Mrs. Trautman recalls surrey with fringe on top

Mrs. Elizabeth Trautman, a guest at Broad Mt. Manor Nursing Home, was delighted to talk about the old days of Frackville. She is the daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth Ann Patten Scott, proprietors of Scott’s General Store.

This store was located on the corner of Lehigh Avenue and Frack Streets on the lot now occupied by the American Bank. It was later tilted on skids and moved to the rear and is the building known as the Law Building.

Mrs. Trautman’s father was the county sheriff from 1893 until 1896 and was the County Republican National Delegate for three presidential nominations. He first located in Frackville in 1884 and was actively engaged in the civic advancement of our borough. He served as President of the School Board for many years and for a quarter of a century was Borough Treasurer.

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Mrs. Trautman’s mother was the former Elizabeth Ann Patten of Taylorsville, Cass Township. She married Alexander Scott in 1871 and until 1881 lived in Branchdale. They later moved to Gilberton but in 1884 moved to Frackville and have resided here since that time. She passed away April 6, 1927.

Mrs. Trautman graduated from Frackville High School in 1900 and then attended the Pierce School of Business in Philadelphia.

She recalled her family having a surrey with a fringe on top which they used to go to Summit Station on outings. At that time picnics were also held at Mud Run Dam and Haup’s Grove.

She remembers meeting her husband, W. R. Trautman while they were both attending school. They married in 1911 and Prof. Trautman has given fifty years of service as instructor and principal of the Frackville School District. He passed away in 1964.

She recalled the Sewing Circle and Bridge Club she belonged to with her friends, Mrs. Hoppes, Mrs. Glick and Mrs. Sanner. She also reminisced about the lovely flower shows the Women’s Club had each year.

She was an active member of the Episcopal Church of our town for many years serving on the Women’s Auxiliary and as the Representative to meetings of the Diocese.

She has been a guest at the Broad Mt. Manor for several years and looks forward to her friends visiting her and reminiscing about our town.