

SOUTH CHESTER

South Chester is located on the Delaware River about 13 miles southwest of Philadelphia and the borough is only separated from that of Chester by Lamokin Run. The whole of the territory included within the municipal boundaries of the borough was a part of the enormous tract granted by Queen Christina of Sweden, in 1653, to Capt. Besk. It was early divided up into farms and occupied as such for many years. In 1864, W. H. Green, foreseeing the coming importance of this section as a manufacturing center, purchased lands here and built the Vulcan Works. From this time on the manufacturing interests of the place began to assume importance and it is now the second place in this respect in the county. By the act of March 12, 1870, it was given a borough charter. The principal business is manufacturing and some of the largest concerns in this part of the state are located here, principally engaged in the refining of oil and manufacture of cotton and woolen goods, iron, steel, etc. Fully 1,500 hands are employed and over \$1,500,000 invested in the various industries. In 1870 the population was 1,242, in 1880 it had reached 3,664 and at present will exceed 4,500. In addition to water transportation good shipping facilities are afforded by the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore and a branch of the Philadelphia & Reading R. R., this place being known as Thurlow station on the former road. An excellent system of public schools is in operation requiring the use of five school buildings erected at a cost of \$30,000. There are also three Methodist Episcopal, two Baptist and one Presbyterian church organizations located here occupying well built houses or worship and having a large membership. Gas and water privileges are enjoyed and there is good fire protection, while a well conducted press is ably supported. The town is growing rapidly and seems to have a bright future before it. Following will be found brief descriptive sketches of the more important mercantile concerns here.

Stainton & Thomas – Plumbers and Steam Fitters, 1917 W. 3rd Street

During the great plagues that visited the City of London in the 17th century, the science of the medical profession of that day was baffled in its crudity. Such epidemics as those were are no longer possible, as modern society has learned to regard hygienic and proper sanitary conditions, and through the instrumentality of the plumber, health and life are spared. The firm of Stainton & Thomas are both house and ship plumbers and have all the facilities requisite for the pursuance of their craft. Gas and steam fittings, public and private buildings heated by steam, windmills and hydraulic rams are furnished and put in, terra cotta drains laid, and all kinds of pumps are on sale and placed in position. Lead burning and everything pertaining to their business is promptly executed, and estimates furnished to those who wish them. The salesroom of this establishment is 12x22 feet in dimensions. In the successful prosecution of this business, three assistants are employed. This house was founded by Mr. Stainton three years ago, and one year later the firm name was changed to Stainton & Thomas. Mr. J. W. Stainton is a native of Coatesville and has been in Chester some 15 years. Mr. J. M. Thomas was born in Delaware county, and a resident of this place 5 years. Both are practical plumbers, and consistent businessmen.

E. B. Clayton – Cash Grocery and Provision Store, Cor. 2d and Jeffery Street

This gentleman whose name leads this article has long been identified with the grocery business. In June of 1888, he succeeded Mr. H. J. Young in his present quarters, and has since conducted this as a first-class establishment. Situated in a nicely arranged salesroom 30x18 feet in dimensions, he carries a superior stock of groceries and provisions, teas, coffees, spices, canned and bottled goods cured, salted, dried and potted meats, and in their proper seasons green truck and vegetables and poultry. In the successful prosecution of this business an assistant is employed, and a wagon for the delivery of orders. Mr. Clayton is a native of Philadelphia, where he was born in 1855. Since his establishment here, he has won the respect and goodwill of his patrons and stands high as a reliable merchant in the business world.

Mrs. Mary J. Ward – Dry Goods, Trimmings and Millinery, 2613 W. 3d Street

The establishment of this business dates its foundation from 1883, where in a nicely arranged salesroom 12x24 feet in dimensions is contained several display showcases and a large stock of dry goods, trimmings, gloves, laces, chintzes, buttons, ribbons, fancy work, notions and millinery goods generally. This lady has an able assistant in the person of her daughter, a lady of experience and adaptability in this branch of trade. That this establishment be complete in every detail, a specialty is made of pinking, stamping, embroidering, dress-making and hat trimming, this work being in the hands of an experienced milliner. The dressmaking department is ably presided over by Miss Mary E. Ward, and no means are left undone to secure the best results in artistic work and correct fitting. Everything is done in this line. The proprietress was born in Ireland, and in 1830, came to this country in 1850, and solely through her endeavors, a spirit of perseverance and good business management she has succeeded in establishing her name in business circles as a strictly competent woman of business intelligence and a conviction to do that which was right. Prior to establishing in this business, Mrs. Ward conducted the grocery business for 12 years.

The People's Milling Co., (Limited) – High Grade Flour, Etc., 6th Above Morris St.

The mills of this highly enterprising company are located at Thurlow Station, on the P. W. & B. R. R. They are thoroughly equipped with the roller process and all other late devised appliances necessary for the manufacture of their high grade flour. The leading brands here manufactured are as follows: "Snowflake," "Pride of Chester," "Purity," and "Economy," which are shipped to all parts of the country. They occupy at Smith St., near Morris, a warehouse 18x70 feet in dimensions, and deal extensively in feed, grain and coal. They also keep a full stock of Ohio and Minnesota flour for bakery use. The individual members of the firm are E. O. Faucett, G. W. Seeds and E. Faucett, all natives and life-long residents of Chester Co. They are much esteemed here because of their honorable business methods and the deep interest they manifest in all that concerns the commercial or municipal welfare of this corporate city.

WM. P. Bolton, Jr. – Hardware, 3rd and Reaney Sts.

In the erection of a structure of today, one of the greatest elements entering into this vocation is that of hardware, and to facilitate the exchange of this necessity, the establishment of the gentleman whose name leads this article, deserves more than passing notice.

Situated in a salesroom 20x48 feet in dimensions, is contained a very large stock of builders and general hardware, both light and heavy comprising everything in this line, screens, spades, picks, sledges, locks, keys, rubber hose, tools for mechanics, and a large line of seasonable hardware, such as skates, toys powder, shot, shells, etc., a specialty being made of paints, oils, glass and putty, supplying the trade at wholesale. This is an extensive establishment, being in a 3-story brick structure, the upper floors and cellar being utilized for the storage of superfluous stock. The founding of this business dates its inception from 1882, and for the past two years on these premises. To successfully prosecute this business, several active assistants are employed, and two wagons for the purpose of delivery. The subject of this article was born in 1842 in Philadelphia. In 1861, when a call was made to defend the country's flag and honor, Mr. Bolton enlisted in Co. I, 20th Pa. Vol., under Col Gabriel G. Middleton, and fought in some 19 battles, doing valent service for the protection of his country, and in recognition of his services received an honorable discharge at the close of the war.

Mrs. M. Wright Worsley – Furniture and Bedding, Cor. 3d and Flower Streets

The founding of this business dates its inception from 1882, where in a salesroom 18x22 feet in dimensions is carried a heavy stock of furniture, bedding, and mattresses, oil cloths, carpets, stove and stove fixtures, lamps, glassware, china and tinware, and everything in the line of house-furnishing goods. The stock here carried is so extensive that quarters elsewhere are utilized for the purpose of storing superfluous stock. Not only are goods sold in this line at a rate far below the average, but are also bought and exchanged, thus making this establishment a double convenience to the public. To successfully prosecute this extensive business, an efficient assistant is employed and a wagon utilized for the purpose of delivery. The subject of this article was born in England, and is a resident of this country since 1852, coming here when a mere child. Since her establishment here, Mrs. Worsley has become known in business circles as a conscientious and consistent business woman,, and a lady who studies the demands of the trade and watches with vigilance the interest of her patrons.

Ellis Watts – Groceries and Provisions Cor. 2d And Townsend Streets

The founding of this business dates its inception from 1877. Established in a salesroom 40x20 feet in dimensions, Mr. Watts carries a superior line of groceries and provisions, teas, coffees, spices, and a fine line of family flour, canned and bottled goods, salt, dried, and potted meats, and in their proper seasons, green truck, vegetables and poultry; also a line of cigars and tobacco. In the successful pursuance of this business, an assistant is employed and a wagon for the purpose of delivering goods. The subject of this article is a native of Maryland, where he was born in 1849. In his boyhood days Mr. Watts was subjected to the iniquitous system of slavery, and was in the possession of Francis Able. Since his redemption from ownership he exerted in himself all the powers of his manhood and established himself as a free citizen, gaining the esteem of all who know him through his intelligent and amiable disposition. Prior to the establishment of this mercantile pursuit, he pursued the avocation of an agriculturalist. Mr. Watts is a gentleman of superior intellectual attainments, and stands high in the estimation of the business world as a reliable merchant, and enjoys the goodwill of his patrons.

Wm. H. Major – Bakery, Ice Cream, Etc., 2524 W. 3d St.

The founding of this business dates its establishment from 1875. Situated in a nicely arranged salesroom, this establishment carries fine and large stock of baked products, bread, plain and fancy cakes and pies of all kinds; also a line of plain and fancy confections, bonbons, chocolates, mint, etc. In the rear of the store is a finely decorated ice cream parlor, and a large trade in this cooling refreshment is transacted. The ice cream is made by steam power, the average product footing up to 1000 quarts weekly sold both at wholesale and retail, a specialty being made in furnishing balls, picnics, parties and weddings with ice cream and fancy cakes. Four assistants are employed and two wagons for delivery, the average consumption of the bakery being 18 barrels of flour a week. The proprietor was born in 1853, and is a native of this county. He is a practical baker and since his establishment here, has won the respect and esteem of the community, and is regarded in business circles as a reliable merchant.

James McNulty – Grocer, 2401 W. 3d Street

The founding of this business dates its inception from 1887. Established in a salesroom 18x33 feet in dimensions, Mr. McNulty carries a fine stock of groceries and provisions, teas, coffees, spices, china, glass and queensware, canned and bottled goods, etc. An able assistant is employed and a wagon for the purpose of delivery and to facilitate the progress of the establishment. The subject of this article was born in 1854 in Delaware County, and for the past years has been a resident of Chester, where he is known to the business community as a capable and consistent man of business, studying the demands of his large and increasing trade.

E. Harkins – Cigars and Tobacco, 414 Highland Ave.

The salesroom of this establishment is 18x26 feet in dimensions, and contains a large stock of fine cigars and all the leading brands of chewing and smoking tobaccos, pipes, and smoker's articles in general. The foundation of this business dates its inception from 1882, and from the first has continued a successful establishment through proper business management. No means is left undone to secure the best accommodations for patrons of this establishment. Mr. Harkins was born in Chester County in 1855. He has the advantage of a large circle of acquaintances and was appointed Adams Express Agent for Thurlow, and in this capacity has won the esteem of the community for his energetic efforts in this direction.

Ward Bros. – South Chester Laundry, 2639 W. 3d St.

That cleanliness is next to Godliness is fully demonstrated at the laundry of the gentlemen whose names head this article. This enterprise dates its inception from the past year, and has already gained popularity, causing it to be regarded as a necessity to the community. Being equipped with the best and latest improved laundry appliances, the machinery being propelled by a 10 horse-power engine. The salesroom of this establishment is 16x28 feet in dimensions, and contains also a full line of gentlemen's furnishing goods, shirts, underwear, collars, ties, etc. The individual members of the firm are C. B. & H. H. Ward, the former of whom was born in 1864 in Philadelphia, and prior to establishing in this business followed the occupation of pressman in a can factory, in which capacity he was rapidly advancing to the

position of foreman when he resigned in favor of his present business. The latter is also a native of Philadelphia, where he was born in 1866, and pursued much the same course as his senior. Both gentlemen are enterprising in their disposition and young men, by virtue of their own industry are destined to well-merited success. The qualifications and approved appliances they possess secure for them the reputation of superior work in this direction.

J. J. Hare – Watches and Jewelry, 1926 W. 3d Street

Time has been reckoned from the earliest ages, and so common and of such a great necessity has the measuring of time become that a class of men known as watchmakers have been instituted in the great body politic for the purpose of making instruments of mechanism called "watches." Of these the gentleman whose name heads this article deserves recognition. Established here in 1883, in a salesroom 14x28 feet in dimensions, he carries a fine stock of watches and jewelry, silver and plated ware, etc., making a specialty of fine watch repairing in all its forms, and in this capacity his work bears the recognition of merit. Mr. Hare was born in 1858, and is a native of Philadelphia, and in his youth received his education at Girard College, where he graduated in 1876, and in that year came to Chester. In 1885 he was appointed Justice of the Peace, and still retains that responsible position. Being a gentleman of good understanding and logical demeanor, he sustains himself with honor and credit to the satisfaction of all.

Thomas Minshall – Furnishing Undertaker, 2000 Wood Street

In recounting the history of the past, we find that numerous methods have been resorted to in disposing of the remains of the dead. When Julius Caesar lived it was a most common means to consume the "pieces of bleeding clay" by the flames of the sacred funeral pyre. In Australia, the inhabitants take the once living mortal and place him in a hollow tree, there to remain until he is no more. In our time and country, it is customary to place the body under the sod of the earth. For the fulfilment of this office, a class of men known as undertakers are instituted, and of these, the gentleman whose name heads this deserves more than passing notice, because in the strictest sense of the word, he is a furnishing undertaker, making all his own caskets and cabinet work appertaining to his business. After spending years in this business with his father, the firm then was known as Wm. A. Minshall & Son. At the demise of his father, the later Wm. A. Minshall, Mr. Minshall, Jr., succeeded and established himself in 1883. In the successful prosecution of this business, an able and trustworthy assistant is employed, a fine black hearse and a dead wagon, a specialty being made of embalming. The subject of this article was born in 1848, at Marcus Hook, and having a life experience in this necessary avocation, and being a careful undertaker, conscientious in the discharge of his duties, it is needless to add that his success is infinitely assured.

F. M. Reed – Pharmacist, Cor. 3d and Morton St., and Also 3d Near Highland Ave.

Eligibly situated, in a nicely arranged store is contained a superior line of drugs and chemicals, toilet articles, fancy goods, soaps, sponges, trusses, confectionery, patent and proprietary medicines, of every description, such as are found only in a strictly first-class drug store. Two assistants are employed and the prescription department is under the personal supervision of the proprietor himself, a registered

pharmacist. On Third Street near Highland Avenue, is a branch of this store, under the careful surveillance of Mr. Reed, and in charge of Mr. Alfred Butz, of Kurtztown, Pa., a competent chemist and a regular graduate of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. Mr. Reed is a native of New Brunswick and a resident of Chester some 11 years, where he has ingratiated himself into the goodwill of all who know him. In April of this year he received the appointment of borough Treasurer, and an ability to fulfill his duty in this responsible position is assured.

Saml. Hewes – Boots and Shoes, 2506 W. 3d Street

Situated in a salesroom 30x14 feet in dimensions, is carried a fine line of footwear for men, ladies, misses, boys and children's wear; also rubbers of all sizes, a specialty being made of fine repair and custom work in all its branches. In the successful prosecution of this business, several efficient assistants are engaged, and no means left undone to supply the demands of the trade. The subject of this article was born in 1819, and is a native of this county, pursuing this, his favorite avocation all his life with the exception of some few years when he was engaged in agricultural pursuits. Since his establishment here Mr. Hewes has won the respect and esteem of the community.

J. M. D. Thomson- Harness Maker 2d and Morton Sts.

Situated in a salesroom 36x20 feet in size, Mr. Thomson carries a fine line of heavy and light harness, whips, collars, robes, fly nets, and a general assortment of horse-clothing. The founding of this business dates its inception from the spring of this year, and quite a trade has already been built up. Mr. Thomson was born in Chester County, in 1842, and here learned his trade. In 1861, when a call to arms was made, the subject of this article enlisted in Co. F. Purnell Legion, Maryland Vol. In 1862 he received an honorable discharge, after a year of this line.

E. T. Ives – Stoves, Heaters, Ranges and Tinware, 3d and Flower Sts.

Situated in a saleroom 22x40 feet in size is contained a fine line of stoves, heaters, ranges, for cooking, parlor and office purposes, also all kinds of repairs and parts of stoves, registers, dampers, tin and sheet-iron ware, refrigerators and wringers on hand. Tinware made and repaired, roofing, spouting and jobbing especially. The shop is 22x28 feet in size and is situated in the rear of the three-story brick building, the upper floors being utilized for storage purposes, having a hatchway in the building. To facilitate this business there are two assistants employed and a wagon for delivery. The subject of this article was born in 1861, in Maryland, and for the last eight years has been a resident of Chester, establishing in this store some four years ago. He is a young man of superior business attainments and highly esteemed in business circles for his consistent business methods.

Mrs. S. McDowell – Dry Goods and Notions, 2d and Morton Sts.

This business was founded in 1888. In a salesroom 24x14 feet in dimensions, is contained a large and superior stock of dry goods, cloths, gingham, cretons, calicoes, muslins, linens, chevots, plain and fancy figured and striped goods, notions and trimmings, ladies' and gent's furnishing goods, shirts, collars cuffs, ties and underwear, flannel, cotton, woolen, light and heavy wear, etc. A specialty is made in

supplying workingmen's clothing, pants, overalls, etc. The subject of this article is a native of Chester County, but a resident of this place some 17 years. Since her establishment here she has proven herself a capable business woman, standing high in business circles, and has won the esteem of her patrons.

Raymond B. Loughhead – Pharmacist 2607 W. 3d St.

This prominent establishment deserves recognition. Situated in a salesroom 14x28 feet in dimensions, is contained a fine line of articles appertaining to this branch of trade. Pure drugs and chemicals, toilet articles, proprietary remedies and druggists' sundries, especial attention being paid to the filling of physician's prescriptions, this department being under the personal supervision of Mr. Loughhead himself, a graduate of 1886, of Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. The subject of this article is a native of Chester, where he was born in 1864. Being a gentleman of refinement, and having the natural qualifications of a chemist, he is enabled to pursue this useful occupation in a reliable manner.

Ryan & Desmond – Groceries and Provisions, Cor. 3d and Wilson Sts.

Although recently established, this business is readily gaining popular favor. Situated in a salesroom 18x28 feet in dimensions, this firm carries a full and complete line of groceries and provisions, teas, coffees, spices, flour, canned and bottled goods, tobacco and segars, two assistants being employed and a wagon used for delivery. The individual members of this young firm are Mr. J. Ryan and Mr. J. F. Desmond. The former is a blacksmith by occupation and a native of Ireland, but a resident of this place some 11 years. The latter was born in Delaware County in 1837, and prior to his embarkation in this mercantile venture was engaged at iron work. Both these gentlemen are young and enterprising citizens and destined to success.

Alex. Shakspeare – Boots and Shoes, 193 W. 3d St.

A leading store of the kind here is that conducted by Mr. Shakspeare. In a salesroom 14x30 feet in dimensions, may be seen a fine display of footwear at prices as low as are consistent with reasonable quality. The subject of this article was born in 1848 in Delaware. In 1875 he came to Chester, where he pursues the occupation of a carpenter and builder. In this capacity he contracts for work and then employs assistants, having the necessary experience and the proper facilities to fulfill any contract assumed. In 1886 he received the appointment of tax collector of this Borough, and in this capacity has proven himself a valuable member of society, and a man fulfilling his duty conscientiously.

J. W. Hewes – Groceries and Provisions, 1930 W. 3d St.

The founding of this establishment dates from 1882. Situated in a splendidly arranged salesroom 18x38 feet in dimensions is carried a superior stock of groceries and provisions, canned and bottled goods, coffee, teas, flour and table requisites generally. In the successful conducting of this business an efficient assistant is employed and a wagon for the purpose of delivery. R. Hewes is a native of Delaware County, where he was born in 1854, and prior to establishing in this business pursued the avocation of an agriculturalist. Since his embarkment in this business he has found a genial occupation and studies to please.

Lewis H. Zebley – Dry Goods and Groceries, 5th and Highland Ave.

The stock carried in this establishment is extensive, embracing dry goods, groceries, provisions, teas, coffees, spices, fine family flour and feed, hardware, both light and heavy, canned goods, bottled goods, fresh, salt, potted and dried meats, oil cloths, dress fabrics, linens, muslins, plaid and striped cottons, woolen goods, vegetables, fruit and truck in season, butter and eggs, china and glassware, in fact, everything appertaining to a well-regulated general merchandise house. The business was founded in 1879. Two assistants are employed and a wagon for the purpose of delivering orders, and the salesroom is 40x25 feet in size. The subject of this article was born in this county in 1850, and prior to engaging in this mercantile pursuit followed the avocation of an agriculturalist. Since his establishment here he has been recognized as a thoroughly conscientious business man.

Gray Bros. – Bakery and Confectionery, 2702 W. 3d St.

This business was established here in 1888. Situated in a salesroom 32x14 feet in dimensions is contained a fine line of their products, bread, plain and fancy cakes, pies, etc. Several assistants are employed and two wagons for the purpose of delivering bread throughout this section. In the rear of the store is a finely decorated ice cream parlor where this excellent refreshment may be had in large or small quantities, as they make their own ice cream. The individual members of this enterprising firm are W. F. & W. Y. Gray, both natives of Thorndale and both experienced bakers and confectioners. Since their establishment here they have won distinction in the business world as reliable dealers.

W. C. Kelly - Pharmacist, 1804 W. 3d St.

Dating its inception from May 8, 1884, this business is conducted in a salesroom 16x35 feet in size and contains a fine stock of drugs and chemicals, patent and proprietary remedies, toilet articles, sponges, fancy soaps and druggists' sundries generally. Special attention is devoted to the filling of physicians' prescriptions, Mr. Kelly giving personal attention to this department. An efficient assistant is employed and several specialties manufactured among them being "Kelly's Diarrhea Mixture," Kelly's Cough Syrup," "Kelly's Corn Cure," "Kelly's Toothache Drops" and "Kelly's Strengthening and Capcine Plasters." The subject of this article was born at Lewisburg, Pa., in 1860 and after a preliminary course at the university there graduated at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in 1884, and since then has been recognized as a careful and conscientious pharmacist.

J. J. Ryan – Butcher, 1722 W. 3d St.

One of the largest establishments of its kind in this section is that conducted by Mr. Ryan, where may be found all kinds of meat in abundance, beef, veal, mutton, lamb and pork principally of his own slaughter. The salesroom of this establishment is 20x40 feet in dimensions, with a refrigerator requiring four tons of ice a week. The establishment dates its inception back to 1881 and ten assistants are employed. The average capacity of the slaughter house, situated at 3d and Lamokin Streets, is 20 head of cattle, 60 sheep, 10 calves and 50 hogs, throughout the winter, every week and requiring the use of six wagons to convey the meat to the store and throughout this section of the state in delivery. The subject of this

article was born in 1858 in the state of Delaware and always pursued the avocation of butchering. In 1869 he came to Chester.

Mrs. T. S. Collins – Housefurnishing Goods, 1718 W. 3d Street

The founding of this business dates from 1883. In a salesroom 18x24 feet in dimensions is carried a very large stock of general housefurnishing goods, china, glass and queensware, carpets, oil cloths, wash wringers, lamps, etc. The proprietress has efficient assistants and a wagon for the purpose of delivery. Mrs. Collins was born in England in 1844. In 1856 she came to this country and with her husband was interested in the cotton manufacturing industry prior to establishing this business. For some time their plant was situated at Mt. Holly, N. J., and in cotton spinning they employed 24 hands in the mill and did a very successful business. Mrs. Collins is a thorough business woman of experience.

J. H. Rennie – Boots And Shoes, 2731 W. 3d St.

Of the numerous establishments of this character that of Mr. Rennie claims some attention. Situated in a salesroom 14x39 feet in dimensions, he carries a full and complete line of footwear for men's, ladies; misses' and children's wear. In the successful prosecution of this business he has a competent shoemaker to make new and repair old work especially. The proprietor succeeded Mr. Caplan who established here 12 years ago and Mr. Rennie has successfully carried on business here for four years. The gentleman whose name leads this article was born in 1825, in Wilmington, and prior to the embarkment in this business was a loom boss.

C. S. Pierce – General Blacksmith, 1811 W. 3d St.

To be a thorough horseshoer, a man must be more than an ordinary mechanic, no mere tape-line or rule can be used in this work, for everything depends upon a quick and well-trained mechanical eye to shape the shoe, while it is yet sheening, glaring hot, and moreover, an experienced shoer requires to know something of the anatomy of the hoof, as all horses require distinct attention. For the successful prosecution of this work, Mr. Pierce comes along with an experience of a quarter of a century, and is qualified in every way to pursue this useful avocation. Established in a shop 20x35, and two stories in height; the second story is utilized for storage purposes. This place will conveniently hold 9 head of horses. All kinds of smith work attended to, heavy and light carriage and wagon, iron work for boats, etc. The subject of this article was born in 1841 in Valley Forge. In 1861 he enlisted in Co. K, Pa. Vol., and spent an adventurous army life, fought in many battles, and was wounded at the battle at Gains' Mills. At a stage station he was taken prisoner and retained for a considerable time, receiving his last honorable discharge in 1864. He is a member of Wilde Post, 25, G. A. R., of Chester.

David Traub – Bakery, 1713 W. 3d Street

The founding of this business is due to Jno. Wohnos, who established here many years ago, and in 1876 the present proprietor took possession. The store is 16x16 feet in dimensions, and has two fine showcases displaying confectionery and the products of this place. In the rear is an ice cream parlor containing 7 tables, capable of seating 30 persons. The products of this bakery are bread, fancy cakes

and pies, and the average capacity of flour utilized weekly amounts to 12 barrels. Three assistants are employed besides the proprietor, and a wagon is run for the purpose of delivery. Mr. Traub was born in 1848, and is a native of Germany. In 1867 he migrated to America and established himself in this useful occupation of bakery, and has pursued it ever since.

Mrs. S. Cornog – Dry Goods and Millinery, Cor. 3d and Flower Sts.

This business dates its inception back some 20 years ago. The dry goods department is situated at the corner of 3d and Flower Streets and the millinery next door facing 3d street, the latter department being 15x20 feet in dimensions and is ably superintended by a young lady of artistic ability in this direction. The stock embraces a full line of hats, bonnets, straw goods and trimmings, feathers, ribbons and everything appertaining to this branch of trade. A specialty, of course, is made in trimmings of kinds of headwear in the latest, metropolitan styles. The dry goods department is 18x14 feet in size and also has an efficient assistant. The stock here is large and consists of everything in the dry goods line, laces, white goods, muslins, calicoes, underwear, hosiery, trimmings and notions. Mrs. Cornog was born in 1825, in Delaware, and has been a resident of Chester for 20 years. During all this time she has sustained herself high in the estimation of the community in business and social circles.

William C. Peters – Groceries and Provisions, 416 Highland Ave.

Established in 1888 and occupying a salesroom 24x16 feet in size, Mr. Peters carries a superior stock of groceries and provisions, teas, coffees, fine family flour, soap, canned and bottled goods, potted meats, china glass, and crockery ware, green truck, vegetables and poultry in season. In the successful prosecution of this business an efficient assistant is employed and an express for the delivery of orders. Prior to the establishment of this business he was engaged as a clerk. Mr. Peters was born in 1863 and is a native of this county. Being a young man of superior business attainments and enjoying the good will of a large number of patrons, he stands high in the estimation of the social circle and has a good standing as a reliable merchant.

Hubert J. Riley – Drove Yard Hotel, Cor. 3d And Edward Sts.

Established here in 1876, on the boundary line separating Chester from South Chester, is the "Drove Yard Hotel," situated on a plot of ground 300x150 feet in area. At the corner is the hotel building, a 3 story structure having two porticoes around the first and second floors. The first floor is utilized for the restaurant, kitchen and dining-room, office and waiting-room, the latter capable of accommodating 75 guests. The second floor is composed of the parlor, sitting-room and library, and a definite number of dormitories. The third story is entirely occupied by sleeping rooms, the number being 13 all told. These rooms are all nicely arranged and cleanly kept for the convenience of the travelling public, the rates at this hotel being moderate. In the rear of this property is a stable capable of containing 20 head of horses. Connected with this property is a blacksmith and wheelwright shop, and to facilitate an urgent necessity, Fairbank's scales are attached to the hotel. In the rear and side yard are pens and shed for shelter of hogs and cattle, this being the greatest drover's headquarters in this section. The subject of this article is a man of genial disposition, and prior to his establishing here conducted Riley's Hotel, then situated at 16th and Market Sts., Philadelphia. Mr. Riley is a hotel man of repute, having spent a lifetime

in this capacity, in his early years being connected with the Astor House, New York. His residence in Chester dates from 1876.

S. B. Pennington – Wagons, Carriages and Repair Work, 1811 W. 3d St.

The founding of this business by the proprietor dates from 1879, but of late has receded to his new quarters on West 3d St., where he is associated with C. S. Pierce. The wheelwright shop, a two story structure, is 20x40 feet in dimensions, contains all the facilities of a first-class establishment. The paint shop is 80x20, and also suited to the demands of this business. Mr. Pennington does all kinds of wagon building and carriage painting; carts and wheelbarrows are made to order, and all kinds of jobbing promptly and neatly attended to; three assistants being employed under the competent direction of the proprietor to give satisfaction to the patrons. Mr. Pennington has also a repository for the sale of every character of light vehicles for business and pleasure purposes. He was born in 1856, and is a native of this county, where in all he has spent some 15 years in this useful branch of trade.

Franz X. Haser – South Chester Brewery, Cor. 2d and West Sts.

This brewery establishment is of large proportions, and occupies a plot of ground 180x180 feet in area. The brewing is done by steam, and an engine of 12 horse power is resorted to propel the machinery. The ice house is a new one, and built with all the latest approved ice appliances. Besides brewing, the proprietor bottles his beer and is prepared to furnish the excellent beverage to the trade and for family use. The storehouse and vaults are 24x40 feet, and heavily stocked with the products of this place. To supply the trade there are 8 men employed, and 4 wagons for delivery, and no means spared to supply the demands of patrons.

Philip W. Zoller – Confectionery, Toys and Ice Cream, 1929 W. 3d St.

The establishment of this business dates its inception some years back, and in 1889, the present proprietor took possession and is rapidly making a first-class confectionery and ice cream saloon of this place. In a room 14x24 feet in dimensions contained two display glass cases containing plain and fancy confections, a line of choice imported and domestic fruits, nuts, etc. In the rear is an ice cream parlor containing 5 tables capable of seating 20 persons. Mr. Zoller has a fine stock and makes his own candies and all his own ice cream. The subject of this article is a native of Philadelphia, where he was born in 1857, and prior to his establishment here was fireman for the P. R. R., having charge of the heating apparatus station at 16th and Market St., Philadelphia.

Howard Shropshire – Housefurnishing Goods, 2507 W. 3d St.

The founding of this business dates from this year. In a salesroom 12x26 feet in size is contained two counters laden with tinware, china and glassware, lamps, brooms and everything required by a well regulated household. In the successful prosecution of this business two assistants are employed and no means spared to make this establishment a success, his wife and son taking an active interest in the affairs. Mr. Shropshire is a native of New Jersey, where he was born in 1848, has been a resident of Chester some 20 years and has pursued the occupation of a potter in the South Chester Pottery.

Mrs. I. M. Webb – Boots, Shoes & Trunks, 1726 W. 3d St.

The salesroom of this establishment is 20x30 feet in dimensions and contains a very large stock of fine foot wear for men, ladies, misses, boys and children; also, rubbers in infinite variety and trunks and valises. The proprietress was established in the business for four years at another location and this year came to the present quarters. To facilitate the progress of the establishment an active assistant is employed and orders and measures taken for custom work. The subject of this article was born in Montgomery County in 1851. In 1879 on coming to Chester her first venture was that of establishing a tea business then this shoe business and through fair business methods has succeeded in gaining the best patronage of the borough.

Jas. Stringfellow – Oyster House, 2632 W. 3d St.

Situated in a nicely arranged saloon 18x20 feet in dimensions, Mr. Stringfellow has all the facilities to serve a first-class meal. Steaks, chops, oysters, clams and fish are prepared and served at all hours. Every means is taken to supply the best table the market affords. Oysters are also supplied to families by the hundred freshly opened to order. The proprietor carries a line of fine cigars to accommodate the patrons of this establishment. The subject of this article is a native of England where he was born in 1813. His residence in this country dates from 1848 and prior to establishing in this business followed the sea, and conducted, also the dry goods business in Maryland. Mr. Stringfellow is well-known in the community and is held in respect by all.

S.J. ESREY – THURLOW TIN AND SHEET IRON WORKS, 2519 W. 3D ST.

The founding of this business dates from 1888. Established in a salesroom 16x28 feet in dimensions is carried a line of stoves, heaters and ranges. Mr. Esrey is a practical workman in this useful avocation and has all the facilities to carry out his contracts, his workshops being in the rear and several assistants employed. Stoves repaired and fitted up roofing and spouting especially, and everything in this line successfully executed. Castings and grates of any kind and size furnished at short notice. The subject of this article is a native of Chester, where he was born in 1862 and where he spent his early years in this occupation as a journeyman. Being a young man of energy and holding a position in business and social circles as well, he is destined to well-merited success.

J. S. COPPOCK – WHOLESALE AND RETAIL BOOTS AND SHOES, 2101 W. 3d ST.

Established in 1891 in a salesroom 15x30 feet in dimensions is contained a very large stock of ready-made boots shoes, rubbers and slippers suitable for ladies, men's, boys, misses' and children's wear. The stock contains also a line of trunks and valises and a trade is transacted in the wholesale and retail channels of commerce. To successfully prosecute this enterprise and active assistant is employed and a specialty is made of custom and repair work, neatly and promptly executed. Mr. Coppock is a native of Chester, where he was born in 1856. He is a practical shoemaker by trade and has spent a portion of his life in the vocation of a plasterer. Being a native of this place he is well known to the social and business community and esteemed for his strict business methods and conscientious principles in his transactions.

JOS. WARD – BARBER, SEGARS AND TOBACCO, 2640 W. 3D ST.

Shaving the face is one of the oldest instituted customs in the world. TO facilitate the convenience of the shaving population in this vicinity, the tonsorial establishment of Mr. Ward is eligibly located. Here in room 22x 18 feet in size are two fine chairs, and to facilitate the work of the establishment an efficient assistant is employed. Shaving, hair-cutting and shampooing especially; attention also paid to children's hair-cutting. There is also on hand a supply of choice segars and tobacco for the convenience of the patrons of the establishment. This business was originally established by John Dilks, and in 1887 the preseat proprietor succeeded in its management. Mr. Ward was born in 1869 in Philadelphia, where much of his time was employed in journey-work. Being a young man of careful demeanor, his work in this direction is noted for its neatness and finish, and he has secured a large trade.

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