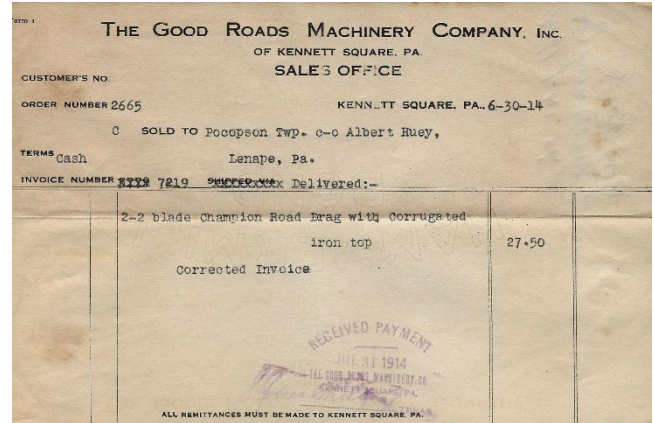


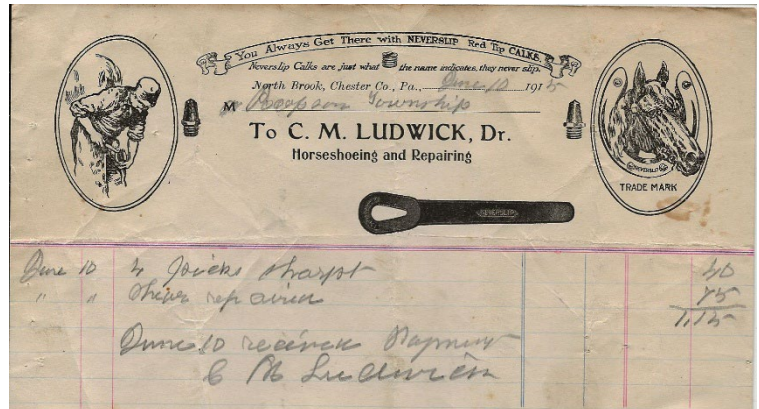
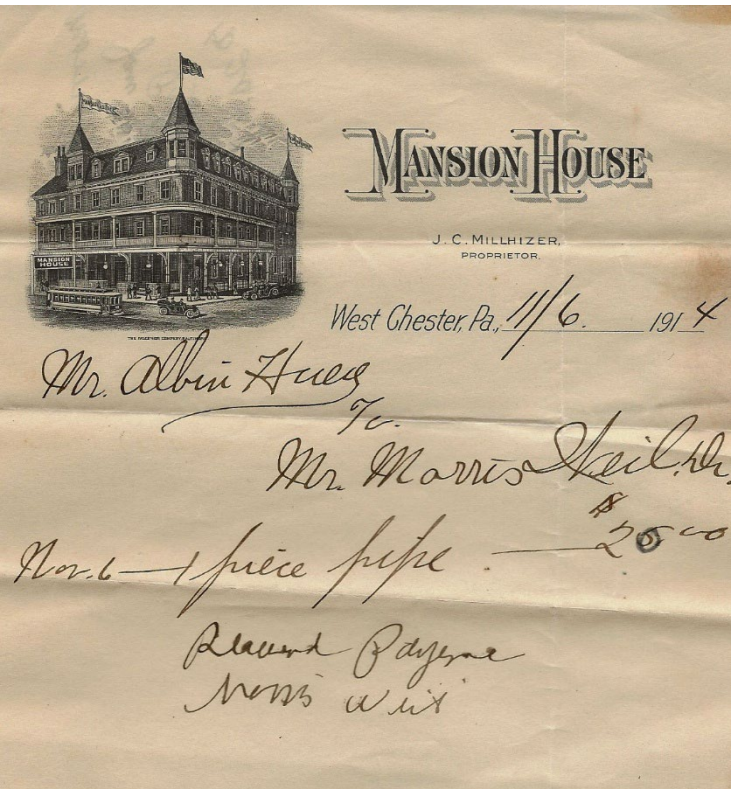
## Pocopson Township Documents from the Past

Barnard Station was recently gifted two large crates filled with Pocopson Township records from two periods – 1912 to 1916 and 1954-1962. These documents came from the family of A. Brinton Reynolds, a local dairy farmer who served as road master in the early 1900s and township supervisor in the 1950s. He saved a variety of documents during his time employed with Pocopson including invoices, tax payments, correspondence, payroll records, budgets, check receipts along with miscellaneous state pamphlets, brochures and regulation announcements. Sorting through the musty papers was tedious yet interesting.

In the early years Reynolds was the township road master. His responsibilities included maintaining dirt, gravel, and early paved roads. He would have been tasked with maintaining drainage ditches and culverts, snow removal of roadways, and clearing of storm damage. He also would have managed any small construction needs of the municipality and the maintenance of the equipment. In 1914 they still used horse drawn implements necessitating business arrangements with local blacksmiths like C.M. Ludwick.



Before the Pocopson Township constructed a municipal garage in 1958, the equipment and materials were mostly managed by farmers and stored on their properties through business agreements. The township had accounts with local merchants for materials, equipment, and sometimes services. The images are receipts for some of the purchases made during those years.



**The C. M. Ludwick blacksmith shop was nearby Northbrook at the intersection of Indian Hannah Road and Northbrook Road.**

**The Mansion House was a business located on Market Street in West Chester.**

Pocopson, Pa., May 30 1914

*Terms:*  
Cash within 30 days

*Discounts:*  
1 per cent. if paid within 10 days

No discount allowed after 10 days

Interest charged after 30 days

Bell Telephone

*M Pocopson Lupt*  
To **W. J. Pratt, Dr.**  
Dealer in  
**Flour, Feed, Coal, Fertilizers and General Merchandise**  
Pocopson Station, W. & N. R. R.

		200 lbs Bit coal	23	46	
		225 "		53	
		23 360 "		83	182
<i>Recd. payment W. J. Pratt Poc., Pa.</i>					

The W. J. Pratt business was located where Brandywine Ace is now located.

NORTHBROOK, PA., 6/3 1914

*M Pocopson Lupt*  
BOUGHT OF **F. E. BAILY**  
DEALER IN  
**LUMBER : COAL : FEED**  
AND  
**GENERAL MERCHANDISE**

May	11	2475 pd Bit Coal & 5-	552		
		15 2400 -		536	
		20 1960 -		437	
June	2	Hauling dig to Northbrook Bridge		40	
<i>Recd. Payment F. E. Baily</i>					15.65

The F. E. Baily business was located where Northbrook Canoe is now located.