

MEET YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

By Martie Kunkel (for the September 29, 1999, "Guide News")

"The Sum of \$10 Bought You a Residential Lot in Camp Hill

"Early in Camp Hill history there was a ban to restrain cattle, mules, goats, swine or sheep from running at large. Wheelbarrows, go-carts, and wagons were not allowed on sidewalks.



"An early post card from 1902 showed a young lady dying her hair, and the caption said, "Am Dying to See You in Camp Hill, PA"

"In the early 1900's newspaper ads such as this appeared - "Will Your Little Ones Have a Home Of Their Own? \$10 Secures Any Lot in Camp Hill." Camp Hill lots sold briskly. *[That was a \$10 down payment! Editor]*

"In 1735 settlers on the western side of the Susquehanna River petitioned Lancaster County Court to recognize as a public road a route from the western dock of the John Harris Ferry to Carlisle, and beyond. This road, already in unofficial use, became known as The Great Road, and its route through present day Camp Hill Borough is now Market Street.

"Sometime between 1739 and 1750 *[1737. Editor]* Tobias Hendricks, Jr. built a log structure along The Great Road. Hendricks, his wife Agnes, their slave Cato, and several Hendricks children operated a tavern to serve travelers along The Great Road.

"Hendricks died in 1779, and his son, John continued the operation of the tavern.

"In 1796 John Bowman, the Elder, and his father-in-law bought the Hendricks property, including 212 acres that extended from present day 21st Street to 28th Street. They erected two stone houses on the property, one of which replaced Hendricks' log building, and which stands on the site today. Bowman continued to operate a tavern on the site. The other house remains also at 2602 [2600] Market Street.

"In 1863 Union canons located near the tavern were fired in response to Confederate shelling from the vicinity of the old turnpike toll house at present-day 28th Street and Market Street."

[That's only four blocks! Check out Cooper Wingert or Jim Schmick's books. If memory serves, the fighting occurred at Oyster's Tavern closer to 30th and Market. Confederate cannon fire came from 36th Street. I do not think the Union forces brought up any cannon for this skirmish. Editor]

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