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York Gazette  
June 2, 1894

owned in '94 by Michael Smyer

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Brullinger homestead in Manchester Twp.

The old homestead has quite an interesting history connected with its construction. A way back in the colonial times, when most of the immigrants, who come to this country were too poor to pay their passage, companies were organized, who furnished passages on condition that the product of their labor would be sent to the company for a number of years. In about 1657 a man and his wife came over to America under the above conditions, and a man by the name of Byler was their master. These poor mortals were promised their freedom if they would build a stone house for him. They immediately set to work and about 10 or 15 years, or near as it can be ascertained, had passed before they had completed the work of erection. The man did the mason work and the wife assisted by carrying the materials.

Tradition has it that when the house was completed, their master, Mr. Byler, told them that now they must build a pig sty yet and then they would be free. They had to comply, but with a great deal of dissatisfaction. They completed this work also, but before they left the woman said that their master should never have any luck in raising pigs. Mr. Brullinger said that

strange as it may seem, near a pig was  
raised in that pig sty."

June 23, 1894 G. W. P. Custis' "Recollections"

"When the 'Southern Riflemen' were entering  
(they afterwards became famous under Captain  
Doudel) Yorktown upon so many men, that  
the young lieutenant, Henry Miller, wishing to  
diminish the number adopted the picture of ex-  
pedient of chalking a very small nose on a  
barn door, saying, 'I'll take only the men that  
can hit that nose at one hundred and fifty  
yards.' The newspapers of the time said, 'Take  
care of you now, General Boye!'"

July 25, 1894 Crazy Over Witches

George Keller in Ohio native of Frankly Co., Pa.

Holy mission

It is the usage all over this part of the county,  
and has been the same for a long time in the past,  
that upon the death of any person the family of the deceased  
selects from four to six men who will open the  
grave and at the funeral <sup>KUTZTOWN, PA.</sup> set on the capacity of  
pal-bearers. This is considered an honor of which  
no one will refuse.

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