The Nice Family have been in Frackville for four generations.

Walter R. Nice was born in Hamburg, Pa., July 17, 1861. He was a pioneer citizen of Frackville, a cabinet-maker by trade, later a carpenter and for several years agent for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad at Pine Grove.

Captain James Taggart gave valiant Pennsylvania and the American medical profession, was born in Northumberland. Dec. 19, 1846, a son of William and Sarah (Cowden) Taggart, both of whom were natives of Northumberland county, Pennsylvania. He was of Scotch Irish and Swedish descent. The paternal grandfather of the doctor is a member of the fourth generation to continue the undertaking business which he successfully conducted until his death, June 4, 1896, at the age of forty-seven. After his death his widow conducted the business for nine years and then it was conducted by the estate for several years. He was educated in the public schools of Pennsylvania, from which famous institution he graduated in 1879, with the well earned degree of doctor of medicine. He first practiced in Shamokin for the practice of his profession in the fall of 1879, but in the spring only until the fall of the same year, when he located in Frackville where he has resided until the present time and where he enjoys a large and lucrative practice. In 1888 he married the former Joanne Lech and has two children.

The doctor is a member and active worker in the Schuylkill county medical society, the medical society of the state of Pennsylvania, and the American Medical association. He is also a member of District Lodge No. 15, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Royal Arcanum. He gives standing allegiance to the principles of the Republican party and has served as school director of Frackville for two terms. On July 10, 1919, he was solemnly married in the Episcopal Church, Frackville to Miss Henny and Company of Freeport, Illinois. It was the first of its kind ever made and he was the first to have an automobile table which swung the entire frame of the car. The car itself made a wonderful appearance; the body being made of aluminum, with non-rust steel mud-guards and hood which covered a Continenta Real Seal engine and a needle sifting system. The car could be driven two miles an hour in high gear. The interior of the car was upholstered in French leather.

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