

*MEMORIES*

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## **DEDICATION PAGE**

**This book is Dedicated to All of the People  
Who Contributed in any way with Information,  
Names, and Willingness to Share their Wonderful Memories  
And Love of the Town of Frankford.**

**The book is a compilation of their recollections before they fade.  
The information recorded herein is "Memories".  
We are Sorry For Names or Homes Which Have Not Been Recorded,  
or for Any Misspelling.**

**We All Know Everyone's Memories Are Different.  
It is felt that Something is Better than Nothing and This Is A Beginning.  
Hopefully, the Book May Be Updated Within the Next Five Years.**

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for their help and support. Special thanks to my husband and son,  
Mack & Scott, for putting up with take out dinners, late dinners, no dinners and  
other inconveniences they have experienced while I worked on the book.**

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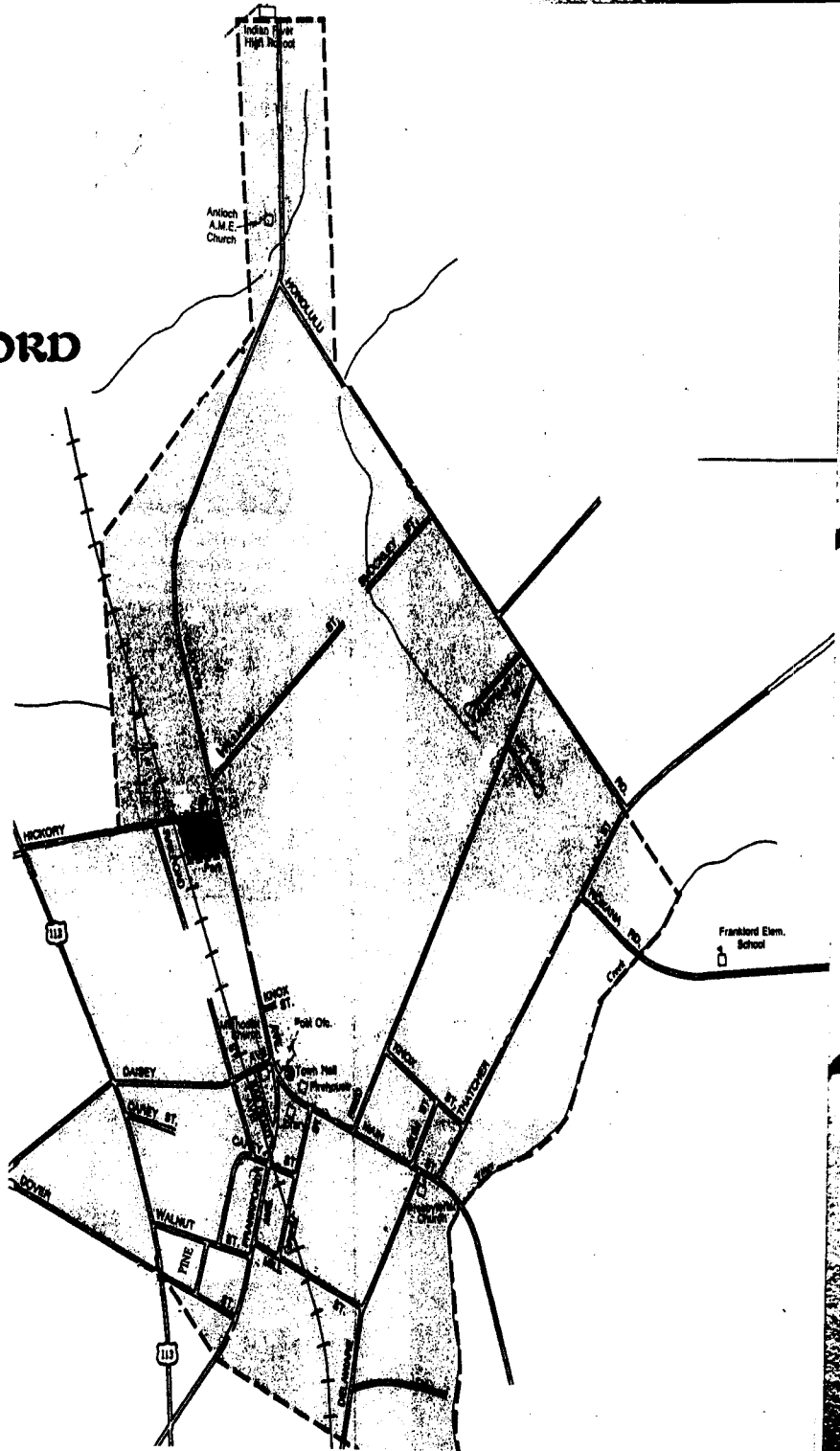
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## MEMORIES OF THE FRANKFORD AREA

This book is not intended to be an historical book about Frankford. It is merely a "walk down memory lane" for people from Frankford, or who lived in the Frankford area. Some of the information was derived from newspaper articles, Eugene Castroville's book, Walton Johnson, Jr.'s book on the history of the Frankford Fire Dept., articles from the Wave, News Journal and prior newspaper articles, but mostly from long time residents of the town.

We hope this book will create the sense of "memories of the past" --- both of the town, people and events we felt should be mentioned. It is simply recording many of the oral tales of our citizens in order that this information is passed down for future generations.

We have tried to document where former businesses were established in Frankford through discussions at our meetings. We are also trying to mention the businesses which have followed through June of 2003. It is also important that we recognize memorable people, and places our group recalled when they were younger, times were carefree, and families and townspeople were very close. In doing so, it is our intent to record this information for future generations as well...these will be memories for people living in the area 50 years from now.

Frankford is located in the eastern part of Sussex County. As most Delaware students know, Delaware has three counties - New Castle, Kent and Sussex. Sussex is the largest (yet least populated) of the three.

### Stanza Three - "Our Delaware" George B. Hynson (1862-1926)

Dear old Sussex visions linger  
Of the holly and the pine,  
Of Henlopen's jeweled finger  
Flashing out across the brine!  
Of the gardens and the hedges  
And the welcome waiting there  
For the loyal son that pledges  
Faith to good old Delaware

The name "Frankford" was used as early as 1820 as stated in Isaiah's old country store ledger. The town of Frankford is shown on a Delaware railroad map of 1836. Another map circa 1850 shows the town as Frankfort, presumably an error in spelling. A subsequent map dated circa 1796 of Delaware does not list Frankford, but does list Dagsbury (Dagsboro), Pilot town and Lewistown. Therefore, some time between 1796 and 1820 the town was named Frankford. Therefore, roughly a 24 year gap eludes the establishment of the title of Frankford. Forest Flower was a part of a plantation belonging to David Long, circa 1750. In a land grant in 1775 as part of a plantation, it was called Partnership. Jacob's Mill Pond is the name by which it was called in 1800; Long's Store on Vine's Branch in 1808; by 1812 most people called the area Gum's Store. The people began calling the town Frankford as early as 1848, but it was documented as Frankford as early as circa 1820. It was the nature of people of the day to refer to previous names and it did not become called Frankford until about 1848.

When growing up in the area, I had always heard that the name "Frankford" was evolved from the story that a man named Frank built near a ford (stream of

water easily crossed); therefore, the name Frank's ford or Frankford was created. Almost all of the people who have been residents of the area agreed that this was the story (or a variation thereof) as to how the name of the Town of Frankford evolved. Since this is a memories book, I feel that the passing down of this story is relevant. Is this Fact or Fiction? You may decide. Historical facts from a book written by Eugene Castrovilla detail the Founders of Frankford. A copy of this publication was donated by Mr. Castrovilla to the Frankford Public Library and can be read at the Library.

Vine's Branch Canal was the first major form of transportation in Frankford. It is not surprising that the area comprising what is now Thatcher Street, Main Street and the Vine's Branch meet was the main port of business. Long's store was followed by a saw mill and grist mill. Private dwellings and other country stores were established. All of these places depended on the waterway to bring merchandise into town and ship their merchandise to large cities. The branch follows Cypress Swamp, through Frankford, Omar and the Blackwater area to Thatcher's Landing, where it emptied into the Indian River. It is easy to see why Vines' Branch was a quick form of transportation to the Indian River.

In addition to the waterway, the horse and wagon provided Frankford with necessary supplies and merchandise for growth. Thatcher Street (which ran close to the canal) was the route many horse and wagons used. Horse and wagon carried loads that were not possible on the canal route. It proved to be an additional form of transportation for the town.

One of the forms of transportation which made Frankford a "busy and thriving" place was the railroad. It was felt that the railroad entered Frankford in the 1870's. Prosperity and new industries were interdicted into the town with the advent of the railroad. However, the businesses moved from the Thatcher Street end of town toward the railroad. More information will be mentioned when we relate stories of the railroad station and events which were recalled about the trains in the section documenting its location.

Subsequently, with the coming of the automobile, a new highway was built. Coleman DuPont funded the construction of the highway and ran from the Maryland State Line to the Pennsylvania State Line (the entire length of the State of Delaware - a total of 96 miles). Upon completion of the highway in 1924, Mr. DuPont deeded the highway to the State of Delaware. It is shown on the maps as U.S. 113. Most of the local people remember it as DuPont Highway, and they still refer to it by that name. Most of the roads had been either dirt roads or were dirt covered with broken up oyster or clam shells.

Presently, Frankford is a typical small town. People know each other and their families for two generations back. Many feel you should never say anything about anyone as you may be talking to one of their relatives. This is not only in Frankford, but Sussex County as well.

You will note in the following memories that many of the businesses were home based businesses. This was feasible since many were small businesses and did not require large buildings.

# CLAYTON AVENUE

In researching some of the streets in Frankford, I saw the name Quality Hill, but I never saw Clayton Avenue in any of the earlier research material. After asking several people if they knew the location of Quality Hill, I decided it must be Clayton Avenue. I assumed that Clayton Avenue was named because John M. Clayton High School was built at the end of the street which bears its name. This was a much earlier timeline than the one being researched. Finally, Mrs. Eunice Holloway said that she remembered Quality Hill. It was in a section of Clayton Avenue. She said it was where she lived. She also noted that it was sometimes called Silk Stocking Avenue. From the names, I ascertained that it was probably an area where the wealthier persons of the town lived.

Our journey of memories begins at the north end of the Town of Frankford on the right side of Clayton Avenue toward Main Street.

The High School which educates students in grades 9 through 12 in the area of Dagsboro, Frankford, Selbyville, Ocean View, Millville, Bethany Beach and all other towns within the boundary line of the Indian River District is named Indian River High School. Since schools were held in various buildings for a variety of grade levels, we have noted throughout the book the location in which these schools were held as accurately as could be recalled. The first consolidated high school combined Lord Baltimore High School, in the 1968-69 school years, the Selbyville High School, in the 1969-70 school years, with the John M. Clayton High School. The school was located in the John M. Clayton High School. When it was first suggested, there was a controversy regarding consolidation. None of the schools wished to consolidate; however, it was state mandated. People were permitted to vote on the name of the new school and the school colors. The name, "Indian River High School" was selected because of our location to the Indian River. The district has the largest geographic location of any school in the State of Delaware. The mascot and symbol selected was "Indians." The John M. Clayton building was completed in 1932. The first classes to attend commencement services in the auditorium were the Classes of 1933 and 1934. These classes did not attend all of their high school years in the building.

The Mascot for the John M. Clayton School was a Golden Bear. The sports teams were called the "JMC BEARS." The school colors were the regal colors of Purple and Gold. Much to the dismay of many of the former students of the John M. Clayton High School, the name of the school was taken down when consolidation took place.

"The John M. Clayton Fight Song," which went as follows will be recalled by students who attended John M. Clayton:

Oh! When the JMC Boys/Girls Fall in Line,  
You know they're out to win Another Time,  
And to the JMC High They Are True, and  
They will bring their Colors Through,  
Rah! Rah! Rah! Rah!

And they will Fight, Fight, Fight



For Victory, Fight for the Purple and the Gold,  
And when they bring the Prize back home to you,  
They're the Boys/Girls of the JMC.

Integration came to John M. Clayton High School in September, 1963, when four African American girls from the Frankford area entered the ninth grade...They were recalled as Nina Dale, Wilhelmina Douglas, Geraldine Marshall and Carolyn Walker.

The large brick home which is situated beside Indian River High School is the home of Clifton and Claudia Brasure. The Brasure's three children grew up in the Frankford area: Mrs. Clayton Davidson (Janet) who have one child, Gordon (wife - Karen) and their children are Katherine Elisabeth and Matthew Gordon: Neal Brasure (wife - Joyce Wells of Frankford) their children are Lane and Lance, and Mrs. George Wingate, Jr. (Lois) who have one son, George, III. Several years prior to building the brick home, they lived in a small bungalow style house across the street fro their present home.

The present vacant lots between the Brasure's house and the Antioch Camp houses were once the site of Brasure's Feed and Bag Company. The original feed house building was on the right side of the building and was built in 1939. In 1945 the addition to the left side of the building was made. The building was demolished and burned in 1995. Chicken feed was mixed and bagged for farmers who raised chickens. Many people also purchased the cotton bags, washed them, and made beautiful articles of clothing (aprons, shirts, skirts, blouses, etc.) from the material. Many of the bags were recalled to have small print or floral designs on them.

ANTIOCH A.M.E. CAMP MEETING. Approximately one half mile north of Frankford is Antioch A.M.E. Camp. The grounds are exceedingly large.

Before electrical power was present, Antioch Camp was lighted by huge fire stands. Later, electric lights replaced the fire stands. Tents (small houses) were built and their owners moved into the tents for the entire 2 weeks the meetings were held. A tabernacle was built in the center where the worship services were held (later referred to as the Bower). Visiting ministers from surrounding churches preached the worship service. Some afternoon services were held, but there were services each evening during the entire camp session. As in most camp meeting places, the tent houses were built around the tabernacle. People could sit on the front porch of their tent, with family and friends, and listen to the worship service. Another tradition in religious camp meetings is the "boarding tent". This tent is usually larger than the other buildings and delicious country dishes are served for a very modest fee. The boarding tent is usually operated by very good cooks.

The Antioch Camp meeting has twelve days of services. The Opening Day is the first Wednesday in August and the Closing day is the second Sunday in August. Each organization of the Church is in charge of one of the services, which includes opening the meeting, taking the offering and other duties helping make the services successful. A different minister preaches each evening. The pastor of Antioch presents the visiting minister each evening. The only exception to the evening ministerial service is on the 2nd Thursday in August an old fashioned song service is held.

The Bower (large open building with a roof - central tabernacle) is used for all Worship services. During the day it is used for Vacation Bible School, where the children gather to learn about Jesus, God's Son.

All tents are in readiness for occupancy by opening day. Some tent holders stay overnight, while others return to their homes.

The community building is used for the sale of dinners, sandwiches and desserts. The confectionery is used for small items, such as sodas, ice cream, candy and other snack food.

At 6 p.m. on the Closing Day of Camp, members and friends come to the bower for the closing march. The Camp chairman, co-chairmen and band captains gather and began to sing old prayer meeting hymns. The singing draws others until the bower is almost full. Singing and praying continues until time to march around the grounds one more time. After marching, singing, clapping hands, beating the dust, the congregation returns to the Bower. Many testify and many pray during this time. The Chairman asks for final remarks and then the benediction is given.

#### ANTIOCH CHURCH

In 1982 Antioch marked the 126th birthday of the Church and the 90th birthday of the Camp Meeting. Mr. George Beckett provided a copy of a booklet which the congregation published at this milestone which gave a short history of the Church, from which information was taken to be used in this book.

The history of Antioch A.M.E. Church began with the history of the Old Field A.M.E. Church (the present Dickerson Chapel A.M.E. Church) in Millsboro. In 1856, Antioch began as a circuit with the aforementioned Church. Years later when Antioch became an independent Church, Old Field continued as a circuit with the Prospect A.M.E. Church in Georgetown.

In 1856 a group of members of the congregation formed a Church which became known as Antioch A.M.E. Church. The first Church Building was purchased from the old Antioch Methodist Church congregation and moved to the present site. The land was purchased from Millard F. Murray for \$75 on August 4, 1857. It was here that the early believers first worshipped the Lord Jesus Christ. The church was very small, but served the purpose until the church family outgrew it. In time the church building was sold and moved to a site on the highway below Frankford, where it was used as a dwelling for a number of years. The congregation worked faithfully and diligently until they were financially able to build the second dwelling.

Under the leadership of Reverend J. K. Holland, the second church building came into existence. This was the first church building actually erected by the Antioch members. Unique to the Church was the inscription across the front - "He is Risen", a constant reminder of Christ's redemptive work and victory over death, hell and the grave. The choir loft was located behind the pulpit. On either side of the pulpit were "Amen Corners", made up of 2 or 3 benches. There was a corner for the men and one for the women. The old Church Bible was placed on the podium in the Pulpit. To keep the members warm during the severe winter months, two wood stoves were used. For Sunday morning worship, the bell in the steeple was always rung. A smaller bell was rung for funerals. Each of the bells had a different sound.

In the early days of the Church, there was no choir. Congregational singing was done with the preacher giving them old hymns. Since the Church now had a Choir loft, it was not long before the church organized a choir to sing the praises of God and fill the choir. At this time, there was no piano to accompany the singers.

The old fashioned "Class Meeting" was always held before the services. They were conducted by the Class Leaders. They sang and testified. After the Class Meeting, the minister then took charge of the service, lining hymns, preaching the Word, and inviting the lost to the Lord Jesus Christ.

It was in this building in 1916 that the Sunday School was started with small amount of children. The children were organized into small classes according to their age. They were taught from the Holy Bible and other Sunday School literature, with small take home cards. Each Sunday, the class dues were 10c per class, while the pupil dues were 1c per pupil.

The second Sunday in June was always set aside for Children's Day. This was a great event. The children presented their recitations. It was a must that these recitations be memorized. Equally important was that each child show courtesy after speaking. The girls held the sides of their dresses out, placed one leg behind them and gracefully descended. The boys would place one hand behind their waist and one hand in front of their waist and bow forward with their feet together.

It was of importance to the Church to have a Prayer Meeting Band. These were leaders of the Church who would start the prayer meetings and the other members of the congregation joined them in singing and prayers.

This Church served as a Tabernacle of Praise until 1943 when a fire swept the grounds on August 15 (a Sunday morning). The fire destroyed the Church and several of the Camp Meeting tents. There was no place to worship; therefore, the congregation moved the worship service to Samson Lodge Hall #50 in Frankford until the present church was erected. The members prayed and worked very hard to rebuild a place to worship the Lord. Within three years, in 1946, the Lord had blessed them to build a new Sanctuary.

In the new building, the pulpit was built in the center with the altar in front of it. The choir loft was placed to the right of the pulpit. Consequently, there was now only one "Amen Corner". This was used mostly by the brothers of the Church. The sisters no longer sit there.

As the church continued to grow, members felt more space was needed other than the Sanctuary. This gave way to include a basement in the plan. The basement was used as a Dining Hall with a small kitchen where homemade ice cream and sodas could be purchased. The remaining space was the eating area. Diners sat long tables on backless benches. Later two small dressing areas were included. The furnace was also housed in the basement. It was used in this manner until 1961, when the Community Building/Dining Hall was erected.

The congregation was concerned about a meeting place for the young people; therefore, a Sunday School room was included in the front of the Church. Large folding doors served to separate the Sunday School room from the sanctuary. These remain in the present Church building to date. The Sunday School met in this room until they outgrew it. The entire church was then used for Sunday School and at one time the Community Building was used. To

date the Sunday School meets in the Sanctuary and the Beginners Classes I and II meet in the Sunday School room.

The first seating for the Church was old theater seats, until pews for the Sanctuary were purchased by the willing workers led by Edith Wolford. Later pews for the Sunday School room were purchased with the proceeds from Ardmore Day, sponsored by George Beckett. In more recent years Frankford Crusaders purchased cushions for the pews. Rugs were purchased by Sons and Daughters and the Cooperative Club, led by Hilda Sample. Stewardesses purchased pulpit curtains, alter chairs, palms and cornices, candle snuffer, brass bowls, cross candle sticks and communion covers. The brass vases and flowers in the pulpit were donated by Della Bright and others. Willing workers purchased the clock and donated their time painting the interior of the church.

Mrs. Beatrice Tyre led a drive to purchase the organ and piano for the church. Mrs. Tyre served as pianist and Church Clerk until her death. The congregation has been extremely willing to give of their time and money for other things the church has needed through the years. Reverend Thomas Oliver presented the Church with a new Bible for the pulpit. The church body purchased a public address system.

As years passed the Church grew more and more active and more organizations were formed. One of these was the Lucy Davis Women's missionary Society, named after Lucy Davis, the first president of the organization. These ladies met in members' homes and made plans to help the needy and sick.

A fund raiser was organized in 1977 to make more improvements in the Church building. George Beckett was selected President of the group by its members. The improvements were to include rest rooms, new windows, new vestibule, and split rock exterior finish on the front of the Church. These improvements have long been completed and are incorporated in the present day Church (2003).

MINISTERS OF ANTIOCH CHURCH: 1910-12 Reverend Wilson; 1912-14 Reverend J. R. Holland; 1914-18 Reverend Hockster; 1918-19 Reverend Gibbs; 1919-22 Reverend Steward; 1922-24 Reverend Johnson; 1924-27 Reverend W. E. Witcher; 1927-29 Reverend J. B. Blackson; 1919-30 Reverend W. D. McKensie; 1930-34 Reverend O. M. Johnson; 1934-35 Reverend R. L. Lawyer; 1935-36 Reverend E. J. Young, 1936-37 Reverend G. S. Sterling; 1937-42 Reverend W. N. Brown; 1942-44 Reverend B. W. Highgate; 1944-1949 Reverend G. W. Purnell; 1949-54 Reverend C. H. King; 1954-56 Reverend J. W. Whalen; 1956-59 Reverend C. D. Elliott; 1959-62 Reverend C. B. Boswell; 1962 - 1972 Reverend E. L. Peters; 1972-79 Reverend G. G. Walker 1979-2001 Reverend Calvin O. Price; 2001-2003 Reverend Terry Hassell; 2003 to Present Reverend Earnest Bell.

ANTIOCH CEMETERY - Many years ago, the old burial place for members and families of Antioch was located on the Everett Long property in Dagsboro. Upon acquisition of the present church grounds, a place was set aside for the Church's own cemetery. It is located approximately 50 feet behind the Church. In time, the cemetery was moved from Dagsboro to the present site. The cemetery encompasses approximately 1 1/2 acre.

Albert and Emma Clark lived in the following house. Their children are: Willie, Charles, Albert, Jr., Edward, Howard & Horace (twins) and Daisey. The home does not have anyone residing in it at this time.

Harold and Daisey Clark Houston lived in the next house. Their children are: Claretta Houston, Cassandra Houston Hall, Judith Houston Tunnell, Nancy Houston Handy, and Harold Houston, Jr. The home is presently unoccupied.

The following home is the residence of Edgar and Janet Lynch Hearn. Janet's daughters are Mrs. Curtis James (Tonya), who live in Newark, and Mrs. Shane Furbush (Monica) who live in Dagsboro, with their daughter, Lindsey Grace.

The large, white two storied house located on Clayton Avenue belonged to Mr. and Mrs. Atwood F. Lynch, Sr. Their children are: Atwood, Jr., Bernard, Melreath Lynch Holladay, Odelta Lynch, and Eleanor Lynch Lingo. Following their parent's death the home was willed to their heirs. The home was later purchased from the heirs to one of the children, Eleanor Lynch Lingo. Mrs. Lingo is now the present owner.

Located before the above mentioned home up a long lane in the field sat the home of Phil and Lida Walls lived. The Walls were the maternal parents of Mrs. Atwood Lynch, Sr. The Walls' owned a large tract of property on which they farmed and grew strawberries. They had houses for migrant strawberry pickers who came to Frankford when the strawberries were ready to be picked and shipped. People also came and picked strawberries for themselves (much as the U-Pick-Em Strawberry Farms of today). Some of the people recalled that they only paid 1 1/2c for strawberries per quart. It was recalled that the next family to occupy the house was Wallace and Marion Truitt. It was felt this was during the 1950's. Mr. and Mrs. Truitt had three children: Wallace, Jr. (killed in an auto accident in 1953; Donald DeWitt Truitt, (deceased) leaving behind a widow, Barbara, and three children: Donna Truitt (deceased), Jesse Wallace Truitt (family listed on Clayton Avenue, and Don Lee Truitt (Beverly) and their children, Travis and Blakelyn; and Mrs. Bruce Atkins (Barbara Jean) whose children are Connie Atkins and Cassie Atkins. The house is no longer on the property. The property is presently farmland.

The home which sits behind the large concrete block building on the curve belongs to Mrs. Jeanne Hoban. Mrs. Hoban has operated a day care in her home for several years.

The large concrete block building and the home located next to it was built by Russell Parsons. Russell and Mildred's children are: Kathryn Parsons who died in 1931 at the age of three months; Mrs. Raymond G. Souder (Helen Parsons Campbell Souder) (Mr. Souder is deceased). Their children are: Russell M. Campbell (wife - Cheryl), who have three children, Russell McClellan Campbell, Ryan Eli, Campbell and Charles Anthony Campbell; and Stephen Eli Campbell who is not presently married; and Mrs. Pierce "Earl" Laws (Barbara), who have two sons, Larry (Cathy) and children Adam, Caitlin, and Courtney and Brian (Vicki) who have three daughters, Sara, Rebecca and Anna. The Parsons family moved to Florida due to Mildred's health. However, they returned in June of 1947. The Parsons' lived in a trailer which they parked in the yard of Waples Gum. Russell taught several young men in Frankford the trade of repairing automobiles. One of these young men was Waples Gum. The Parsons' purchased approximately 4.2 acres of land from Fred Parkhurst, on which the concrete block building and house are presently located. Mr. Parsons had the garage building completed first so that he could work out of the building. In approximately 1949-50, the house was constructed. The property was sold to Burton Cannon, Jr., when the Parson's family moved back to Florida.

Burton Cannon and Elton Nelson were in the business of manufacturing sheet metal and welding products for the chicken business. The home was later purchased by George and Diane Collins. The Collins' children were: Timothy (deceased) (wife - Crystal) and Barry. Mr. Collins worked at the Indian River Power Plant. Mr. and Mrs. Collins moved to Laurel and sold the home to John "Jack" and Pam Hoban. The Hoban's two children went to Indian River High School and lived in the home: Lennea Hoban and Justin Hoban.

The next home was occupied by Winimore Hudson and family. Their children were Winimore, Jr. and Mrs. Herschel Quillen (Pearl). The Quillen's son, Herschel, Jr. married Jane Scott. At one time it was recalled that Mr. and Mrs. Baker resided in this home. Their daughter, Louise, went to school at John M. Clayton. The property was then sold to the James Chandler family. Presently it is the home of Dorsey Dear (Marybeth Bailey) and children, Dorsey, Jr. and Joshua.

The house on this land is the Azud home. The Azud's retired to Frankford from Easton, Maryland. Their daughter is Mrs. Theodore Elser, who resides in the next home. When the Elser's moved into their home next door, there was an extra lot and they moved a house onto the property and remodeled it for the Azud family.

Robert and Pearl Godwin built the home next to the Hudson's. The Azud house was not on the property at the time. It was a vacant lot between the Hudson's and the Godwin family. The Godwin's son, Ronald, also lived there after Mr. and Mrs. Godwin's death. This property is now the residence of Theodore and Barbara Elser. Mr. Elser is the minister of Millville U.M. Church. Their children are: Mrs. Clyde Brown (Linda Elser) who have a son, Jason; Jeanne Elser; Theodore Elser Jr. (wife - Dawn, whose children are Rachel, Nicole, Jayme, Meghan and Kristin; James Fraccaroli, Jr. (Kristin) and their two sons, Ryan and Reid; Peter Fraccaroli and wife, Jennifer. Many recall seeing a yellow ribbon at the Elser's residence during the Iraqi conflict. Peter is a Captain in the Army Engineer Corp. He is now in Georgia....safe and sound (August, 2003).

The next home was occupied by Willard and Hetty Lynch. The Lynch's were the grandparents of Margaret Mumford. Mr. Willard had a shoe repair business located beside the house. At one time the small building which he used as a shop was located very close to what is now the sidewalk (at the time it was just a dirt path). The building was later moved to its present location. The house became the residence of Hirons and Margaret Mumford. Mr. Mumford was an auditor for the State of Delaware. The Mumford's had one son, Richard. Richard "Dickie" Mumford is the co-author of the book, "Shotoku Teahouse." His co-author is his wife, Keiko. It is a recounting of how he and Keiko met in Japan, fell in love and married, and the opposition of Keiko's Samurai family and his Methodist parents. It also relates all the naval hurdles during the first years. Mr. Hirons Mumford was a partner in the M. & M. Feed Company. Following his retirement from his State of Delaware accounting position, he assisted Mr. Ralph Holloway in his accounting business.

This house was owned by Herbert and Lizzie Hudson. Upon the death of Mrs. Hudson, the home was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Evans. A fire occurred in the home, and the remaining portion was relocated to U.S. 113. A new home was built on this location by the Evans' family. It was recalled that Mearl "Pete" Evans had lived in this house. The house was then traded to Courtland

and Jeanette McCabe. The McCabe's children are: Wayne (wife - Elaine) and 2 sons, Garth (wife - Allyson) and son, Ben; & George Wayne (wife - Heather Watkins) and son, Luke: Terri (deceased); and Mrs. John Pickett (Vickie) - who have 2 sons, Allen and Russell.

The next house was moved to this location and remodeled. It is owned by Nino D'Orazio. The land previously belonged to the Hirons Mumford family. The house is now a rental property.

Mr. D'Orazio also owned the next lot which he sold to a Mrs. White. She and her son live in the new home on this property.

The next property is two vacant lots which are owned by Mrs. Eunice Penuel Holloway.

The next house was once owned by Andrew and Gertrude Campbell and family. The Campbell's had three children: Mrs. Elmer F. Quillen, Sr. (Lettie), who had three children: Elmer, Jr. (E.F.) wife - Marty) who have a son, Kevin, and daughter, Carey Morris; Mrs. Ronald Lynch (Dorothy Ann), who have one child, Mrs. Jack Griffiths (Sherrie), one granddaughter, Amy, and one great granddaughter, Emilie; Mrs. Curtis W. Steen, Jr. (Arlene) Arlene's children are: Mrs. David Weidman, (Susan Pittard) who have a daughter, Rachael; and Trey Matthes, (Darlene, his wife); the twins, Andrew Campbell, Jr. "Buster" (deceased) and Alma Vickers, who lives in Laurel, and has three children, Franklin Smack, Leland Vickers and Dorothea McDowell. Several recalled that Mrs. Campbell was one of the first women bus drivers in the area. The house was later purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lione. The second floor was made into an apartment and many recall that a Mrs. Etha Hudson resided there. It was recalled that during the 1970's Lee and Barbara Joseph lived in this house. Their children are: Mrs. Keith Murray (Wendy) whose children are: Kaylin and Leanne; and their son, Mark (wife - Jackie) their children are Lindsay, Racquel and Jarrett. It was felt that the property was purchased by the Chohan family, and may be a rental property.

On the corner of Clayton Avenue and Hickory Street was the property which was purchased by Mr. Manford Penuel (it was formerly owned by the heirs of the Carey family. A feed house was built by Mr. Manford Penuel. The business was named Shore Tuxedo Feed Company. A large poultry feed company from the Ohio area, Early-Daniels Company, rented the feed house. The company also hired Mr. Penuel as the manager of the business. The name of the business was Shore Tuxedo Feed Company. Eventually, a feed mill was added to the rear of the building and a railroad siding was installed as a spur from the track (located close to the building) to the feed house. After Murray's Feed Company had a fire which damaged their business on Daisey Street, they rented this feed house as a warehouse until they could restore their operation. The property was purchased by the Banks Family and used as a storage facility. According to Jeffrey Banks, a fire destroyed the building in 1984. The property is presently a large vacant lot.

Cross Hickory Street.

The present town park area was formerly the barn yard adjoining the home of Joseph and Sydney Carey (Dan Carey's parents). The land on which the park is located today was sold to the Town of Frankford by Steve and Kitty Carey. It was noted by Mrs. Eunice Holloway that the funding from the United States Government to purchase and maintain the property was only allocated for a short period of time. The park is presently maintained by the Town of

Frankford.

The next house was owned by Joseph and Sydney Carey. After the death of Mrs. Carey, the home became a rental property. Steve and Kitty Carey lived at this property for a time. Frank and Frances Holton lived there for several years. Mr. Holton was a magistrate and a substitute postal clerk. They are both deceased. Their children are: Mrs. Leroy E. Murray (Mary Louise) both deceased, who have one son, Leroy Murray (wife - Judith Hudson, formerly of Frankford) they have no children; and Frank Holton, Jr., (married Barbara Timmons, of Dagsboro, their children are Robert and Richard Holton. Frank is deceased.

Mr. Dan Long built the next house for Eva and Norwood Chamberlain, their daughter and son-in-law. Their two daughters, who were raised in Frankford, are: Mrs. Roland Cobb (Yvonne), who presently resides in Dagsboro and Florida. The Cobb's two children are Greg Cobb and Mrs. Wm. Berry (Suzanne). Their other daughter, Mrs. Clarence Edward Truitt (Marjorie is deceased). The Truitt's have one son, Norwood. This house is presently the home of Wayne and Barbara Hudson. The Hudson's have lived in the house for many years and have three daughters: Mrs. David Steen (Wanda) and children, Nathan McCabe, Dustin McCabe, and Kristen Steen; Mrs. Alan Baker (Pam) her children are Brandy Timmons and Kristin Timmons; and Mrs. Mike Parker (Robin) and their children, Mike Parker and Cortney Shae Parker.

The next home was at one time occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Polk (Josephine Whitney) and family. Mrs. Polk was a sister of Fred (Stick) Whitney, Esq. It was recalled that their daughter was named Margaret Ann. This house was later occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Shepard and their daughter, Louise. Mrs. Shepard was the daughter of the Layton family, who was instrumental in founding the Town of Frankford. This home was purchased by James and Dora Long. The Long's had two daughters, Elizabeth and Birdie Long. The Long's grandson, Jimmy Stowman, visited and stayed with them from time to time. This home was later occupied by John and Dottie Dick. The Dick's children who lived in Frankford and attended Indian River High School are: John, Jr., Holly and Leslie. The next family to own the home was John and Alice Roth and their children: Tom (Kathy - deceased) their children are Tom, Jr. and Tina; George and wife, Arlene; Mrs. Bruce Hudson, (Barbara) and Mrs. Pat Padgett (Geraldine) and children, Mrs. Cindy Short, Mrs. Donald Tubbs (Cathy); Mrs. Thomas Rogers, (Debbie) and son, Michael Padgett. Upon Mrs. Roth's death, the home was sold to Todd Smith (Marie) and children, Carol Ann and Luke.

The following home was built by Mr. and Mrs. Asher Godfrey, parents of Mrs. Viola Godfrey Applegate. Mrs. Applegate now resides near Wilmington. The home was subsequently sold to Wallace and Lizzie Truitt. Many recalled Mrs. Truitt as a co-proprietor of the Betty Del Shop. This house has been owned and occupied for the past forty years by Pat and James L. Hummer, Jr. (Jimmy - deceased.) Kathy and J. L., their children grew up in this home. Kathy now resides and works in Kentucky. J. L. works for Conectiv and is married to the former Bonnie Hitchens. They have one daughter, Kasey.

The next home was owned by Mrs. Lynch, a widow. Her son, Marvel Lynch, owned an ice cream business in Laurel. The property was sold to Rollin, Sr. and Marjorie Hudson. Their children are: Rollin, Jr. (listed on Thatcher Street), Mrs. Walton Johnson, Sr. (Joyce) (listed on Clayton Avenue, Barbara



Jean McQuay (deceased); and Mrs. George Edwin Brewington, Jr. (Karen Lee) (deceased) their children are: George Edwin III who married Kim Bailey their children are Heather and George IV; Mrs. J. B. Rogers (Valerie), whose children are Kelly and Christine; and Mrs. Pat Dare (Cindy) whose children are Emily and Olivia. It was felt that another family occupied this house prior to Greg Johnson. Walton Johnson Jr. owns the property and the home is occupied by Greg Johnson.

Mr. Rollin Hudson, Sr. operated a wreath business in a barn behind his home on Clayton Avenue. Mr. Hudson hired several local people to make wreaths of live holly, pine and crow's foot. At that time there were not any silk floral arrangements. There was a great demand for their homemade wreaths. A few of the people who worked making the wreaths were recalled as: Edith Hudson, Anna McAllister, Gertrude Hudson, Gertrude Hickman, Irene Banks, Mildred Parsons, Hester Hudson, Bertha Dukes, Catherine Lecates, Helen Hudson and Mack Long. Material for the wreaths was collected from the many wooded areas around Frankford and the swamp area. Reeds were collected and wrapped with holly, holly berries, pine and crow's foot. The completed wreaths were shipped to cities for sale near the holiday season. It was mentioned by Helen Parsons Souder that she remembered the wreath business on U.S. 113 and also on Delaware Avenue. Rollin Hudson, Jr. said he did not remember it being on Delaware Avenue.

There was recalled that there was a basket factory in this general vicinity near the railroad track. The factory made baskets and crates.

It was remembered by Roland Dukes that there was a tomato canning factory in a large barn type structure which was located across the railroad track and behind the Rollin Hudson, Sr. home. Tomatoes were brought to the factory. Roland was a young boy at the time and was told not to play near the tracks or in the old building (it had deteriorated badly by this time); however, as young boys will, he and his friends played there anyway. He was fascinated by a spur track which ran from outside into the factory. There was a cart which carried the fresh tomatoes into the processing plant. He described it as being like the ones in coal mines. A large wooden water tower was located very close to the plant. The tower held water so it would be available when needed to be heated to skin the tomatoes. Mrs. Helen Souder also could recall on Delaware Avenue there was a tomato canning factory and in the fall they canned pumpkins. Rollin Hudson did recall a tomato factory; however, did not recall the pumpkin factory. In approximately 1960-61 the factory behind Clayton (long after the factory was out of operation) the Penn Central Railroad came by and the sparks from the train set the grass around the old building afire. The building was dilapidated and it quickly burned to the ground.

The next home was once the home of Bill and Sadie Powell. Blanche Daisey Hitchens said that her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Daisey had lived in it at one time, but it was not built by them. The Powell's rented the house from Mr. Ferd Daisey in the early 1930's. Carolyn Powell Brunner recalled that the rent at that time was only \$10 a month. The upstairs was very slanted down the hallway (probably due to construction). The bathroom was upstairs but it was so cold in the upstairs section that in the winter the children bathed on the landing at the top of the stairs (the heat from the living room would go up to the top of the stairs). The property was purchased by Ferris W. Long for his mother, Ida Long in approximately 1948. She lived there with her grandsons, William (Bill) Long (deceased) and Mack Long (wife - Rae) who

have two children, Lisa and Scott. It was the residence of Mrs. Ida Long lived there until her death. Walton A. Johnson, Jr. (wife - Janet Challman) their children are: Walton A. Johnson, III (wife - Lisa Spicer) and son, Colby Brooks: Mrs. Robert Truitt, Jr. (Michelle) their daughter is Lindy Elizabeth, and Mrs. Keith M. McCabe (Ellen Lorraine) was the next family to own the home.

It was vaguely recalled that another house sat in the field behind the Powell house. At one time, however, no other structures on Clayton Avenue were between the above home and where the Methodist parsonage had been located. The home is not there presently; however, it was remembered that Clarence and Edith Esham lived in the home. Mrs. John Sam (Ethel) Tingle lived with them. Mrs. Tingle will be remembered by many as an elementary teacher at John M. Clayton School. Mr. and Mrs. Tingle lived just outside Frankford in Omar. The Tingle's have one daughter, Mary Jane.

The next home was built by Mr. Bill and Sadie Powell. Mr. Powell was a rural mail carrier and Mrs. Powell was a housewife. Their children are Mrs. Richard Brunner (Carolyn) and Dan Powell (deceased). Carolyn Powell Brunner was married to Harry McCann and had two children: Mrs. Joseph Myslivec (Rebecca - deceased). Becky's children are Kara and Jared, college students and living in Michigan; and Daniel Powell McCann. James Daniel Powell (Dan) finished basic training at Fort Mead. This was during WWII. He was awaiting orders to be shipped overseas when he became ill with scarlet fever and pneumonia. He died when he was 18 years of age. At that time, penicillin had not been discovered. It is almost certain that this drug could have saved his life. His sister, Carolyn, recalled that almost his entire infantry division was killed shortly after being deployed overseas. Carolyn noted that during the depression when she was five years of age, her mother would give her a nickel and three pennies (8¢) to go to John A. Tingle's store on Main Street and get a loaf of bread. Due to the shortage of money, she always gave her the exact amount needed. This home was owned by Walton Johnson, Jr. and was sold to Jerry & Lisa Banks. It has since been sold to Cheri Nasteff.

The next home was built by Calvin Hudson. The Hudson's lived there and sold the home to Harry Landis and Family. This home eventually became the home of Preston and Mildred Williams. It was recalled by the Williams' son, Pep, that his father traded his property on Frankford Avenue to Mr. Landis (plus some money) in order to get the house. Preston and Mildred had two children: Preston, Jr. (wife - Vina Lee Steelman) their children are: Dan (wife - Maureen), children Lauren, Megan and Mike; Tom (Traci) whose children are Tom, Tori and Trey, and Matt (wife - Cherie) children Liana and Melanie. They later moved to their summer home in Rehoboth, and sold the property to Harry and Joyce Brittingham. The Brittingham's have two sons, Neil and Brian who grew up there. Joyce was a postal clerk at the Frankford Post Office for several years. Mrs. Brittingham lived there for a while after the death of her husband, Harry. The house was sold to Patrick Quigley.

The Evans family built the next home. Mr. Evans died. Mrs. Evans lived there until going into a nursing home. The home was eventually sold to Mrs. Louise Byrd. Mrs. Byrd lived there for several years. Her children are: Danny (deceased), Julie and Willa. Mrs. Byrd sold the home to John Elliott. Kaye Mitchell Webb, Mrs. Evans granddaughter, recalled many memories of visiting her grandparents. She related that her Mom-Mom Evans had never learned to drive. They had lived at the corner of Clayton Avenue and Honolulu Road on a farm; however, when they became older and could no longer farm, they moved to

this house in the center of town. Since Mrs. Evans had never learned to drive a car, she was thrilled to live at this property. She was able to walk to church, the post office to mail a get well card or sympathy message, or just to visit friends.

The next home was the Methodist Church parsonage. Several ministers and their families have lived in this house during their service as ministers of the Frankford United Methodist Church. The Church sold the house and property to Joseph and Ginny Miller.

The home of Samuel and Fannie Messick followed. Due to the death of their daughter, their granddaughter, Ruth, was raised by them. Mr. Messick was one of the partners in Messick and Cannon. Carson and Elizabeth Thomas purchased this home. They have two sons, Ronald (Judy) whose children are: Kevin (wife - Taylor) and Brian (wife - Lori) and their daughter, Mackenzie; Billy (wife - Sandra) their two children, Jeffrey (Beth) whose children, Lindsey, Megan and Sara; and their daughter, Renae. This house is presently owned by Arthur Wilkins.

The next house was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Long. This was the family home of Eva Chamberlain. After the Long's died, the home was purchased by Elmer Huffmeister. He lived in this house until his death. It was then sold to a young man, who remodeled it and sold it to a realtor. The house is presently owned by Carol Ternahan.

The next home was recalled as being the home of James and Stella Long. Mr. Long served as a magistrate during that time. His office was a part of the home. Their daughter, Beulah, married Edward Stevens, Sr. Their son, Ed, established a jewelry store in Selbyville. The Fryer's rented the property for a while. Another owner purchased the home. The home was later purchased by Fred and Marge Fryer (both deceased). Upon their deaths, their daughter, Mrs. Bernard Tuckerson (Patti) inherited the home. Mr. and Mrs. Tuckerson presently reside there. The Tuckerson's sons are, Bernie and Mark.

The next house was the home of William A. Truitt, Sr. Their children were: William Asher Truitt, Jr. and Mrs. Phillip Webber (Thelma). Phil and Thelma lived in the house following the death of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Truitt, Sr. Phil and Thelma have a daughter named, Bette (family listed on Frankford Avenue.) It was also the home of Bill and Doretta Truitt. This home was sold to Jeffery and Patricia Barber. The Barber's are the occupants of the home at this time.

The home on the corner lot was the home of Dr. and Mrs. Levin Murray (more details concerning the dental practice is listed on Daisey Street. It was mentioned that their daughter and granddaughter may have lived here at some time. The home was purchased by Leroy E. Murray and Mary Louise Holton Murray in the mid 1940's. Mr. Murray served in WWII and returned to Frankford and worked at Rickards Bag Company, Red Comb Company and with the U.S. Department of Agriculture from which he retired. Mary Louise worked for Eagle Poultry (Mr. Landis' secretary), for Red Comb Company and retired with several years service from the Delmarva Power and Light Company. The Murray's have a son, Leroy Frank Murray. He was given his middle name in honor of his maternal father, Frank Holton. Leroy recalls that when he was a boy he and several of his friends (Johnny and Danny Carey and Ralph Jarmon), would climb out the upstairs window, pull the small round metal bars from the television antenna and use them as "pea shooters." They then proceeded to shoot at cars or anything passing by the house. This was in the days before Cable Television.

In the mid 70's Mr. and Mrs. Tino and two daughters lived there. The original home was destroyed by fire. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Morgan (Mrs. Morgan is deceased) purchased the property and built a modular home on the property.

Continue on the Right Side of Clayton Avenue toward Indian River High School

The United States Post Office on Clayton Avenue was built in 1959 under the Dwight D. Eisenhower Administration and serves the Frankford area. Mail is presently picked up at the post office in mailboxes or delivered by carriers to the rural routes which extend many miles from the center of town. You may recall and will note in other sections of this book (post offices were held in individual homes in each town. Postmasters were owners of the homes in most cases. Mr. Bud Booth was one of the exceptions. Mr. Booth was the postmaster on Main Street and Clayton Avenue. He served many years at both buildings. Jackie Hudson Tingle also worked at the Main Street Post Office before moving to the present post office at the Clayton Avenue location.

Many recall that the next building was once a grocery store. Groceries and a variety of other things were sold by Carson and Elizabeth Thomas. Mr. Thomas' father, Gardner, had been a station master for the railroad. When the train stopped service to the Frankford area and the station was closed. Carson Thomas purchased the passenger station and remodeled it into the store. After Mr. Thomas moved his business to a new location on U.S. 113, the building was converted to a restaurant which was operated by Roy and Pauline Lowe. The top floor of the station had been made into apartments. The building was once again renovated and made into a law office by Mr. Herb Warburton. He was later joined by a partner, Steve Parsons, Esq., who grew up in Dagsboro and attended John M. Clayton School. Mr. Parsons continued to practice in this building for several years before moving his practice to Ocean View and Dagsboro. Within the past few years, the property was purchased by Kevin Lynch of Selbyville. The old building was burned. A new apartment building for three tenants was constructed. Presently, we only have been able to obtain the names of two families who rent from Mr. Lynch: Hazel Smith and the Yoo family, Eunyoul and Young M. Yoo, and their children: Jae Hee, Jae Young, and Jae Ny.

The home of Walton, Sr. and Joyce Johnson, is the next home. It was recalled that Walton purchased a portion of the Stikes home (on Main Street where the present Library is located), remodeled it and made additions to the home. It is presently occupied by Walton A. Johnson, Sr. (Mrs. Johnson is deceased). The Johnson's have one son, Walton A. Johnson, Jr. This was the home of Walton Johnson, Jr. during his school years.

The next home was the property of the Layton family: Their children were Lynn Layton, Audrey Sheppard, Roy Layton, and Vera Layton Usilton. The home was owned next by Manford and Hazel Parsons. Their children are: Mrs. Denver Wootten (Helen) and Mrs. Jerry Lathbury (Patricia). The property is occupied by Jerry and Pat Lathbury.

The next home was once the residence of George Massey Gum his wife, Kitty. Their daughter, Mrs. Aubrey Smoot (Nancy Lee) grew up in the town of Frankford. Dr. Smoot is a retired physician specializing in ear, nose and throat. His practice was in Salisbury, Maryland. The Smoot's still live in the Salisbury area. The property was then purchased by Marvin and Joyce

Redmond, who now reside in Selbyville. Their son, Michael, grew up in Frankford. It was thought to have been sold to a man from Washington who died and left it to his niece. It is now a rental property.

Long ago, Knox Street crossed Reed Street and went through to Clayton Avenue near this location. Since the road crossed the back property of Burton Cannon, the town was supposed to have the road blacktopped. This did not come about. The road was not paved or kept up and the project was never completed. This property is still owned by heirs of the Cannon family.

The next house was the residence of Corrie and Wash Bryan. Mr. Bryan carried mail during that period of time. Mrs. Bryan operated a small hat shop in the building beside their home. Their daughter, Jenny, was later the proprietor of the business. Ms. Jenny sold hats (which was a large business in that era.) This was a time when no one would be seen at a social or church function without a hat. It was recalled that she sold gloves and other ladies apparel in her shop. Many remembered that people came from several surrounding towns to purchase their hats from Mrs. Jennie. It was also recalled that Ms. Bryan was in a short marriage to Harvey Ruark; however, they separated. Ms. Jenny lived with her parents, and operated her store. The home is now the residence of Dennis and Cheryl Bailey Workman. Their two children are: Jordan and Megan.

The next home was the residence once the residence of Burton and Lavessa Cannon. Their children are: Burton Cannon, Jr. And Bertha Cannon Dukes. Bertha's sons are Hal Dukes, Jr. and Burton Cannon Dukes. This home was later owned by Philip and Lydia Morris (their sons were Carl Morris and P. J. Morris.) The home was sold to a couple from Pennsylvania.

The large home with the columns and the side portico was built by Burton Cannon, Sr. and Lavessa Cannon Burton. It is now owned by their grandsons, Hal Dukes and Burton Cannon Dukes. It is presently being remodeled. It has been remembered the area is zoned commercial, and a business will be established in the home by the grandsons.

Russell & Mildred Parsons lived in the next home. Mr. Parsons operated a garage behind the home. The Parsons children are: Helen Parsons Souder and Barbara Parsons Laws. They also had a daughter who died in infancy. Mr. Parsons later built a new home and garage on Clayton Avenue which was approximately two blocks away. It was recalled by many that Mr. Lester Hudson worked at one time for Burton Cannon and his daughter, Mrs. Burton Mitchell (Lavessa Ann Hudson Mitchell) was named for Mrs. Lavessa Cannon. It was also felt that Lester and Gertrude lived there at one time before moving to their home on U.S. 113. Others who lived in the home were Harold and Adelphia Murray. Harold repaired radios in a portion of the home. George Howard Bunting, Sr. and Ida Watson Bunting also occupied this home. Their children are: George H. Bunting, Jr. (Donna) and children, Clinton and Christian (deceased) and James Bunting (Diane Campbell) children listed on Clayton Avenue under Leon Campbell family. George Howard is a Senator for the State of Delaware and Jimmy is a teacher and football coach at Indian River High School. It was sold to Joyce Knight who lived in the house for a few years. It was more recently sold to Crystal Holland who lives there at this time.

The next property contained a white bungalow which was built by Burton Cannon, Sr. This property has been the home of several renters who were recalled as: Helen and Clay Wharton, Charles (Chap) and Aileen Carey, Doris

I. Moore and Myra Webster, Lou and Ruth Schifano, Ray and Hester Holloway and Andy and Donna Cress. It is the present residence of Frances Claire Pyle.

The next home was the home of Albert Frank Williams and Annie Eliza (Beth) Hudson Williams. The Williams had eleven children in their family: Mrs. Reuben Evans (Sara Ellen - ELLA); Mrs. George Luke Barnett (Ida Smith Williams); Mrs. Isiah Francis Daisey (Mary EVA); Elbert Franklin Williams (Grace Rhoda Lovegrove); Harry Ezekiel Williams (Louise Catherine Hudson); Mrs. Harry Esham (Annie KATIE); Mrs. Albert Ketchum Rickards (Roxie May); Mrs. William Rose (Olive) also married to Charles Wilson previously; Johnny (John) James Williams (Elsie Elizabeth Steele); Mrs. William Martin Smith (Blanche Avery) and Preston Lee Williams (Mildred Watson Tingle). Mr. Preston was the only one of the eleven children who was born in Frankford. He was born on the Honolulu Road. The other ten children were born on their farm in Bayard. The home was later purchased by Mrs. Ethel Furbush. Mrs. Furbush was a beautician and owned and operated her business in a portion of the home. Her two sons, John and Robert, grew up in the Frankford Area. John (wife - Rosa Lee Rickards (deceased), their children are Rosemary, Perry John, and Brett; and Robert (Bob) (wife - Nancy Shockley), their children are: Mrs. Paul Lambert (Tammy), whose children are Matthew and Anna Lynn; Robert, Jr. (wife, Sandy Williams) their children are Bobby and Seth; Shane (wife, Monica) and daughter, Lindsey Grace.

The following home was owned by Daniel and Mae Carey. It was built by Daniel Carey and Fred Whitney. The home was built after the fire (which instituted the need for a larger fire department in Frankford) destroyed their previous home. The home was occupied and owned by the Carey's grandson, Danny. It was later sold to Mr. and Mrs. Baines (Mr. Baines was a custodian at Frankford Post Office and also drove the Kent Sussex Industries bus.) The present owners are Mark and Elizabeth Walter. The Walter's have one daughter, Laura.

This home was owned by Charlie and Mary Lockwood. The Lockwood's owned several properties in the town of Frankford. They did not have any children. It was recalled that a Mr. and Mrs. Taylor purchased and remodeled this home. Mr. Taylor drove one of the Shortline buses. He was recalled as later working the Sears, Roebuck and Company store in Salisbury, Maryland. The home was then rented to Jim Thomas and his family. Thomas was an ex-service glider pilot who flew for the Sussex Airport. The Taylor's sold the home to Steve (deceased) and Kitty Carey. The Carey's three sons, Daniel, John, and Steve, Jr., grew up in the home. Steve retired as a school bus driver for the Indian River School District. Kitty worked as a cafeteria manager for several years. Their children's families are: Daniel (Elaine Cox) children Katie and Margo, Leigh Brown and Marie Jailot; John is married to Kim Rogers; and Steve (Cheryl) and children are: Kelly, Meagan, Scott, Patrick and Andrew Cordeaux. Kitty and Steve sold the home to Ron Wilkins, Jr. and Bethany Wells Wilkins. The Wilkin's have two children, Emma and Nate. They co-owned the Clayton Theater and Silver Screen Video in Dagsboro with Mr. and Mrs. Ron Wilkins, Sr. The Wilkins sold the home to Scott Crager.

Behind the home listed above, one of Steve and Kitty Carey's sons, John built his new home. As previously stated, John is married to the former Kim Rogers.

The following house was the home of George and Mattie Horsey who operated a drug store on Thatcher Street. This home was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph

Holloway. Mr. Holloway operated his accounting business in the home. It was later torn down and burned by the Frankford Fire Company. The property is presently a vacant lot.

Mr. Manford Penuel built the following home to be used as a rental property. Mr. and Mrs. Lou Ganze and son lived in the house during which time the home was gutted by fire. It was restored and rented to Levi and Edna Bunting and their son, Bobby. The next persons to rent the house were Mr. and Mrs. Wes Rattery. Mr. Rattery was recalled as a teacher in the John M. Clayton School. Some felt he taught physical education and others thought it was industrial arts. At that time, many teachers did not have a specialized field and he could have taught both subjects. John and Lillie Hickman also made their home in this house. Bob and Ken, their sons, lived with them. The next occupants of the home were Ralph and Eunice Holloway. The Holloway's have one son, John. Ralph has his accounting office in the renovated garage behind the house.

It was recalled by Mrs. Eunice Penuel Holloway that the next house was built by Captain Walls. Captain Walls and Mrs. Walls had two children, Iona Walls Lynch Tingle and William Walls (deceased.) The next person to own the house was Charlie Lockwood who rented it to Mrs. Lawrence and her daughters, Lois and Virginia. They had a wallpaper business. The wallpaper was recalled as having been stored in the back enclosed porch. The girls later moved and sold wallpaper in their house on Thatcher Street. This house was subsequently purchased by Manford and Mary Cecelia Penuel. The Penuel's have one daughter, Eunice Jeanne. She is married to Ralph Holloway. The home is presently owned by Mrs. Holloway.

The next home was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Esham. Their children were: Ralph Esham, Clarence Esham, Chick Esham, Milton Esham, Myer Esham, Vaughan Esham, Eva Esham, and Elsie Esham. The house was then owned by their son, Ralph. After his death it was purchased by Calvin and Iva Esham Jarmon. Mr. and Mrs. Jarmon's four children are: Calvin Jarmon, Jr., Elsie Jarmon, Ralph Jarmon, and Charles Jarmon. The house and property was then purchased by Emerson and Isabelle Hurley, who moved from Vienna, Md. Mr. Hurley worked for Delmarva Power & Light Co., Indian River Plant. Mrs. Hurley worked for the school district in the cafeteria. The house was later torn down and burned. The Hurley's built their new home on the lot next door. Their children are: Mrs. Larry Gum (Christy), daughter, Mrs. Robert Simmons (Amy) and children, Courtney and Ben, Brent Hurley (married to Carol Powell) who have one daughter, Kristen; and Ronnie Hurley (married to Teresa Gray). Ronnie and Teresa now live in Alaska.

The next house was built by Albert and Helen Parker (deceased). The Parkers moved from the Delmar area. Mr. Parker worked for Delmarva Power & Light Company also. Their children are: Mrs. Kenneth Causey (Donna) and sons, Steve and Kevin; Eddie Dutton (wife, Janet Hickman) and sons, Allen and Gerald; and Mrs. Jim Hitchens (Nancy Parker) and son, Daniel Hickman. It was recalled that Glenn Griffin and family lived in this house at one time. It is thought that Mr. Parker lives in the Delmar area presently. Mr. Griffin was a policeman Frankford and also in an adjoining town. This home is now owned by Jesse and Terry Hudson Truitt. Terry is the present town clerk for the Town of Frankford. They have two children: Brittany and Gavin.

The next house belonged to the Esham family. It was the residence of Charles and Georgia Jarmon. They had been employed by the Esham family. At the sale of the Esham property the lot and home was purchased by Ray and Thelma

Rickards Wells. Their children are: Richard Wells, (wife - Judy Lawson) their children are Richard Ray, II and David Shannon, and Mrs. Neal Brasure (Joyce) and children, Lane and Lance.

A building was constructed by Mr. Atwood Lynch, Sr. It was constructed as a business and named "Do-Rite" Laundry. The laundry was later remodeled and made into a home. It was recalled that in the early 1940's it was the home of Elias and Kitty Tingle. Elias worked at the rationing board during the war and was the Librarian at Indian River High School. Kitty was a registered nurse and worked for many physicians in the area (Dr. Long, Dr. Maresch, Dr. Hudson and the State Clinic on Main Street) and was the school nurse at John M. Clayton School for several years. Their children are: Mrs. William Timmons (Bette Lou) and Elias, Jr. (Bud); The Timmons have three sons, Wm. Jr. (Buddy) (wife - Alisa Hocker) their children are Tyler and Jesse; Brent (wife - Tina) their children - Kathryn, Sarah, Elias Tingle, and Asher; and Dean - whose children are Brooke, Michela and Noah; Bud Tingle has one son, Michael. The Tingle's moved from this home to a farm outside of Frankford. It was also remembered that Norman Bunting, Sr. (Pat) and Floris, his wife, lived in this home at one period of time. The Bunting's then moved to their house on U.S. 113. (Their children will be listed at that residence.) Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beckwith were the next family believed to have lived in this residence. In 1949 the property was remodeled and became the home of Bernard and Grace Lynch. Their children are: Mrs. Edgar Hearn (Janet) (listed with children in their home on Clayton Avenue) and Phillip Lynch of the Lewes area.

The next home was owned by Atwood, Sr. and Hazel Lynch. This property had a large number of families who call it home, as follows: Chester Lee (Arkie) Holladay, Sr. (deceased) and Melreath Lynch Holladay. Their children are Chester Lee, Jr. (deceased) and wife, Joanne, and children: Robbie (wife - Jennifer) and daughter, Lauren Lynne and Donnie (wife - Stacey) and son, Andrew Lee (Drew); Mrs. Tom Cahall, Jr. (Suellen) and children Tom, III and Lori; Mrs. Gary Morris (Linda) and son, Aaron. Some recalled the following living in the home: Billy and Catherine Lynch; Fulton and Louise Thomas and children: Mrs. Joseph Spicer (Elaine), Mrs. Clark Decker (Bonnie) and children, Jeff (wife - Erin) and Mrs. Casey Runkle (Kari) and son, Mason; Sharon Thomas, and Mrs. Mike Sasada (Kim) and son, Kevin. It was thought that this was also the home of Robert and Cheryl Thielemann and children, Heidi and Jason. It was mentioned by Peggy Banks that she and her husband, Bill, had also lived there. Someone recalled that an Eskridge family may have lived there for a while.

The next building is a wooden structure which was built by Atwood Lynch, Sr. Following WWII Atwood, Jr. and Bernard (brothers) opened a store in this location called L. & L. Grocery and Hardware. Following the closing of the store, Bernard moved his used car business which had been located on U.S. 113 into this building. The name of the business was LoDel Motors. Albert Franklin recalled buying his first new automobile in 1956 from the company for \$2900. The building was later purchased by Chester Hitchens circa 1965. Mr. Hitchens' built a garage connected to the store and operated an auto repair garage on the north side of this building and operated as Hitchens' Atlantic. Chester (deceased) and Edna Hitchens have two children, Vincent and Mrs. Randall Bunting (Pat). The Bunting's have one daughter, Kelly. Vincent's wife, Nancy, operated a beauty shop on the south side of the building in 1972. (Vincent and Nancy's family will be listed on U.S. 113 where the family resides.) It was recalled that in 1981 Bunting's Auto Repair took over the garage operation. It is presently owned and operated by



Randall and Pat Bunting.

Mrs. Edna Hitchens resides in the home behind the garage.

The next home was built and is owned and occupied by Mr. Gerald Grove. Mr. Grove moved here from Pennsylvania. His wife is deceased.

Atwood Lynch, Sr. built the next home for his daughter, Melreath and husband. It was then the home of Atwood Lynch, Jr. and Betty Brown Lynch. Their children are: Atwood F. Lynch (A.F.) (wife - Rhonda Rickards) whose daughter is Ashley; Mrs. Jeff Lynch (Cheryl) whose children are: Mrs. J. J. Kansak (Melissa) and Jeff, Jr.; Kenny whose children are: Taylor and Benjamin. After Mr. and Mrs. Lynch died the property was purchased by Kenny and Renee who lived there until building a new home on Route 26 near Clarksville. The property was then purchased by Donna DiNubile (husband deceased) who moved into the house in 1999. She purchased the home from Kenny and Renee Lynch. The DiNubile children are: Gina, Jenna, and Michael. The DiNubile family moved to Frankford from Pennsylvania.

Leon and Fleta Campbell built the next home. It was thought to have been after World War II. Their children are: twin girls, Mrs. James Bunting (Diane), who have two children James, Jr. and Chad. Mrs. Bruce Brittingham, (Debbie) and children Mrs. Bryant Outten (Jennifer) whose children are Schyler and Mrs. Keith Hickman (Janelle) and daughter, Kailee; and Mrs. Chad Mitchell (Tami) whose children are: Michele Mitchell and Matthew Mitchell.

A new home is presently being constructed by John Lynch Construction (11/03)

Mr. Lloyd Lewis owned and operated a barber shop on Clayton Avenue. It was in one room of his home. It was thought that the Lewis' sons were Jimmy and Ronnie. Mr. Lewis remarried a lady named Ann (deceased). Mr. Lewis' (deceased) married a third time. It is thought that his widow resides in the Millsboro or Georgetown area. The home is presently occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jones.

The next home was built by Donald Mortlock and his wife, Florence. Mr. Mortlock was recalled as being one of the people who organized the Millsboro Senior Center. The home was then purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Baksh. The Baksh family consisted of three daughters: Salina, Samaida and Saleisha. The family later moved to a farm outside of Frankford. The house is now a rental property.

The next home had been owned by William Wilgus. It was rented by Mr. and Mrs. Shane Brice. There was a fire in the building. It was felt that the house was moved to a property on U.S. 113.

The following home was thought to have been built by Reuben and Ella Evans. Their daughter, Frances, married C. A. Booth and made this their home. The Booth's did not have any children. Mr. Booth (Bud) was postmaster from 1932 until his retirement. His wife, Frances, was one of the co-owners of the Betty Del Shoppe on Main Street. Presently it is the home of Tommy Bacon (Lisa) and children, Kalab Rickards and Shelby Bacon.

Cross Honolulu Road. It was mentioned that there was a reason for this street being named Honolulu Road. A story is told that a "sea captain" named the street after returning from a voyage to Hawaii. He said that Hawaii was one of the prettiest places he had ever been, and thought

Frankford deserved a street with a beautiful name. A tidbit of information from Jean Brittingham and Catharine McKee was that they even heard of someone naming their daughter, Lulu (presumably after the road.)

The large, two storied home on the corner of Honolulu and Clayton Avenue was built by Ruben and Ella Williams Evans. The Evans children were: Mrs. C. A. Booth (Frances), Hazel Evans Mitchell, whose daughter is Mrs. Elwood Webb (Kay) whose children are: Mrs. Tom Myers (Bonnie) who have two children, T. J. and Jordan, and Mrs. Terry Warrington and daughter, Robin Warrington; Mrs. C. Harold "Ted" Palmer (Elsie) whose children are Robert and Daireee'; and Mrs. Lemuel Evans (deceased) who have the following children: Mrs. Bob Stephens (Beth), Mrs. Diane Timmons, and Mrs. Paul McKinley (Suzanne). It was recalled by one of the Evans' daughters that a porch had been on the second floor of the home. It was a treat for them to get to sleep out on the porch (which they did when it was very hot in the summer months). Mr. and Mrs. Parron Vickers (Myrtle) lived there in the early 1940's. Their children are: A daughter who died in infancy, Kathryn Rada; Vincent (deceased) whose children are Ray Lynn, Vincent II, David, Steve, and Scott; Harold (wife - Carol) her children, Susan, Jodi, Lori and Christian; and Mrs. Bob Wharton (Jeanette). Mr. Wharton is deceased. The Wharton's have a daughter, Mrs. Darryl Betts (Jeanine) who have a daughter, Amber Betts. Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Hudson have lived there since 1952. Mrs. Hudson (Doris Vickers Hudson) is deceased. Mr. Hudson had lived in the home until his death in September, 2003. The Hudson's have five children: Mrs. Thomas Lewis (Teresa) who was named after her maternal grandmother, Teresa Vickers, two children, Holly and Dean Clifton; Mrs. Jack Lewis (Pat) who is deceased and had no children; Gerald Vickers (Norma Lynn) children Brandon, Corey, and Chelsea; Michael, who married Carol Toomey and have three sons: Michael Christopher, Devin and Skyler; and Mrs. Edward Outten (Shelda) who lives in the next house.

The next home is owned by Eddie and Shelda Hudson Outten. They have two sons: Shawn and Hunter.

The following home was the residence of Mike and Carol Hudson. The Hudson's built a new home on Murray Road near Frankford. Their former home is being renovated, rented and is for sale at this time.

The next building was once Daisey's Garage. It was built circa 1948 by Wilmer Daisey. Mr. Daisey was a skilled auto mechanic and was in the automotive repair business. The Daisey's sold the business to Mr. Howard Clark, who operated it as a garage for several years. It is felt that the business is for sale at this time.

The next building beside the Garage was the home of Wilmer and Margaret Daisey (both deceased). The house was moved from Roxana to the Clayton Street property in 1948 and remodeled, in order that Mr. Daisey would be close to his business. The Daisey's have a daughter, Mrs. Wayland Clogg (Joyce). Joyce recalled moving into the home when she was in the fourth grade of school. After Mr. Daisey retired and sold the garage, Mr. and Mrs. Daisey moved to their new home in Helm Heights. The home and property was sold by Mrs. Daisey, following Mr. Daisey's death, to Clifton and Claudia Brasure. The house was recently demolished; however, the property is owned by Mrs. Brasure.

The house following the Daisey home was a bungalow built by Dr. James of Selbyville in 1928. It was purchased by Clifton W. Brasure in 1935. Clifton and Claudia lived in the home seven years and built a new brick home across the street. Others recall several people renting this house after Mr. and Mrs. Brasure moved into their new home: Harold and Mary Catherine Hudson; Bob Hickman, Neal and Joyce Wells Brasure; and several teachers that taught at John M. Clayton School. The house was purchased by Carol Murray in October of 1984, moved to Gray Road off Route 26 and remodeled extensively. Carol, who is now Mrs. John Paul Cullen, still owns the house. It is a rental property.

The next house had been the home of Walter and Mary Brasure (Clifton's parents.) The Brasure's farmed and grew chickens. Several recall that at one time the house had been rented by Ed Melson. Many people recalled that Mr. Melson repaired shoes while he lived there. Apparently, he may have had another job, because it was recalled that you left your shoes on the porch with a note stating what was to be done. Mr. Melson repaired them, left them on the porch, with the amount charged for the work done. The house was burned by the Frankford Fire Company in April of 1985. It was demolished by Melvin Joseph's Construction Company.

The last home before Clayton Avenue, which is the dividing line of Frankford-Dagsboro, is the home of Everett Long, Jr. and Helen Morris Long. This was once the property of Everett Long, Sr. whose children are: Paul (deceased) family mentioned on Thatcher Street; Donald (deceased) who was killed in an airplane accident; and Mrs. Frank Glover (Rachel) both deceased. The Glover's children are: Mrs. Donald Holloway (Joan). Mr. Holloway is deceased. Their children are Mrs. Bruce Smart (Susan) whose children are: Aaron and Susan Townsend; and Mrs. Jeff Givans (Sandra) whose children are Ashley, Eric and Michelle; and Mrs. Andrew Forgash (Donna Rae) married to Dr. Andrew Forgash, whose children are Dr. Andrew (Drew) Forgash, Jr. and Mrs. Bryan Ax (Rebecca) whose son is Lucas. The home of Everett and Helen sits on the dividing line between Frankford and Dagsboro, as does the Indian River High School. The Long's children, Everett Long, III (Sonny) (wife, Nancy) have three children, Allison, Laura and Krista. Sonny is retired from the United States Marine Corps and lives in North Carolina. Mrs. Norman Shulze (Barbara) has a son Eric (wife - Stacey) and daughter, Abby. The Shultze's reside in Georgia. Everett retired as a bus driver for the school district. Helen worked until her retirement in the Sea View Dress Shoppe in Selbyville and Ocean City.

## MAIN STREET

The first home that people recall after the present Post Office was a residential home of Orrie Rogers. It was recalled that it was an apartment building. The Brooks (Harry and Lizzie) also resided in the home following Mr. Rogers. Some people recalled that the Brooks' sold celery which they grew in their garden to townspeople. They were from Philadelphia and retired to Frankford. Several people lived in the other side of the house. One of these families was Manford and Cecile Penuel. Their only child, Eunice Penuel Holloway, was born in this house. It was thought that another house with apartments were somewhere behind the lot; however the owner was unknown. It is know that many people lived in this apartment building. Some of the names were, Jean Hitchens and family, Helen Andrews and sons, Glenn and Scott, and John and Shirley Shockley (whose daughter is Mrs. Kyle Givans (Jennifer)).

In the area of what is now a large parking lot next to the present Town Hall was a wooden structure, built by Mr. Asher Godfrey. Mr. Godfrey operated a store selling groceries and general merchandise at this location. The building was then sold to J. B. Hudson who operated a small general store on the south side of the building; on the north side of the building Mearl Lynch and Turk Lewis operated a barber shop. Mr. John A. Tingle (Mr. Hudson's son-in-law) worked for him for a time. The grocery store later became the property of Mr. Tingle. It was recalled that McKinley Tingle (John Tingle's brother) also became a partner in the next grocery store called "Tingle and Tingle." An unfortunate fire destroyed the wooden building. Many people recalled the fire occurring in extremely cold weather. It was mentioned that the water froze and ran down the street to the Chandler House (approximately a block away). Bettye McCabe, Mr. John Tingle's daughter recalled that her father was heartbroken at the loss of this store. When Mr. Tingle rebuilt he used concrete block material (which he felt would be more fireproof). The new store was a modern grocery store. This store would probably be called a "supermarket" at that time. It was a modern store where meats and cheeses were cut to the specifications of the customer. The next operators of the store were John A. Tingle and Dave Godwin (Kay Olmstead's father) trading as Godwin and Tingle. It was felt that Wilson & Bettye McCabe purchased the store at this time, and operated it for a few years. It was sold by the McCabe's to Garthside. The store was operated by this management for a time and it was sold. After the last grocery store operator moved out, the property was purchased by the Frankford Fire Company. It was thought at one time that the fire company planned to remodel the building and make a Youth and Community Center. The building sat vacant for several years. In 2002 the building was demolished and paved with blacktop be used as a parking lot for the Frankford Fire Company.

In the field behind the Town Hall and the Fire Company, Mr. Charlie Franklin had a pony corral. He let the town's children ride and feed the ponies. He also sold some of the ponies. It was recalled that Mr. Charlie also kept his "fox hounds" in this area. The property was once owned by the Phillips' family.

A little league practice field is located behind the fire hall and the old Wilmington Trust Building. The Frankford Scout Troop held their meetings in a building which they referred to as "The Scout Hut" in a small building behind the fire house. Three members of the Frankford Troop achieved the highest status of scouting --- Eagle Scout: Walton Johnson, Jr., Walton Johnson, III and Richard Carpenter. One of the first scoutmasters that people could recall was Mr. Babe Gum in the 1950's; however, it was noted by Walton Johnson, Jr. that when researching a project that Elwood Melson showed him a charter for the Frankford Troop signed by President Woodrow Wilson. Mr. Rollin Hudson, Jr. and Dan Powell attended Camp Rodney (a camp for scouts) in the 1930's. In the early 1960's and 1970's Mr. Frank Hudson, Sr. was the scoutmaster. The Frankford troops were sponsored by the Lions, Kiwanis, and other civic organizations through the years. It was also disbanded and reactivated during those years. The Frankford Fire Department purchased the building in 1978 for the sum of \$1.00. It was used by them as an equipment storage building until it was demolished in 2002-2003.

The present Frankford Town Hall sits on the corner of the parking lot mentioned above. It is housed in the small brick building which served as the First National Bank of Frankford. This was the first bank building in Frankford. It was mentioned by Jimmy Rickards that his grandfather, C. R. Davis, Topp Heath, Burton Cannon and Hod Hickman of Frankford were instrumental in founding the first bank in town. If his recollections are correct from hearing accounts from his grandfather, these men invested the first money for the bank to begin business. Town Council meetings are presently held in this building, and it is the office for the town secretary. Even though it is now the town hall, you will notice that the stained glass work above the front door states "BANK". The stained glass window is a work of art. The town council should assure the townspeople that the stained glass window will be retained as "part of the history of Frankford" if the town hall is moved to another building. Thanks to the generosity of the former town councils the front section of the building was previously used as a library. It also housed the book collection.

A plaque and a flag pole are located between the Town Hall and the Fire Company's buildings. It is inscribed "IN HONOR OF ALL FROM FRANKFORD WHO DIED SERVING THEIR COUNTRY".

In trying to put this book together, several local organizations and government organizations were contacted concerning people who served in any wars from the town of Frankford. While residents of the town could recall some names, I found it an impossible task to find a specific list. One person with whom I spoke in a government bureau outside Washington, D.C. said it might just be better to name some of the names which were recalled by townspeople as serving in different wars. In order that no one who served our country be forgotten, **IT WAS AGREED THAT OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS BE WITH EACH AND EVERY PERSON AND THEIR FAMILIES FROM OUR AREA WHO SERVED OR DIED FOR THEIR COUNTRY IN ALL WARS.**

A small piece of property was purchased from Halsted Layton and Bessie Daisey as the beginning of the site for the future fire house.

The next house was the home of the Phillip's family. Their children are: Emmons, Walter "Corky", and Maxine Phillips Simpler. Mr. Corky gave me interview on the phone months ago about a small building located in the back

of what are the town hall and his parent's home. It was a jail. I am sure there were no hardened criminals at the time. Apparently, it was hardly more than a corn crib type building. I immediately thought of the Andy Griffin Show "Mayberry USA". Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Crocker and family later rented the home and resided in this home for a while. It was rented from the Phillips family. The Phillips family sold the property to the Frankford Volunteer Fire Company. The building was demolished.

The above two properties were the site of the first Frankford Fire Company.

It was remembered by C. Vernon Timmons that his mother had told him he was born in 1934 in one of the above houses. His parents are: John Frederick Timmons and Mattie Ellen Wells Timmons. Their children are: John F. Timmons, Jr. who is deceased, Eugene who is deceased (wife - Sandra); Nelson Wayne; and C. Vernon (wife - Angeline Hudson) (families listed on U.S. 113. Three children died in infancy, Ruth Ann, Juanita and Ralph James.

The next house was recalled as the Annie Hickman House. It was the home of Annie Hickman who later moved to Thatcher Street. The property was then purchased by Phillip and Mildred Ellwanger in the 1950's. Their children are: Robert, Donald and Virgil. Virgil Ellwanger owns a State Farm Insurance Agency in Millsboro. The last known owner of the property was Harley McCabe (Austin McCabe's son). It was sold to fire company in February, 1961. The house was torn down and the property was used for many years as a parking lot. In 1974, an addition (a 50 x 100 engine bay) was built on the adjoining fire house.

The next property was recalled as the Long property. It was felt that it was home of Fred and Delia Holloway. Mr. Holloway was Dr. Robert Long's wife, (Malverna) brother. Their children are: Louis (deceased), Evelyn Farnor, and Doris Moore. The fire company had purchased this property in 1961 and used it as a rental property. Pat and Jimmy Hummer, Jr. lived here when they were first married and before moving to their long time residence on Clayton Avenue. In the 1950's Charlie Franklin's family lived in the home. Albert recalled having Virgil Ellwanger as his neighbor. It was in this home that John "Jack" and Phyllis Bare lived for a time. Their children are: John, Jr. and Lloyd. The Long House was demolished and burned by the fire company. It is the present location of the fireman's lot.

The next house was the home of Mr. William Truitt, Sr. and wife, Pearsine. I had never heard the name Pearsine...when I asked the group how it should be spelled they said they were not sure. It was not until the book was almost complete that Mrs. Evelyn Baker related that Ms. Pearsine once told her the following story: She asked her mother why she had ever named her "Pearsine" and her mother replied that she was looking through the old standby of the day, the Sears & Roebuck Catalogue. She saw "pears" and named her "Pearsine". Their children are: William P. Truitt and Wallace. Mr. Wallace Truitt has resided in Laurel during his adult lifetime. William P. Truitt's children are: William (Bill) and Thelma Truitt Webber. It was recalled by Mrs. Alvana Campbell that her first lesson in quilting was given by Ms. Pearsine. Ms. Pearsine held quilting bees in her home and many people enjoyed this craft. This house was referred to by some as the Charles Parker home. It was later the home of the Charles Parker, Sr. family. It was recalled that Edith Long Parker was married to Charles Parker Sr. She was the mother of Charles Parker, Jr. and Doris Parker Walter Murray.

Mrs. Parker was the sister of Allie Davis (mother of Marcus Davis). It is interesting to note that Mrs. Parker lived only a few houses from her sister. It was recalled that in the 1940's Ms. Edith's brother, Ward Long, lived with the Parker family. Some years later Charles, Jr. sold the property to the First National Bank of Frankford. It is on this property that the First National Bank of Frankford built their new building. The First National Bank of Frankford was later purchased by Sussex Trust Company.

The Frankford Volunteer Fire Company was immortalized for their "Unselfish Devotion" in a booklet by Walton Johnson, Jr. in 1983. Mr. Johnson writes that the creation of a volunteer fire department came about after the Carey home burning in the spring of 1933. Dan and Mae Carey and son, Steve, were visiting family in Wilmington when the fire occurred. Even though the Carey's home and possessions were destroyed out of this tragic event there were people who dreamed of a creation of a volunteer fire company. It was felt that Frankford was too small to support such a project. However, Mr. Johnson's book stated that 50 years later in 1983 the fire company was still protecting the community of Frankford . . . . 70 years later, the Frankford Fire Company is an active and valuable part of the town. When the fire company's beautiful new building was dedicated in June of 1936, a time capsule was placed in the cornerstone. It was decreed at the ceremony that on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the company, the contents would be made known to the public. Everyone hold your breath...only 30 years to go. In 1937 the fire company expanded its lifesaving efforts by purchasing a 1937 Ford Sedan to be used as an ambulance. Since the next closest ambulance service was provided by Georgetown Fire Company, the ambulance was in great demand in the area. Volunteer firemen took courses offered at the fire school and ambulance workers took courses to be certified as ambulance attendants.

The ladies auxiliary also provides an important part of the local fire company. They actively raise funds to support projects of the auxiliary and fire company. The auxiliary marched in parades, have fundraisers, and do whatever necessary for the betterment of the Frankford community.

A copy of the book, "Unselfish Devotion - Frankford and Its Firemen 1933-1983" written by Walton A. Johnson, Jr. gives more details of the history of the fire company. It is in the Delaware collection at the Frankford Public Library and may be examined there. It is extremely interesting and mentions names of people who figured prominently in the company's history. There are photographs of members who are not with us today.

One of the largest fund raisers of the fire company was the annual Firemen's Carnival. It was held over near the former Eagle Poultry Plant. Apparently it was a grand event. Everyone recalls the great times when the carnival was in town. Mrs. Bettye McCabe recalls the band members from Philadelphia coming to Frankford to play and have a large parade at the beginning of the carnival. It was recalled by many of the ladies in the memories group that the guys were quite nice looking. They all wanted their family to be a host family for the band members.

On Main Street next to the Frankford Fire Department sits a spacious, brick structure which was the Frankford branch of Wilmington Trust Company. Wilmington Trust decided to close the branch. An automated teller machine was constructed on U.S. 113 in front of the Seaside Center in January of 2000. The community was very upset to see their local bank leave. Wilmington Trust invited people to their demonstrations of the automated machine or to come to their Millsboro location. Some depositors decided to

change banks. The bank was given to the Town of Frankford. The building has been vacant for several years. The Town of Frankford has secured a bond to renovate the building. It is to be a magistrate's court. Senator George H. Bunting, Jr. was instrumental in working with Kaye Olmstead, who was the President of the Frankford Town Council in securing a lease for the building in order that the town could receive the revenue.

As far as I can ascertain, Will Truitt's store was located in front of the present Wilmington Trust building. Mr. Truitt owned and operated a grocery store at this location. It was typical of stores of the era. Once a residence, an addition was made in the front of the structure and made into a store. A porch which was added extended out into the street on metal posts. The building was a wooden structure covered with weatherboarding. A hitching post and long, wooden benches were at the front of the store. On warm spring and summer days, customers sat on the porch and talked. In the winter, many of these same customers gathered inside to be warmed by a potbellied stove (located in the rear of the building.) They talked or played a game of checkers to entertain themselves. In addition to groceries and other items which might be needed at the time, many people recall being taken to the store as children to look at the toys at Christmas. Mrs. Evelyn Truitt Baker, daughter of Mr. Truitt, recalls several things about her father's store and the good times people had when he owned the store. Mrs. Baker said that the toys were displayed approximately two weeks before Christmas. Children came to the store and looked at the display so they were able to tell their parents what they "wished for." The children were usually permitted to select only one toy. One toy was probably all they would get at Christmas (sometimes not even that). The Christmas stockings were stuffed with oranges, apples, and peppermint canes. I am sure you have heard the saying that only the good children get gifts and candy, the bad ones get "coal" in their stockings. Children did not get several toys. The toys were not left on display to be purchased throughout the year. Many felt the last persons to operated the store were Harold and Ila Murray. Ron Bertrand related that his uncle and aunt, Harry and Minnie Bertrand, once operated a Thrift Store in the building at this period of time. He recalled they also sold candy. The building was later used to conduct "rummage sales" for the Frankford United Methodist Church. The building was demolished in 1977. The land was included in a parcel purchased by the First National Bank of Frankford, on which they built a new structure.

The house located next to the present old Wilmington Trust Building was a house built by Robert H. Davis. He lived in the home with his wife, Allie. It was recalled by Bob Davis that his grandfather, Robert Davis, lived in Frankford all of his life except when serving in the Union Army in 1861-64. He was in the Battle of Bull Run. Their son, Marcus, returned from Philadelphia to live in the home for decades. It was the childhood home of their only son, Robert "Bobby" Davis (named for his grandfather). Bob's wife is Donna Pearson. He has two daughters, Natalie and Mrs. Mark Errico (Jayna) who has two sons, Robert and Daniel, who live in Arizona. Mr. Marcus was a plumber and electrician. Marcus' wife, Emma, was very active in the town. She served as organist and a member of the choir of the Frankford Church. It was recalled that she was an excellent seamstress. The home is presently the home of Brian and Marie Jones and children, Bethany and Brian, II. The "summer kitchen" which Mr. David purchased from the Stikes property sat in the back of the yard. The Jones' sold the "summer kitchen" to Greg and Emily



Klein-Welch.

It was remembered that the Motor Vehicle Inspection was done prior to 1940 in front of the present fire station's location by the motor vehicle workers with portable inspection equipment. The equipment checked the brakes, headlights, weight of vehicle, possibly some other items (there was no catalytic converter or emissions control checks). Cars and life were simpler in those times. Testing equipment would be located in Frankford for about a week or two and then would move to another town. Rollin Hudson, Jr. said that he recalled the inspections being held in a field near or a vacant portion of what is now Carey's Cemetery on Frankford Avenue. Someone recalled that these inspections were also held in the Selbyville area.

The Captain Chandler House (as it has been known for years) has recently been refurbished and remodeled. Presently, the home is occupied by Robert, Marla and Taite Daisey. The Daisey's operate the home as "Chandler House Bed and Breakfast." Marla also holds "high teas" on the first floor of the home once a month. The Daisey's purchased the house from Thomas Burns and Ray Davis, who had operated it as a Bed and Breakfast.

I took the liberty of using some of the information and facts from a scrapbook which was compiled by Captain Chandler's great granddaughter, Barbara Rickards Godwin. Capt. Chandler's granddaughter, Virginia, and her daughters, Barbara and Judy moved into the home in 1956 and lived there until Virginia remarried. Mrs. Norris Godwin, Jr. (Barbara Ann Rickards) whose children are: Mrs. Robert W. Donaway (Elizabeth Jane Rickards), whose daughter is Ashley Virginia Donaway; and Mrs. Darrin Franklin Stevens (Dawn Lee); and Barbara's younger sister, Judy Ross Rickards Fisher, whose children are Amanda Jane Fisher and Barbara Lynn Fisher. Barbara is extremely proud of her heritage and of the beautiful old home. The home has been placed on the National Historic Registry of Homes.

At the corner of Main & Knox Street sits a magnificent home, which is a rare example of Victorian-Gothic architecture in Delaware. It was built in 1878 by a Mr. Townsend. The home was purchased by Capt. Ebe Chandler for his daughter, Birdie Mae Chandler McCabe and her husband, Austin James McCabe and their four sons and one daughter in the year 1918. Unfortunately, his daughter died of pneumonia in March of 1920. Austin and the sons moved back to their home on the corner of Main and Thatcher Streets, which adjoined a small general store and office. The Chandler House is one of the things people recall when they think of Frankford.

Captain Chandler and his wife, Hettie Jane Bishop Chandler, moved to Frankford from Philadelphia to live in the house and raise the youngest child, who was three years of age at the time. Virginia Lee was his only granddaughter, of Mr. Chandler's daughter, Birdie.

Captain Chandler decided to make some alterations to the home before moving in. He had the home moved back from the street, added a wrap-around porch, cupolas, gingerbread trim, Delco heater, radiators, beautiful ornate furniture and installed a bathroom. This was probably one of the first inside bathrooms in Frankford, possibly Sussex County.

The Captain was born and raised in the Roxana area. At the age of twelve, he went to sea as a cabin boy. He married and raised his children in the Frankford area. They moved to Philadelphia only after they were older because he harbored there and could be closer to his wife and son.

Captain Chandler died in Beebe Hospital in Lewes in 1956. He was ninety-eight years of age. His funeral was held in the Watson and Gray Funeral Home on Thatcher Street.

More of the history of this unique man and family are in a scrapbook and is located in the Chandler House Bed and Breakfast.

#### Cross Reed Street

The large house on the other corner of Main and Reed Streets is a house which was the residence and office of two of the town's physicians. The first doctor that people recall living in this house was Dr. Carlton Fooks (wife - Corrinne). It was felt their daughter's name was Barbara. Dr. Fook's practiced medicine over 66 years ago. Rae Long said her birth certificate was signed by Dr. Fooks. She was born in the town of Dagsboro; therefore, we know that Dr. Fooks not only served Frankford but surrounding towns as well. The house was purchased by Arthur and Irene Banks and rented to Dr. and Mrs. Frank Smith in the 1950's. Dr. Smith lived and practiced in the home also. Barbara Godwin, who lived next door with her grandfather, Ebe Chandler, remembers that Dr. and Mrs. Smith had two children (Cookie and Junior) and felt a third child was born while they lived in Frankford. Several people who lived in this house in the past years were recalled as Roland and Yvonne Cobb, Bill and Helen Long, Betty and Jack Lynch, Carolyn Dorey, Jeff and Barbara Banks. The Banks' sold the property to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gaudy who had one son. They sold the property to William and Julie Gerhart and children: Billy, Ryan and Carly. The Gerhart family moved to the mid-west so Mr. Gerhart could continue his education. The home is presently occupied, but the occupants are not known.

The following house was once the residence of Charles and Mary Lockwood. Charles was a brother of Sam Lockwood. It was recalled that Sam was a bachelor until marrying Margaret Heath, who lived across the street at the time. Joan and Pete Lowenstein lived in this house and Bill and Peggy Banks lived in the home for several years. The Banks' have two children: Mrs. Billy Jo Bratten and Mrs. Clinton Moore (Annie). Others have rented the Charles Lockwood house since that time.

The next house was built by Charles Davis. Mr. Davis was widowed three times and his last wife, Orgley, lived there until her death in the early 1960's. Their children were: Mrs. James Rickards (Catherine) (both deceased) and Grace who is also deceased. The home was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Murray and later sold to Antonio and Stefani Williams. The Williams' live in the home with their son, Tony. They also have a married daughter, Nicki. In talking with Mr. Davis's grandson, Jimmy Rickards, I found it extremely humorous when he spoke of his grandfather Davis giving explicit instructions to Ms. Orgley that when he died he should be buried between 2 of his former wives, another wife, and he left a space for her in his large cemetery plot. However, Mrs. Davis had a mind of her own. Mr. Davis preceded her in death, whereby she purchased another cemetery plot and buried him in it. When she died 25 years later, she was buried next to Mr. Davis in their separate plot. The other three wives were in their own plot. It was recalled by townspeople that Ms. Orgley also sold insurance. This was unique, as most insurance salespersons of the day were men.

Bill and Thelma Smith built the next house. It was the childhood home of their three daughters: Mrs. Ricky Bacon (Joanne) more information listed on

Main Street; Mrs. Robert Murray (Kathy) also listed elsewhere, and Mrs. Wilmer "Dukie" Dukes (Sandy.) The property was then purchased by Kathy and Robert Murray. It is presently a rental property.

In the 1950's Curt and Helen Flood saw a need for a Laundromat in the area. Many people were unable to afford a washer and dryer in their own home and came to depend of this business. It was located on the corner of what is now Main and Gum Streets. The business closed decades ago. The building presently stands vacant. Before the Laundromat was at this location, it was the Mary McNeal House (an apartment house where several families have lived). To name a few of the families who lived there: Handy and Sadie West, whose children are Abbie, Donald, Louise Stone, and Kendall and Wendell West (twins) listed on Honolulu Road; Harry and Bertha Dukes and family (their youngest child, Olive Ann Dukes Milutin recalled this being her predominate residence while growing up. (Dukes family will be listed on Reed Street), Robert Hitchen's and mother; and Pearl and Calvin Lynch.

Gum Street has not always been a street in town. It was once a large field which extended between Main and Knox Street.

At the corner of Gum and Main, it was vaguely recalled there was a store. Atwood Lynch had a store in the building. It was felt Pop Parsons may have been a proprietor of a store at this location for a short time. Pop Parsons went to the Ocean View/Millville area and established another store. The building is no longer there; however, a new home has been erected on the property during the past year. It was recalled that behind the store Elwood Clark owned and operated a garage. Many large vehicles (tractor trailer trucks) were repaired in the garage. Some recalled that Oscar Tipton, who was a truck driver, used this garage to have his truck serviced and repairs made.

The following house was the Austin McCabe home and store. The home and store were located in the building. Mr. McCabe had a post office and alderman's office on one side. Mr. McCabe was made postmaster in 1916 and alderman in the 1930's. The store was located toward the Thatcher Street side. Norman McCabe lived there until his death. It was noted that James McCabe and Norman McCabe had lifetime rights to the property. The post office was moved to Reed Street. Clarence Esham was postmaster on Reed and Bud Booth was the postmaster on Reed Street in 1934. After Norman's death, the property was sold to John Lynch. It was recalled that when Mr. Lynch demolished the building, it was found to have an original log cabin under the siding. Mr. Gary Revel of Timber Frames was given permission to take the logs for work helping Mr. Lynch demolish the building. He presently has them stored at his place of business. The property is now a vacant lot.

Turn at the end of Main Street toward Clayton Avenue on the left side

It was mentioned by Edna Bunting that several circuses were held on the property behind where the present Presbyterian Church is located. I am sure the proceeds were used to benefit some organization in town, but it has not been ascertained as to who sponsored the circus.

There have been several different theories on where the Treat Factory was located. Walton Johnson, Jr. is presently doing an historical study and feels it may have been located in the area behind the Presbyterian Church close to the creek bank. It was recalled that when preparing the land for the Presbyterian Church being moved from Reed to Main, there had been a large

hole and much fill dirt had to be used on the property. Brian Page, Sussex County Historian (who has presently taken a position in India to conduct historical research) was also researching the Treat Factory felt it could have been located on the opposite side of the creek.

The first physician in the Frankford area was said to have been Dr. Francis M. Gum. Dr. Gum was the son of Manaen Gum, a farmer, who lived on a large farm near Frankford. Dr. Gum graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1871. At the time of his death, he was the oldest practicing physician in the State of Delaware. His white hair and beard, masculine features added to his dignity. It was said that he had the grace of a saint. In his later years, he walked with a limp, which necessitated a cane. He visited his patients in a black buggy pulled by a road (deep red) colored horse. It was also stated that his horse was as white as snow. Since it is not a known fact as to the color of his horse, it was surmised that he may have had more than one horse. He was a friend to every person, regardless of color or creed. His liquid medicine was known to cure many illnesses. Dr. Gum delivered many infants into the world, sometimes with the help of midwives.

Dr. Gum practiced medicine from his home located on the property of the present Frankford Presbyterian Church. Bonnie Campbell Jarvis recalled that the building was taken to Henlopen Acres in Rehoboth and made into a summer home.

On this property sits the Frankford Presbyterian Church, which is a daughter of the Blackwater Presbyterian Church (1767-1921). In 1881 the members of Blackwater erected a sanctuary in the town of Frankford at the corner of Reed and Knox Streets. The same minister served Blackwater, Frankford and Ocean View. In 1894, the Frankford Church was officially organized. The turning point for the Frankford congregation happened on October 10, 1978, when the sanctuary was moved to its present location on Main Street. (A photo in the back shows the building being moved). In 1980 the Fellowship Hall was added. The hall provided facilities for the Sunday School as well as many community service organizations and activities. To serve a growing number of members, in 1997 an education building was added. The Frankford Presbyterian Church has continued to provide an active and faithful witness to Jesus Christ. Through the years some of the pastors who will be remembered by their congregations have been: Reverends William Daerty in 1900; H. Everett Hallman in 1910; George Sheese in 1930; L. Rodney Beaz in 1940; Thomas Smith in 1950; S. Turner Fester in 1951; Thomas Russell in 1955, James Bishop in 1957-60; Richard Thompson in 1960-64; Malcolm H. Sylvester in 1965-73; Kerry Shull in 1975-85; William Hiemstra in 1987; part time pastor; William Hiemstra in 1988-93 (full time) and the present pastor is Kerry Shull. Reverend Shull has served since 1993.

The property on which the Presbyterian Church presently stands was donated by the family of Francis M. (1884-1978) and Carrie Gum (1881-1970). The wrought iron fencing (railing) of the Church was donated by Bettye McCabe. It was from her grandmother's home on Thatcher Street. It had been felt by one of the Ellis twins that the fence may have been donated by her mother.

Cross Delaware Avenue.

The next house was owned by Francis, Sr. and Carrie Gum. The Gum's children are: Francis "Babe" (wife - Isabelle) and children Frank (wife - (Jo Ann) and Mrs. Sonny Chapman (Carol Ann); Robert (who was not married); Mrs. John Houde (Mary Elizabeth); and Waples' (wife - Gloria Watson) who have

a son, Larry (wife - Christy Hurley) and their daughter Mrs. Robert Simmons (Amy) and children, Courtney and Ben. Dr. Andrew Gum lived in the home at some time during this period. The next people recalled living in the house were Paul Long's widow, Mrs. Harriett and daughter, Lovey Jane. The next owners of the house were Waples and Gloria Gum. At one period of time Waples and Gloria had an apartment on one side of the house which was rented by John and Mary Elizabeth Gum Houde. Presently the sole occupants of the home are Waples and Gloria. It was recalled by Helen Souder that Waples worked as a mechanic at one time and learned his trade from her father, Russell Parsons. Waples was recalled as serving in the Navy during WWII. Gloria worked in sales at Greenberg's in Selbyville. This store was purchased by Carton's and she continued working there. More recently she worked in the cafeterias of Frankford Elementary and Indian River High Schools.

The next home was the family home of Asa and Ivy Bennett (the grandparents of James Bennett.) One account which Jimmy gave me from Hail Bennett's journal was that Hail and his sister, Hope, were born in the home. The account stated that Hail was not thrilled with having another baby in the home, especially a little sister. Hail married Mary Fassett, an elementary teacher at John M. Clayton and Frankford Elementary and moved to the family home- place outside of town near Omar. They are both deceased. Hope married and moved to Arizona. Their children are Mrs. Lisa Conner (Lisa) and her two children, Katherine and Caroline. They also reside in Arizona; and James (Carrie) and their children, James Hail Bennett, III and Henry Bennett. It was recalled that this home became the residence of Clinton and Irene Watson, after Mr. Watson's retired as a funeral director. Whenever anyone thought of Mrs. Watson, they recalled she loved to go to the horse races. I do not know, but I bet she would have liked the slots too. This home is presently owned by Mrs. E. Louise Cahill and is also the residence of her son, Gerald.

It was recalled by Gary Ryan that before Mr. Asa Bennett built the feed store, two houses had been on the property. A large house fronting on Main Street was on the property, and a smaller building was in the back. Gary's parents had lived in the home when he was very young; however, he recalled that his father used the small house in the back as an electrical repair shop. His father loved to work on radios and other electrical appliances. Although this did not come from Gary, another townspeople related that the Ryan's always had a lovely Christmas tree and Mr. Ryan would put up an electric train during Christmas. It was not the small train set...it was on a very large scale and many townspeople would go to see it during the holiday season. These two houses were moved back across the property to Mill Street toward their final destination on Frankford Avenue, where they are presently located. The removal of the houses, then allowed Mr. Bennett to build a feed store in this location, which he operated for several years. Timber Frame Systems, owned and operated by Mr. Gary Revel, is leased from James Bennett (grandson of Asa Bennett.) Timber Frame Systems fabricates house frames in the style of the 18<sup>TH</sup> century. The company designs and builds to specification for contractors from all over the United States. Approximately three years ago, the television crew from Home and Garden Television came to Frankford and made a video of the process which is used by the company. It was later aired on HGTV. Mr. Revel his wife, Ryan, and four children Emily, Quin, Frances and Michael live near Frankford.

The following house was owned by Asa Bennett's sister, Mrs. Prinie Townsend. Bob Powell's Grandparents are felt to have lived in the house. Bob's family

are recalled as: Bob (wife - Mildred) whose children are Glen (wife - April Mitchell) daughter - Mrs. David Godwin (Ashley); Mrs. Grant Williams (Linda); and Cathy Powell. Mildred Powell served as a librarian of the Frankford Library at one time. The following house was purchased in 1946 by James and Catherine Rickards. Their children are James, Jr. (Jim) his wife, Joanne, and their three children: James III (Jimmy) (wife - Jeanine) and children Maggie and Matthew; Mrs. Jeff Schirring, (Terri) who does not have any children; and Mrs. Greg Smith (Traci) whose children are Max and Ried; and Mrs. Nancy Smith, her children are Bethany (deceased) and Jeremy; and Mark whose children are Meredith and Lindsey. This was also the home of Pete and Joan Loewenstein, when they lived in town. Their children are Eddie (deceased) and Mrs. Kenneth Grubaugh, (Frieda) who have a son, Kenneth, Jr. (Kenny). The home was purchased and now occupied by James Owen and wife, (Sue). The Owens' have one child, Mrs. Shawn Winterbottom (Beth). The Winterbottom's have four children: Garret, Kacey and twin sons, Scott and Ryan.

The next house was recalled as the home of James Rickards' parents', Everett and Virginia Rickards. Their sons were James Rickards, Jr. and George Ross Rickards (families listed elsewhere in the book). It was recalled by several that Everett also taught mathematics at the old Frankford High School on Thatcher Street. Mr. Everett Rickards was the coach of the 1928 State Champion Basketball Team. This small team was from the old Frankford High School located on Thatcher Street. The team was thought to have been the only State Championship team from the Frankford High School. Indian River also had a Boys State Basketball Championship Team in the 1980's.

In many of the books written on Frankford the old Holloway Hotel on Main Street was mentioned. None of the people in the Frankford Memories group could recall a large home with this name. According to some of the more historical writings, the Old Holloway Hotel was established circa 1857 by William Holloway. It was a large, two story building made of cypress shingles with gingerbread scrolling and a stairway in the middle of the structure. It was recorded that Babe Gum in 1932 had recalled the downstairs front room of this hotel being occupied by the Post Office. The post office remained there for several years, according to this account, when the postal system moved the day to day operations to another building. One of the members of our group, Preston Williams, Jr. (Pep) grew up in Frankford had a photo of his maternal grandparents home on Main Street. It would be the approximate location of the Holloway Hotel. His grandparents were Lem and Sallie Tingle (deceased) and their children were Toledo (Tol) Tingle (deceased) and Mrs. Preston Williams (Mildred). Both stories of the home recalled a livery stable being in the back of the property. It was said that visiting salesmen like to stop at the Tingle's Boarding House, as it was a nice, clean place to stay and also a nice place for their horses in the back stables. However, it was felt by people in the memories group that the Tingle House was built by George Pollite. It was recalled that the Pollite's children were: Effie Hudson Frank's wife on Thatcher Street, Lizzie Dukes, wife of Frank Dukes on Reed Street, Madelyn Long, Stella Long of Selbyville and Rella Grabner, who operated the Old Hotel at one time. This building was demolished and burned in 1970. At that time it was owned by Arthur Banks widow, Irene). Be sure to read the Memories Paragraph written by Pep Williams, the Tingle's grandson, concerning their parrot. It is on this property that Robbie Murray (Denise) built a new home. Their children are:

Billy and Katie.

The next building was the home and small store of Joe and Sally Hall. The Halls were brother and sister, not husband and wife as I had thought when we were collecting material for the book. The Hall's operated a small store and magazine shop. The Hall's store sold gum, sodas, candy, ice cream, comic books, dress patterns, and various sundry items. The store was in the front section of their home. After much renovation, it is the present home of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Bacon (Joanne), whose children are Tommy (wife - Lisa) and children, Kalob Rickards and Shelby Bacon; and Kristen Lynch, and daughter, Lauren.

The next property is a vacant lot. It was recalled as the last post office prior to the present post office being constructed. Walton Johnson, Jr. recalled that when he was a scout, the troop would meet in the building in approximately 1950-60. One of the boys noticed the indentations in the wooden floor and questioned as to what they were? Mr. Bud Booth (Scoutmaster) and also Postmaster, laughed and said that it was where the postal clerk's shoes made the marks when they walked back and forth putting the mail into the mail slots.

The following was the home of Margaret Dobson (deceased). It had been the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard and felt it may have been built by them. She was said to have been born in the home and lived there all of her life. Failing health necessitated her moving to Pennsylvania. It may even have been the home of her grandparents. Margaret Howard married her first husband, Topp Heath, and lived in the home. After Mr. Heath's death, she took a second husband, Sam Lockwood. Upon Mr. Lockwood's death, she married the third and final time to Harold Dobson. After Mr. Dobson died, Mrs. Dobson lived in the home until her death. Everyone recalled that she was a sweet person and was devoted to each of her husbands. She taught piano lessons to supplement her income. She was the pianist for the Frankford Methodist Church. Mrs. Dobson was active in affairs in Frankford. As a member of the Frankford New Century Club, she was instrumental in forming the Frankford Library. It was recalled that she was a wonderful cook. The home has been the residence of Patrick Bishop for several years. It is presently being renovated by Mr. Bishop.

The next lot is vacant. It was recalled by many as a beautiful large house with white columns in the front of the home. It was built by William Breasure. He lived there until he sold the property to Clarence Coffin. Clarence Coffin sold the house to Mr. William Truitt (traded some property and gave him an extra \$1,500 in cash). Mrs. Evelyn Baker, the Truitt's daughter, said that people kidded her Dad and said he made a really good deal. It was held that the large pillars had cost much more to be shipped to Frankford. The home was the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Truitt. The Truitt home had large, impressive columns in the front of the home. Inside a beautiful center stairway went up to the second floor, which had a balcony. (The building could be compared to the Chandler home in Dagsboro). It was noted that the house was built completely on the ground, with no foundation. It was not able to be moved due to this condition. It was demolished. The Truitt's also owned the store across the street. The Truitt's had two daughters: Mrs. James Baker (Evelyn) who has a son, Dean; and her sister, Carrie Pepper (deceased). Carrie died in childbirth. She had one child, Mrs. Bill Bunting (Dolores Pepper). After the death of her mother, Delores was raised by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Truitt. She

married William (Bill) Bunting, a Frankford native, and they have three children: Mrs. Dave Apple (Denise) and children Christy and Geoffrey; Mrs. Eric Zaharko (Diane) whose son is Zachery; and Mrs. Carl Pearson (Dana Lee) whose child is Kelly. On the left side of the large house Ed and Minerva Morris had an apartment until they moved to their house on Thatcher Street. The property on which this lovely home stood is a vacant lot. Several people who have come into the library and heard about the writing of this book mentioned that they had enjoyed visiting the girls in the home. The piano in the front room, beautiful staircase, and the good times playing music and dancing.

The next building has served the people in the Town of Frankford for 50 years or more as a service station. The structure was built by Mr. William Truitt. Mr. Truitt was a carpenter before he went into the business of operating a store. The building was inherited by Mr. and Mrs. James Baker (Evelyn) after the death of her parents. Countless people have operated this service station. Some of the names recalled were: Rodman Evans, Arthur Bull, Charlie Gray, Mose Long, Clarence Coffin, Everett Toomey, Sr., Charles Murray, Norwood Ellingsworth, Sherly DeMott, Richard Taylor, Valorous Hudson, Lawrence "Pee Wee" Hancock, George Marvel, Ches Hitchens (1963-65), Carlton "Tom" Mitchell (1966-68), and Irving Murray. We are sorry if anyone who operated this station has been left, but as you can see it has had several operators. It had not been a gas station for many years. It is the present office of John Lynch Construction.

#### Cross Green Street

The house on the corner which is the location of the present Frankford Public Library was recalled as being the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stikes. It was recalled that Mr. Stikes loved to grow flowers and the backyard was always full of lovely hollyhocks and other flowers. Prior to being the Stikes residence, it was mentioned by some that it had been called the "Waples House." It had once been home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Waples. When the home was dismantled, it was recalled that Walton Johnson, Sr. purchased a portion of the home and moved it to Clayton Avenue where it is a portion of his present home. In the back of the main house, there was a "summer kitchen." A "summer kitchen" was the thing to have in the absence of air conditioning. The cooking was done outside of the main house in this kitchen. Some of the "kitchens" had a screened area attached where people would have their meals. This kept the main house from getting too hot. When the dismantling was taking place, the "summer kitchen" was purchased by Marcus Davis. It was then moved across Main Street behind his home. In restoring the old Gum Mansion on Thatcher Street, it was noted that the "summer kitchen" was purchased by Greg and Emily Klein-Welsh and moved to that location. It was purchased from the present owners of the Davis property, Brian and Marie Jones.

Once the above residence was demolished, the vacant lot was purchased by the Frankford National Bank. Before being purchased by Sussex Trust many old time residents recall workers at some period of time working at the First National Bank of Frankford being: Harry Dukes, James L. Hummer, Sr., James L. Hummer, Jr., Lillian Evans, Hester Holloway, Vietta Long, Doris Turner, Lois Quillen Davis, Georgeanna Stevens, Peggy Toomey, Marsha Long Phillips, Yvonne Long Rickards, Delores Helm, Sharon Lathbury, Wilmer Rogers, Martha McCabe, Mary Charlotte Campbell, Kelly Harper Anderson, Kay Murray Lowe, Sharon West. In 1936, when the Frankford Fire House was built, the library was moved to a larger, rent-free room. The Library remained in the back room



of the Fire House until 1958, when it moved again to a larger room in a nearby bank building (present Town Hall). The collection had grown to 5,000 books.

Further expansion occurred in 1981 when the First National Bank of Frankford donated the building on Main Street to the library. Harry Dukes presented the building to the library. At the same time, the Library benefited greatly from a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to update the facilities and increase the collection. Senator William V. Roth was instrumental in obtaining funds for the renovations to the new building.

Today the Library continues to be a favorite gathering place for not only Frankford residents, but residents from several surrounding communities. The patrons are both young and old. Library staff recognizes most patrons by name and strive to make them feel welcome. Some special features offered by the Library include a children's librarian, children's story time, book readings, special programs, new computers, which were obtained from a grant by the Gates Foundation, VHS and DVD's, magazines, books and magazines in Spanish.

Patrons can access materials from other libraries in the system if they are now located in our library. A courier brings the requested material to the library usually within a few days.

The library is free to anyone in the State of Delaware who wishes to join by completing an application for a library card. Proof of residency must be shown upon application and also photograph identification. The same card may be used in any library in the county.

It should be noted that Mrs. Alice Huxford Gum loved books and instilled the love of reading in many of the children of the town. She was the first librarian of Frankford.

The next home is the home of Jack Willoughby Ellis and family. The children were Jack, Charles and Al. Charles continued in the family memorial business started by his father. It was behind the home and listed on Frankford Avenue. Charles and Frances lived in the home with their three daughters: Mary Ellen Ellis and Mrs. James Justice (Janet) son is John Lynch; and Mrs. James Robinson (Judy and children, Mrs. H. F. Wilgus (Shelly) and Julie Thomas. Mr. Robinson is deceased. Al's Children are: Mrs. Wayne Lyons (Kitty), Al, Jr. (wife - Linda) and Ken. It was thought that Jack married a girl from Wilmington, and had one child.

John Lynch, Jack Willoughby Ellis' great grandson occupied the house for prior to building his new home. John's daughter, Lauren, lived there for a few years. The house is presently a two apartment rental property.

The building on the end of Main Street which intersects Frankford Avenue has had several occupants and businesses over the years. It was first recalled as Dan Long's store. George Hudson and Norwood Chamberlain also had grocery store in the building following Long's store. It was thought that Eva and Norwood Chamberlain lived in one of the upstairs apartments. Memories were recalled by some of Lacey Morris' Soda Shop. The shop had a juke box and teenagers danced to the latest music of the day. Margaret's Beauty Shop, owned and operated by Margaret Morris, was located on one side of the building. Margaret's husband, Bill Morris, was in the U.S. Armed forces and was killed in the service. The Morris' had one child, a daughter, Connie.

Margaret later established her shop in a part of her home in Dagsboro. On the other side of the building at that time was the Betty Del Dress Shoppe. It was first owned by Ella Evans and Lizzie Truitt. Later Frances Booth and Lizzie Truitt owned and worked in the store. The store offered stylish apparel for ladies and girls. Many people have mentioned that they loved to go to the store to buy the Barbie Doll clothes which were handmade by Mrs. Booth. Prior to being the Betty Del and beauty shop the building was an electrical appliance business operated by Massey Gum before World War II. Mrs. Bettye McCabe said that her husband, Wilson (Sonny) McCabe, was in business with Massey Gum. Availability of parts and appliances for business became non-existent during the war, caused the demise of the business. Jack Ellis operated a soda shop in the building also. The Sussex County Clinic operated a "well baby" type of screening in the building. Judy Robinson mentioned that she recalled the clinic being in this location and remembered Kitty Tingle giving immunizations. It was operated by the Sussex County Health Unit from Georgetown. Margaret Long remembered taking appointments for the Cancer Clinic and several recalled Christine Ryan was a nurse working there. There were apartments above the stores and some of the people living there were recalled as: Winford and Helen Murray, Leon and Fleta Campbell, Elizabeth Truitt, Margaret Morris and Mr. and Mrs. Kendall Noble. The building was demolished. The property was purchased by Kevin Lynch of Selbyville, and an apartment building has been erected. The occupants are not known.

#### Cross Frankford Avenue

The Frankford Methodist Church is located at the corner of Main and Daisey Streets. The building was originally built in the mid-eighteen hundreds (1852). This is probably the oldest church still standing in town. The small cemetery interred many prominent townspeople of the day. Members of the Long family were instrumental in the development of the Methodist Church and were buried there. The Church spire was added in 1880. The adjoining Sunday School room was built in 1916. Ministers serving the Frankford United Methodist Church from 1852 were:

1852 - W. Pnick; 1853 - J. Pastor Field; 1855-56 - W. Mennell; 1857 - Charles Schook; 1858 - R. B. Hazzard; 1859 - E. Townsend; 1860 - W. Mattias; 1861-62 - W. F. Talbot;; 1863-64 - W. W. Redman; 1865 - J. T. Reed; 1866-67 - G. W. Bawke; 1868-69 - J. Weston; 1870 - G. D. Weston; 1871-72 - J. Brandreth; 1873-75 J. O. Ayers; 1876-77 - J. E. Kidney; 1878-79 - E. N. Nelson; 1880-81 - W. J. O'Neil; 1882-84 - W. J. Duhadway; 1885 - A. W Davis; 1886-88 - S. N. pilchard; 1889-90 - C. F. Sheppart; 1891 - E. S. Mace; 1892-94 - C. P. Swain; 1895-98 - J. S. Wickline; 1899 F. F. Carpenter; 1900 - M. D. Dutte; 1901-02 - Ashbury Bunke; 1903-04 - G. P. Neese; 1905-07 - G. W. Hastings; 1908-09 - A. W. Goodhand; 1910 - G. P. Outten; 1911-12 - G. W. Hastings; 1913-15 - W. G. Harris; 1916-18 - C. W. Strickland; 1919-20 - D. C. Ford; 1921-22 - W.C. poole; 1923-27- G. A. Cooke; 1928 - J. T. Price; 1929- E.B. Taylor; 1930-31 - J. H. Garner; 1932-33 - W. H. Hess; 1934-36 - J. C. Bolton; 1937-38 - H. R. McDade; 1939-41 - J. A. Clark; 1942 - A. W. Strickland; 1943-44 - Willard Everett; 1945 - O. G. Brewer; 1946-50 - J. J. Von Hagel; 1951-54 F. O. Baynard; 1955 - Connie Dickens; 1956-58 - L. E. Windsor; 1959-60 Maxwell J. Roberts; 1961-64 - William Smith; 1965 Hubert Jicha; 1966-70 - Elmer Bennett; 1971-75 Curtis Smith; 1976-78 - Richard Turner; 1979-1983 - John Taylor; 1984-86 - George Moore; 1986-87 - Frank Baynard; 1987-92 - Palmer Clark; 1992-97 - Rudi Sackett; 1997-98 - Fred Bruner; 1998-99 - William Archer; 1999-2001 - Reed Stewart; 2001-03 (present) Olin Shockley.

A history of the Frankford Methodist Church taken in part from an article written by Frank Zebley in 1947 stated that the Frankford Methodist Church was originally located in a woods about one-quarter of a mile northeast of the John M. Clayton School on land owned by Everett Long, Sr.

The site was purchased in April of 1819 from Joshua Robinson at a cost of \$14.37 1/2. The Trustees were: Arthur Williams, David Hazzard, Stephen Ellis, John Hazzard and Percy Pool. The site measured 70 square poles and was a part of a large tract known as "Security." The trustees agreed to erect an M.E. Church immediately, which they did. This church was known as "Antioch" and "Old Zoar". The church was incorporated as Antioch in 1920. At that time the road which the church faced was called Antioch Road. When it was decided to build a new church in Frankford, the old church property was sold to the Negro congregation who took the name "Antioch A.M.E. Church".

The present site of the church in Frankford was purchased from Johnathan Carey. The cornerstone of the new church was laid on August 28, 1853. When the new church was completed, it was named "Frankford M.E. Church". In 1880 extensive repairs were made and the church spire was added. Additional land was purchased on June 27, 1881 from Joseph S. Carey. Repairs were made in 1901 and in 1916 a Sunday School room was added. There is a graveyard beside the church. The earliest legible tombstone inscription is dated 1868.

During the pastorate of Reverend Elmer Bennett, a new educational building was erected containing a study for the pastor, church school rooms, and a modern kitchen. The new building was consecrated on Sunday, November 26, 1967. The sermon was preached by Reverend Walter Stone, Executive Secretary, of the Peninsula Conference Board of Education. It was officially named the "Bennett Educational Building" as a tribute to the man who did so much toward this new building.

In 1974-75 the sanctuary was completely renovated under the leadership of Reverend Curtis Smith, who was the minister at that time. A few of the renovations included new floors, new carpet, heating system, air conditioning, chandeliers, a new Conn organ, piano, refinishing of the pews (reportedly, they are of chestnut wood), pew cushions, new cross, offering plates, public address system, and bulletin boards. It was of interest to me that the floor stands and baptismal font are made from the posts of the old chancel rail. A fire escape was installed in the Bennett Building. Downstairs restrooms were also installed. The results made it one of the most beautiful sanctuaries anywhere. The Frankford United Methodist Church is still alive and serves the people of the community. The article ended with a reference to the Bible: Neh. 4:6 - "The people had a mind to work".

Frankford was not always a circuit. It was organized as an "official circuit" in 1858 with 6 or 8 other churches. Records are not clear but at that time consisted of Frankford, Dagsboro, Selbyville, Roxana, Millsboro and Bishopville, Maryland. The Roxana Circuit was formed in 1870; therefore, Frankford Circuit had only four preaching places. In 1873 one of the preaching places was dropped and Houston School House was added. In 1876, a Church was built to be used in place of the school house. Selbyville left the Circuit and became a station. It was not until 1951 that Frankford became a Station, and remained such until 1961, when Millville was added to the charge and remained until 1966. Millville was dropped and Hickory Hill and Ebenezer were added. In 1974, Ebenezer was phased-out leaving Hickory Hill and Frankford together serving under the same pastor.

## HICKORY STREET

Turn from Clayton Avenue toward U.S. 113 on the right side of Hickory Street.

At the corner of Clayton and Hickory Street is a large vacant lot which extend from Clayton Avenue to the Railroad Track. The land is presently owned by the Banks Family. The history of the first known structure on the property is Shore Tuxedo Feed (more is listed on Clayton Avenue).

The first building after the railroad track was a building, owned and operated as a feed store by Hiron Mumford and Edwin McComrick. The name of the business was M. & M. Feed Company. The building was purchased by Bunting and Bertrand and operated by them for several years. Walt Bunting and Junior Bertrand renovated the building and began the business of selling, repairing and making feeders and poultry equipment for the growers in the area. The business was sold a few years ago to the Collins family; however, it still operates under the name of Bunting and Bertrand. It can easily be identified by the large, white chicken with the red comb which sits atop the building.

A vacant field (used for agricultural crops) follows the above business to U.S. 113.

Turn left at U.S. 113 and continue on Hickory Street toward Clayton Avenue.

The first structure is Jay's Market. This business is listed on U.S. 113.

Behind Jay's Market on Hickory is a storage building belonging to Jay's Market.

The large structure behind Jay's Market was built in 1991 by Bob Hamilton and Bruce Webb. Hamilton's Machine Shop, which is owned and operated by Mr. Hamilton. One portion of the structure was used for his shop. Mr. Webb operated his business, Total Performance Center, in the other section. Mr. Hamilton purchased Mr. Webb's business. Presently Eastern Waterblast Company operates their business from this building. Eastern Waterblast Company has been located here since 1996 and is owned by Mr. Joe Carney. Eastern Waterblast sells and services power washers and also sells industrial cleaning solution.

The building after Eastern Waterblast is Hoban's Nationwide Insurance Agency. Hoban's Insurance Agency was established in the home of Mrs. William Hoban (Cynthia White) on Thatcher Street Extended. Cindy is the daughter of Richard White and Loretta Toomey White. The Hoban's have one son, William, Jr. (Billy). Hoban Agency purchased land from Chester Hitchens in 1982, and in 1983 the business constructed a pre-fab building, remodeled, and converted it into the present office on Hickory Street.

Peter Loewenstein, a registered surveyor, moved his surveying business from his home on Main Street into a building on Hickory Street. The building was moved from Sea Colony in 1979 and remodeled to serve as an office for the business. Mr. Loewenstein later was employed as a counselor at Delaware Technical and Community College. The building was sold approximately two years ago to Kathy Cramer, who is a realtor for Coldwell-Banker. It has been leased to several people since it was owned by Mr. Loewenstein. It is presently the office for Classic Construction.

The next structure is a large building which sits parallel with the railroad tracks. It was remembered by many as Eastern States. It was a business which is comparable to Southern States. It next housed the business of Agway Company. All of these businesses sold agriculturally motivated products. Milford Fertilizer purchased the Agway building for the sale, storage and distribution of liquid fertilizer for farms. Presently, the building houses the following businesses: Dave's Surplus, Bel Air Road Supply (BRS of Delaware) which provides water and sewer products - pipes, valves and fittings. The building was purchased from Agway as a warehouse and office for Dave's Surplus. The business is presently an internet business selling hardware, displays, and mannequins. BRS rents their space from the owners of the building.

#### Cross the Railroad Track

The ball field of the Frankford Park is located at the end of the Park which is closest to the railroad track. The park is completely surrounded by a metal fence for the safety of the children. More information on the Frankford Park is listed on Clayton Street.

## GREEN STREET

Begin on Main Street on the right side of Green Street.

The Frankford Public Library is on the corner of Main & Green (will be listed on Main Street.)

The first lot behind the library is now vacant. The house was previously the property of Atwood O. and Francis Lynch. Their daughter, Margaret Lynch, married Hiron Mumford. It was recalled that Mr. and Mrs. Mumford lived in the home before moving to their residence located on Clayton Avenue. The property is presently owned by the Frankford Public Library.

The home built on the next property was occupied by a Mrs. Emma McCabe. The McCabe's children are: William R. (killed in WWII), Betty McCabe, and Josephine McCabe Mariner. They lived in the home as children. The property was purchased by John Lynch. The house was remodeled and sold to Ken and Lois Ingram. The Ingram's lived in the home for several years. They presently rent the house to Mr. and Mrs. John Duffy and daughter, Emma.

On the corner of Green & Carey Street, the home of Bob and Annie Hudson was located. It was thought that the house was the property of Ella Truitt. Upon her death, it became the property of her daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Baker. Many people have rented this house through the years. People recall Bill (deceased) and Georgeanna Ketterman, Roscoe and Ruby Davenport, and the last family to rent the property was Charlie & Edna Franklin (deceased). The house was burned by the Frankford Fire Company. Presently no structure is located on the property.

After crossing Carey Street it was recalled that a "red house" was located on this property. It was occupied by several families throughout the years. The home was lived in by Cord and Ruth Penuel. Some remembered a man named Jarmon living here. He operated a small shoe repair business in his home. It was recalled that a Justice family lived there as well as Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Ward, Sr. and family. The house was demolished. The vacant lot was purchased by Albert and Barbara Jean Murray Franklin. The Franklin's built their new home on the property in 1978. Their children, Lisa and Carol, lived in the house on Green Street until their marriages. Now granddaughter, Hannah Esham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Esham (Carol), frequently spends time with her grandparents at their home.

After crossing the railroad track it was recalled that Walt and Martha Jenkins lived in a house located on the property. The Jenkins' children, Walter, Jr. and Mrs. Wesley Hayes (Jeanette - deceased) three children: Mrs. Preston Wise (Wescenia) whose children are Brittany, Pretresse, and Preston Wesley Wise, Jr.; Natasha Smith, whose child is Carter Jarmon; Mrs. Ricky Knox (Angela) and children Ricky Knox Jr. and Janelle, Shawn; Wesley Hayes, Jr. (Wes) Sierra, Tashera, and Wesley Hayes, III (deceased); (Lillie Mae Briddell, who has no children; Delores Hayes and children: Terrance Hayes and Azzinaro Hayes; Wilson Jenkins (Marie) children are Von, and other children whose names we don't know; Walter Jenkins (Shirley) Onda Jenkins; and Harvey Jenkins (Joann) children Michael and Harvey, Jr. Their home was the last residence on Green.

It is here that Green meets Mill Street.

Turn and continue on Green Street toward Main on the right side

The building at the end of Mill and Green Street is the location of Sampson Lodge #5. The building was a meeting place for several of the African American men who were from the area. Through the years many men were members of the lodge; however, due to the death of several members, the organization disbanded. The Sampson Lodge building was burned by the Frankford Fire Company. It is felt that the property is presently owned by the Town of Frankford. In a brochure from one of the services conducted by members of the lodge on May 28, 1950, officers of Sampson Lodge were: Brothers, William Conway, Eben Tyre, Ernest Ingram, Charles Beckett, Alvin Taylor, Willard Dingle, William Walter, Charles Long, Charles McCray, Norman McCray and Virgil McCray and Officers of David Henry Allen #6 were: Alexander Beckett, Doris Trader, Alice Hudson, John Tyre, Maude Hall, Catherine White, Rachel Williams, Tyrone Oliver, Christine Handy, Marcella Powell and Russell James Mumford. It was remembered by George Beckett that when the Antioch Church had a fire, the Sampson Lodge was used as a meeting place for the members of the congregation. He felt that the downstairs floor of the building was also used as a community center and sometimes the church held dinners in the building.

The small house located between Sampson Lodge and the railroad track was the residence of Ernest and Reanna Ingram - their daughters were Dorena and Frances. Mr. Ingram was in the plastering business and also worked for Shore Tuxedo Feed and Frankford Feed Companies.

Cross the railroad tracks.

The next house after the railroad track was the residence of James and Lina Hudson. Mr. Hudson was referred to as "Coal Oil Jim" Hudson, as he was deliveryman for the Atlantic Refining Company. It was recalled by his granddaughters that he began delivering oil products for the company with a mule and wagon. Later he used a truck for his deliveries. Their children are: Mae, Jim, Maude, Lana, Louise and Mordecai. It is amazing to note that all of the children lived to be between 90 to 100 years of age. After the death of Mrs. Hudson, their son Mordecai and his wife, Helen, moved in with "Coal Oil Jim" to take care of him. Mordecai and Helen had six children. All of the children grew up in the Frankford area and lived in several residences in town prior to their parents making their home with "Mr. Jim." Their children are: Mrs. Winford Murray (Helen). The Murray's lived in Frankford for a short time after they married. Helen was a secretary for Eagle Poultry and the Agriculture Department in town. The Murray's moved to the Selbyville area. Mr. Winford Murray (deceased) was a long time employee of J. Conn Scott Furniture Company in Selbyville. The Murray's have one son, Edward (Eddie) (wife - Sherry Hudson Murray) who have two sons, Kyle and Logan. Mordecai, Jr., or "Mort" as people of Frankford will recall him, went into the U.S. Marine Corps after graduation from high school. Mort married a girl from Hawaii in 1949 and makes his home on the Island of Oahu. After retiring from civil service, Mort and his wife, Ruth started an orchid business. The orchids which they grow are primarily used for decorations for hotels. They also sell them for making leis. Their family consists of two sons, Mordecai, III and Ronnie, and a daughter, Sharon. They also have several grandchildren.

The Hudson's other three children lived in the home on Green Street. Betty married Jack Lynch. The Lynch's lived in Frankford for a short time after

they married. Betty was the secretary at John M. Clayton School and retired as Librarian from the Frankford Public Library. The Lynch's have six children, four girls and two boys: Mrs. William Chandler, III (Gayle) their children are William B., IV and Melody Leigh; Douglas Lynch, who has one child, Tabitha; Gregory Hudson Lynch, who has two children, Gregory Hudson Lynch, Jr. (April) who have two children, Heidi Brook Lynch and Mikayla Lyn Allison and Jason Lee Lynch. Mrs. Daniel Dukes (Denise) who have two children, Dustin Lee and Mrs. Paul Stillman (Ashley Ann); Jane Lynch Hawkins and Mrs. Bruce Brosnahan (Janice) who are twins. Jane has twins, Trevor Matthew Hawkins and Hilary Jane Hawkins. The Brosnahan's have two children, Megan Ann and Eric Hunt Brosnahan. It was recalled that they lived on Main Street and Knox Street at some period of time; Jackie Hudson Rickards Tingle probably lived in the Green Street home longer than any of the other children. She worked in the old Frankford Post Office for several years before moving to the present Post Office. She retired after 42 years with the postal service in 1987. Jackie son is Scott Rickards. Scott (wife - Geri) has three children: Jordan, Kyra and Sierra. They lived in Hawaii for several years, but are now living in Oregon. When Jackie married Elias Tingle in 1963, she welcomed his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren as her own (their families are listed on Clayton Avenue.)

The Hudson's youngest daughter, Shirley, married her high school sweetheart, George Fisher. They were 1953 graduates of John M. Clayton High School. George served in the United States Air Force. Upon leaving the service, the Fishers made their home in Virginia. They have two children, Todd and Wanda, who also live in Virginia.

The home of the Hudson family was purchased by Dean and Carol Esham and has been remodeled as a rental property. Ron Archer had lived there for the past few years. Mr. Archer died in September, 2003.

The next residence was the home of the Hancock family. The home was burned by the fire company. Milbourn and Roxie Murray (both deceased) established their home in a mobile home on the property. Their children are: Shirley Ward (deceased) and Jimmy Murray. The mobile home became the present residence of Albert and Barbara Jean Franklin's daughter, Lisa.

The next parcel of land is vacant. Many people concluded that the property had never been improved with a structure. However, it is a part of the Campbell property.

This house is the home Annanias and Mary Charlotte Campbell. Mr. Annanias built the home. He was a farmer and raised chickens on the property behind the home. He worked picking up trash and cleaning streets for the town. At the time the streets were of oyster shells or dirt. It was not a paid position. He also worked for the town and operated the generator to make electricity for the town. The Campbell's were the parents of Rodney Campbell, Sr. Rodney married Alvana Dolby from the Ocean View area and they moved into the home to live with Mrs. Campbell after Mr. Campbell died. Rodney and Alvana have three children: Mrs. Norman Jarvis, Jr. (Bonnie Lou) (Jr. is deceased) their children are: Craig, Keith and Shawn (whose children are Brad Breasure, Storm Jarvis, Derek Jarvis) and a great granddaughter, Cameryn; Rodney, Jr. (wife - Ginny) who live in the Georgetown area; and Mary Charlotte who lives in Ocean View and works for Conectiv.

The next house is the home of James (deceased) and Evelyn Truitt Baker. This house was built by her father, Will Truitt and Winimore Hudson. The house



which they built was much smaller and through the years the Baker's made several renovations. The front porch on the original home was torn off and the front of the house extended to the sidewalk on Green Street. The carport was also added. The Bakers moved into the home around 1940; it was their first and only home. The home was the childhood home of their son, Dean.

The structure at the corner of Green and Main is a former service station. (This business will be listed on Main Street)

# THATCHER STREET AND THATCHER STREET EXTENDED

Beginning at end of Main continuing east on Thatcher Street toward the development know as Cuelen Acres.

The next home was first owned by a minister from Pennsylvania. They were recalled as a Mr. and Mrs. Watson. The Watson's used the house as a summer home and then moved to Frankford permanently. After one of the Watson's became ill, they moved away and sold the home. It was then purchased by The Avery's. Their three daughters, Andrea, Valerie and Jamie grew up in the area. Kenneth and Andrea Avery Evans purchased the home at the corner of Thatcher and Main. Kenny and Andrea have one son, Jeff. Kenny built a garage and used it as his place of business. He had one of the first tire rotation machines in the area. Kenny and Donald Brittingham, who lived in Dagsboro, became partners and built a larger building and named the business B & E. It is still in operation on U.S. 113 in Dagsboro. The business is presently owned and operated by Mr. Evans. The business sells tires, rims, and had the latest machines for rotation of tires and front end alignments. When the Evans' moved from the Thatcher Street location, the property was purchased by Maynard Esender. Mr. Esender had his first woodworking business in the garage. Mr. Esender and his son, Ben, resides in the home. The business outgrew the garage and his business is located in the Seaside Center on DuPont Highway.

Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson owned the next home. Mrs. Robinson was a school teacher. It was felt that the next owner was J. J. Hastings. In the early 1950's it was recalled that Warren and Lorraine Banks and son, Craig, lived in this house. Mrs. Banks recalled that at this time the rent was paid to Mr. Jim Hastings. Some of the other tenants may have been Ebe Layton and William Carter, Sr. and family. This house was also the residence of Chester and Edna Hitchens, who resided in the home with their children, Vincent and Patricia. This home had a fire and it was not determined if it burned completely or was demolished by the fire company. It is a vacant property.

A home owned by Mrs. Lula Tingle. Mrs. Tingle operated a boarding house. Her sons, John A. Tingle and McKinley Tingle were raised in this home. The home is presently occupied by her granddaughter, Bettye Tingle McCabe. The Tingle's have one daughter, Mary Lu. Bettye recalls that her grandmother loved to have boarders. She remembered that Mr. Fred Whitney, a prominent attorney who practiced in Georgetown, stayed at the boarding house.

Captain Ward Dasey, and his wife, Mary, lived in the next house. Captain Dasey was a sea captain and his wife, Mary, was a teacher. During one of the meetings, I asked how many of the group had Mrs. Dasey as their teacher in school. At least twenty or more hands were raised. The Dasey's also owned the store across the street. It was the home of Scott and Teal Richards at one period of time. It is presently the home of Edward Ash (wife - Debbie Burton) and children Brandi, Brittney, and Brook.

The next home was the Presbyterian Manse. It was the home of George and Peggy Luzier and their children, Milissa, Brian and Andy. It is presently occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Cory Mulligan.

William and Margaret Long resided in the next home on Thatcher Street where they raised their children, William H. (wife - Cindy) whose children are Billy, Jr. Cliff and Andrew; Mrs. David Baker (Sandy) and children, David III and Amy and Mrs. Mike Pickett (Betsy) and children Elise, Heather, and Megan. Bill's family was one of the founding fathers of the town of Frankford. William S. and Helen Long lived in this home previously. Mr. Bill Long's great-grandfather built the home. This property was at one time the home of Judge Elwood Melson. Many people recall Bill as being the "Sealtest Milkman." He delivered fresh milk in bottles and later paper containers. For those of you who may be too young to recall, there were not always electric refrigerators to keep food cool, there were ice boxes. Prior to ice boxes many people who had wells on their property would put food (which they felt might spoil) in a galvanized or wooden bucket and lower it down the well above the water line to keep the items cool. Well water was extremely cold. An ice plant was located in Dagsboro, and was owned by Fred Parkhurst. Large blocks of ice were frozen, broken in smaller sections, and delivered "door to door" by delivery people. Several recalled Vaughn Holloway as one of the people delivering ice in the area. It was vaguely remembered that there was an ice house in Frankford, but were not able to pinpoint the exact location. It was felt it may have been on Daisey Street or Railroad Avenue (near the Old Hotel by the Train Station.)

This property was referred to as The Gum House. Captain Robert Dasey (wife - Eleanor) had one son, Ward. Eleanor died in childbirth. Captain Dasey took another wife. They had three children, two of whom were Carrie Dasey Gum and Robert White Dasey and a third child. Capt. Robert Dasey died without leaving a will. After the death of his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, the house passed to their children. The property was maintained by Robert White Dasey. Carrie's son, Babe Gum (wife - Isabelle Chandler) and children, Carol Ann and Frank lived in the home before moving to Dagsboro. Upon Robert Dasey's death, ownership went to Ward Dasey, Jr. and the children of Carrie Gum, Babe, Robert, Waples and Mary Elizabeth. It is presently the home of Brian and Emily Klein-Welsh. Someone recalled that the house has always looked the same as in previous years. The shutters were always tightly closed years ago.

Will and Bess Taylor lived in the next home. Their daughter, Mrs. Lehman Helm (Bertha - deceased). The Helms have one son, Robinson.

Dewitt Rogers and wife, Sally, lived in the next home. Sally was the sister of Norwood Chamberlain. It is presently occupied by Bill & Kay Olmstead. It was recalled that many people have lived in this house. In 1954-57 Richard and Dorothy Ann Hudson Murray lived there when they were first married. It was owned by Mrs. Katie Hudson (Kay's Olmstead's grandmother) from whom she inherited the property.

The next home was built by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Beauchamp. The Beauchamp's were recalled as having one son, Albert. Peter Raymond and Annie Hudson and their sons, Harold, Donald Lee and Everett (who died at age 18) lived in this home. It was later torn down. The Beauchamp's built another home. The house on Thatcher Street was the home of Daisey Furman. She raised her two children in this home: They are son, Bruce (deceased), (wife - Barbara Jane Murray) and have two children, Stephen (Amy) who have one child, Ian and Mrs. Bill Olewinski (Tamatha Furman) who have three daughters, Lindsay and twin daughters, Katie and Megan; and daughter, Barbara Furman (deceased).

Harold and Mae Lynch owned this house in the 1950's. Mr. Lynch was the

principal of the John M. Clayton High School during that time. The Lynch's have one daughter, Charlotte. Charlotte lived in Frankford and graduated from John M. Clayton before going away to college.

The land next to the Rollin Hudson property was owned by Mrs. Fleetwood and daughter, Josephine. The property is presently owned by Rollin and Mary Lee Hudson. The home that was located there has been demolished.

Lehman and Bertha Helm owned the next property. Their son, Robinson, lives in the Georgetown area. The property is now owned and occupied by Rollin and Mary Lee Hudson. The Hudson's five daughters grew up and went to school in the Frankford area: Mrs. Leroy Murray (Judy), Mrs. Charlie Hall (Debbie) whose children are Heath (Angie) and their children, Gage Hall and Eric Foxwell and Chad (Amy) and daughter, Kaylee; Mrs. Edward Murray (Sherry) and their children, Kyle and Logan; Mrs. Jesse Truitt, (Terry) family listed on Clayton Avenue; and Mrs. Scott Jestice (Jan).

The next property was owned by Clinton and Renee Watson (however, they never lived in the home). It was the home of Captain Frank Tunnell and his wife, "Hen". No one could recall "Ms. Hen's" correct full name, but it was felt it might have been Henrietta.

The next house was a duplex. It was shared by Elmer Huffmeister and Clarence Townsend's family. Elmer's father operated a blacksmith shop near Will Taylor's store. It was recalled that a Mr. Littleton was the first blacksmith in Frankford.

The home that was in this location is no longer there. It was built by Mr. Dewitt Rogers. Mr. and Mrs. William Long, Sr. owned this home. At some time during this period Mr. and Mrs. William Long, Jr. and son, Bill lived in the home. It was once rented by Irving and Annie Murray. This is where Hurley Littleton built his new home. It was mentioned that his parents gave him the name "Hurley" after a construction worker who was employed to build U.S. 113.

Paul and Emily Long and daughter, Lovey Jane, lived in the next house. The house was later occupied by Russell & Mickey Hooper. Their children, Mrs. Charles Robinson (Carolyn Hooper) whose children are: Eddie Dorey, Michael Dorey, Brett Dorey and Casey Robinson; and Leroy Hooper (wife - Nancy) and children: Russell (wife - Tami) and son, Russell, Jr. and Kenneth (Jeanne) and son, Kenny, Jr. The last residents of the home were Bill and Margaret Banks. The Banks' have one daughter, Stephanie. After the death of Mr. Banks, Mrs. Banks moved to Dagsboro and lived there for several years. Margaret now resides in Wilmington to be closer to her daughter, Stephanie, who lives in the Wilmington area. The building was demolished. It is now a paved parking area for the Melson Funeral Services.

#### OLD SCHOOL BELL

In September of 1988 there was a reunion of any student who attended the Frankford High School. Approximately 35 students attended and it was felt that they wanted to do something to perpetuate the memory all Frankford High School students. Several recalled the Old School Bell, which rang from the belfry of the old school signaling the beginning and closing of each school day.

Before the classmates said goodbye a committee consisting of Babe Gum, 3rd, Everett Long and Sara Lynch Murray was formed. After a bit of research the committee located the bell in Urbanna, Virginia. It was in the possession of Lovey Jane Long Fridenstine. Her father, Paul Long, had purchased the school building in the mid 1930's and had kept the old bell.

Arrangements were made with Lovey Jane and Babe Gum and Everett Long made the trip to Urbanna to retrieve the 250 pound bell. It was said by Mr. Gum at that time..."It's not quite as big as a church bell, but it is larger than a fire truck bell. We won't know if it is made of iron or some other material or of its' markings until it is cleaned."

It was in March, 1989 that Babe Gum went to local newspapers and announced that the bell committee had established a bell restoration fund. The committee felt it would need at least \$1,200 to \$1,500 to clean, restore and enclose the bell along with a small plaque honoring all students who attended Frankford High School. The restoration work was to be done by master bricklayer, Clinton Evans, and Elmer Evans of Watson Memorials.

According to Mr. Gum, the subsequent newspaper articles prompted a few donations, but by February, 1990, the fund was still \$500 short of their goal. Again another newspaper article about the effort prompted more donations and the restoration work began.

On September 19, 1990 the culmination of two years of hard work by many dedicated individuals resulted in the official dedication of the bell. Dedication was made by the Honorable Elwood F. Melson, Jr. It was followed by a dinner at the Frankford Methodist Church Bennett Building.

Following the Old School Bell monument, the next building is the Melson Funeral Home. At one time this building was a feed house owned by Paul and Emily Long. Mr. Long was also the principal of the Frankford School. The building was constructed in 1840 and served as a public school until 1900, when it was converted into a high school. Frankford High School occupied the building until the new John M. Clayton High School was built in 1932. The first funeral business established in the building was by Mr. Clinton Watson in his home at the corner of Thatcher and Frankford School Road. Clinton and Irene Watson later moved the business to the funeral business to what was the old school building. Ida Watson Bunting recalled that when her father had wanted to remodel their home to make space to accommodate the funeral business, the architect or builder which he hired persuaded him not to fix it up. Instead the architect asked "What is the large building two doors down the street? Mr. Watson told him it had been an old school building, but it was now vacant. The architect told him it would be less expensive to remodel the old school building than to try to renovate his house. Once the remodeling had been done, the Watson's moved the funeral business to the old school building. A few months ago I spoke with Senator George Howard Bunting, Jr., (grandson of Clinton Watson). He related to me that his grandfather did other jobs in addition to being a funeral director. Many people were not able to pay him in cash. In some cases, he took furniture, dishes, vegetables, etc. as part payment until they could pay him. It was recalled that Mr. Watson took a partner in the business, Mr. Vollie Gray and his wife, Blanche Daisey Gray. The name of the business was changed to Watson & Gray. After Mr. Watson died, Mr. Gray operated the business alone until taking a partner, Doug Melson. The name was then changed to Melson and Gray. Upon the death of Mr. Gray, the business was purchased and is

presently operated by Doug and Sharon Melson. The Melson's operate three funeral homes in the area. They have had the Frankford Funeral Home for 40 years.

The next house was built by Mr. Clinton Watson for his daughter, Ruth Watson, who resided there with her husband Ray Lewis for several years. Mr. Clinton paid for them to attend Mortuary School and both Ruth and Ray were both licensed morticians. Due to health reasons, they moved from the Frankford area and the home was purchased from Mr. Watson by Reverend Windsor. Later the home was purchased by Ed and Minerva Morris. Ed and Minerva moved and left the home to a niece, who sold it to Vollie Gray. Some people recalled that Frank and Tracey Owens Hudson resided in the home when they were first married. I am sure other people rented the property, but the group could not specify any other names. The property is now owned by Melson Funeral Service.

Cross Roxana Road (sometimes called Frankford School Road)

The present Frankford Elementary School is located just off Frankford School Road and it was felt that this information should be incorporated in the book.

In 1919 Pierre S. DuPont (1870-1954) provided money for the construction of 86 schools for black students. School Number 206C, also named George Washington Carver School, is the present location of the Frankford Elementary School (Indian River School District.) This is one of the schools which DuPont financed. The schools which DuPont built were usually brown shingled and consisted of two or three rooms.

In the 1920's George Washington Carver School, named after a black agricultural chemist who discovered various uses for the peanut, sweet potato and soybean, was only a two room school. All of the teachers and principals of the school were black from 1929-1965. Principals acted in the capacity of teacher and administrator. He/she was responsible for providing education for grads 1-8. In 1929, as far as records indicated, Francis M. Jackson was the first principal/teacher of George Washington Carver School. Some years there was a teacher and a principal. The teacher taught grades 1 to 4 and the principal taught grades 5-8. During this time there were less than fifty students enrolled. There were no lunches or transportation provided for the children. Students brought their lunches from home and warmed them on an old pot belly stove. The school was occupied until 1932 when the school was destroyed by fire. Teachers then taught school at Clarksville until the building was restored in 1934.

From 1947-1965 Mr. Samuel S. Dodson was the principal of the George Washington Carver School. During his years as principal he made educational excellence his top priority. Due to insufficient funding for the upkeep of black schools, most of the school relied heavily upon fund raising for needed school improvements.

Since 1929 the school has had several renovations and additions. In 1954 the school had its first cafeteria (held in Room 6 of the school). Later a larger cafeteria was built in 1956 which was located where the present library is located. In 1966 yet a larger cafeteria was constructed, which is the present gymnasium. Another addition of a cafetorium and twenty-one classrooms was made in 1984.

Mr. George Beckett, was employed as chief custodian at Frankford School and later at Indian River High School, grew up in Frankford. He retired in 1991 from the Indian River School District. He recalled that when growing up after completing 8<sup>th</sup> grade at George Washington Carver, if a student wished to further their education they would attend a school in an area that permitted African Americans to complete high school courses at their institutions. He recalled staying with a relative in Laurel and then going to Delaware State University campus where they had high school courses. George and his first wife, Vivian (deceased) were married for 49 years. The Beckett's had one child, Michael. He presently lives in North Carolina with his wife, Edith. They have two children: Michael, Jr. and April Beckett Jackson. George was a widower for several years before marrying his present wife, Rosie. He has 8 grown step children. The Beckett's live beside the Frankford Elementary School.

#### Cross Roxana Road (Frankford School Road)

The next house on the corner of Thatcher and Roxana Road was a very large, two storied house. It was the home of Clinton and Irene Watson, and their two daughters, Ida Watson Bunting (Dagsboro) and Ruth Watson Lewis (Richmond, Virginia). The house was also Mr. Watson's first funeral home. It was later occupied by Mayor Elliott and wife. Dave and Mary Bunting and family also owned the home and resided there with their family.

Behind the home was a long building in which Robert Elliott (Mayor Elliott) operated a lawn mower clinic (for repair of small motors.) This building can be seen in its original location. According to Mrs. Eunice Holloway, Mr. Elliott was a skilled woodworker. He used this shop to craft beautiful wooden furniture.

The following home was built by Fayettea Brasure (deceased). She lived there with her daughter, Amy. After graduation from Indian River High School Amy moved away to attend college. It is now known who owns the home now.

Alfred (Pete) Dukes and his wife, Roberta (deceased) built the next house. They have one son, Wayne. Pete retired from Cargill. He will be remembered as working at the feed mill on Daisey Street. Pete is now employed part-time by Melson's Funeral Services.

The next property was the home of Mrs. Pearl Dunn (deceased). It was then purchased by Tracy Tyre. It is situated on Thatcher at the end of Hololulu Road. In 2003, Tracy added a garage behind the home to accommodate his business. The name of the business is T. Tyre, General Contractor. He and his wife, Debbie Cathell Tyre (deceased) have two daughters: Jennifer and Sarah. It is felt that this may be the house built for George "Smutt" and Virgie Lockwood by Clinton Watson. The Lockwood's worked for the Watson's doing various jobs. Mr. Lockwood once told people that it was the first house in which he had lived that had indoor plumbing.

The next house was the home of Lula and John A. Tingle. Mr. Tingle is recalled as owning the grocery store on Main Street. The house is still in that location. Its occupants are not known.

It was thought that this was the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hudson. Many people recall Mr. Hudson as owning the store on Main Street. The Hudson's

daughter married John A. Tingle. It was felt at one time the store could have been called Hudson and Tingle.

There are two modular homes which have recently been built in this location. The residents are not known at this time.

The next house is a new building which is the property of Donald Lee and Beverly Mitchell Truitt.

The next house is vacant. It was once the residence of Bill and Cynthia Hoban.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Stokes lived in the next house. The Stokes' were recalled as the parents of Mrs. Leroy Ryan Sr. (Christine). Mrs. Ida Bunting felt Mr. Stokes may have been a professional chauffeur in Philadelphia. She recalled that Mr. Stokes drove them to the World's Fair in Chicago.

Leroy Ryan, Sr. and Christine built the next home beside Mrs. Ryan's parents. Their children are Gary and Leroy, Jr. Leroy was sometimes called "Judge" by his friends, as his father had been a magistrate. After the death of Mr. and Mrs. Ryan, Sr. the property was inherited by their sons, Gary and Leroy. They sold the property to Linda Ryan Hutchinson. The property is presently unoccupied.

Leroy Ryan, Jr. and his wife, Margaret (deceased) built the home beside his parents and grandparents. Their daughters are: Mrs. Earl Fisher (Debbie); and Mrs. Milton Hutchinson (Linda) who live in South Carolina. Mr. Ryan has since remarried the former Yvonne Lynch. This house is still the property of Leroy Ryan, Jr. and is presently rented to Charles Elliott (wife - Lori Greenwalt).

Turn on Thatcher Street Extended toward Main Street (Before reaching Cuelen Acres)

You will notice a very large block building. It was recalled as being built by Mr. E. Stokes and was an automotive repair shop. Mr. Stokes was a skilled mechanic who passed his knowledge to many automotive repairmen in the area. It was recalled by Helen Parsons Souder that her father learned his trade from Mr. Stokes. The next person to utilize the building was Mr. Vernon Murray (deceased). He operated a live haul chicken business from the building. His wife, Bertha, (deceased) was also from Frankford. The Murray's have three children: Richard H. (deceased) (wife - Dorothy Ann Murray of Omar.) their children are Richard Jr. (Ricky) (deceased) and Keith (wife - Darnell Spry) who have a daughter, Jennifer, her daughter is Katie; Mrs. Gerald Moore (Marion) who have two children: Mary Ann (deceased) and Gerald (Jerry); and Vernon O. Murray, Jr. (Smitty). The building is located beside the Murray home. The Murray's son, Smitty, presently lives in the home. Mr. Murray owned trucks which carried live chickens to many large cities (Philadelphia, New York and Baltimore). His oldest son, Richard, made several of these deliveries for his father. Even as her grew older, Richard never objected to driving to these cities since he had done so when he was younger. It was recalled that before the Murray's new home was built, there had been another house on the property, owned by the Stokes. The Murray's then moved in and several people recall that a vehicle crashed into the front of the home, knocking it from the foundation.

The next house was the home of James L. Hummer, Sr. and his wife, Iola. The



Hummer's have one child, James L. Hummer, Jr. (all are deceased). Mr. Hummer, Sr., and son, Jimmy, were employed by the First National Bank of Frankford and other banks in Frankford. This house is presently the home of Edwin and Sheila Clogg Dorey. Their children are Chad and Cameo.

Boyce (deceased) and Ada Hudson built this home approximately 50 years ago. Mrs. Rick Grinolds (Linda) whose children are: Belinda, Pammy, Patrick and Scott; Mrs. Roy Bunting (Debbie) and children Heath and Angela Bunting; Mrs. Donald Elliott (Denise) and children Donnie and Darrick (twins) and Dayna; Mrs. Doug Nottingham (Joyce Lynn) whose children are Tara and Kelly. Mrs. Hudson sold the property to Curtis Stevens, Sr. (wife - Shelly) whose children are Curt, Jr., Cristen and Jenna.

One of the next businesses recalled on this street was Murray's TV and Appliances. Harold and Adelpia Murray (deceased) established their first television and radio repair shop in their home on Clayton Avenue. When they built their home on Thatcher, the business was moved to this location. The Murray's have one son, Elton (wife - Donna) who have a daughter, Jennifer. It is felt that Elton is now a partner in a surveying business in the Ocean View area. Many recalled the large "plaster of Paris" dog in one of their window displays. It was the RCA trademark. Several people went to the Murray's to purchase 78 and 45 rpm single records by popular recording stars of the day.

#### Cross Honolulu Road

On the corner of Thatcher and Honolulu Road was the home of Mary McNeal. It was always referred to as the Mary McNeal Mansion. It was a large beautiful structure. The home was later shared by Mrs. McNeal with her niece, Mary McNeal Adkins (both of whom are deceased) and her daughters: Mary McNeal Adkins Williams (deceased) whose children are Debbie Kaye Phippin, Annetta Phippin, James Phippin, David A. Phippin and William Jack Thomas Phippin; Mrs. Charles Thorns (Annetta Adkins) whose children are: Ron Stuart, Bob Stuart, and Gail Kersey; and Alice Adkins Allen (deceased) whose children are Dora Rayed Tice, Cheryl Tice, Suzie Tice, and Rick Tice. The building was eventually demolished and burned. The property is presently a large vacant lot owned by Doug and Sharon Melson.

The next property was the Morgan T. Gum property. Mr. Gum's occupation was recalled as being a surveyor. He was the father of Massey Gum. The house was owned by Clarence and Edith Esham. Their son is Andrew Harrison Esham. The home located on this property was also demolished. This is the site on which Doug and Sharon Melson built their home. The Melson's have two children: Vollie Melson (named after Vollie Gray) (wife - Maggie) and Mrs. Hudson "Hud" Athey (Jennifer) and daughter, Paige.

The next house was the Clarence Rickards home place. Cord and Ruth Penuel lived in this home. The Penuel's children are: Donald Penuel (wife, Genevieve) whose family listed on Frankford Avenue; Ruth Ann Penuel Moore, whose children are Danny Moore, (wife - Pat); his children, Clay and Travis; Lisa (deceased) and children, Joshua and Nick; Mrs. Vernon Hudson (Judith) and daughters, Mrs. James Flood (Lisa) and children Christopher and Brandon and Mrs. Everett Justice (Paula) and children Cody, Everett, Jr. and Karen Ponder (deceased); and Steve, whose children are Sarah and Shelby. This home has been demolished.

Lafayette Timmons and his wife, Mary Jane, owned the next house. The home

was inherited from his father, Clifford Timmons. Clifford was recalled as Dean of Admissions and an Instructor at the Petty School (a private school in New Jersey). Lafayette and Mary Jane's children are: Mrs. Amos "Butch" Evans (Linda), their children are Clark and Brooke; Mrs. Robert Stein (Jane) and son, Andrew; and Clark, whose two daughters are, Mrs. Travis Techentien (Jennifer) and Mrs. Chris Malloy (Kelly).

The next house was recalled as the home of Paul and Harriett Long. Their daughter, Lovey Jane, lived in the home when she was a child. You will recall reading her name in reference to the Old School Bell. This home is now the residence of William (Bill) and Maria Townsend and their two teenage daughters, Tina & Rabecca.

The next home was the former Frank Hickman house. It is presently owned by Bettye McCabe. The house has been renovated and is a two apartment house. The long time residents of one side of the home are Mary Lu McCabe and Jacob Adkins. The other side has had numerous renters.

Raymond Long and his wife, Emma, lived in the next house. Mrs. Long was remembered as a school teacher (she was also recalled as Margaret Dobson's sister). Mr. Long worked away as a seaman. The property was occupied by the Luzier family in 1952. Roy and Ruth Luzier and children: Mrs. Jim Huffman (Brenda) (deceased), whose children are Marty, Pam, David and Richard; Mrs. Stan Schaefer (Peggy) and children: Mrs. Scott Richards (Teal McCabe) whose children are Amanda and Mallory; Mrs. J. R. Cropper (Kim) and son, Keith; John McCabe (Roxanne) and children Michsella, Tara, John Edward, Branna, Alex & Ellianna; George (wife - Peggy) and children, Melissa, Brian and Andy; and Roy, Jr. (Bud) (no children).

The next home was built by Roy Luzier for Mrs. Annie Hudson, a friend of the family. It is now owned and occupied by Stan and Peggy Luzier McCabe Schaefer. Their children are: The McCabe's listed above and Dalton Schaefer and Shane Schaefer.

The next home was the Dukes home. Mr. and Mrs. Dukes had four children: Elisha, a Delaware Secretary of State (deceased) (wife, (Mae McCabe); Harold (married Bertha Cannon) and children, Burton Cannon Dukes and Harold Dukes; Mrs. Gordon Lane (Eva Hazel Dukes) who have one son; Clayton Dukes and wife; and Elmer (listed as missing in action while serving in the merchant marines during WWII - story listed on next paragraph.) It was recalled that Elmer and Frank Edward Hudson (who were neighbors in Frankford) were assigned as merchant marines to the same ship during WWII. The ship was torpedoed and Ed Hudson's side of the ship floated and Elmer's side sank. Elmer was listed as missing in action and presumed dead in the incidence. Mrs. Howard Bennett (Jean Wilgus) and her former husband, William Wilgus, (deceased), lived there at one time. It was recalled that the Wilgus' rented the property at once time to Eric and Mary Christian, who had four children. The Wilgus family also lived on a farm on the back road to Selbyville. Their children are: William, Jr. (Bill) (Susan) and twin boys, Daniel and Andrew; Anna Jean (deceased); Viola, Edward "Eddie". Mrs. Jean Wilgus Bennett resides in Millsboro. This house is presently occupied by Susan Wilgus' parents, George and Mary Ellen Murray. The home is owned by William Wilgus, Jr.

A Rickard's family was recalled as having owned the next house at one period of time. Vernon and Bertha Murray lived in the home when their children were young. They later built their new home approximately one mile away on

Thatcher Street Extended. Marion Murray Moore recalls playing in the home and around town and has fond memories of her childhood in the home. Her brothers, Richard and Smitty also lived in the home. In the early 1940's, it was the home of Harvey and Elizabeth Evans. It was recalled by some that Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beckwith resided in this house. One of the last families who were recalled living in the house was Harry and Bertha Dukes. Their children are: Alfred "Pete", Roland, Asher Lee (deceased) and Olive Ann Dukes Milutin. (family is listed on Reed Street.) The house has since been demolished.

The next home was owned and occupied by William Gum and his wife, Addie. Mr. Gum was a mail carrier. Their children were remembered as William Gum, Jr. and Harriett Graves. It was later owned by Linford (deceased) and Margie Rust. Their children are: Larry Mitchell, III (Doris Rust) Mrs. Timothy Hudson (Crystal L.), and Barry Mitchell, his children are Megan and Dustin; Sandy (who died in infancy): and Mrs. Preston Lewis (Betty) (deceased) who have one son, William Townsend. The home is still owned by Mrs. Margie Rust.

Frank and Effie Hudson lived in the next house. The house was built by Peter C.B. Hudson, who was Frank's father. The family consisted of several children: Lawrence, Frank Edward, Mary Truitt, Ruth Penuel, Blanche Rogers, Bertha Murray, Edith Hudson, and Florence (Mickey) Littleton. The home is presently occupied by Mrs. Blanche Hudson (Frank Edward's wife) and their daughter, Debbie Hudson Givens and her son, Michael. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Edward (Ed) Hudson's family consisted of Phyllis Shockley (deceased), Mrs. Michael Stamey (Eva) who presently live in North Carolina; Mrs. James Owen (Sue) listed on Main Street; Debbie Hudson Givens (listed above); Timothy Hudson (Crystal) and son, Jonathan Taylor, all of Frankford; and Frank Hudson (Tracey Owens Hudson) and children, Trey and Ashley.

There was a period of time when students in Grades 5 and 6 attended school in a building located beside the Hudson's home. Mr. Will Taylor was a blacksmith beside the school and also had a small grocery store. Due to the fact that the building had been on the Taylor property, it was recalled by many of the Frankford residents as Taylor School or Taylorville School. Several recall that Mr. Elmer Huffmeister worked for Mr. Taylor in the blacksmith's shop. A portion of the Taylor School building was moved and is part of the building where Roy and Ruth Luzier (R. & R. Upholstery) established their first business down the street.

Even though it was not a business, home or person, the next placed which sparked an interest was "Joe Frogger Ditch." Many recalled playing around the ditch when attending Taylor School. In researching some articles on Frankford, Hail Bennett wrote that when attending Taylor School as a child, he made a little girl angry and she chased him and he fell into the ditch and got wet. He was sure the teacher would scold him for not only getting wet, but for chasing the girl as well. Needless to say, the teacher did scold him.

Lemuel and Madelyn Mears were thought to have rented the next house at one time. It is not known who owned the building. Their children are: Carroll Jerome Mears (wife - Helen Mae Moore) their children are: Carroll Jerome, Jr. (C.J.) (wife - Sherri) and children Jessica and Kyle; Steven (wife - Pam Rickards) and children, Eric and Steven Michael; Patrick and (wife - Angel Rickards) and daughter, Kelly Jo; Kendall (deceased) (wife - Gloria) and children Mrs. Mack Palma and children, Jocelyn and Jordan; and Craig (wife - Kim) and children, Bethany and William; and Mrs. Edward Cathell (Bonnie Kaye)

and children, Derrick (wife Erica Mendoza) and Darren (wife - Celeste) and son, Jax.

Robert S. Long, M.D. resided and ministered to his patients in a section of his home that served as his office. Robert Schofield Long, M.D. was thought to have been the next physician in town. He was the son of Dr. Robert S. Long. He also resided and practiced medicine in the same house as his father. Many recall going to Dr. Long and receiving "little black pills" used to treat a cough and congestion. They smelled awful, but they worked. He and wife, Frances, had two children: Mary Frances Mitchell (Banty) (deceased) and Bob. Bob and his wife, Wanda, presently resides in the house. Their daughter, Laura, attends Salisbury University. Bob also has a daughter, Pam, and a granddaughter, Lillie. Mrs. Frances Long Rickards lived in an apartment in the home until her death in July, 2003. The home is presently for sale. Bob remembered that some of his Dad's nurses were: Betty Brown Lynch and Kitty Tingle. Bob is a surveyor and in doing some of his work he came in contact with Cleo McCann (retired as a school nurse at the Lord Baltimore School in the Indian River School District) who related that she had also worked as a nurse for his father.

At the corner of Knox and Thatcher Streets is a building which has housed a store (which sold over the counter pharmaceutical type products) and several grocery stores. Residents of the town could purchase food and other items at the grocery store. The building was owned by Captain Ward Dasey and his wife, Mary. It was remembered that in the late 1930's, Mrs. Fleetwood lived in a portion of the home with her daughter, Josephine Fleetwood Covey. They operated a general store. Mr. Horsey was the owner of the store which sold the non-prescription items. It was not a pharmacy; however some of the items were remedies which cured minor illnesses. Other sections of the house were apartments. It was recalled that several operated grocery stores in this building: Dave Bunting, Jim Rickards and Elmer Layton. We knew the store as Dave's, Jim Ricks, and Elmer's stores. Albert Franklin recalled that a Mr. Jim Hastings also operated a store in this building. Mrs. Lizzie Anna Murray was one of the people recalled as living in the apartment building. Mrs. Murray lived in one of the apartments. The Murray's had eleven children: Clifford Irving who married Lucy Magee and had five children; Milbourn (deceased) married Roxie Bunting (deceased) and had two children; Mrs. George Wingate (Harriett) who had five children; Mrs. Norman Anderson (Hilda - deceased) who had 4 children; Mrs. Ray Horn (Catherine) who had 5 children; Lylian (died at age 3 mos.); Carl (deceased) married Irene Breasure who had one child and one stepson; and Russell (deceased) who married Joyce Hitchens and have 4 children; Mrs. Herbert Melson (Agnes) who have 5 children; Mrs. Albert Franklin (Barbara Jean) who have 2 children and Mrs. Clayton Townsend, Sr. (Betty Lou) who have 2 children. The Murray's moved to Frankford in 1937 and farmed and raised chickens on three different farms outside of town. As Mr. Murray's health failed they lived across from R. & R. Upholstery. He died in 1960. It was at that time that Mrs. Murray moved into the apartment. As you can see she had a large family: children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. It was easy to get her to sit on the porch and talk about them, or play her harmonica for the townspeople. She died at 92 years of age. Mrs. Murray had a deep love of the Frankford Methodist Church.

#### Cross Knox Street

It was recalled by Peggy Luzier Schaefer that in the 1950's Mrs. Annie Hudson had lived in the next home. People in town referred to it as the Bob and

Annie Hudson house. She said that her father and mother, Roy and Ruth Luzier, checked on Mrs. Hudson. As Mrs. Hudson became older, Mrs. Hudson, asked Roy Luzier to sell the house and have a smaller house built for her. This is the Annie Hudson for whom Roy and Ruth Luzier built a home. Her old house was demolished.

The house on the corner was recalled as being occupied by the Lawrence sisters, Virginia and Lois. It has been mentioned that they sold wallpaper on another street, and they also sold wallpaper in this house. The building had been owned by Wilson and Bettye McCabe. It was demolished and burned by the fire department. It was in this vicinity that John Lynch built a home which is presently owned by Ron Atherton.

The "Joe Franklin" home was the next house recalled at the corner of Thatcher and Knox. It was said to have been the "oldest house" in Frankford. It was a log cabin at one time. It has been found that several houses were log cabins and had framing around them and later siding applied. This was the home of Joseph and Mary Elizabeth Franklin. Their children are: George (wife - Emma), Joe F. (wife - Hazel), Charlie (wife - Edna), Sewell (wife - Ida), Robert "Bob" (wife - Thelma) and Lillian who died when she was a young child. All of the above people are deceased with the exception of Sewell's wife, Ida. Mr. Franklin was remembered as the first policeman in Frankford. His grandson, Albert, has lived in the Frankford area all of his life.

There was a very small space between the house on Austin McCabe's corner (Main and Thatcher Streets). The building went a short distance around Main and Thatcher. More on this property is listed on Main Street.

The home built just before the corner of Thatcher and Main Street is the new home of William and Peggy Banks. (Their family is listed at their former residence on Main Street).

## FRANKFORD AVENUE

Begin on Main Street toward U.S. 113 on left side of Frankford Avenue.

On the left corner of Frankford Avenue was a building recalled as being many businesses. The apartments above were the homes of several Frankford residents. Many are mentioned on other street; however, it was felt that the parents of Bobby and Joyce McCabe lived in one of the apartments. Since this building faced Main Street the businesses will be listed on Main Street.

Behind the above businesses and apartments above John Willoughby Ellis owned a plant where large pieces of marble were made and engraved as memorial stones for grave sites. After his death his son, Charles, operated a marble works. Mr. Ellis displayed the monuments in the small strip of land between the Main Street buildings and the Lockwood building. This building was called the "Lockwood Building" because it was built by Mr. Sam Lockwood. Apparently, he had built it as a clothing store. In fact, he did have a clothing store in the building. It housed an elementary school, Grades 1-4 and also 6-7-8 at different times. This building is referred to by many of the local residents as the "Lockwood School Building." It was recalled that Paul Long had a feed supply business and sold baby chicks from the location after the Frankford School was built. Mack Long recalled his father, Ferris W. Long, said he worked with Paul Long before going to work on the tugboats and dredges in the Wilmington-Philadelphia area. The building was renovated into a restaurant owned by Bill Banks and George Howard Bunting, Sr. Bill and George began their restaurant after they returned home to Frankford from WWII. When they decided to open a restaurant, they sponsored a contest as to what they would name the restaurant. The name "Tally Ho" was selected. The winner of the contest received a free dinner at the restaurant. Incidentally, the winning name was entered by a young girl, Eunice Penuel. She is now Eunice Holloway. The next business to be in this location was another restaurant which was owned and operated by Everett and Lettie Gray. After the restaurant closed, Mrs. Gray worked in the school cafeteria in Georgetown. The Gray's daughter, Phyllis, recalls that Mr. Huffmeister worked part-time for them in the restaurant. She also recalled that several black families who resided in town would come to the back door of the restaurant to get "take out" dinners. Many of these customers were good friends. They would sometimes eat in the kitchen. This was during the era of segregation. The building was eventually made into apartments on the bottom floor after the restaurant closed. It had always housed apartments on the second floor. Mrs. Ida Bunting said she and her husband, George Howard, had lived in one of the upstairs apartments. She related a story to me regarding an extremely severe snowstorm. The snow was deep and frozen, and she could not get out of her back door. She recalled yelling out of the window for Mr. Charles Ellis to come let her out. Mr. Ellis dug through the snow so she could get outside.

A vacant lot exists between the Lockwood building and the home owned by Charles Lockwood. It consisted of two apartments in the house. It was thought that the building burned or was burned in approximately 1950. The property is presently a vacant lot. Many families were recalled as living in the house: Jim "Buck" and Kate Hudson; Sally Morris and daughters, Dorothy and Phyllis, lived in the other side of the house. Others who lived in the house were Mearl and Iona Lynch, whose children were Billy and Barton Lynch; Mordecai and Helen Hudson and family; and Carroll and Christine Phillips.

The next property was another vacant lot.

The next house was built by Herman Campbell. It is a large, two storied home. Herman Campbell (wife - Manie) lived in this home with his wife, Manie. Their two children are: Alvin (Skeet) and Eileen (deceased.) Skeet married Marjorie Chandler of Dagsboro. Their children are: Mrs. Charles Bireley (Joanne) whose children are Charles (Chuck) and Christopher (Chris); and Mrs. Terry Hearn (Lucinda) who have a daughter, Mrs. Richard Spinks (Jennifer) who have three children Gage, Allyson and Coleman. Alvin's daughter, Joanne, said that she had heard it said that when Herman was called "Skeet"...her dad, Alvin, was sometimes referred to as "Skeeter." This home was purchased by Tim and Crystal Mitchell Hudson and their son, Jonathan. The Hudson's presently reside in the home.

The small building located next to the above-mentioned home was also built by Mr. Herman Campbell. Mr. Campbell owned and operated a men's apparel store. Much of the apparel in the store was sold to townspeople and people who worked at the Eagle Poultry Plant (across the street) which was in operation at the time. It was convenient to have a men's apparel store in town, because travel was not as prevalent as it is now. After Mr. Campbell's death, the business was operated for several years by his daughter, Eileen. After the business closed, Eileen rented the shop to Charles Franklin who used it as his barber shop. Mr. Franklin cut hair for several generations of Frankford residents. Many of the boys and men in town recall Mr. Charlie giving them their "first haircut." He would entertain everyone with his stories while cutting hair. His wife, Ms. Edna, could also tell stories with such dry humor that it kept everyone laughing. This humor has been passed down to their son, Albert. Albert has collected a large memorabilia of the Town of Frankford. The shop is presently a craft store, Country Heaven, operated by the Hudson's. It was ascertained that behind where County Heaven is presently located there was the home of the Asher Collins family. The house was a lovely home with a wrap-around porch. A photo in the back shows the family sitting on the porch. It was mentioned that the house was destroyed when the train came by throwing sparks onto the wooden roof, and the house was burned to the ground. At that time the trains produced sparks from the smoke stack. It is felt that this event occurred circa 1908.

After crossing Mill Street and the Railroad Tracks, the next structure was the location of the property which was leased by Atlantic Refining Company. It is possible to still see what is left of an old brick building. Gasoline, kerosene and oil were sold to area residents. There were two buildings for housing the horses and also for the vehicles. It was a large oil and gas business and "Coal Oil" Jim Hudson and his son, Mordecai, worked as deliverymen for the company at different times. Mr. Jim drove a horse and wagon delivering the oil earlier and his son followed him in the business driving a truck for the company delivering oil. Mr. Gum enjoyed restoring machinery, and for years there was an old steam operated thrashing machine on the property. It was believed that when the company moved the business, the property had been purchased by Massey Gum.

Ebe and Sally Gray lived in the next house. Their children are: Sally (Mrs. Al Long); Ebe (never married); Will (never married); and John (deceased at 19 years of age). Al and Sally Long's children were: Mrs. George Thomas Upton (Radie), Mrs. Oliver "Burr" Parker (Sarah), Mrs. Walter "Jimmy" Littleton (Hilda) and Mrs. Layton McCabe (Grace Ann). The house became the property of Will Long. Will Long then sold the property to Harley King Long and Mary Ellen Smith Long (Manie) (deceased). It was recalled by Maxine Sharp

(granddaughter) that the property was owned by her Aunt Ethel Voshell. Mr. and Mrs. Long's children and families were: Mrs. Paul Adkins (Maude) whose children are Ephriam (deceased) (wife - Irene Murray - deceased), Mrs. Courtland Adkins (deceased) (wife - Martha Murray); Irma Mae, who died in infancy, and Mrs. Hayward Gordy (Amelia); Mrs. Charles Adams (deceased (Hilda Marie); Mrs. Rollie Murray - deceased (Irma Lee Adkins); James "Martin" married Pauline Long, (both deceased) whose children are: Mrs. Manford Daisey (Agnes) whose children are Mack McCary (wife - Norma Lee), Mrs. Richard Malone (Sylvia McCary), Bobby McCary (wife - Sandy Downs) and Mrs. Wayne Baker (Denise Daisey); Francis Long (deceased) no children; Harley King (wife - June Graff) whose children are George Graff and Terry Lee Long; Maxine Long Sharp, whose children are Mrs. John Franz (Meta) and Mrs. James Thatcher (Sally Ann) named after her paternal grandmother). Martin's second wife was Sally. They did not have any children together; however, she had two daughters mentioned previously; Martin's other family members are: Throt (wife - Etta Hudson) whose children are Mrs. Cassie Youse (deceased) and Mrs. Keith Krause (Crystal Long); Ann married James "Pete" Mitchell (deceased) and their children are as follows: Paris David married Donna Hudson, their children are Paris, Jr. (wife - Kari Millman), Matthew, Andrew Ryan, Zachery James, Christopher Magee and Stewart Megee James T., Jr. (wife - Ellen Wyatt) their children are Natasha Jo Corcle and son, Wyatt John Corcle, Jamie Starr Mitchell, Hannason Mitchell and Karsun Mitchell; Trudy L. Cordrey and her children are Ginger Lee Cordrey, Brook Cordrey and another son; Shane Mitchell (wife - Jeannie) and children, Kimberly Ann, Twins - Phyllis and Sarah; Peter (Pete) (wife - Mona) and their children are Adam Mitchell, Travis James Mitchell and Jessie and Holly; Ottis McFee Long died at eighteen years of age; Mrs. Paul Ward (wife - Volta) both are deceased their children are Mrs. Richard Snodgrass (Pauline) and Mrs. Lambert Archie Ottis Ward (wife - Dorothy Mann) whose children are Mrs. Donald Nattress (Doris Ellen) deceased and Mrs. Alfred Hood (Vivian Elizabeth); William Wallace Long who died at the age of two years; and Milton Edward "Mose" Long who was unmarried and now deceased; Harley Theryl Long (deceased) (wife - Grace Daisey whose children are, Mrs. Charles Parker (Connie Long) and Mrs. Rodman Kushela (Nancy). It was recalled that this was the home in which Russ and Mildred Parsons had lived at one time; however, they rented a portion of the house to Levi and Edna Bunting. Mrs. Edna Bunting felt that her Uncle Asher Godfrey may have owned it. This house was eventually owned by Phyllis Gray Donaway. Her children are Mark and Robin King who lived in the home. (Children will be mentioned on Mrs. Donaway's present home, which is located on Frankford Avenue). The building was remodeled and sold to Garth Throescha. It has since been remodeled and is a rental property. It was mentioned that it was formerly the old Voshell property.

This is the "Barker House" which was moved from Mr. Asa Bennett's house on Main Street back to Mill and down to its present location on Frankford Avenue. The first people recalled as living in the home were Mr. and Mrs. Boatwright. They moved here from Philadelphia. He worked as a bookkeeper for Eagle Poultry. The Boatwright's did not have any children. The next family recalled was the Charles Embry (wife - Rose) family. They had moved to this area from Tennessee. Their children are: Lucille, Charles (Buddy), Rose, Patrick, Betty and Ann. The home was purchased by Fayette Brasure and she lived in it. Fayette's family is mentioned on Thatcher Street. Dean Esham purchased the house as a rental property.

The next house was the small building which was behind the Asa Bennett "Barker House" and moved to its present location at the same time. Pat and Floris Bunting lived in the home before moving to Clayton Avenue. Elton and



Raye Nelson lived in this home at one time. Raye operated a clothing alteration shop in her home. She was a talented seamstress. Her husband, Elton, worked with sheet metal and welded. As previously mentioned, Mr. Nelson went into business with Burton Cannon, Jr. on Clayton Avenue. It was noted by Ralph Holloway that Mr. Nelson built and welded the tower on which the fire siren is presently located. The house was then owned by Hail Bennett. It was purchased from Hail Bennett by Fayettea Brasure. Mrs. Chester Hudson (Flossie) was the next person to live in the home. This home was rented circa 1960, by Darryl Brasure (deceased) (wife - Irene) whose son is Darryl Brasure, Jr. (wife - Bette Brice) who has a daughter, Jenna. The house above and this house were left by Fayettea Brasure to her daughter Amy. After Fayettea's death, the houses were sold. The property is now felt to be owned by a man from Pennsylvania.

Mill Street goes across this property.

It was the property of Will and Ella Truitt. It was recalled this was the residence of Ed and Suzie Scherer. Their daughters are Mrs. Norman Hudson (Ruth Ann - deceased) her children are: Geraldine Bennett, Mrs. Mack McCary (Norma Lee), Norman, Jr. "Donnie" wife, Vicki, Mrs. Danny Anderson, (Sheila) and Mrs. Donald Penuel (Genevieve): Genevieve's family is: Mrs. Lindley Hudson (Sherry) and son, Chad; Mr. Ricky Donaway and son, Brandon; and Mrs. Mike Truitt (Dawn) and Shane and Jenna. It had been mentioned that the house was inherited by Delores Truitt Bunting and her daughter, Denise Bunting Apple, lived there for a while. Delores sold the property to Mrs. Jodi Clark. It is felt she is still the occupant of this house.

In 1936, Levi and Edna Bunting lived in the house. This was the home in which their son, Bobby, was born. It was later recalled as the home of Phil (deceased) and Thelma Truitt Weber. It was felt that this home was built from left over lumber from the next two houses. Phil was a town policeman for Frankford and Dagsboro (this was when the towns shared police services). Thelma now lives in a senior retirement center near her daughter's home in Florida). The Weber's had one daughter, Mrs. Bill Butz (Bette), who lives near Orlando, Florida, and has two children, Karen and Jennifer. This home is the present residence of Steve and Cindy Brought and son, Eric.

The next two homes were similar in appearance. That is probably due to the fact that they were built by Allie and Harvey Evans. It was recalled that the house was first occupied by Allie and Lydia Evans. Their children were recalled as Leslie and Jack. It was remembered that circa 1930, Harley and Manie Long lived in the house. Raymond and Virginia Murray were the following owners to live in the house. After Raymond's death, Virginia married Stanley Maziarz. Virginia was a beautician and operated a shop in a portion of her home. Their daughters are: Phyllis M. Stevens who presently lives in North Carolina; and Mrs. Richard West (Sonya) and daughters: Mrs. Kenny McCabe (Andrea West-McCabe) and daughter, Kaila Darby, and Mrs. William Michael Werner (Anita West-Werner). Mrs. Maziarz remarried and moved to the Bishopville area. Circa 1965 the home was purchased by Ronald Hickman (wife - Bonnie Steen). Their three daughters grew up in the home. Their children are: Reverend Bruce Jones (Dawn) whose daughter is, Courtney; Mrs. Keith Tribbitt (Jane) whose children are, Jennifer, Tiffany and Kyle; and Mrs. Kevin Layton, (Debbie) whose son is Alex. This home has been renovated, and it is the present residence of Phyllis Gray Donaway, youngest daughter of Everett and Lettie Gray. She is a real estate agent for Crowley Associates. Mrs. Donaway's children are Mark King (wife - Terry) and son, Dylan; and Mrs. Robin Hicks.

This house was built by Harvey Evans, and he lived in the home at one time. It was later occupied by Mordecai and Helen Hudson and family. It was then purchased from Mr. Evans by Walter and Dorothy Carmean. Walter was a teacher, businessman and legislator. Dorothy was an elementary teacher. Dorothy was born in the house across the street and her sister, Mrs. Levi Bunting (Edna) lived across the street. The Carmean's have one son, David (wife - May) their children are Gary (in the Army in Japan) (wife - Leslie). They have four sons. They also had a daughter (who died at birth); and Mrs. Joseph Dorsey (Dorothy - Dottie Jo). The property is now owned by Brian Murray whose children are: Elizabeth Murray and David Murray.

Carey's Cemetery is located near the end of Frankford Avenue and U.S. 113. It was thought to have been established by Dan Carey's parents. It is approximately three acres in size. Many of the local townspeople have family members buried in the cemetery. This cemetery has a perpetual care fund for maintenance. Many of the people buried in the cemetery have no living relatives.

Mr. Halton Johnson operated a service station on the corner of U.S. 113 and Frankford Avenue. It was operated as a Pure Oil Station. Pure Oil was a large oil company, operating in Sussex County at that time. They leased their tanks and supplied oil/gas to Mr. Johnson.

On Frankford Avenue turn at U.S. 113 toward Main Street

The first home on the corner was built by Mrs. George Allen "Pee Lloyd" Hudson (Edith), both are deceased. She moved here after they sold their farm outside of town. Their children are: Lewis (wife - Jean) information will follow on their family as they live next door; Virgil (deceased) (wife - Irene Carmean) their children are: Mrs. Glenn Jackson (Rita) and children, Brittany and Evan; Kim (wife - Tammy Banks) and daughters, Jessica and Jeni, Mrs. Louis Briggs, II (Lisa) and children Jill Guerrazzi, Louis Briggs, III, Mrs. Charles Simpson and children Taylor Briggs, Logan, Casey and Kaylee Simpson; Michael (wife - Tina) and children, Michael and Riley; and Mrs. Kevin Stockel (Kara) and children, Jeremy and Brooke; Mrs. Charles Wolfe, Sr. (Charlotte) who live in the Wilmington area and their sons are: Charles, Jr. (Chuck) (wife - Cindy) and sons Jeremy and Jesse; and Chris (wife - Mary) and daughter, Nicole; and Mrs. Ralph Reynolds (Suzanne) who lives in Milford. Their children are: Jeff (wife- Jenny) and Mrs. David Adams (wife - Terri); Rachel died at the age of five. The home is the present residence of Mr. and Mrs. Hudson's grandson, Keith and son, Kyle.

The next house is the residence of Lewis A. Hudson, Sr. (wife - Jean Cropper). The Hudson's have been school bus drivers for over thirty-four years. Lewis is retired from the former Delmarva Power Company. The Hudson's children are Lewis, Jr. (Louie); Tracy; and Keith (whose sons are Keith Vincent and Kyle.)

The following house is the residence of Mrs. Edna Bunting. The home was built by Edna and her husband, Levi (deceased). Levi served as a Representative to the Delaware State Legislature in 1941. It has been recalled that The Bunting's lived in other homes in town (as many residents did). Their children are: Robert (Bobby) who died in 1946 when he was nine

years of age, in the fourth grade of JMC School; Mrs. Charles Spicer (Winnie) who is a retired teacher. It was recalled by Mrs. Bunting that Winnie was the first student from John M. Clayton School to get her teaching degree and return to John M. Clayton as an elementary teacher; and Tommy (wife - Cynthia) who is retired and lives in Florida: Their children are Brian, Thomas Bain, and Thomas James (T.J.).

Mrs. Bunting recalls that this house was the home of her parent's, George and Ida Hudson. The home is well over 100 years old. Edna, as well as her sisters, Dorothy and Hilda were born in the home. Mrs. Edna Bunting is presently 88 years of age, yet recalls that Frankford Avenue was once called Walnut Street (another street which is very close is now named Walnut Street). She said it was named "Walnut" because walnut trees lined their side of the street. It is interesting to note that after marrying, she moved with her husband into a house next to where she was born, then to another house on Clayton, various moves to different streets all in Frankford, and back to where she and her husband built their new home. Their former residence at the corner of Frankford Avenue and Dover Street was purchased by Lewis and Elma Gray. The Gray's operated a service station on U.S. 113 for many years. They also were school bus contractors for the JMC and IR School Districts. They lived in the house for forty-two years. The Grays have two children: David (wife - Donna); and Mrs. Rocco Aliberti (Dayna) and children: Megan and Dylan Mitchell. The Gray's recently built a new home on Delaware Avenue and sold their former home to Charles and Mary Kate Adams. The Adams' came to Frankford via Blackwater Village, West Virginia and New York. Their children are: Mrs. Sean Adams (Trish); Mrs. Dennis Cohen (Hope); Charles Adams (Georgia); Mrs. Wm. McVicker (Kathleen); Glenn Adams (Jo Ann); Mrs. John Brangaccio (Mary Kate) and Mrs. James Mohan (Liz).

#### Cross Dover Street

The next home on the other corner of Frankford Avenue and Dover Street was built by Levi and Edna Bunting. It was purchased from the Bunting's by James and Dorothy Townsend. Upon the death of Mrs. Townsend it was willed to her daughter, Charlene Townsend Hancock, but was to be given to her grandson, Kevin Evans. It had been the wish of his grandmother, Mrs. Townsend, the house be given to Kevin. It became the residence of Kevin and Toni Evans and children: Stephanie, Candice, Alison, Erica, and Nicholas Evans. Kevin died at an early age. Mrs. Evans has since remarried. The name of her husband is Marty Presley.

The next house was built by Calvin and Lilly Hudson. It was their residence for a while. After their deaths, it was purchased by Mrs. Lettie Gray. Mr. Everett Gray had died previously. The Gray's have four children: Mrs. Charles Wyatt (Edna), Mr. Wyatt is deceased; Lewis (listed on Delaware Avenue); Phyllis Donaway (listed on Frankford Avenue) and Joe (wife - Doris) and sons, Christopher and Stephen. Another son, Tommy, is deceased. This property was owned by Elma and Lewis Gray. It is presently the property and residence of Mike and Elaine Mahon at this time.

#### Cross Walnut Street

The next property is presently a vacant lot.

This house was one of the buildings on the Eagle Poultry property, moved to this location, remodeled, and owned by Carroll and Christine Phillips. It was recalled by their son, C. R. that it had been an office building at Eagle

Poultry. Their children are: C. R. Phillips (Marsha Long) and they have daughter, Renee; Mrs. Horace Johnson (June Phillips - deceased) and children: Gregory Johnson, whose children are Terry Mitchell, Ashley Johnson, Sean Johnson and Casey Johnson. Mrs. Harry Hignutt (Lori) whose children are Trevor and Christy. It was later purchased and occupied by Russell and Tami Hooper and son, Russell, Jr. The property was sold and the occupants are unknown.

The following home was once a beautiful home on this street and referred to as the "Huxford Home." It was the home of Alice Huxford. Gum and her mother, Mary Huxford. Mrs. Gum was the librarian of the Frankford Library for many years. She died when she was eighty years of age in 1961. I had heard that there was a "secret room" in the home; however, after interviewing other people, I could not confirm this information. Ann Long Mitchell noted when she was young and lived across the street from Mrs. Gum, she often visited the home. Mrs. Gum would read to her. She said that in the front room of the home there was a fireplace and a door was on one side of the fireplace: she felt that Mrs. Gum kept perishables (fruits and vegetables) in the small space. The door opening may have been the location which someone thought was a secret room. This house was next owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Pat Padgett and family. Mr. Padgett remodeled the house and operated a typewriter sales and repair business. (The family is listed under John and Alice Roth family on Clayton Avenue). The occupants of the home presently are unknown.

The following property was thought to have been built by Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Carey (Steve Carey's grandparents). Mr. and Mrs. Manford Penuel and daughter, Eunice, lived there in the 1920's (listed on Clayton Avenue). It was once the home of Preston and Mildred Williams circa 1943. Preston was the youngest brother of Senator John Williams. The Williams' built a feed house. It was located beside the home. The Williams have two children: Preston, Jr. and Carolyn. The family later moved to Clayton Avenue. They are listed at the Clayton Avenue location. Pep (their son) mentioned that this is the property which Mr. Landis (Eagle Poultry) wanted and traded a home on Clayton Avenue for the feed house and house. Mr. and Mrs. Wells purchased the house and feed house on Frankford Avenue. One of the Wells' daughters purchased the properties and opened "Wells Depot" in the feed house building. It has been in this location for many years and has sold a variety of items: coal, gifts, new and used furniture and other items. The Town of Frankford purchased the feed house building and the property behind it and is building a new town Water plant. The concrete block building was the first electric plant. It was recalled that Mr. Annanais Campbell ran the electric plant at that time. The first fire house was in the south wing of the old Power Station circa 1934.

The first water tower in Frankford was purchased from Rehoboth Beach in the 1930's. The town purchased a second hand water system from somewhere in Maryland. Since this had been a previously used water tower, it became necessary to replace it. The new water tower was constructed in the mid-1980's with an approximate \$250,000 federal HUD Grant.

It was recalled by the Hudson Girls - Helen Hudson Murray, Betty Hudson Lynch and Jackie Hudson Tingle that their grandfather, Seth, would run from his home near Green Street (about ½ block away) to send the alarm that there was a fire in town. After the Carey home on Clayton Avenue was destroyed by fire, townspeople actively supported the need to build a modern fire house. In order to finance the building of a new building, the Frankford Fire

Company would have an Annual Frankford Firemen's Carnival (located on the lot owned by Mr. Sam Messick) where Eagle Poultry had been. Many romances began at these carnivals. The residents of Frankford looked forward to this event. It brought people into town from near and far. Apparently, everyone had a wonderful time.

Eagle Poultry was a large poultry processing plant located behind what is now the Town's Water Treatment Plant. It was the largest processing plant in the world at one time. It spanned the area from Frankford Avenue to U.S. 113. Eagle Poultry was first owned by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Eudell. During World War II, many German prisoners were interred in Sussex County (from Bear Trap and Georgetown). They were transported to Eagle Poultry to work at the plant. It was noted by all of the townspeople that the Eudell's treated the prisoners very well, and always made sure that they received a warm, nourishing meal during the day. The plant was subsequently purchased by Harry Landis. The Landis family was Jewish. It was noted by Jeff Banks that the plant workers began killing poultry at midnight. Rabbis came to the plant to bless the poultry. Once blessed by the Rabbis, a clip embossed with the Star of David was placed on each chicken's wing. The poultry was then shipped to the cities which had a large Jewish population to be sold as "koshered" poultry.

#### Cross the Railroad Track

After crossing the railroad track (approximately where the Frankford Methodist Church Cemetery is now located) was a section of general store which was owned and operated by Mr. Herman "Skeet" Campbell for several years. Rodney (his cousin) and (wife - Alvana) purchased the store from "Skeet" and continued to operate the general store. At one time there had been an apartment on the first floor and there had always been apartments on the second floor; some residents were recalled as Nick and Sadie Rogers, Rosalie Timmons Daisey, Mrs. Etha Hudson, and Rodney and Alvana Campbell. It was recalled that an old fashioned gas pump (not electric---gas was pumped by pulling a lever to force the gas from their tank into the automobile tanks). This pump stood at the front of the store. Mrs. Campbell, who is ninety years young, recalls that the Shortline Bus Company made regular stops at the store. People would purchase their tickets from the store or from the driver as they got on the bus. The store burned Christmas morning in 1962. It was recalled by Bonnie Campbell Jarvis that her father, Rodney, gave the land to the Frankford Methodist Church.

## DAISEY STREET

Begin on the right side of Daisey Street toward U.S. 113.

The first house on Daisey Street was the first known dentist in Frankford. His name was Dr. Levin Murray. It was felt that the Murray's had two daughters. He lived and practiced dentistry in his home. It was recalled that he pulled teeth for 50c each. Frankford residents recall going to Dr. Murray. There were no sophisticated anesthetics as we have today; therefore, most recall it as an unpleasant experience. Helen Parsons Campbell Souder recalls hearing her father tell that one day Dr. Murray experienced a toothache and asked her father, Russ, to pull his tooth. He said he would tell him what instruments to use and it would be fine. He obliged and pulled Dr. Murray's tooth. It makes you wonder, in those days when there few dentists in rural areas, who would a dentist get to pull a tooth . . . a mechanic? You may recall that Russ Parsons was a skilled mechanic and maybe a dentist's apprentice. The Murray home is no longer there. Presently a modular home is on the property. The next residents of the home are listed on Clayton Avenue.

Cross the Railroad Tracks

The next building was the original Cannon and Messick Feed Store. Presently the building stands in disrepair, it has a red roof. It was mentioned that the heirs may not wish to sell the property.

A large building owned by Clarence Esham was located down from the former Cannon and Messick building. The Esham family lived in an apartment in the upstairs portion of the building. The bottom section was Esham's Garage. Mr. Esham later went into the nursery business outside of Dagsboro on the DuPont Highway. The Esham's had one son, Andrew Harrison Esham. According to Mr. Andrew Esham, Mr. Harvey M. Ruark had worked with his father and when his father left the garage it was felt that he sold the business to H. M. Ruark. Mr. H. M. Ruark owned and operated the garage in this location circa - 1932. It was also felt that Mr. Ruark and Harper Richardson operated a plumbing business in the building (unknown as to whether it was during the time the garage was in operation or after.) This structure was on the land presently owned by Mountaire Farms of Delmarva, Inc.

Everyone who comes into town notices the grain storage bins of Mountaire Farms of Delmarva, Inc. The business was purchased by Mountaire from Cargill in August of 1988. Prior companies who have operated the mill are Murray Feed, which sold to Cargill, which sold to Mountaire in August of 1988. It was recalled that circa 1960 there was fire in the building. The building and equipment are used to manufacture chicken feed for the growers. Processed chicken feed is then taken to the Mountaire's contractors in large bulk feed trucks. Grains (primarily corn and soybeans) and other nutrients are processed at the plant and trucks can be seen bringing the grains into the mill.

This might be a good time to mention that presently and for approximately the last 35 years, people who grow chickens in the area have been contracting growing to large feed companies - Mountaire, Purdue and Allen, to name a few. Prior to that time, most of the farmers grew their own chickens, paid for their own feed and supplies and took the profits when the poultry was sold.

Many farmers in Sussex County made a great deal of money from this venture. It has been rumored for years that there were several millionaires in southeastern Sussex County more than 75 years ago.

In case you have never heard the term "contracting" poultry the following description is given: Poultry growers sign a contract with large feed companies to produce poultry for their company, using their feed. Payments are made for the grower who provides the company with the best poultry for the least amount of money needed to grow the poultry. Farmers provide the chicken house, equipment, electricity, labor ...the contractor provided other items needed to produce a "bird" with good weight. The average growing time for broiler chickens is 6 to 8 weeks. There are larger chickens which take a longer period of time to grow. The company provides "chicken catchers". This is a crew of people who come in and catch the chickens, put them in coops and load them on trucks which take them to the processing plant.

Prior to the Mountaire Company owning the plant, numerous companies have owned the property: Murray Feed Company, Cargill, and Townsend are a few of the companies.

At the end of a dirt road past the present Mountaire feed plant was a house belonging to Void and Edith Hancock. The Hancock's had one son, Elwood "Pete" Hancock (wife - Marion) whose children are: Mrs. Calvin McComrick (Jane) and children Michael, Tiffany, Kim and Michele; Mrs. Howard Gerken (Cassandra) whose children are Mrs. Tom Timmons (Melissa) and a son, Greg; and Mrs. Madison "James" Bunting (Beth) and children, Cindy and Madison. It was recalled that some time after the death of Mrs. Marion Hancock, Elwood married Dorothy Hickman.

Turn at U.S. 113 on the right side of Daisey Street

The Present Daisey Street entrance to town is recalled by many townspeople as the "Flower Garden." When U.S. 113 was being constructed, money was given by the Dupont family to have flowers planted at the entrance to the town. It made quite an impression on the people who lived in town. This was an idea before its time. It later became a national idea introduced by "Lady Bird" Johnson as the beautification of America.

When we think of the Frankford Park, we naturally think of the Park at Hickory and Clayton Avenue; however, several of the group recalled playing on the lot at the corner of U.S. 113 and Daisey Street. Bonnie Jarvis found a photo of Marion Murray and her and some other friends playing at this park. It is in the photo section of this book.

A small home which sits back from the road in a field (Daisey and DuPont Highway) was recalled as being the house in which Harper Richardson resided. (Ruark and Richardson's Plumbing). It was felt that this was once the residence of the Earn Ingram family. It is presently occupied, but the inhabitants are not known.

The next house is the large home of Barbara Hudson Truitt. Prior to the Truitt family residing here the house was the property of Jack Eudell and then the Landis family. Barbara has lived in Frankford for forty years, and is the widow of Donald DeWitt Truitt. Donald grew up in Frankford (family mentioned on Clayton Avenue) and graduated from John M. Clayton High School. Upon his death, Barbara raised her invalid daughter, Donna (deceased) and

sons, Jesse and Don Lee (mentioned on Clayton and Thatcher Streets). Donna suffered from the birth defect (spinal bifida). She was the official State Easter Seal Girl at 3 years of age. She would have been considered as an entry for the National contest, but contestants had to be five years old. According to the doctors, Donna would probably not live longer than 10 to 12 years of age. Barbara's devotion to her daughter nurtured Donna for 40 years. Their two sons, Jesse and Don Lee, and families are recorded elsewhere in the book.

The next house was the home of Gardner and Hattie Thomas. The Thomas' had one son, Carson. Information on the Carson Thomas family is listed on Clayton Avenue. The house is presently unoccupied.

A small hatchery can be seen next to the Thomas home. It is constructed of concrete block material. It was owned and operated by Gardner Thomas. For many young readers ..... a hatchery is a place where eggs are incubated and hatched for baby chicks and are sent to farmers in the area to be grown on their poultry farms.

The following house was the home of Charles Parker, Sr. and family. At some period during the Great Depression, Charles Parker, Jr. recalled that his parents were forced to sell the home. The house was purchased by Ferdinand "Ferd" and Leavy Daisey. It is a large house on the corner of Railroad Avenue and Daisey Street. The Daisey's moved into this home from their residence on Clayton Street. Mrs. Daisey was legally blind. Mr. Daisey had retired to town from his store and missed his friends. He was able to take care of Mrs. Daisey and see friends, farmers and other customers of Cannon and Messick Feed Store from this location. According to his granddaughter, Blanche Daisey Gray Hitchens, Daisey Street was named for him. The home was recalled as being the home of Mr. and Mrs. Manford Penuel and daughter, Eunice. It was also the home of Robert "Bob" Franklin (wife - Thelma) and family. More recently it has been the home of Larry (deceased) and Jenny McCray, whose children are: Carli Reed, Angela McCray and C. C. Belmont.

Cross the Railroad Track.

The next building was a portion of the Old Hotel. The Old Hotel building fronted Railroad Avenue, but a portion was also on Daisey Street. It was recalled that there were apartments above the hotel building and several newlyweds made these apartments their home.

A small vacant lot sat between the Hotel and the next building (Charlie Franklin's Barber Shop). It may have been used for parking. It was recalled that maybe an "ice house" may have been located here.

The next building was a small building which was operated by Charlie Franklin as a barber shop. It was recalled by his son, Albert, that his dad only charged 20c for a haircut and 10c for a shave at that time.

It is in this area that the Bennett Annex of the Frankford Methodist Church has been built.



## RAILROAD AVENUE

Many of the people in the Memories Group recalls a dirt road crossing between Daisey Street and Frankford Avenue. Listening to their stories of all the activity of the trains, restaurant, hotel, and stores, it sure seemed to be the "happening place" in Frankford.

There was a small space between the Old Hotel and the next building. The Old Hotel was thought to have been built by Mr. Pollite. His daughter, Rella Graber and granddaughter, Kit, supervised the hotel and restaurant.

The next building contained Allie Murray's Sweet Shop. Many recall going to Allie's for ice cream. This shop was later operated by Pete and Marion Hancock. A restaurant was operated by Mrs. Ella Layfield in this location following the discontinuance of the Sweet Shop. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lowe operated this restaurant after Mrs. Layfield. Others recalled Mrs. and Mrs. Calvin Jarmon operating a restaurant here also. One of the names of the restaurant was the Toonerville Restaurant. Several people who came into the library recalled it as the "Greasy Spoon". Mrs. Betty McCabe said that she recalled even before any of the other restaurants that Mrs. Rella Graber and her daughter, Kit Graber Baker, cooked soup, oyster stew and sandwiches and sold them in this location. Mrs. Graber was the first cafeteria manager at the John M. Clayton School. It was also mentioned that she worked at Camp Otonka (at Sandy Landing) on Vines Creek outside of Dagsboro during the summer.

A small pathway ran between the restaurant and a building I will call the Campbell Complex. The name "complex and strip malls" were non-existent at that time. The pathway ran from Railroad Avenue behind the Church Cemetery to Frankford Avenue. The Campbell Building was wooden, two story and had a porch and went from Railroad Avenue around the corner to Frankford Avenue and around that corner. It was quite a large structure. It was thought to have been built by Mr. Harvey Evans.

The first office on the bottom floor of the Campbell Complex was rented by the State of Delaware's Agriculture Department. Since the poultry business was one of the most prevalent businesses in this area, the Department of Agriculture felt it in the best interests of these poultry growers to have veterinarians to try to help them with the illnesses that could destroy the chicken flocks. Helen Hudson Murray, who worked there, recalled that the State employed several veterinarians. One of these veterinarians that people remembered was Dr. Hiram Lasher. Dr. Lasher later developed and patented a poultry vaccine. He began his own business and laboratory in Millsboro. To the side of the building was an "outhouse" which was used as a public restroom. Behind the building was a stairway leading up to apartments which were located on the second floor.

Down from this office was a section of the store which was used as a general store by Mr. Herman "Skeet" Campbell. Rodney and Alvana Campbell purchased the business and continued to operate a general store. This section of the building is mentioned in more detail on Frankford Avenue.

Margaret Long recalled that her husband, Bill, told her that prior to the Civil War attempts to establish a rail system that would connect the

peninsula with both the western shore and New York and Pennsylvania to the north had been made. Finally in the 1900's the Pennsylvania Railroad established rail services to include Frankford. She recalled that her husband, Bill, had told her that when he was young, his mother would take him with her on the train to Townsend (above Dover) on the "milk train". From Townsend they would travel to Chestertown, Maryland. The timeline for these trips occurred during the late 1920's to the 1930's. The trains to towns where you could connect with another train were referred to as feed lines or branch lines. All were eventually discontinued.

One member of our group recalled that in 1939 the train made special trips to New York City for the World's Fair. There were several people from the Frankford area who made the trip.

Approximately one hundred feet from the Train Station stood the Freight Station (a separate building). The Freight Station was closer to the railroad tracks that cross Frankford Avenue. A part of one of the buildings was moved to a location on the right side of the present Frankford Post Office. The station master at the time was Gardner Thomas. Gardner Thomas's son, Carson, remodeled it and made it into a general store. It was also mentioned that when the train stopped, the car carrying the mail was approximately half way between the Train Station and the Freight Station. People remember mail deliveries being picked up from this location and then distributed to rural delivery routes. The Train Station sat very close to the railroad tracks. Since this was in the time of segregation, the people of color sat on one side of the waiting room and the white people sat on the other side.

## REED STREET

Beginning on the right side of Reed from Main to Honolulu Road

The first house will be listed on Main Street (Dr. Fook's house)

The next house was the summer home of Ebe Walter (who resided in Florida). Charles and Edith Parker and family resided there. It was later purchased by Howard and Olive Bunting (deceased). Following Mr. Bunting's death of a heart attack at the age of 36 years, it was noted that Mrs. Bunting raised six sons alone. The children were: George Howard (deceased) family listed on Clayton Avenue, Dave (deceased) family listed on Thatcher Street; Alvah (deceased) (wife - Bertha Mae - deceased); William "Bill" (wife - Delores deceased) family listed on Main Street, Richard, deceased (wife - Jeanette Rayne); and Horace (deceased) (wife - Jill). A daughter died in infancy. The home was a large house with a porch on the front. It was recalled by Bill that he was born in this house. The building was demolished and burned. The property where the home once sat is now a vacant lot.

The next house was recalled as being the home of the parents of John Hudson and Hettie Hudson Lingo. Some recalled that they were both small of stature, and he enjoyed the name of "Tom Thumb." It was also recalled that he was a house painter. This was later the home of Harry and Florence Hudson who moved there after living for many years on Delaware Avenue (family listed on Delaware Avenue).

This was the original site of the Frankford Presbyterian Church (information on Main Street).

The large wooden building at the corner of Reed and Knox was built in 1919 by Benjamin Jones. It was next door to the Presbyterian Church. It was also used as a Sunday School and recreation hall by the Presbyterian Church.

The structure was built in 1919 by Benjamin Jones, next to the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Jones picked up and delivered mail by horseback to the surrounding area from the mail delivery of the train. Mr. Jones used the building to stable his horses. Mr. Jones remodeled the stable into an opera house. It was commonly known as the Opera House in the area. During the 1920's silent movies were shown there. Hoot Gibson (western silent star) movies and Birth of a Nation were shown to name a few. Tickets were sold for 12c. Movies were shown one reel at a time with intermissions between the reels. This time was used to rethread the single projection machine. Slides advertising local businesses were shown during that time. A second machine was purchased later. (Electricity is something we take for granted until deprived of it). However, in 1920 there was no electric company to give us this luxury. Therefore, power was received from generators which were powered by an eight-horsepower gasoline engine that turned a dynamo that made the current that ran the machines. It may see primitive now, but then it was very high tech. The noise from the engine could be heard during the show. Children carried buckets of water to help fill the 200-300 gallon water tank. It was not air cooled. The pipes would freeze in the winter. Many of the people meeting with our group fondly remember their childhood days and mention seeing traveling shows. The theater was referred to frequently as the Chatauqua Theater after a group from Chatauqua, New York performed there. Memories of local groups and school children performing plays there were also

recalled. Several area musicians played the music for the silent films and between shows. Some of the names mentioned as piano players were: Cliff Temple, Laura Melson, Margaret Dobson, Dorothy Carmean, Emily Davidson, and Eva Hickman. Mr. Benjamin Jones retired from the business in 1927. His son, Russell Jones, and Clarence Esham took over the operation and continued the business for three more years. With the advent of talking pictures in 1930, Mr. Jones and Mr. Esham found it too expensive to continue the business. However, the building was used by Paul Long for 15 years to store chicken supplies in the vacant building.

Mr. William Brown relocated his Frankford dry cleaning business into the Opera House building in 1945. His dry cleaning business had once operated in the building which became the Tally Ho Restaurant. In 1946, Mr. Walter Carmean, left his teaching position in Seaford and purchased this building and business. He operated the business for four years before returning to teaching history in the local high school. Mr. Carmean leased the building and business to Bernard Lynch until it closed in 1952. Many people remembered Mr. William "Slim" Griffin, who resided on Honolulu Road, as working at the dry cleaning business.

The Frankford Presbyterian Church acquired the building and approximately three acres of land. The church used the building as a recreation hall and Sunday school rooms. In 1979 the church was moved to its new location on Main Street. On advice of a realtor the opera house was the scene of controlled burn by the Frankford Fire Company.

There a small white rental property located on this site.

Presently the home of the Virgil (deceased) and Patricia McCray is located on the site of the Old Opera House. The McCray home was damage the home a few years ago; however, it was repaired. Their four children are: Marshell McCray and daughters, Shericka and Shanika Whaley; Barry McCray; Terrance McCray and Melissa McCray.

Cross Knox Street

One of the families recalled as living at the corner of Reed and Knox was Albert and Mary Parsons. Roland "Punk" Parsons, son of their daughter, Nellie, lived there in 1941 and attended JMC School in the third grade. His mother remarried and moved, but his grandparents wanted him to stay with him. Mr. Parsons later moved to Philadelphia and lived there for the last 42 years. He and his wife, Marion (deceased), moved back to Millsboro a few years ago. Their only child, Roland, Jr., is also deceased. Mr. Parsons noted that his wife and son died within less than a year of each other. The location of the Parson's property is the property on which George and Lois Wolford and family built a new house on the property over twenty years ago. The Wolford's presently live at this location. George and Lois Wolford's children are: Gina Holland whose children are: Jackie, Johnda, John, Johnathan; Gino; Dwayne (wife - Alberta Hagans) whose children are Alana and Deshana; George (wife - Karen) and children Tatum, Tammy and Troy; and Keith (wife - Carolyn Brown) and child, Cyrus.

The next house is the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Harmon. There is a field between the Harmon's home and the next house.

This house is occupied by the daughter of Priscilla Schofield.

The next house is the home of Priscilla Schofield.

The next house is the home Mrs. Cordelia Tyre who is a well known lady in the Frankford-Dagsboro area and has lived in this home for many years.

Mrs. Tyre's house is followed by another vacant property.

The next house is the home of Jerry Smith and family.

The owner/occupant of this home is unknown.

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This property is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Handy. Mr. Handy is employed at the Delmarva VCA Hospital in Berlin, Maryland. The house is distinguished by a white picket fence and a lighthouse in the yard.

The next property is the home of Alfonso and Viola Douglas. Their children are: Bernice Douglas Austin, Delores Pumphrey, Alfonso (deceased), Tyvola, and Wilhelmina. Wilhelmina entered ninth grade as the first integrated class and graduated from John M. Clayton. She is currently Administrative Judge of the Northeastern Regional Office of Merit Systems Protection Board in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The next property was the house in which Weldin Cropper had his barber shop many years ago.

The owners/occupants of the next homes are unknown. They are thought to be rental properties.

The next property is the residence of Maria Mitchell, whose children are Eva, Charleston, Kenny, and Rosario.

The owner/occupants of the next homes are unknown.

The house on the corner of Reed is the Matthews' home and the family will be listed on Honolulu Road.

Turn at the end of Reed and Honolulu on the right side toward Main Street

A new home has just been built in August of 2003. The owner of the home is listed as Yolanda Lopez and family.

Another new home was just constructed in August of 2003. The owner of this home is listed as Martha Cruz and family.

The next house is the home of Gloria Vann.

It is felt that the next house is the home of Gloria Vann's mother, Sylvia Vann.

The occupant of the next home is unknown.

There is a wooded area before the next three homes.

This home was formerly occupied by Etta Tingle (Etta was also well known in Dagsboro and Frankford). She was employed by Mr. and Mrs. Curtis W. Steen, Sr. in Dagsboro for many years. She is now deceased. This home is now the home of Sarah and Rebecca Blake.

The next house was the home of Etta Tingle's father. It is presently occupied by Hillary Hill and Teresa Blake and family.

The following house was the home of Ella Long and Madge Broadwater. Geraldine Blake Smith and family are the present occupants.

The next home was Burton Cannon. Audrey and John Andrews resided there until their deaths. It was felt that it was built by Burton Cannon. It is the present residence of Mildred Harmon.

The next property and house are owned by Robert McMillan.

Although there is no house on this property, it was once the home of Sadie Miller (deceased) and sons, Wit and Elmer (both deceased).

At one time there was a home on this property. It was felt that Will Truitt owned the house. A family recalled as living in this home the 1940's was Olive Bunting and family. It was later the home of Calvin Lynch and family. Their son was Calvin Lynch, Jr.

The property was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Will Truitt. It was later the residence of Mordecai and Helen Hudson and family (listed on Green Street). It was next the home of Harry and Bertha Dukes and their family. Alfred "Pete" Dukes and wife, Roberta (deceased), who have a son, Wayne; Roland (wife - Jean) and daughters, Mrs. Brian Henley (Tina) and Mrs. Doug Chandler (Sandie); Asher Lee (deceased); and Olive Ann Milutin whose children are: Rudy (Kathryn), Kenneth (wife - Sheri) and children Sharon and Melanie; Mrs. Rick Carey (Diane) whose children are Amber, Amy, Andy and Alex; and Mrs. Al Melson - deceased) (Debbie). The home is presently thought to be owned by John McMillan.

It is in this area that a road extended from Knox out to the present Clayton Avenue. More information on this is listed on Clayton Avenue.

The next house was the residence of C. G. and Eunice Crocker. They had three children who are: Edwin, Charles David and Gertrude. Many recalled that he sold newspapers in his home. Mr. Crocker had been a school teacher before he became blind. He sold insurance at one time. After the death of his wife, he remarried and moved to Newark. Even though he was blind, he was a very remarkable man. There is no home on this property...the lot is vacant. Roland Dukes, who lived on the corner of Reed and Knox Street when he was a boy, recalled seeing Mr. Crocker go to his small chicken house behind his home to pick up eggs and bring them to his house. Mr. Crocker chickens were layer hens. Since he was blind, he had a clothesline attached from his house to the chicken house, and would use the clothesline as a guide to go to and from the house to collect the eggs.

This house was felt to be a residence of a Wright family. It was later the home of a Mrs. Turnage. Unfortunately, Mrs. Turnage was murdered in this home. The home had a fire and the shell is still standing. The property was

later sold.

The next home was the residence of Frank and Ethel Gray. It was felt that Norma Long Hudson (Mrs. Gray's sister) lived in this home with the Gray's. The present owner is Gertrude Crocker Hudson. Her children are Charles David "Butch" and Suzanne.

The large building was called the Odd Fellows Hall. The upstairs was used It was a gathering place for the Odd Fellows, a men's organization. It was also recalled that the Rebekah's Lodge (ladies organization) used the same building to hold meetings. The downstairs part of this building was used as a post office until 1933. The last postmaster was Clarence Esham. The next post office was on Main Street. The building was used during World War II, as the OPA office. During the War, residents could only get sugar, gas and shoes by using what were called "rationing stamps"...they could be redeemed for these items at designated times.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dukes (owners of Dukes store) had a home in this location. It was recalled as being "red" in color. This home was next to the store. As a child, Mrs. Dale (Jean) Hudson, related that she recalled visiting her mother's aunt, Ethel Dukes. She would ride the train from Millsboro to Frankford, walk to her grandmother's home, and then visit Mr. Dukes' store to buy candy. There is no building on this site presently.

A small store building on Reed Street was owned by Frank and Elizabeth Dukes and operated as a general store. They had one daughter, Stella. It was recalled as being painted "red" the same as their house. Many of the townspeople fondly remember Mr. Dukes and the store. He sold "penny" candy. As children, they would walk to Mr. Frank's Store and get their little "sweet treat". The candy was displayed in glass jars...one of the hard candies they recalled getting was a peppermint candy. It was also remembered that the flooring of the store was wide oak planks. There was a wood stove in the middle of the building, and Mr. Dukes had a special chair in which he sat by the stove. Barrels held dried beans (which were dipped out and sold by weight). The barrels also held many of the various hardware items, such as nails and screws. There no longer any buildings on this site.

The Captain Ebe Chandler house is listed on Main Street.

## HONOLULU ROAD

Begin on the Clayton Avenue end of Honolulu on the right side.

The home at the corner of Clayton and Honolulu (Bud Booth's home) will be listed on Clayton Avenue.

This house was the Carmel Shockley house. It is presently the home of the David Bishop family.

The next house is the home of Jackie Whaley and family.

The house of Kenny Purnell and family is the next home.

Daniel Purnell and family live in this home.

Leroy Williams lives in this house.

The Walter McCray, III family lives in this home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Showell are the occupants of this house.

The next home is a double wide modular owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mumford.

The next property is a mobile home which is now unoccupied; however, it was once recalled as the home of Lindsey Tunnell.

The Fitchett Wescott property is the next property.

At the corner of Honolulu and Shockey Road is an unoccupied house. The owner is unknown.

Cross Shockey Road (This will be listed as a separate street)

The following house was the residence of the George Godwin family. It is presently occupied by their daughter, Wanda Godwin White and family.

The McCray family occupies the next home (double wide).

The residents of this house Pam Davis and daughter, Latisha. Pam works for the Indian River School District in the food services area, drives a school bus, and works part time at Jay's Market.

There is no house on this property.

The next house is the home of William and Sylvia Griffin. They have lived in this residence for over thirty five years. The Griffin's children are: Lamont; Floyd (wife - Mary); Antoine, Devron, Sherron, Andre and Charmayne; Sophia Macelus and husband and children, Kenyon and Devin; Mrs. Thornton Pitts (Penelope) and children, Tiffani and Thornton Pitts, Jr. (T.J.); Lloyd (wife - Suprena) and children, Novatisha, Jasmine and Tinker Bell; and Steve, who has one son, Devon McCray.



The next house is the residence of Ronald and Sandy Beckett Hall.

Cross Kauffman Lane

On the corner of Honolulu and Reed was the property of the John Layton Lynch family. It was recalled that Mrs. Mearl Lynch (Vivian) lived in the home. She was the sister of John Layton Lynch. She had two children: A son who was killed as a child and a daughter, Barbara. The house was burned and demolished. There is still a portion of the lot that is vacant. However, it may be owned by the people who purchased the land and built a home facing Reed Street (Lopez family.)

The next house is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Mumford.

Cross Reed Street.

This is the residence of Gary and Tandra Matthews. Their children are: Tjasha, Gary, Jr., Deondre and Davon.

The next house is the home of Charles and Diane Lillard. Their children are Desiree and Charles, Jr.

The next residence is the home of Marvin Marshall (wife - Cissy) and son.

The Charles Shelton residence is the following home.

The home of the Johnnie and Betty Jernigan is at this location. They have resided here for several years. Their family consists of: Herman Jernigan, Annie Mae Knox, Jerone Jernigan, Mrs. Vi Custis (Helen) Mrs. Kevin Horsey (Vanessa) and Alison J. Jernigan. Alison has been employed as a county employee of the Sussex County Bookmobile for over ten years.

The next house is the home of Warner and Mabel Turlington Custis. Mrs. Custis raised her family in this home. They are: Matt Rayne, Rico Turlington, Flora Turlington, Alisha Turlington and Jose Turlington.

The Adele Mumford family is the occupant of this house.

The residents of this house are Gwen Drummond and family.

Turn at the end of Honolulu Road at Thatcher Street toward Clayton Avenue on the right side.

There is a vacant lot at the front of Honolulu, but a new home has been placed on the lot facing Honolulu. This may be another lot to be improved at a later date or just a large front lawn.

It was remembered that Stanford and Valerie Bratton and family resided in this home. Stanford (deceased) was a state employee and Valerie was a teacher for the Indian River School District. It was felt that Mrs. Bratton is also deceased. It is not known who presently resides there.

The former Dale's Trailer has been renovated and is presently Frankford Trailer Park. The owner is Jimmy of Jimmy's Grill. It has quite a few mobile homes in the park. It is not known as to who lives in the park at this time.

It is thought that the next house is occupied by the Custis family.

It was in this location that Sylvester Bratton had his home. He also operated a barber shop in one area of the home. It is felt that the house is now occupied by his son, Pat Bratton and his family.

This house is thought to be the George Oliver home.

A mobile home is located on this property and is owned by Rachel Holland Houston.

The next home is recalled as the home of Harvey and Essie Adkins.

The Annie Walker family occupied this house.

It is at this location that a road extends into the field (across from the Reed Street.) The residents of these properties are unknown at this time.

The next house is a mobile home occupied by James Walker.

The following house is the home of the Wayne Marvel family.

On the corner of Murray Road and Honolulu is the home which was the residence of Alkay Cannon Banks. She was a home economics teacher at one time for the Indian River School District. It is presently the home of her daughter, Candi, and her family.

Cross Murray Road.

On the corner of Honolulu and Murray Road is the residence of Joseph and Sophia Marcelus. It also houses a day care business named "Seasons of the Children." This is a licensed day care operated by Mrs. Sophia Macelus. Her children are: Kenyon Middleton, Devin Middleton and Jeffrey Bratton. The property was formerly the home of Carl and Lena Vesper (deceased). Mrs. Vesper was recalled as working for many years at the Truitt's Dress Factory in Dagsboro, operated by Larry and Mayda Truitt. Mr. Vesper repaired small motors and worked in other places in Frankford. Mr. and Mrs. Vesper built this home (it was next door to his mother, Mrs. Minnie Vesper). The Vesper's have a daughter, Mrs. Robert Jones (Carlene). The Jones' have two children: Daughter Mrs. Paul Brennan (Mechele) whose children are Hayley and Molly; and a son, Michael (wife - Celeste) and daughter, Schylar.

The next house (very close to the Vesper home) was the home of Albert Frank and Annie Hudson Williams. Their children are listed on Clayton Avenue where they moved after living on the Honolulu Road farm (circa 1912). Mrs. Minnie Turner Vesper moved to Frankford from Philadelphia after the death of her husband. The farm was at that time a working farm with livestock and fields to be tilled. Apparently from the dates I have seen, the house was likely purchased from the Williams' family. Minnie Vesper's sister, Elsie Frantz, frequently came to visit her in this house. Some of our group recalled Elsie. After purchasing the home, Minnie later found that a story had been going around Frankford that there was a certain bedroom supposedly "haunted" by a Sea Captain, who had once lived in the home. It was told that he had left his "cane" in that certain bedroom before starting on a sea journey...apparently the ship sank and he died. It was relayed to her granddaughter, Carlene Vesper, by Ms. Minnie that the sheets would come off the bed when she was living there. Needless to say, she changed it from a bedroom and made into a "sitting room." When the house was demolished,

Carlene Vesper Jones, granddaughter of Minnie Vesper, went to look for the "cane" which had previously been in the house...but it had disappeared. It was noted that since Mrs. Vesper had worked in the restaurant business in Philadelphia, she had a small restaurant in her home...it was called a "tea room." She had hardwood floors installed in an area of the home for dancing, and it was recalled that Cliff Temple and other musicians played for the guest's entertainment.

Today a large field is between the Williams/Vesper home and the next property.

It was recalled that Bud and Frances Booth lived in the next home. They sold the home and moved to their new home on the corner of Clayton Avenue and Honolulu Road. The property was purchased by Raymond and Stella Rickards. The Rickards' purchased the house in the 1940's. Their children are: Mrs. Mildred Lewis Littleton, her children are Marguerite Johnson (deceased) and Victor Lewis (wife - Nancy); Mrs. Ray Wells (Thelma); Ronald Rickards (wife - Norma Lee) (deceased); Mrs. Abbie West (Pauline) who had one son, Greg; Mrs. Wilbur Chandler, Jr. (Rosetta) (deceased); Mrs. Arthur Lynch (Margaret); Mrs. John Furbush (Rosa Lea who is deceased); Mrs. Marvin McCabe (Jean) whose children are: Steve (wife - Cathy Cahall) and daughters, Courtney and Shanna; Jerry (wife - Cindy Weaver) and daughter, Lindsay; and Mrs. Mike Schaffer (Denise) and daughter, Kristen; the Rickard's had another son, Robert, who died when he was 10 years of age. It is felt that the last occupants of the home were Gloria Knight Johnson and family. Presently it is unoccupied.

The next house was the home of Sadie and Handy West (deceased). It was recalled that the house burned and Mr. and Mrs. West moved a mobile home onto the property. Even though they lived in different homes in Frankford, this property would be considered the home of the West's children: Abbie West (wife - Pauline) and son, Greg; Donald West (deceased); Mrs. Ricky Stone (Louise) whose children are Mrs. Chris Jensen (Terri) and children, Shane and Casey Jensen; Mrs. Earl Drayton (Kim) whose son is Travis Fisher; Quintin Stone, Mrs. Mickey Hall (Kim and Mrs. Chuck Witsel (Dee); Kendall West (deceased) and Virgil West, who are twins.

The house at the end of the road (Reuben Evans Home) will be listed on Clayton Avenue.

## MILL STREET

Begin at the end of Delaware Avenue toward Mill Street on the right side

The house on the corner will be listed on Delaware Avenue.

The next house was the home of Charles Taylor and family and is presently vacant.

The following house is presently vacant. It was recalled as being the residence of William and Lucy Johnson and family.

The house on this property is unoccupied. However, Essie Adkins, James and Annie Walker and families have lived in the home.

This house is a rental property and the occupants are not known. It was the home of Fred and Stella Short.

The next property is a mobile home. It is the property of John and Maude Daniels who presently reside in the home.

On the corner of Mill and Green Street was Sampson Lodge...it is listed on Green Street.

Cross Green Street

There were no known buildings between Green and Frankford Avenue. The house at the end of Mill and Frankford Avenue...will be listed on Frankford Avenue.

Turn at the end of Mill and continue on the right toward Delaware Avenue.

The house at the end of Mill will be listed on Frankford Avenue.

The following house is presently occupied by Clarence and Lois Handy and family. It was previously the home of Thomas and Norena Oliver (deceased.) The Oliver's had two sons: Albert Tyrone (which lives in the next home) and Thomas Oliver (wife - Patrina).

The following house is the home of Albert Tyrone and Cynthia Oliver. Their son, Tyrone, Jr. also resides with them. Mr. Oliver is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Oliver. Mr. Oliver had the home in which they live built in about 1974. He retired from the DuPont Company after thirty-three years of service. Mrs. Oliver worked until retiring from Kim Industries, a factory manufacturing children's clothing in Selbyville. Mr. Oliver was the first African-American to serve on the Frankford Town Council. He served for nine years from 1990 to 1999. He gave me some information that his Uncle, William Oliver served in the Civil War.

It is felt that it is behind the Oliver property that the Treat Mill was located. Since we have three different locations as possibilities, it is felt that this may be the location. One of the largest business ventures ever started in Frankford was established on Mill Street. It was started in 1877 by Charles Treat. Mr. Treat leased the old Gum Mill and began the

manufacture of patent barrels. The business was operated for approximately 18 months. Following numerous experiments trying native woods (gum trees from the surrounding Cypress Swamp) being used for veneering purposes, Treat decided to embark on veneer plaques and boxes. A partnership was formed around 1879 with James and Norman B. Huxford under the name "Huxford & Company". The business was equipped with the finest steam driven machinery and manufactured wood veneers, baskets, plaques, plates and other novelties in wood. It was said the business employed 300 men, women and children\* at the factory. Business was carried on at this plant until it was moved to Georgetown in 1883. When the business moved, it dealt a severe blow to the economy of the Frankford area. The business moved to Georgetown; and Mr. Treat later filed for bankruptcy. When this story was related to me by Mrs. Eunice Holloway, she found it amusing that Mr. Treat became Treasurer of the United States some years later. Present day "child labor laws" would not permit children working around machinery. Many children worked on family farms and other types of businesses . . . as there were no wage laws.

The next house is presently unoccupied. It was the home of Mae Beckett and sister, Gertrude McCray and families.

The following home is unoccupied at this time. It was the home of Pearly and Leata Boykins and family. After that it was also the home of Joyce McCray.

It was on this property that John McCray had a barber shop. His grandson, George Beckett, said that he fondly recalls his grandfather working in his barber shop. The building has been demolished. It is presently a vacant lot.

This house is the present home of Harley (deceased) and Lettie Williams Oliver and family.

It was recalled that the house at this location was once the home of Dan and Addie Young. The present occupants are unknown.

Rose and Paul Burton's house will be listed on Delaware Avenue.

House on the other corner of Mill and Delaware Avenue will be listed on Delaware Avenue. Is presently occupied; the occupants are unknown. This was the home of John and Bertha McCray and family. This property was also felt to have been the home of Charles and Vivian Wolford at one time.

## U.S. 113 (DuPont Highway)

U.S. 113 was completed in 1924. Upon its completion, it was deeded to the State of Delaware. Most of the people in the area called it the dual or the DuPont Highway. It was constructed by monies allocated by Coleman DuPont. At that time it was not a four lane highway. It was one lane going north and one south. Prior to the coming of the highway, the town depended on the rivers, streams, railroad, horse and buggy, or horseback as its primary form of transportation. Horses and carriages were owned by many. It was said that some wives felt their husbands treated their horse as well as their wife. I am sure this is not truly accurate; however, it goes to show that these animals were needed and respected. Dirt roads, and roads paved with clam shells, gave way to the concrete and eventually hot mix roads of the present day.

Tightwad, Inc. trading as Poorman's Auto Sales is located on the corner of Delaware Avenue and U.S. 113. Poorman's business buys, sells, and trades, classic cars, antique cars and antique toys.

The next property is a large vacant lot. The property and home was owned by Rollin, Sr. and Marjorie Hudson. Mr. Hudson had his wreath business at this location first. It was recalled that Wallace and Marion lived here with their children, Wallace and Donald. All of whom are deceased. They recalled that Mr. Truitt raised crops, pigs and poultry. The Truitt's later moved into town on Clayton Avenue.

The following property is a vacant lot. It and no one recalls a building on this land.

The next house was built by Clarence and Lottie Coffin (both are deceased). They had four children: Mrs. Frances Davis (Alice - deceased) whose children are Valerie and Laverne Davis; Roland (deceased); and two other children were older. It was felt that they did not live here. After the Coffins left, it became the home of George and Sadie Marvel. Their daughters are Mrs. Bud Hudson (Connie) who died in an auto accident several years ago, and Mrs. Larry Widgeon (Judy). It was felt that the next family to live in the home after the Marvel's was Richard (deceased) and Pauline Townsend, their two children are Wanda and Nancy. The home was then sold to Mr. and Mrs. Andy Riggan (Suzette Wolfe). It was felt that Mr. Riggan was still the owner of the property. It is now a rental property.

The next house was the home of Morris and Catherine Baynard. Their children are: Robert Rash (wife, Billie Lynn Timmons) and son, Alan Robert (wife, Kathy) who have one child, Alex; Roland Baynard, whose children are Robert Morris, Brian and William Preston Baynard; David Howell whose children are: Mrs. Mario Howard (Brandi) who has one son, Merrick; and Aaron Howell, who is unmarried at the present time.

It was at this location that Mr. Arthur Banks established an appliance, furniture and hardware store, "The Bank's Company." The Banks' family, consisting of Arthur, Irene, sons, Jeff and Gerald, their wives Barbara and Helen and their daughter Marla and her husband, Robert Daisey, Jeff's son in law, Bennett Murray were all involved in sales and service of this business. Banks Company was known all over Sussex County and the eastern shore for its

great service to the customers. The Banks Company building is located on the corner of Frankford Avenue and U.S. 113. The building is vacant today. Prior to being sold The Banks Company was possibly the leading family business appliance store in the county. The business was started by Arthur and Irene Banks and grew into a multi-family business with their three children operating the business after his death: Jeff (Barbara) one daughter, Mrs. Elbridge Murray, II (Dana) and their children Ridge and Reilly; Gerald (deceased) and wife, Helen; Marla Banks Daisey (Robert) and daughter, Taite Anna. The family and staff at the Banks Company were well known for their good products and excellent service.

A service station operated by Halton Johnson was at the corner of U.S. 113 and Frankford Avenue. It was operated as a Pure Oil Station. The Pure Oil Company was a large oil company operating in Sussex County at that time and leased their tanks to Mr. Johnson. They supplied the oil/gas. It was also mentioned that Rodman Evans operated the Pure Oil Station following Mr. Johnson.

#### Cross Frankford Avenue

The home which was built on this property was built by Lloyd and Edith Hudson. (The house faces Frankford Avenue so it will be listed there)

The next building was thought to have built by a Mr. Coffin. Roy and Pauline Lowe operated a restaurant in this building after having a restaurant in the former Carson Thomas building on Clayton Avenue. The building was constructed of brick. There is now a wooden addition in which several businesses are located. The businesses which are listed on the signs are: Tattoo Parlor, Pawn Shop, Hair Tech Designs, and Peter Romano Used Cars.

Following the mini-mall listed above is Bunting's Package Store. The store is owned and operated by James Bunting and his wife, Diane Campbell Bunting. It was mentioned that his building was built as an office for Bernard Lynch's car dealership prior to 1950.

#### Cross Dover Street

Eagle Poultry at one time extended from U.S. 113 to Frankford Avenue. (It will be discussed on Frankford Avenue).

It is felt that this house was the home of Harper Richardson. It is presently occupied; however, the owner is not known.

We presently refer to "The Park" as the park on Clayton Avenue and Hickory Streets. Although in 1808 the first park was established at corner of U.S. 113 and Daisey Street. Bonnie Campbell Jarvis recalls playing in the park with her friends. A photo of the girls at the park is in the photograph section in the back of the book.

#### Cross Daisey Street

There is a vacant lot at the corner. Mountaire Farms of Delmarva, Inc. is located behind the vacant lot. The Mountaire business will be discussed on Daisey Street.

Peter Raymond and Anna Hudson lived in the next home. They lived there for

forty years. They moved to this home from their previous home on the back road to Selbyville. Mr. Hudson grew chickens in the poultry house behind the home. He also worked as a carpenter and farmed. This home is presently owned by Mr. and Mrs. Orville Bailey, Jr. "Buddy" and son, Billy.

The house on this property was the home of Harry and Sally Lewis. Their son, Wilmer also resided there.

On this property which Harry Lewis owned and operated a small store and gas station. His son, Wilmer, operated the station after his father. As of August, 2003 the building is still standing; however, it appears that it will be demolished or remodeled soon. Mr. Rollin Hudson, Sr. was the next person to operate a store in this location. Clyde Franklin operated the store and service station.

The next house was built by Harvey Evans. It was once the home of Ocia and Ralph Hudson. The Hudson's had previously lived on a farm outside of town on Parker Road. Their family consisted of: Gertrude Hudson Hickman, Rollin Lewis Hudson, Sr.; Lester Ralph Hudson; Anna Marie Hudson McAllister, and Agnes Irene Hudson Banks Elliott. The home was purchased and is presently the home of Orville Bailey, Jr. (Buddy) (wife - Lori) and son, Billy.

The next home is the home of Lester Hudson (Gertrude). Their children are: Mrs. Burton Mitchell (Lavessa Ann) and children, Kim, Kevin, Keith and Kelly; Bruce Hudson (wife - Jodi) two sons and two stepdaughters; and Mrs. James W. Bell (Sandra), of Knoxville, TN Susan Reardon, Stacey McQuaide, Shannon Bell, Mrs. Andy Madson (Amanda) and Jennifer Bell (twins). It was recalled that Lester and Jim Baker operated a business behind their home. The business consisted of farmers bringing cucumbers, peppers, pumpkins and various other truck crops to their establishment. The vegetables were sized and graded and made ready for market. After the grading had been completed the produce was shipped by truck to the Bridgeville, DE and Federalsburg, MD areas. These markets contracted with the farmers and the produce displayed for vendors from different cities to purchase. Presently the house is occupied by the business of Jernigan and Trott. It is felt that this business contracts pouring cement work for large projects.

The next home was the home of Mr. John Antoninich (wife - Margaret) (deceased). The Antoninich's moved from Philadelphia and built their new home on U.S. 113. They had been avid orchid growers and when they moved to the country, they moved their greenhouse and installed it behind their home. They cultivated orchids for pleasure and for sale. They also sold other potted plants.

The restaurant which is located on U.S. 113 before Jay's Market is an Italian Restaurant named, "Angelina's". It was recalled that Mr. Bill Steele built a drive-in restaurant (which were popular at the time). When I say drive-in, I do not mean drive thru as is done with the present fast food restaurants. At the drive in, people came and parked their car outside of the restaurant. Waitresses came out of the restaurant, took orders, and returned with the order on a tray. In good weather, customers rolled down their windows and the tray was placed on the outside of the door with the food on it. Most of the young people who read this will recall seeing this type of drive in on the movie, "Grease" or on "Happy Days" television show. Mr. Steele sold the business to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Cathell. The Cathell's operated the restaurant under the name of "Frankford Joy Freeze." It provided employment



for several teenagers during that time. It was remembered that Lisa and Carol Franklin and Dean Baker worked at the Joy Freeze during their high school years. The building was sold and stood vacant for several years. In the past two years, it was operated as a Mexican food restaurant, before being leased by Angelina's.

Jay's Market is presently owned by Knute Knutesen. Mr. Knutesen is an account from the Long Neck-Millsboro area. He purchased the business from Jay and Gladys Layton who build this building 1974. Jay and Gladys spent many hours developing the store's business. People from all over Sussex County and part of Maryland come to purchase ice cream cones from Jay's Market. The Layton's have a son, Jerry. Jerry (wife - Joyce Rust) has two daughters, Julie and Jessica. The Layton's have a portable potty and pumping business which operates as 5 J's.

#### Cross Hickory Street

The next property is a large field.

The building which is presently the business of Partner's Auto Sales was recalled by many as the building which was built by Carson Thomas. His first structure was part of the old railroad station building. He operated his first grocery business in that building on Clayton Avenue. The new building was also a grocery store. In 1969, it was purchased by Jay and Gladys Layton. They had both worked in John A. Tingle's store on Main Street and went into business for themselves. Their business expanded and they moved into their new location at the corner of U.S. 113 and Hickory Street in 1974. The building then became a great Italian restaurant owned and operated by Francis and Rose Robino. The Robino's have two children, John and Lisa. There have been several businesses there since: A previous used car business and a dollar store.

The next house and small chicken house is owned by Mrs. Anna McAllister. It was previously the home of her husband's father, Carl McAllister. He lived in the home for a time. It is presently rented to Susan Townsend and her daughter, Michelle.

The next home is the home of Sirman and Anna McAllister. Mrs. McAllister was born in Frankford. Her parents, Ralph and Ocia Lewis Hudson lived on the road where Lazy Lagoon Trailer Park is located. Mr. Hudson was a farmer and Mrs. Hudson was a housewife. Sirman and Anna married in 1937. Sirman worked as a partner in the appliance business with Massey Gum. Due to the fact that parts were not available for appliances, and there was a shortage of jobs in the area during WWII the McAllister's moved to Baltimore. Mr. Sirman worked in the Glen L. Martin plant. Glen Martin was a company which manufactured instrument panels for airplanes. It contracted to the defense department. In approximately 1947, the McAllister's built their present home on U.S. 113. Mr. McAllister worked as a field supervisor for Townsend Poultry Company. Mrs. McAllister said that one day bees landed in pink dogwood tree in their yard. She wasn't sure what it was, and called her husband to look. It was a "swarm of bees." Her husband then contacted James L. Hummer, Jr. to get information on how to raise bees. In our interview, Ms. McAllister said you must move slowly around bees because they can sense if you are frightened.

Mr. McAllister sold the honey after his retirement. It has been said that if you eat honey it will help the symptoms of allergies. Apparently it is best if you get the honey from the area in which you live. This is supposedly due

to the fact that the bees pollinate local trees, flowers and crops. In one of Mr. McAllister's newspaper articles, he said that bees only travel in a three mile radius. If a bee dies, the other bees take it from the hive. It is at this point that we turn on U.S. 113 at the branch and return in the southbound lane of U.S. 113 on the right side of the highway.

On the other side of the branch almost on the Frankford line is Wilder's Kennel. It is owned and operated by Lois Wilder Brittingham and her husband, Ronald Brittingham "Britt". Boarding and grooming are done for many local residents and people from other areas.

A house by the Pepper's Creek branch was once the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Dukes. They lived in this home for approximately 6 years before building their home near Dagsboro.

The next house is the home of Donald Lee and Lois Taylor Hudson. This home was purchased from Dr. Blaine Atkins. James Hummer, Jr. was felt to have lived in the home at one time. The Hudson's have two children: Guy and wife (Lauren) and their children, Taylor James and Morgan Lee, and Gail Marie Hudson; whose daughter is Brittany Lynn.

The next house was thought to have been built by a Mr. Evans. Mr. and Mrs. Jack H. Middleton (Leavy) purchased the house, lived in it, and later sold it to Vincent and Nancy Williams Hitchens. The Hitchens' have two children: Brian Hitchens and Mrs. Paul Desmond, Amanda. Vincent's father had owned a service station on Clayton Avenue. Nancy had, at one time, operated a beauty shop in one side of the building.

It was thought that Joe Lynch family had owned the next house. A couple from Pennsylvania lived in it for a while. It was then sold to Bill and Lorraine Steen. The Steen's sons were: William, Jr. (Billy) and Todd. James and Paulette purchased the home from the Steen family. Brasure's Auto Body Shop is located behind the lovely home. The Brasure's (James and Paulette) have been in business at this location since 1980. It is felt that at one time this parcel of land had belonged to Mr. and Mrs. Sirman McAllister.

The next parcel of land was also owned by the McAllister's and sold to Delmarva Power (presently Conectiv) to be used as a substation.

Premier Screen and Glass and PGT Custom Windows has a business in this location. The business does custom work on shower doors, porch enclosures, replacement of glass and screens, and custom windows.

Turf Equipment and Supply is a company with their corporate office in Jessup, Maryland. The company has stores in Frankford and Fairfax, Virginia. The company sells professional irrigation products for residential and commercial customers. They sell irrigation systems, lighting for landscaping, aquascape ponds, sell pond aerators, and offer professional assistance for the projects.

The first house was the home of David and Olive Murray McDade. Mr. McDade was a magistrate at one period of time. The magistrate's office was in one room in the home. The McDade children were: David, Jr. "Sonny" whose children are Shane and Shannon; and Donna Jo Wilder, whose children are: Mrs. Brad Lynch (Deanna) and Burnley "Bandit" Wilder.

The home of Pat (deceased) and Josie Patterson was the next home. Josie's

sister was Olive McDade. The Patterson's children are: Mrs. William Savage (Jane) and children Timothy Mumford and Mrs. Barry Benton (Tara); Reverend George Patterson (minister of Trinity Church in Salisbury) (wife - Vera) and daughters, Heather and Coralee; Mark (wife - Theresa).

The next home was the home of George and Addie Murray. Mr. George drove the school bus for the John M. Clayton School for years. Their two daughters, Olive Murray McDade and Josie Murray Patterson and families lived in the houses next door.

The following house is the residence of Joseph Stranick and family.

On the corner of U.S. 113 and Gum Tree Road the business owned by Orville and Grace Bailey is located. In 1977 the Bailey family began in a small, three sided building. The building was expanded in 1979. It is operated under the name of Bailey & Son Seafood. Fresh seafood is purchased by the Bailey family and sold to customers. They have also established a thriving carry-out business. The Bailey's children are: Lillian Bailey; Mrs. Mike Eskridge (Betty Grace) and children, Heaven and Robbie; Mrs. Eddie Brewington, III (Kim) and children Heather and George Brewington, IV; Mrs. Jim Lewis (Penney) and children Kelly and Ashley; Mrs. Cheryl Workman who is listed on Clayton Avenue; Mrs. Dorsey Dear (Marybeth) is listed on Clayton Avenue; and Orville, Jr. (Buddy) who is listed on DuPont Highway.

#### Cross Gum Tree Road

The next property is a large field. It is felt that it is owned by James McCabe. The land is presently being tilled by Larry Mitchell.

The next home was the home of Norman, Sr. (Pat) and Floris Keen Bunting. Mr. Pat retired from the U. S. Postal Service and his wife retired from Stockley Center. Their children are: Mrs. Charles Blades (Gloria) whose children are: Mrs. Michael Dehlbom (Lisa) and children, Jordan, Amanda and Elyse. And Mrs. Adrian Stanton (Dawn) and children, Meredith and Casey; Mr. Franklin O. Bunting (wife - Nina Lou Ringler) and children: Dr. Lucinda Bunting-Clark (John) and their son, Blaine; Dr. Brian Clark (Sandy) and their children, Erica and Adam, and Franklin O. Bunting, Jr. (Lin) (wife - Lynne) and daughter, Sarah; and Norman Bunting, Jr. (wife - Sandra Shockley). The former residence of the Pat Bunting family is presently D. & G. Auto Sales.

The next house was once the residence of Ethel Mitchell (cafeteria manager at John M. Clayton School.) It was recalled that Mrs. Mitchell also cooked for Restaurant of Don Simpler, which was located on the next property. It was felt that Violet Daisey and Harvey Daisey were the names of Mrs. Mitchell's children.

Prior to the Service Station being located on this property, Don Simpler owned and operated a restaurant on the north side of the building and a service center on the south side of the building. The building was a wooden structure it was recalled by several girls from the John M. Clayton School who worked as waitresses in the restaurant. Helen Parsons Souder was one of the girls.

Presently the next property is the location of the service station owned by Kenny and Jeannie Hooper. It is presently one of the few full service gas stations being operated in the area. The Hooper's also operate a towing business from this location. The Hooper's have one son, Kenneth, Jr.

Seaside Center is located on the following property. In researching this project, Mr. Charles Cormack provided me with the following information concerning the property at the corner of U.S. 113 and Blueberry Lane. Mr. Cormack purchased the property under his business name of Spectrum Properties, LLC on August 24, 1993 from Stanley Horowitz, previous owner of Seaside Chevy-Olds. The site contains two contiguous parcels. The first parcel of 3.87 acres was purchased from G. H. Wilson, Jr. in June of 1982. Wilson purchased the property in July of 1977 from H. & H. Transportation (formerly H. & H. GMC Truck Sales.) The property belonged to J. Layton before that time. He sold the property to H. & H. in August of 1972. Mr. Layton acquired the property from Ruth Wilkens in December, 1960. The second parcel of land consisted of 1.02 acres and was purchased from G. D. Long in October, 1984. Upon the death of Bessie Daisey Lee, in August of 1970 the property was willed to Mr. Long. There is no reference to a property exchange to Bessie Daisey Lee after 1960, which indicated that she held title to the land for at least ten years prior to her death.

One of the first businesses established in the building was Mike Hall' Fitness Center which opened in the front portion of the former Seaside building. Mike is from the Frankford area, graduated from Indian River High School, served in the military, and was an accomplished weight lifter. He was listed as "stongest, drug-free man in the world" at one time. His parents John and Mary Hall still live in the Frankford area. Mike presently devotes his time to the ministry of God.

Another business which established itself in the building at the same time was Maynard Esender Woodworks. Mr. Esender began his business in a small garage on Thatcher Street in 1990 and operated as a one-man shop at this location. (More of this is mentioned on Thatcher Street section). In 1996, Mr. Esender expanded his business to a larger facility at the Seaside Center. The Thatcher Street shop is still used for assembly and storage.

Maynard Esender Woodworks market is primarily the resort areas from Ocean City to Lewes. The business has done both residential and commercial work in Dover, Salisbury, Snow Hill and Easton. Mr. Esender and his staff offer custom furniture and kitchens, woodworkers supplies, architectural moldings and casework, and hardwood lumber.

As of spring 2003 the company has 12 full time employees including cabinetmakers, countertop fabricators, a finish professional, an office manager, retail/wholesale salesperson and installers. Maynard Esender stocks cabinet grade plywood, cabinetmakers hardware and an excellent selection of domestic and exotic hardwood lumber.

Mr. Esender is an active owner/operator concentrating on design and sales of the custom furniture for which the company is best known.

In the front section of the building (which had previously been leased by the fitness center) is Delaware Appliance Company. The business is owned and operated by Robert Daisey and his partner, Thom Young. It was started in 2002. These men are experienced in the appliance field. Robert worked at the Banks Company and Thom was a service representative for an appliance company before establishing this business.

J. & T. Construction was one of the businesses located in this building in early fall of 2003. It is felt they may be located in the Rehoboth area at

this time.

At the front of Seaside Center next to Blueberry Lane, Wilmington Trust Company leased an out parcel on which they placed an Automated Teller Machine. The Automated Teller was put here to take the place of the large, brick building on Main Street in town.

#### Cross Blueberry Lane

The house on the corner of Blueberry Lane (is presently blue in color) was once owned and occupied by Bessie Daisey. It was recalled that she lived there all of her life. Mrs. Daisey's daughter inherited the house and it is now a rental property. It is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Scott. They are raising a grandchild who lives with them in the home.

The following house was the John and Lou Oliver home. It is presently a beige home and is occupied by their daughter, Naomi Oliver Wescott.

The next structure is a mobile home and owned by Tyrone Oliver. It is a rental property and the present occupant is Kate Elliott.

Mr. Will Oliver operated a business in a section of his home which was called "Oliver's Tea Room." It was recalled by Ellen Clark that the front portion of the home was the tea room and the Oliver family lived in the back section of the home. The tea room eventually became the "Zanzibar," and was owned by Willie Clark (deceased) and his wife, Ellen. The Clark's live just off U.S. 113 and drove buses for the school district for several years. When talking with Ellen Clark, she told me an interesting fact concerning black students prior to integration. They had to continue their education in another town after they completed school at #206 (this fact was also mentioned to me by George Beckett). Ellen attended the high school (located in the present Delaware State College). Tuition, Room and Board only cost her father the large sum of \$25.00 per year. This property has been cleared. It is still owned by Ellen Clark.

The following house is the home of William Clark, Jr., son of William and Ella Clark. He has been a bus contractor for the Indian River School District for many years. His children are: Dionne and William Clark, III.

The next house is presently a white house with black shutters. The owners were Charles and Georgeann Oliver. It is the present home of Margaret Oliver, their daughter.

The house on the corner is the home of Robert (deceased) and Mary Frances Beckett. They have one daughter, Mrs. Ronald Hall (Sandy) who has a son, Ron, Jr.

#### Cross Berry Road

The next property is a business, A. J. Trailer Sales. This business was once operated by A. J. Lathbury. Presently it is owned and operated by his parents, Allen and Virginia Archer Lathbury. The business sells utility, dump and landscaping trailers.

The next buildings are two large warehouse type buildings. A. J.'s Speed Shop owned by A. J. Lathbury once operated a business in this location. The Used Car Factory presently has their business in the two buildings. They

sell pre-worn cars and operate an automotive and transmissions repair business at this location.

At the next corner the home of Fred Edward Hudson and Pearl Mae Bunting Hudson and their children: Fred Hayward Hudson (deceased); Fredonia Catherine Hudson (deceased); Halton Mabry Hudson (wife, Evelyn Baker) whose children are Mrs. Doug Appling (Linda Ann) their children are Mrs. Charlie Simpson (Kara Rae- deceased), Logan Tyler, Kollee Ray, Kasie Ryan and Mrs. Kevin Wayne Cooper (Kimberly Johnson); Halton Levin Hudson (wife, Debbie Taylor) whose children are Jeffery Halton (wife, Jessica Moore) their children are Lucas, Allisa and Tyler Hudson; Brad Lee Hudson (wife, Katie) whose children are Caleb and Noah Allen; and Brian Lee Hudson. Brad and Brian are twins. Orrie Fred Edward Hudson (wife, Sally Littleton - deceased) and their children are Gerald Edward Hudson (wife, Diane Collins) whose children are Lori Ann, Joshua James and Jessica Marie; Mrs. Cad Marvel (Tracy Lynn) their children are Hunter Chad and Haley Daniella and Robert Lee Hudson (wife - Marsha Phillips - deceased); L. Dale Hudson (wife, Jean Truitt) their children are Mrs. George Bennum (Wanda Gail) whose children are Mrs. Matthew Glasco (Colleen) and Andrew "Andy" Dale Hudson, Mrs. Jeff Truitt (Karen Nadine) whose children are Ashleigh Elaine and Kyle Brooks, and Mrs. Mike Littleton (Lynn) whose daughter is Tiffany Jean Jenney; Norris Paynter (Pug) Hudson (wife, Aileen Long) their children are: Dennis (wife, Marie Quirck) their children are Megan Joyce and twins, Amanda Marie and Morgan Ann; Mrs. Steve Dutton (wife, Denise Lynn) who have two children, Eric Stevens (wife, Sarah Clendaniel) who have one daughter, Paige; and Jordan Craig Dutton. Mrs. C. Vernon Timmons (Estella Angeline) who have four children: Matthew Vernon (deceased), Halton Glen (wife, Robin Parkhurst) whose son is Travis Glen; Rex Dean (wife, Lisa Ann Atkins) their children are Rex Tanner and Jade Riley; Mrs. Martin Kirby (wife - Wendy Angeline) who has twins, Justin Vernon Holston Timmons and Dustin Trevor Holston Timmons and Martin Kirby, Jr.; Cordy Bleatus (Bleat) Hudson (wife, Bonita Dennis) who have three children: Lisa Mae Riley, child is Taylor Bonita; David Edward and Aaron Bleatus, who has one child, Paige; Mrs. Edward Lee Jones (Millie Pearl) whose children are: Richard Allen Jones (wife, Donna Hitchens) their children are Mrs. Garland Messick, Jr. (Kristana Renee' and Jessica Elaine; Mrs. Michael Morris (wife, Gail Lynn), and Dean Edward Jones (wife, Lisa Dorey) child is Travis Dean Jones; Mrs. Herbert Donahue (Wilsie Myrtha). Herbert is deceased. Their three children are: Mrs. Richard Armstrong (Selena Dawn) whose son is Richard Garrett, Frederick Benjamin Donahue (Julie Truitt) whose children are Stephanie Elizabeth, Jessica Elizabeth and Douglas James (deceased); Matthew Lee Donahue.

Across U. S. 113 from the former Banks Company you can see the Colonel Armwell Long Cemetery if corn is not planted in the field in front of the cemetery. Follow Catman's Road and the cemetery sits on a sandy knoll at the end of a long lane. It is in a wooded area. Several years ago it was surrounded by an ornate iron fence.

The cemetery was named after Colonel Armwell Long who served in the War of 1812. At the time the town of Lewes was being bombarded by the British, a call went out to neighboring areas for volunteers to serve as a militia. Armwell Long a company, consisting of twelve men, and they walked to Lewes. He was given the title of Colonel as he and his men succeeded in driving the British sailors from the shores of Lewes.

Colonel Long was a wealthy gentleman. He and his wife, Elizabeth, lived on a tract of land called "Forest Flower". In 1682 Lord Baltimore granted this

tract of land to David Long, Armwell's father. The property was left to Armwell when David died. The tract of land was very large. It was said that at one time a person could walk from Selbyville to Frankford on Colonel Long's property.

Colonel Armwell Long spent his days between the War's end and his death in 1834 in a wheel chair or using a cane. He is interred in the cemetery bearing his name.

The Colonel Armwell Long Cemetery has been the victim of many incidents of vandalization for over 50 years. Mr. Babe Gum made it one of his many projects to "clean up" the cemetery. The large mosque which most people recall standing atop the hill is gone and the remains of the people entombed there were re-interred. A flat, marble slab with their names engraved upon it replaced the mosque. Helen Murray and Rae Long visited the cemetery in March, 2003. You can see it on the knoll from U.S. 113. Mr. Gum's efforts should be appreciated, as it is now a deserving "place of rest" for former residents of Frankford. Mr. Babe Gum loved talking about the town of Frankford and it is with regret that he passed away before we even thought about this booklet.

Several people had called it "Catman's Cemetery"; however, the cemetery to which they may be referring was an old family cemetery of the Hudson family located on the right side of the road as you turn from U.S. 113 to Parker Road.

The next house was the home of Raymond E. Hickman (Gertrude Hudson). Mr. Hickman was a farmer and Mrs. Hickman was a housewife. It was recalled that Mrs. Hickman was active in civic and church gatherings. Her sister, Anna, also said that Gertrude had taught school in the Godwin School, near Millsboro, and was the correspondent for the Frankford Socials in the Delmarva News.

The following property is another large field.

Truitt's Small Motor Repair Shop is operated in this building. Jesse Truitt worked for several years at Banks Company. He became an excellent mechanic on small motor repair, specializing in lawn mowers. Prior to the closing of the Banks Company, Jesse opened his own small motor repair shop in a part of the building in which Mr. Elwood Clark built as a garage. Mr. Carl Vesper worked with Mr. Clark as a mechanic. Mr. Elwood Clark's son, Gary (wife, Karen) recently built a modern new building as an auto repair shop specializing in transmission work. The Clark's sell, buy and trade classic cars, muscle cars, and sports vehicles. The new building was constructed in 2002. It is still operated as Clark's Garage. It was recalled by Gary Clark that his father purchased the building in 1951 from a Mr. Lynch. Circa 1950 it was recalled that Russell Wilgus had a Nash-Kaiser-Frazier dealership in this area. The first section of the building was built in 1944 and the addition was built in 1946. Elwood Clark ran the automotive repair shop at the corner of what is now Gum and Main Street in 1948. The Clark's have one son, Randy.

In a wooden garage building (automotive repair shop) was owned and operated by as E. and M. Garage (Norwood Ellingsworth and George Marvel). People remember Mr. George Marvel working there. It was also felt that Norwood Ellingsworth operated a repair shop in the garage at one time. It was recalled that Norwood worked on stock cars and also was a driver. Stock car

aces were an activity that many people enjoyed at that time.

The following house was owned by Arthur and Irene Banks. It became the home of their son, Gerald (deceased) and wife, Helen Brewington Banks.

The next home was a small home, owned by the Banks' family. It was recalled that at one time it was the residence of Dennis and Marge Banks who have a daughter, Kristen. Dennis retired as an administrator with the Indian River School District and Marge is a registered nurse and in administration at the Stockley Center. The home is still at this location and is rented at this time.

In the early 1950's Eagle Poultry Company established a chicken feather processing plant which was called "Hy-Pro." These items were made into a fertilizer. It was bagged and shipped to various locations. I have heard several people mention this business since starting the book. The plant was located next to the home of Arthur and Irene Banks. The processing of the items compiled in making the product was so offensive that people in the area had to keep their windows closed in the summer. It was an unpleasant smell. Mrs. Banks said that some times, they would move out of their home for months, so they would not have to be subjected to the awful odor. It was remembered by Rollin Hudson, Jr. that Keith Baker (D. H. Baker's father) was the foreman of the plant. In the mid 1950's, a fire occurred at the plant. By the time the fire department arrived, the building was fully engulfed in flames. There was no way the building could be saved. Although it was a very long time ago, Toby Cullen asked me if anyone had mentioned the "stink plant" as he called it. No one had mentioned it; however, when I brought the subject up at a meeting...everyone recalled the horrible smell. The property now has two very large warehouse buildings which were used by the Banks Company. It is in this location that Atlantic Precision Manufacturing operates their business. The business is owned by five partners. Atlantic Precision has been at this location for one and one-half years. The building is leased from JGM Rentals. Atlantic Precision is in the business of "specialty" welding, sheet metal and fabrication. Much of their business is derived from "word of mouth" and "internet sales." They fabricate stainless steel equipment for the food service, poultry and seafood industries. Their motto is "Thimbles to Battleships"; therefore, it appears that they also do smaller jobs. In speaking with one of the people at Atlantic Precision he asked if I knew that this building was once the "kosher" processing plant for Eagle Poultry. It is probably a well known fact that people forgot to mention.

The following property is a wooded area.

It was felt this property was owned by the Layton family. Tasker Davidson and wife, Irene, built the house across the road and moved to the property on which it sits today. It was noted by Nancy Marvel that her grandfather Davidson, put in many of the back roads into the burnt swamp. He also did some ditching. The Davidson's had a son, Vaughn Davidson (Elizabeth) and they had a son, Willard. They are all deceased. Their daughter is Mrs. Andrew McKirby (Virginia) and their children are: Mike Davidson (deceased), Mrs. Eddie Marvel (Nancy Irene) whose children are Rebecca, Emily, Sherrie and Billy Jo; and John Marvel; Mrs. Thomas Littleton (Pam) children Heidi, Sheila Tomi, Samantha, Virginia, & Logan; Andy McKirby (Cathy) and Andrew, IV and Mindy; Alan (Nancy) no children; Mrs. Steve Shaeffer, (Julie); and David Lee; and James (Virginia).



## SHOCKEY STREET

Shockey Street is a street branching off Honolulu Road. From the right side of the street upon entering Shockey:

This residence is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Smith and family.

The owner of the next property is unknown Elwood and Teresa Burton and family.

Turn at the end of Shockey Street toward Honolulu Road.

The first house is the home of the Annette Gibbs family.

Charles and Andrea Dismuke are the occupants of the next house. Charles is an agent for United Insurance Company. Their children are: Mrs. James Hooper (Katina), whose children are Jade and Quonndora. Quonndora's daughter is Noell.

The house at this location is new Regina Tyler and family.

This house is the home of Ruby and Charles Garrison. They have lived at this location for many years. Their children are: Pam, Kevin, Charlotte, Glenna and Bryan.

## KAUFFMAN LANE

From Honolulu Road turn right on Kauffman Lane.

The first home is listed on Honolulu Road (Ronald and Sandy Hall).

This house is owned by Thornton and Penelope Griffin Pitts. Their children are Thornton, Jr. (T.J.) and Tiffany.

The following house was the home of Theodore Bagwell (deceased). It is presently vacant.

The next property is a vacant lot.

Vincent and Nancy Davis are the owners of this property. Their children are Vincent, Jr. and Steven.

This is the Clara Chandler home. Mrs. Chandler presently lives in Selbyville with her daughter; however, it is occupied by her granddaughter, Janice Williams and family.

Turn at the cul de sac on the right side toward Honolulu

The next house is Irene Atkins house It is felt that Eddie and Lowanda live here.

This house is the home of Kirk and Bonnie Holden and children, Rhonda Ayres and Chauncey Ayres.

The Holden home is followed by the house owned and occupied by Kenny and Faith Drummond and daughter, Hope. Kenny is a supervisor at the Purdue plant in Georgetown. Faith has been employed by the Sussex County Library for over ten years. She works on the County Bookmobile.

The next house was built by Steve and Belinda Beckett Jarmon. It is presently the home of Barbara Mumford and Family.

## WALNUT STREET

Turn on Frankford Avenue to Walnut Street. The house on the corner will be listed on Frankford Avenue.

The house on the right side of Walnut was built by Fred Slade. It is presently the home of Lawyer and Sallie Garrison Hicks and family.

The next few lots are presently vacant.

On the left side of Walnut Street is a home which was built and occupied at one time by Augustus "Gussie" and Minerva Oliver. Presently it is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Clark.

## DELAWARE AVENUE

On Delaware Avenue from Main Street toward U.S. 113 on the right side

The corner is the home of Waples and Gloria Gum (listed on Main Street)

The next property is a vacant lot.

Two years ago Lewis and Elma Gray built a new home. The Gray's had lived on Frankford Avenue for over forty years. Their children grew up in this home and graduated from Indian River High School. Their children are David (wife - Donna), presently residing in Chesapeake, Virginia; and Mrs. Rocco Aliberti (Dayna) whose children are Megan and Dustin Mitchell.

The next house is the home of Rose Burton and family.

The home on the corner was owned by John McCray.

The next home is a trailer and the occupants are unknown.

A new house has been constructed on this property. The present occupant is unknown. The property and home previously was the home of Clifton and Maude Oliver. The Oliver's are deceased.

Harold Short owned this house and property. His wife is deceased. Derek Short is the present occupant of the home.

This house and property are the residence of Ethel Short. It is felt that her grandson, Tyler Short, lived in the home. Mrs. Short will be remembered by many as a former cafeteria manager at the Frankford Elementary School for years before retiring from that position.

The next house was the home of Edith Wells. Her daughter, Judy Peters, resides there presently.

It is felt that this property was owned by John Wolford.

Cross the Railroad Track

The next house is the home of Lilly Mae Briddell and family.

Wesley Hayes, Sr. is the owner and occupant of this home. (More on his family is listed on Green Street with his deceased wife, Jeanette's, family).

The next house was once the parsonage of Trinity Church. It is now being used as an exercise Room and Meeting Room for Church Members.

The following structure is Trinity Holiness Church. It was built by Bishop Arthur Dukes, Jr. The present minister is Reverend Larry Morris (wife - Beth Thomas). The adjacent building was built in 1963 and new building in 1982 (built by congregation). The present congregation has over one hundred members. The minister and church members conduct a prison ministry, nursing home ministry and other community work. Food drives are also conducted and special food drives are conducted during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

The next house was felt to be the residence of the Midgett family.

The following house was the home of Isiah Foreman and family.

Alice Godwin is the owner and occupant of this property. Mrs. Godwin's grandson, Darius, lives with her. Darius is the son of Sonya Godwin, who is deceased.

This is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Spence, Sr. The Spence's children grew up in this house.

This residence is presently the home of Mr. and Mrs. Church. It was once the home of the Alfred McCray Family.

The next property is vacant to U.S. 113.

Turn at U.S. 113 and return to Main Street continuing on the right side of the street.

Poorman's is listed on U.S. 113.

There have been no houses to the railroad track. However, a house has been moved in across the street from Wesley Hayes, Sr.'s home. It is felt that it may be renovated to be used as an office for Hayes Trucking Company.

Cross the railroad Track

It was felt that Harry and Florence Hudson purchased a house from a Mr. Pugh. Their family lived there for several years. Harry was chief custodian at John M. Clayton School and Florence was a homemaker. She operated a chicken farm on the property. The Hudson's children are Eleanor (deceased) Hudson, Grace (died in infancy); Walter (Lib) whose children are Barbara Peters and Connie Huffman; Jimmy (deceased); Mrs. William Toomey (Harriett Ann) both deceased, whose children are Rosemary Steele, William Toomey, Kathy Cooper. . A new home has been built by Larry and Darlene "Dora" Thomas Isler, whose children are: Ira Bell and Krystal Bell.

This property was purchased by Minnie and Glenn Griffin (deceased). The property became the home of their children and grandchildren: Jesse and Rosie Thomas. Mrs. Thomas is deceased. The Thomas' had eighteen children: Mrs. James Coleman (Rosie); Clifton Bell (wife - Arlene); Lawyer Hicks (wife - Sally); Orlando Thomas (deceased); Mrs. Larry Isler (Darlene "Dora"); Larry Thomas (deceased at 5 months); Barry Thomas (wife - Towanda); Mrs. Brian Burton (Lorraine); Mrs. Larry Morris (Beth); Mrs. Wilbert Adams (Sandra) Wilbert is deceased; Ronnie Thomas; Marvin Thomas (wife - Vicky); Rufus Thomas; Mrs. Tim Purnell (Amanda); Ronnie Thomas; Mary and Martha twins who died at birth; Ulysses "C.C."; Raymond Thomas. This property is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Tim Oliver.

At the end of Delaware Avenue is the Presbyterian Church... Information is listed on Main Street.

## GUM STREET

Turn on Main Street to Knox Street on the right side of the road. Over 30 years ago, this street was non-existent.

Presently the new home facing Gum Street is the residence of Inthawa and Kheuaran Mochiam and family. They are of Korean heritage.

The next property has a structure on it, but the occupants are unknown.

There is a large apartment building on the next property. The residents of this property are also unknown.

The next property is a vacant property.

Turn at Knox toward Main Street on the right side of Gum Street.

The house on this property has been the home of Marten Dale, Jr. and Sheryl Lewis. Mr. Lewis is employed by Bethany Auto Parts. His wife Sheryl is employed by Peninsula Regional Medical Center. The Lewis' have three children: Daniel (wife - Dara Eckerd) and sons, Thomas and Nicholas; Mrs. Frank Rosario (Kimberly) and Ashley.

The mobile home on the next property was once the home of Sidney and Louise Rogers Mattison. They are both deceased. The home is presently unoccupied. It is felt that the home is the property of the Preston Rogers' family.

## PINE STREET

Turn on Walnut Street to Dover Street.

The house on the right side of the road is the home of James and Edith Sample. Mr. Sample has operated a fleet of school buses for the Indian River School District for approximately thirty years. Mrs. Sample has also been a school bus driver. Their children are: Adrian (wife - Ramona) who live in the Philadelphia area; Mrs. Christian Smith (Teresa) and Thomas. Jimmy has been interested through the years in breeding rare birds and enjoys it as a hobby.

The property which extends to Dover Street is vacant. It is owned by the Samples.

Turn at the end of Pine toward Walnut Street.

This is the home of Roscoe and Ruby Davenport. The front of the home faces Dover Street. Roscoe retired from D.P. & L. (Conectiv). He worked at the Indian River Power Plant. The Davenport's have one son, Russell Lee.

The next home on the corner of Walnut and Pine is the home of Russell (son of Roscoe and Ruby) and his wife, Patricia Blades Davenport. They have lived there for nine years. Russell does photography work, and is contracted three days to Delmar Raceway as track photographer. Patti is a licensed insurance agent. She is employed at The Insurance Market, Main Street, Millsboro.

## KNOX STREET

Beginning on the left side of Knox toward Thatcher Street

The Parsons' house (Punk Parson's home) is listed on Reed Street.

The next property is a vacant lot. There has never been any dwelling on this property.

The house located on this property was the residence of Mr. and Mr. John Furman (Grandfather of Bruce Furman). Mr. Furman was recalled as a maintenance man who took care of the water plant in Frankford, and also read the water meters.

The following home was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Coffin. Mr. Coffin was a carpenter by trade. It was mentioned that Mr. Coffin had owned the house that was the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Will Truitt on Main Street (more about Mr. Coffin and Mr. Truitt trade for the property on Main Street). George and Sadie Marvel had lived in the next house at one time. Their children are mentioned on U.S. 113. Carolyn Robinson purchased this home and lived in it for several years. The present owners are unknown.

The next property was the home of Russell and Florence Hooper. Their children are: Leroy Hooper (wife - Nancy) children Leroy and Russell; and Mrs. Charlie Robinson (Carolyn Hooper Dorey Robinson) and children are: Edwin Dorsey, Michael Dorey, Brett Dorey, and Casey Robinson. After Russell's death, Florence married Oscar Tipton (deceased). This home was once owned by Asher Godfrey (Edna Bunting's grandfather). It was felt that Minnie Hudson may have lived there at one period of time. The home was inherited by Elsie Godfrey Magee Murray (her children are Donnie Magee and Wayne Murray) and this was a duplex. Elsie lived in one side and rented the other side. This house had a large barn in the backyard, which has been torn down. Carolyn Hooper Robinson said she recalled the "barn" as the neighborhood kids liked to play there.

The next home was owned by J. B. Hudson owned this property and it was inherited by his granddaughter, Bette McCabe. Charlie and Albert Franklin lived in this house. This is the house in which Albert was born. Roy and Ruth Luzier rented the home at one time. John and Shirley Shockley are felt to have lived in this home (family listed in Brooks House on Main Street).

The next house was a rental property which was the resident of Turk and Elmira Lewis. Their son is Grant Lewis. Milbourne and Roxie Murray (both deceased) lived in the home at one time. There is no structure on the property at this time.

The property is a small vacant lot.

The store is on the corner and is listed on Thatcher Street.

Turn at Thatcher Street and back toward Reed Street.



The property was owned and the residence of Bob and Annie Hudson. It was later purchased by Dave Bunting and made into apartments. It was recalled as being rented by Frances Ellis and daughters, Mary Helen, Judy and Janet Ellis. Maude Stevens (Mary Bunting's aunt) lived in one of the apartments. The property was sold to Mark King. It was eventually sold by Mark King; however, the present owner is unknown. It is still a rental property.

Al and Emma Clark lived on this street. The Clarks later moved to a home on Clayton Avenue.

It was recalled that Smutt Lockwood and family lived in a home in this area. A barn was in the back of this property also. This property was later purchased by Dave and Mary Bunting.

Gum Street (this street was not there several years ago)

Russell and Mickey Hooper and family lived in the next home during World War II in the next house. Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Lecates were recalled as having lived in this house. Children are Rodney, Jr. (wife - Susan) and son, Michael; and Robert (wife - Gwen Daisey). Rodney, Jr. was born in this house. This later became the home of Reba Massey. Reba's grandson, Maury Jarmon, often visited his grandmother in this home when he was attending Indian River High School.

It was recalled that George (deceased) (wife - Evelyn Rogers) lived on Knox Street. Their children are Richard whose daughter is Shella Evans; Bradley (wife - Edna Lynch) whose children are Mrs. Chad Hall (Amy) and daughter, Kaylee; and Terra; Mrs. Burnley Wilder (wife - Bonnie) and children, Crystal and Lori Bailey, Burnley, Jr. and Deanna; Pam Hudson, whose children are Dallas and Brandon Hudson; and George (wife - Janet Bent) whose children are George, III and Jenna. The Hudson' lived in this home in the late 50's and early 60's for approximately 15 years. It may have been in the house listed above.

The first occupants of this home circa 1926 were Tasker "Tack" and Irene Davidson. The Davidson's later moved to their home on U.S. 113. It was recalled that Kate and Charles "Chap" Toomey also rented this house. It was also felt that Roland and Hilda Coffin lived in this house at one period of time.

Someone said that one of the first owners of the home next to the Opera House was Russell and Ella Jones. This was also the home of Hettie Jane Hudson. It was remembered by her grandchildren that Mom-Mom Hettie would bake "Corn Bread" and "Johnnie Cakes", cover them with a clean cloth, and walk almost two miles to bring them this special treat. It was recalled that Lloyd Lewis rented this home.

The Opera House/Chataqua Theater/Dry Cleaners which was on the Corner is listed in detail on Reed Street.

ON THIS STREET, AS WELL AS SEVERAL OTHERS, MANY FAMILIES MOVED FROM ONE SIDE OF THE STREET TO THE OTHER. IT HAS BEEN VERY DIFFICULT FOR PEOPLE TO RECALL ALL OF THE EXACT LOCATIONS IN WHICH THEY LIVED.

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