

FELTON

The Borough of Felton lies in a beautiful little valley, along the upper waters of Muddy Creek. It is situated 536 feet above the sea level on a plane, along the line of the Maryland and Pennsylvania Railroad, fourteen miles from York. The road ascends at a grade of eighty-five feet to the mile to Red Lion, which is 892 feet above the sea. The land upon which Felton is situated was surveyed from the townships of Chanceford, Lower Windsor and North Hopewell, by Stephen A. Douglass in the year 1899, when the borough was incorporated. The first borough officers were: Christian T. Grove, chief burgess; Jacob Gable, Henry Seitz, James E. Sechrist, John T. Hannigan, Theodore Akins, Amos Moore, council; Charles W. Moore, assessor.

About 1850 Thomas G. Cross, who in 1871 was elected prothonotary of York County, began the mercantile business at this place. He was succeeded in order at the same stand by Charles Flinchbaugh, Gemmill & Wilson, Jacob Crumbling, Samuel Glatfelter, Keesey & Barshinger, Ehrhart & Venus, J. D. Hake, Harry Myers, Eli Fickes, C. F. Bair, John A. Myers. The second store was started at a later date and was first conducted by Harry Venus. The mercantile business at this stand has since been carried on by P. M. Mitzel, B. S. Sentz, Jacob Clayman, Anderson & Grove and Christian T. Grove, who is also postmaster.

In 1883 the citizens residing in three different townships in the vicinity, petitioned the court for an independent school district. The petition was granted and a frame school house was built. An addition to this building was erected in 1902, when the second school was organized. In 1884 members of the Lutheran Church of the vicinity erected a house of worship which stands within the limits of the borough. The congregation was organized under the pastorate of Rev. Peter Livingston and was dedicated as St. Paul's Lutheran Church. The succeeding pastors have been Revs. E. Manges, Samuel Ulrich, G. A. Livingston. In 1907 Rev. L. E. Henry was pastor. The United Evangelical Church of Felton was organized in the year 1898 under the pastorate of Rev. E. Fulcomer. The congregation has since been served by Revs. S. A. Snyder, W. C. Hoch and L. E. Maice.

The grist mill operated by George Koller, was built in 1863 by Tobias Crumbling.

General Sherman Post, No. 602, Grand Army of the Republic, was organized in 1890 by James W. Collins, Joseph Grim, Henry Seitz, Anthony Grim, Henry Hake, Samuel T. Miller, R. H. Garman, Charles T. Kibler, William A. Anderson, John H. Brenneman, D. A. Miller, Thomas M. Curran, James Stewart, Thomas McKinsey, Richmond Flynn, John Sechrist, Michael M. Keesey. The entire membership of the post from the date of organization to 1907 was thirty-seven, representing several different regiments. The membership in 1907 was eighteen.

There are two schools. The population in 1900 was 226.

