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*Enjoying postcards through education and entertainment.*

**Next Meeting:** May 18, 2020. **CANCELLED**

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## MAY MEETING

**CANCELLED**

## EXPO

Sharon is mailing contracts to dealers. She spoke to Deanna at the Farm & Home Center who reiterated that they are under the Governor's Orders and even if Lancaster County is moved to the "yellow" phase, that groups more than 25 are still not permitted. We will need to move to "green" to hold the Expo. So now we wait.

## \*\* MEMBERSHIP REMINDER – TIME TO PAY DUES

It's that time again to pay your dues. Don't worry you won't be removed from the list if now is not a good time to pay. Just do it when you can. **Individual dues are \$15.00 or \$20.00 for two people residing at the same address.** Please send your check to:

Richard Pendergrast  
950 Willow Valley Lakes Drive, I-506  
Willow Street, PA 17584

## FUTURE SHOWS

**August 1:** Summer Chesapeake Postcard Fair & Postcard Auction, Community Center, Havre de Grace, MD. Sat: 9 AM-4 PM. Admission \$3.00. Live postcard auction @ 4pm

**August 15:** Lancaster County Postcard Expo, Farm & Home Center, Saturday 9AM-5PM (we hope)

## From our Facebook page

I have a keystone model 441 post card projector in like new condition. It has a working bulb, and works perfectly! It is in the original box. It was my late husband's, and I would like to sell it. I am asking \$75 for the projector. Please write to me at [alicegriffin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:alicegriffin@sbcglobal.net) if any of your members are interested. Thank you, Alice Griffin



## JUNE PROGRAM

Member's Market, Club members may sell postcards, books, local historical items, and paper ephemera. There will be a brief business meeting as well as the monthly card competition.

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

July - Picnic  
August - Expo  
September – Leighton Stover  
October – Aaron Heckler  
November – Maria Schurz, Octoberfest  
December – Christmas Party



Sent from  
Minnesota  
to York, PA  
in 1953

## 2020 POSTCARD COMPETITION SUBJECTS

June – Baseball  
September – Large Letter Cards  
October – Horse Drawn Vehicles  
November – Political Cards  
July – Homemade Cards



## **Slender You Tanning of Leola**

By Brian Frankhouser

The traffic light at Route 23 and Route 772 (east) in Leola offers a view of two very different businesses. If you look south of the intersection, there is a Giant grocery store with a large parking lot and all the modern conveniences. If you look north of the intersection, there is an old two story stone veneered building that houses a tanning salon. The old building was much more than a tanning salon in its day, including being a grocery store. This article will attempt to identify some of the highlights in the life of one of Upper Leacock Township's most historic buildings.

According to local histories, Samuel Garber built a private residence on this site in 1800. Samuel's grandfather, John Garber, was granted the first deed to the land in 1745. It was transferred to Samuel's father, Michael Garber, in 1769. When the property was conveyed to Samuel Garber in 1813, his occupation on the deed was listed as "innkeeper", so it's likely he converted his residence to a tavern prior to that date. By the time Samuel Garber died in the 1830's, Frederick Swope had built an addition that provided space for a store on the west side. Swope purchased the property in 1838.

During the 1840's, the "public house of Frederick Swope" was a favorite meeting place for all kinds of groups, including the Anti-Masonic Republicans, School Directors, and the New Holland Turnpike Company. The Turnpike Co. used this venue well into the 20<sup>th</sup> century because it was the midpoint between Lancaster and Blue Ball. On June 1, 1842, a meeting was held here to discuss the division of Leacock Township because it was 16 miles from tip to tip, and too far for many to travel for Township meetings. Almost exactly one year later, Upper Leacock Township was formed. The first elections for the Township were held in this building. Frederick Swope was appointed Postmaster, so the post office was located here. In 1850, Swope left the management of the businesses to Michael Bender, and partnered with his son at a local saw mill. He didn't have as much success there, and lost four fingers to a circular saw in 1852!

The estate of Frederick Swope sold the property to Michael Bender in 1854. After Bender's death, title to the real estate went to Abraham Kachel, then Marks Wenger. During Wenger's tenure of ownership, Jacob Bard was the proprietor of the Spread Eagle Hotel on the eastern side of the building. In 1874, Wenger sold it to Michael Dissinger, who managed the hotel and livery stable, and rented the store on the west side. Hiram D. Bucks, who was related to Frederick Swope through marriage, began running the store during the 1880's. While Dissinger owned the property, its address went through a transition. The 1896 Lancaster County Directory listed Dissinger as proprietor of the hotel in Glenola. The name was short lived because the railroad would not allow it. There were already stops on the line named "Glenora" and "Glenolden", so the "G" and the "N" were removed...thus was born "Leola".

In 1901, Michael Dissinger sold the landmark to George H. Shreiner , who owned it for only four years. During his tenure, Bucks operated the store and J. G. Witmer was proprietor of the hotel. B. F. Weidler bought the property in 1905, but managed the hotel for only three years before conveying the business to his brother, George Weidler. Up to this time, when the property changed hands, the new owner was most interested in the tavern and hotel business. However, as the demand declined for the hotel, the store was holding its own.



Real photo postcard circa 1906 showing "H. D. Bucks Cash Store" on left and the Spread Eagle Hotel on right. Note sign on telephone pole "CARS STOP HERE"...this was a stop on the Conestoga Traction Company trolley route that ran from Lancaster to Terre Hill.



Real photo postcard circa 1913 showing signs for "P. H. Meckley Cash Store" on left and the "Spread Eagle Hotel" on right. Meckley bought the store business from Hiram D. Bucks. The old landmark was located near the eastern edge of Mechanicsburg and the western edge of Leola.

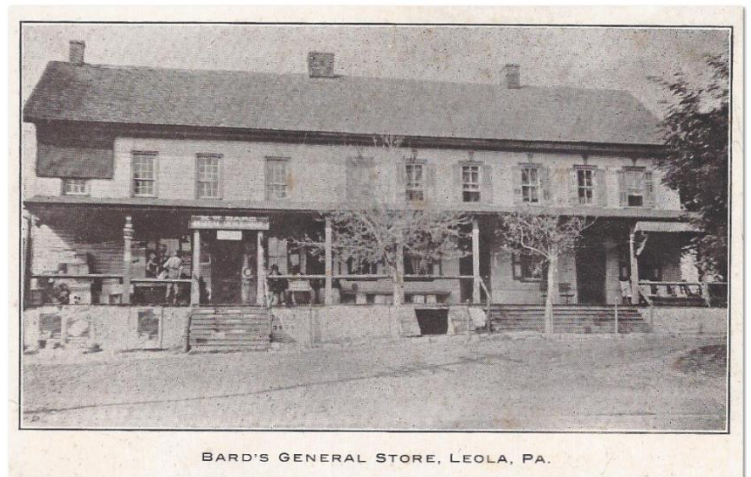
In 1920, the estate of B. F. Weidler sold the property to Nathan W. Bard, who began managing the general store in 1916. Harry L. Miller purchased it in 1940 after Bard went bankrupt. Miller was a staple for almost 40 years before selling to John and Virginia Fuller in 1980. Soon after, they opened "Leola Fireplace and Stove Shop". Several years later, they opened "Slender You Toning" in the building. By 1990, the commercial enterprises were called "Slender You Tanning Salon" and "Leola Heating Center", and were owned and operated by Virginia Fuller. Virginia died in 2015, and the property and businesses were left to her daughter and husband, Sharon and James Murphy.





Real photo postcard from 1932 showing William Hart, who was proprietor of the Spread Eagle Hotel during the teens and had a popular restaurant there. Hart was well known for his ham sandwiches and homemade root beer. He moved to Brownstown in 1920 and was killed in 1932 when he crash landed his Fairchild Model 22 (Lancaster Airport's first fatal accident).

Advertising postcard for N. W. Bard's General Store published by D. B. Landis Pub., Lancaster, Pa., circa 1920.



Dexter Press Silvercraft postcard published in the early 1940's. Reverse is labeled "Miller's Fruit & Grocery Market – Fountain Service – "Where Prices are Always Lower – Leola, Pa." Photograph was taken by McClellan Photo from Leacock, Pa.

Ed. Note - This is what the building looks like in 2020

