How It All Came About . . .

In 1974, Lorraine Stanton began interviewing the elderly citizens of Frackville in preparation for the town’s 1976 Centennial. The result of her research and interviews during that period are found in the Old Frackville Tales -- articles printed in the Shenandoah Evening Herald newspaper from 1975 until the culminating Centennial Edition in August 1976. The Tales can be found at the State Library in Harrisburg.

However, her interest in promoting the town’s history lingered long after the Centennial. She continued collecting articles about and pictures of the town and its residents, as well as artifacts reflecting life during the years following our town’s incorporation. She envisioned a central home for her collection of files and pictures, in addition to those items given to her by other people over the years.

When the Frackville Borough Council agreed to give space in the new Borough Complex and acquire her collection, the vision became a reality.

The Frackville Museum welcomes the donation of any items relevant to the town, such as small collectibles, local school memorabilia, Frackville souvenirs, or business items from years gone by.

Cover Photo:

The Curio cabinet was donated by Tia and Mark Cox, West Chester, PA, in memory of her grandmother, Dorothy Wabo, whose 1938 wedding photo is on the curio's top shelf.

The white 1976 Centennial dress on the left mannequin was worn by Dorothy Wabo and the 1976 red Polish Belle Centennial outfit on the right mannequin was worn by Tia’s great grandmother, Anna Gibowicz, whose photo is also in the curio.
In addition to contributors mentioned in specific photo captions, other monetary donors who generously supported the formation of this museum are: O’Boyle family, Madeline Kerrigan, John Chuma, Allan Yudaufski, FHS Alumni, Wachovia Bank, and Jonathan & Allison Stanton.

Mementos
This wall display case, one of two cases donated by Cindy and Bill Turner, holds FHS graduation and reunion pictures from as far back as 1908. The floor display case, donated by Paul Klevis, Contracting, holds assorted pictures of Frackville residents, families, and coal miners.

Dresses
These two 1976 Frackville Centennial dresses are in front of old graduation class photos and reunion photos.

Photos
This wall bulletin board, as well as the floor display case donated by Mr. & Mrs. Carl Pyszowski, contain photos of Frackville residents.

Outfits
His & Her outfits from the 1976 Frackville Centennial.

Keepsakes
Donated by Kreitzer Sanitation, the floor display case holds assorted items from the 1976 Frackville Centennial.

Treasures from the Past

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