Harry C. Snyder was born in Frackville 90 years ago. His first home was on Main Street and he has lived at 218 South Balliet Street for the past 96 years. He attended school from first grade until he was a Sophomore in the Roosevelt High School. He remembers his teachers, Miss Lillie Beard, Miss Nettie Roach, Miss Kirk, Miss Cora Myers, Mr. Berk and Principal Miller. The school contained three classrooms on the first floor and several grades were included in each room. Baseball teams were used in those days which the pupil had to buy himself. He also had to buy his own school books.

His hobbies at this time were fishing at the Mud Run and Potsville Dam and hunting on the mountains nearby. In later years he organized the Frackville High School baseball team in town composed of the best players from "Guinea Hill" and "Dutchtown." These fellows were rivals personally to each other but together they were a great team. In those days the fellows from "Dutchtown" were not too friendly with the fellows from "Guinea Hill" and neither of them were too friendly with the "Fellows from across the railroad." That is putting it mildly. Mr. Snyder can still remember the feuds between these rivals. A horse and wagon was hired to transport the team to nearby towns which was paid for by the team themselves in addition to buying their own bats and balls. His first job was as a slate picker at Draper Colliery. He said this was a very hard job and it was so dusty the boys could hardly see each other. Then he worked as an outside laborer at the Whippanyville Colliery for several years. Mr. Snyder comes from a long line of plasterers, his grandfather, Andrew Snyder was in this business in 1873.

J.D. Evans was the contractor for the building of The Town Clock School and Grandfather Snyder and his brothers were the plasterers for this firm.

The date on the cornerstone is 1877. They built it with bricks from the foundation to the top and plastered all the rooms. In 1877 Henry and Joseph Snyder, sons of Andrew, were contractors in the plastering business following their father's footsteps. Henry was the father of the present Mr. Snyder of town and he taught his son the plastering business during the depression. All walls were plastered in the old days and work was plentiful. Human hair collected from clippings from their meeting rooms on the second floors and several grades were included in each room. Slate was used in those days which the pupil had to buy himself. He also had to buy his own school books.

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Mr. Snyder was affiliated with the First National Bank of town. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge and an Odd Fellows Organization in town.