

Jenkins's Headquarters – The Rupp House

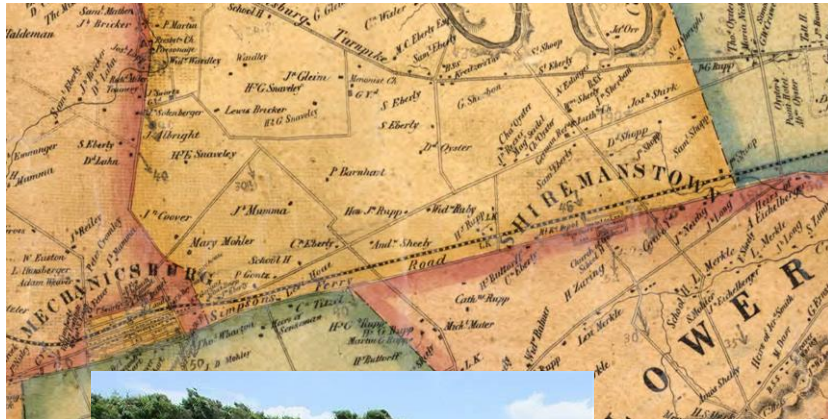
On Sunday, June 28th, 1863, Confederate Brigadier General Jenkins and approximately 800 Cavalrymen camped at the 5100 Block on the south side of the Trindle Road at about noon. The 14th Virginia Cavalry, the 16th Virginia Cavalry, and the 36th Virginia Cavalry Battalion spent their time cleaning out the cherry trees behind the Rupp House at 5115 East Trindle Road. It was observed that Jenkins's men were tearing off branches and were eating the cherries like popcorn. John Neidig's son, William, was being tossed playfully by Jenkins's men from Sheely Lane to Jenkins's headquarters at the Rupp House.



An excerpt from the diary of Lieutenant Hermann Schuricht, of the 14th Virginia Cavalry positioned at the Peace Church on June 28th, 1863 - "About four miles from Harrisburg, the capital of Pennsylvania, we took position on a dominating hill. Jackson's Battery, belonging to our brigade, came up, and the artillery fire with the enemy ensued, lasting until nightfall. General Jenkins took position on Silver Springs turnpike (Trindle Road), a road parallel to the Carlisle-Harrisburg turnpike (Carlisle Pike), and I was ordered with my company to select a place of concealment east of Mechanicsburg, to protect our connection with Carlisle."



Schuricht,
Post-War Photo



10-Parrott Gun



Rupp House

"When the scouts returned to the Peace Church with their prisoner (Charles Flemming), General Jenkins was standing in front of the building studying the terrain to the front through his field glasses. He questioned Sexton Cromleigh and Cromleigh's 16-year-old son, William, as to where the Yankee pickets were located. Soon the general thought he saw a line of skirmishers along the edge of the trees a mile in the distance. This may have been a detachment of federal cavalry posted near Oyster's Point, or a few simple farmers who had returned that Sunday to rescue their belongings from the New York militia. Young Cromleigh, invited to peer through Jenkins's field glasses, offered the opinion that what the general saw was a line of fence posts that in those days belonged to the Charles Rupp place, about where the Roman Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd now stands. The boy was soundly cursed for venturing to question the general's eyesight and was told to get the hell out of out there." From Wilbur S. Nye's "Here Come The Rebels," p. 334-335.



Peace Church, St. John's Church Road and Trindle Road