms

owners 15%0
 tenants 85%0
 products - dairy product
 meat, eggs, fruit, vegetable
 corn, wheat

Health & Safety

1. Burkittsville has no sewer fert cheapment nor garbage collection these are a problem for future liberal pavements are a problem that needs attention
2. the town officers however have ordinances which protect health and provide some safety -
 - (a) no filth may collect in yards or on streets
 - (b) privy pigs sty's weeds must be given peace not be disturbed
 - (c) Free passage must be given peace not be disturbed conduct + vagrancy and use of explosives prohibited
 - (d) Bicycle + vehicle use must be in order as well as to parking
3. The Raid wardens act as safeguard in time of Blackbirds raids
4. The Sheriff keeps law + order or may summon help if essential

Recreational + culture

most of the recreation + culture is provided by the school + churches although the newspapers magazines radio hunting + fishing provide much entertainment many travel elsewhere to place of amusement

- 1. The school has 2 acres of playground equipped with \$500 worth of apparatus the campus is beautified with trees shrubbery stones and grass the building is steam heated electrically lighted running water indoor gym outdoor toilets the school has a stage piano, radio duplicating machine etc stage.
- 3 tables 3 employed electronic furnished with room
- 2. The faculty are as follows -
 principal - J. C. Skidmore
 assistant - Barbara Titus
 Bus - Robert Arnold
 janitor - W. Weddy
- 3. Country officers are Supt. Pratt supervision L. H. Thompson
 attendance - J. Smith Dr. Refarner
- 4. P + A sponsor a religion education program through the school using the pastors + teachers to train + guide the thought the visual education program on physical

program + progressing the officers are pres
 L Brown + P. Mrs. J. C. Shindora Secy & mo. Secy
 also has Mrs. Amy Hutson pianist & Harine Caplan
 Dr Erdman 5 regular meetings are held during the year
 and may parties + pension special holidays
 The school has 76 pupils headed by following class
 officers

captain - Carroll Cutts
 lieutenant - Betty Miller
 corporal - Billy Murray
 secretary - Ronnie Smith
 treasure Howard Jennings
 grade 5 Conrad Cochran
 grade 6 Carl Surtner
 grade 4 June Miller

6. The churches

- a. Brethren - Rev. Cooper, Supt. Homer, butyons choir, Barbara
- b. Colgas - vacant, Supt. John W. Wifler, choir Kathleen, Robert
- c. Lutheran - Dr. Erdman, Supt. Margaret, ahult, choir, Ethel
- d. Reformed - Rev. Taylor, Supt. Ira, Beatty, choir, S. Magot
- e. Catholic - Rev. J. Innerly

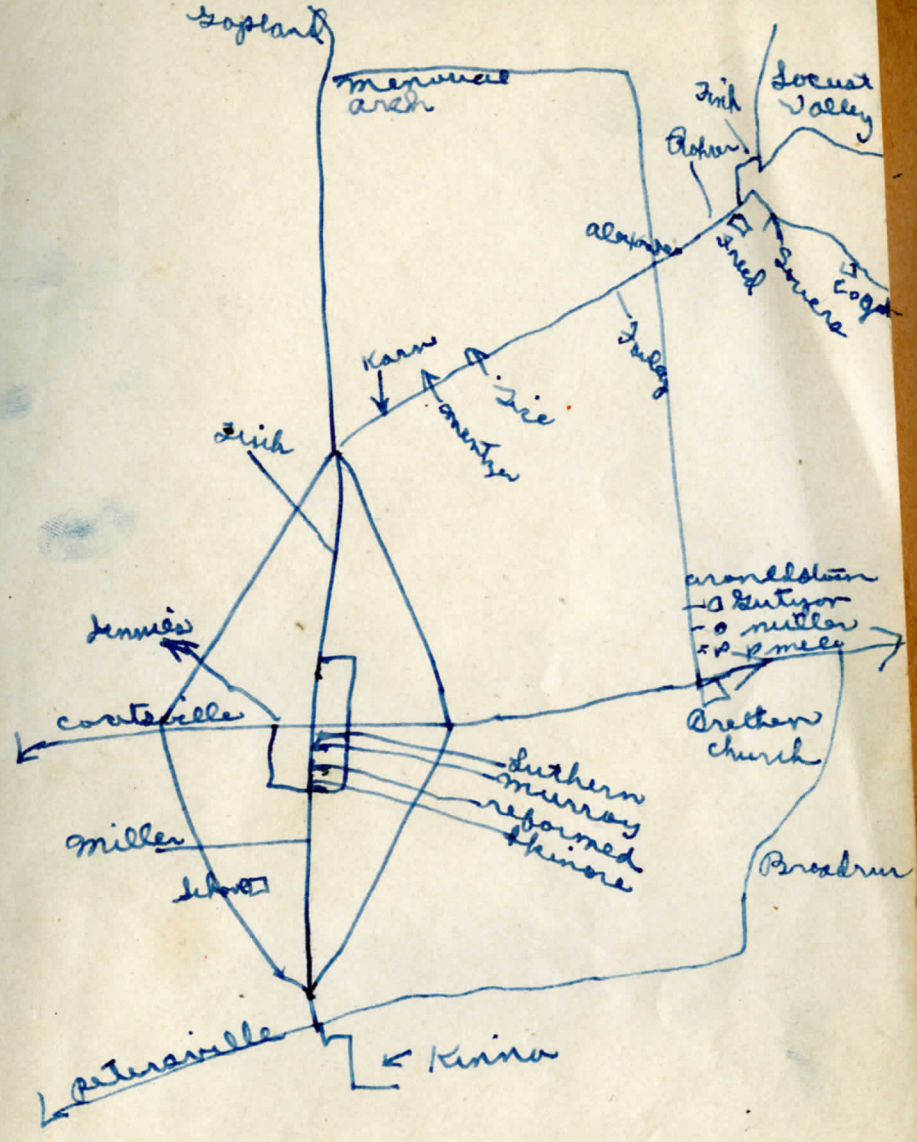
The Brethren Lutheran Reformed Catholic churches have
 pipe organ
 The reformed church is oldest and has most beautiful
 adequate housing

many homes are beautiful with lawns + garden
 some are some that are mere slabs and
 poorly kept yet they are homes most beautiful
 home are those of C. H. Smith, R. T. Sutton, R. Gordon
 Edgar, Shafer, W. M. Moller, Alan butyons

there are 56 homes in Burdittsville an 263

- 4/1000 refrigerators
- 80% elec. iron
- 60% piano or organ
- 30 well kept lawns
- 40% furnaces
- 10% stoves
- 109% elect. stoves
- 60% elect. washers
- 25% 1. bathrooms

Md of school district



Boonie Fink
Grade 6

