

Jenkins's Approach to Mechanicsburg – June 28th, 1863



Where Jenkins's men water their horses and camp on the afternoon and evening of June 27th



Where Jenkins's men camped on June 27.



Where Jenkins and Murray met west of town on Sunday morning at Trindle Spring Run near the 800 Block of West Trindle Road

Jenkins started moving his men from Carlisle eastward on June 27th and camped five miles west of Mechanicsburg at Hickorytown. At a location south on Boyer/Bayer Road, near a small pond, 800 men found a spot where their horses could be watered and fed. The next morning, the Confederates broke camp and headed east to the town of Mechanicsburg. A company visited the town of Churchtown and would break into the Deviney cigar shop/post office/pharmacy there in the town center. The postal desk that was broken into is pictured below!

At the creek west of town, Jenkins and Union Captain Frank A. Murray met on the morning of June 28, 1863. Murray's Independent Cavalry had the job of delaying the Confederates as much as possible in their approach to Harrisburg. Knowing the Confederates were coming, an American flag was taken down by Burgess George Hummel in the town square and taken back to the home. Witnessing Hummel doing this, two of Jenkins's men went and retrieved the flag at the burgess's home. The Confederates would tuck the flag under their saddle and escort Hummel back to the town square where they proceeded to hang a Confederate 2nd National flag.

General Jenkins visited the Ashland House Tavern that was part of the Railroad Hotel where he ordered a pitcher of water and read the local papers. The Railroad Hotel was located near Strawberry Alley and present 1866 train station. The proprietor of the Tavern, Colonel Henry W. Irvin, accommodated Jenkins. Irvin is buried at Chestnut Hill.



The Deviney Store at 338 Old Stone House Road



Railroad Hotel



Eastbound to Mechanicsburg along Route 641 west of Hickorytown; just pass this barn, a company of Jenkins's men made a right to Churchtown on Old Stone House Road