

The Haunted House.

A small brick house of two rooms, standing on the west side of the public Highway running north past the Lime Kilns, was built in a very early day by Samuel Spangler, and is probably the oldest dwelling structure in the county. The recent historical exposition in the "Leaflet Cradle," of Samuel Spangler, and his life, is quite interesting. Mr. Spangler was raised by John Shaffer, who lived in the early days on the Lippincott River, John Shaffer, was the father of George Shaffer, who lived in the Bondle neighborhood many years, and whose daughter, Mrs. Nancy Finley still survives. Mr. Spangler had a wife and two boys and one girl, and lived near the Canal in a log cabin. Later he built the two room brick house above mentioned. Mr. Spangler died in the early fifties, leaving his wife and three children, who remained at the homestead several years. His widow remarried a man by name of Clark. The daughter married and the son went west, and was living a few years ago. Mrs. Clark died soon after her second marriage.

The "Lavern" mentioned in the article was a well known place, at the end of Courton bridge, which still stands, was built while the Canal was in course of construction, and served as a "Lavern", and for liquor refreshments, for a number of years.

The story related of the "Pedler" may be true, as Pedlers was a numerous class vending goods throughout the settlements, and may have met with a sad fate, although it did not become a matter of written history.

A cloud of suspicion rested over the home of Mr. Spangler, as, as stated in Oracle, it was hinted in the breath, that a stranger had been seen and vanished under peculiar circumstances, while there was no direct evidence of foul play on the part of Spangler. These suspicions had been raised by neighbors some time, but no attempt was made to investigate the matter. But this home was looked upon as one, if the walls could speak, a gruesome tale could be told. Here, for years it was known as the "haunted house". There is an old citizen now living in Lurpi who attended the funeral of Samuel Spangler, and will know at the time the members of the family.