This picture was taken in Pottsville September 1, 1919 at the parade held by all Countians to celebrate the end of World War I. Most of the men of our county who served in the war were miners and here is their song:

**The Battlefields Of France**

I'm proud to say that I'm from P.A. where, the mining boys are loyal; Where they put that coal in that manly hole, so And among the bravest of the brave are the miners who volunteered. They love the flag of liberty, the red, the white and blue; They love the miners' union, and to it will stick. Their leaders are all honest men, John MIT- chell, Hayes and White. And in nineteen two they showed the world how the mining boys could fight.

Then hurrah for President Wilson: he is honest, loyal and shrewd And the miners are all with him for whatever he may do. Some of their picks and shovels down and threw away their lamps; They are fighting for Democracy on the battlefields of France.

And if you want to meet good people, in the coal fields you will find They are brave and daring heroes that work down in the mines. They spend their money freely and to strangers they are kind and that's the class of men you meet in the towns around the mines. They fought for forty years or more to win the eight-hour day, and finally they won. At last they have succeeded with a large demonstration in Paris, and now they will fight for Uncle Sam against the bitter foe. They will shoulder guns for America and to France they want to go. They are a grand old set, Hayes and White, to the miners they proved friends. And the miners are all with them for whatever they may do. Some laid their picks and shovels down and threw away their lamps. They are fighting for Old Glory now, on the battlefields of France.

Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, of Columbus, Ohio, dead of American aces, is believed to have fired the last shot of the war. He was given the honor of making the last flight over the German lines before the Armistice became effective. He poured 85 rounds of shot into a German transport column in one minute. He was decorated with the American Distinguished Service Cross and was granted a medal by the French Government.

A local newspaper printed this article: An Opinion of the United Press... "Girls, Take this hint if you want to please the boys. When the boys come home they will be so tired of everything military, that I believe the girls to try aside all those cute little semi-uniforms and war-like paraphernalia if they wish to keep their diplomatic relations.

Our town was represented in this parade with two hundred Frackville soldiers who paraded around town before boarding a trolley for Pottsville. The poem, "The Battlefields of France" is listed with permission of Mrs. Rae Korson, in quotes from the book, "Minstrels of the Mine Patch" compiled by her husband, George Korson.

**OLD TIMERS:** Sons prominent in Frackville in 1893

John P. Harris, a member of the firm of Harris & Frymire, general merchants of Mahaney Plane, was born June 28, 1819, in Frackville, son of John and Amelia (Evans) Harris. The paternal grandfather of John P. Harris was a native of England, and came to America about 1812, shortly after locating in Schuylkill Haven, where he resided until his death. He was chiefly engaged in the hotel business, which he still continues. In addition to this engagement he was a member of the 15th regiment of Schuylkill county militia, became military instructor of the first troops of the Pennsylvania state militia.

John P. Harris was united in marriage with Elizabeth Combs, a daughter of James Combs. This marriage has been bountiful in the birth of three children: Ellis, Newton and Maggie.

The educational advantages of Mr. Harris were exceedingly poor; but through his own individual effort, and through his contact with the world, he has gained a practical knowledge which under other circumstances would probably have been impossible. At the age of twelve years he began working for a railroad company, remaining in this employment until the age of twenty years. At the termination of this time he accepted a place on the coal and iron police of Schuylkill county, and remained in this capacity a period of ten years. Subsequently, in connection with Wm. Frymire, under the firm-name of Harris & Frymire, he embarked in the mercantile business, which he still continues. In addition to this he conducts a meat market in Girardville, which has proven to be a very successful venture. In politics he is a firm republican, and is always enthusiastic in the support of that party.