

conclusion was arrived at. Miss Ives cherishes a small Staffordshire pitcher of great age, an olivewood sander used in lieu of a blotter, a horn cup of very delicate workmanship, a large oval painted tin tray, silver sugar tongs, and an oken grandfather's clock, all of which were once the property of her honored ancestor, John Hill, and presumably brought by him from England in 1784.

There are among the present former residents of Hillsgrove hundreds of relics quite as interesting as these mentioned in this sketch and their owners are invited to tell us about them.

BRIDGES

One of Hillsgrove's old landmarks, the covered wooden bridge, crossing the Loyalsock creek at the lower end of town was condemned in August 1934. The State is replacing it with a new steel truss bridge with a floor of concrete.

The old wooden bridge was built in 1876 by John and Henry Hill. It was the third bridge built on the same foundation, the first falling in the creek, the second being torn down. Parts of the second bridge were used towards building the Elk creek bridge which was also built in 1876 by the same contractors. The Elk creek bridge went out during the December flood thirty-five years later.

Mr. Justin Rogers, who is now 81 years of age, says he remembers hearing the oldtimers tell about the falling of the first bridge. A man had been on the opposite side of the creek having an ox shod and, after leading it across the bridge he tied it near by and went in the tavern to get a drink. As he came out of the tavern he was dumbfounded to find the bridge gone. The tavern was located where the residence now owned and occupied by Representative and Mrs. George E. Walker now stands and is about five hundred feet from the bridge.

The water under the bridge in places is about forty feet or more in depth and I am sure no man or ox either would appreciate falling in. It was below the bridge that Charles

Rui Boulogne, the Frenchman, while attempting to cross on horseback, July 20, 1796, was drowned. Mr. Rui Boulogne, accompanied by a servant, was on an inspection tour when he met his death. He was the first person buried in the Hillsgrove cemetery.

Mr. Rogers told how they used to shoe oxen. They raised the animal off its feet by means of a belt attached to a windlass with rollers. The shoes were handmade of which it took sixteen shoes for each team of oxen as each foot required two shoes. The oxen were soon replaced by mules and later horses and now the latter, when seen along the public highway, are almost as much of a curiosity as the old wooden bridges.

The only wooden covered bridge now in use in this township is located about three miles above Hillsgrove, also crossing the Loyalsock. It was built in 1881 by Sadler Rogers and is still in fairly good condition. It was from this bridge that the Bridge View school house derived its name.

PHILOSOPHY OF AGE

You can't escape the penalty of age,
But you can keep the records on an
unsullied page,

And be content;
You can keep the lilt of a song in
your heart,
And bravely and manfully play your
part,

Till all your days are spent.

So when come the days of faltering
step
And you recall commandments that
have not been kept.

In days that are past;
Don't whine over milk you have wan-
tonly spilled,
Rather deplore the acts of one self-
willed,
And the shadows they have cast.

You may dream of things you might
have done,
Since dire responsibility first begun,
To place its weight on your life;
But 'tis useless to indulge in vain
regret