## Locust Grove Schoolhouse School Students, Families, and Work:

How did Pocopson Township families earn their living over 100 years ago, and were the parents and adults the only ones working?

After the students have learned about one-room schoolhouses, including the Locust Grove Schoolhouse in Activity One, they will begin to learn about the community that the school served. In this lesson, children will use copies of primary source documents—the Census, newspaper articles, and Teacher's Monthly Reports—to learn about Pocopson Township's occupations.

## **Curriculum Alignment:**

- 8.1.3.A: Understand chronological thinking and distinguish between past, present and future time.
- 8.1.3.B: Develop an understanding of historical sources (data in historical maps; visual data from maps and tables).
- 8.1.3.D: Understand historical research.
- 8.2.3.D: Identify conflict and cooperation among social groups and organizations in Pennsylvania history (ethnic and racial; labor relations; immigration).
- 8.1.4.A: Identify and describe how geography and climate have influenced continuity and change over time.
- 8.2.4.B: Locate historical documents, artifacts, and places critical to Pennsylvania history.
- 8.2.4.C: Explain how continuity and change in Pennsylvania history have influenced personal development and identity (commerce and industry, technology, and physical and human geography).
- 2.6.3.B: Organize and display data using pictures, tallies, charts, bar graphs and pictographs.

# **Objectives:**

Students will be able to:

Name six different occupations of students' families in the late 1800s in Pocopson Township. Answer whether school children had occupations or jobs. Understand that the Census, maps, newspaper articles, and attendance books are primary sources and all record information about occupations and industry, even though that was not the main purpose of these documents.

# **Setting the Stage: Guided Discussion**

Help the students to think about Chester County occupations over 100 years ago. Generate some guesses and predictions about children's and families' work over 100 years ago.

#### Ask the students:

1. Think about your parents' or grandparents' or neighbors' jobs. Do the people you just thought of work with their bodies and muscles in their jobs? How do they do that? If they do not, what work do they do? Do they work at a desk in an office? [Help the students to see how technology allows people to expend less physical energy. Discuss how occupations have changed over time.]

- 2. Can you think of any careers or occupations that people had a long time ago, that do not exist today? [Try to get the students to consider millers that ground grain or sawed lumber or ran looms with water power. Also students may think about blacksmiths and shoemakers. These were local businesses in each village a long time ago; now these items are made in large-scale factories, often far away.]
- 3. How could we find out what people's jobs were over 100 years ago? [Discussion leaders can help students think about old documents and old writing from 100 years ago. Possibly a student will suggest the Census. In this activity students will also use teachers' records, newspaper articles, and maps. Lead the children to think about these kinds of primary sources.]
- 4. Do you know what the Census is? Have you heard about your family answering the Census questionnaire ever? For how many years do you think our country has been taking the Census? [The first Census was taken in 1790. The Census records every resident's name and family members and race and birthplace, as well as their jobs.]

If possible, record students' guesses and predictions for all to see.

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#### **Lesson:**

#### **Activity 1:**

#### **List of Materials:**

### **Group One:**

Two historic maps of Pocopson Township, 1873 and 1883 and two Local Daily News articles, 1883 and 1910.

[All primary sources.]

#### **Group Two:**

A page from a Teacher's Monthly Report dated, December 1861 and two pages from the 1860 Census.

[Both the page from the daily attendance book and the Census are primary source documents.]

#### **Group Three:**

A page from a Teacher's Monthly Report dated, December 1871. Three pages from the 1870 US Census for Pocopson Township.

[The Census is also a primary source document.]

Divide students into three groups (or guide the entire class through each activity). Have students work together to use the resources they are given to make statements and answer questions about the occupations and industry in Pocopson Township during different years.

#### **Group One Activities:**

By examining historic maps and reading newspaper articles, the students will be able to identify such places as farms, schools, mills, and more. Ask the students to be primary source detectives or history detectives to perform these tasks and answer these questions:

**Using the 1873 map:** How many mills can you find on the 1873 map? What is a mill; what does it need to operate? Decide where a mill might be located? This will determine where on the map you look for mills. What kinds of mills were in Pocopson Township, based on the map text?

When you find a mill, write its name on a piece of paper; describe where it is located in reference to the Locust Grove Schoolhouse (LGSH); and write its water source. Example, G & S mill, southwest of LGSH, on the Pocopson Creek.

Do you think there were many other jobs in Pocopson Township? Can you find any other business on the Map? Do you think there were other businesses or not?

Using the 1883 map: How many mills can you find on this map? This map has an additional tool to help you locate the mills? What is the tool? You may have seen this tool before and called it a "legend." Use your answers regarding mills found on the 1873 map, to check to see if that same mill is still operating in 1883? How many Mills operated during both time periods? The legend can help you find another resource in Pocopson (besides mills and homes); what is it? Did many people have these resources? What job or occupation needs this resource?

**Using the 1883 newspaper article:** Write the names of five other jobs in Pocopson that year. Can you find a family name from the newspaper article on the 1883 map? [*There is one.*] These primary sources are from the same year in history.

Using the 1910 newspaper article: This article only mentions a few actual jobs or occupations. The article mentions events and places; can you deduce or infer all of the jobs or occupations that must exist based on the events and places talked about in the article? Can you name 10 jobs or occupations based on the article?

Keep a list of all the jobs or occupations that you found from each of the four resources.

#### **Group Two Activities:**

By examining a page from the Teachers' Monthly Report, the students will be able to find the occupations of each of the students' parents. Ask the students to locate this information. They will need to get accustomed to the old cursive writing for this activity. If the students have trouble, provide the following key to help them decipher the occupations. It is a bit like a puzzle. Again, they must work like detectives. [*The occupation appears after the parent name, as an abbreviation.*]

Bksm or B.S. = Blacksmith

Do or " = ditto (look up, if not familiar)

Far or Farm = Farmer

Lab or La = Laborer
Ma = Mason
Shma = Shoemaker
Tailor or tlo = Tailor

If the students are confused about a couple of the occupations, Census pages are included that show the occupations for a few parents. You may want to let the students know how the Census was compiled in street or house order, not alphabetically. They will just need to scan for the names.

Ask the students to answer these questions using only their primary source documents:

Count how many parents or guardians had a certain job. For example how many parents or guardians were farmers? Be careful, some parents' names repeat, when they have multiple children. Count each parent or guardian only once.

Now that you have the totals create a chart or a table with the totals. If you know how to calculate percents, add the percent of the class parents that belonged to each occupation.

Now assign each student in the group the identity of a parent. Try to mimic the composition of the parent group. If there was only one tailor in the group, make sure no more than one student is the tailor. Introduce yourselves to each other and tell each other what your job is. You can even make nametags with your name and job.

Think about why these people had these jobs? Do you know people who say they have a "busy season" or a "slow season" at work? Think about whether you would have those times as the parent/guardian with this job? Describe how this might have affected your school-aged children.

If you have time, you can find out how the children were behaving and achieving academically from the attendance book. A "1" in the first column means that the student received corporal punishment that term. Look up "corporal: if you're not familiar with that word. In the next columns, a "1" is the best and a "5," the worst.

#### **Group Three Activities:**

Ask this group of students to be primary source detectives or history detectives to learn about Pocopson occupations through the students and their families at the Locust Grove Schoolhouse in 1871. Ask this group if they think going to school is an occupation? Now give the group this list (below) of students to find on both of the primary source documents for group three.

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Charles Rudolph
John Duffy
James Lomax
John Rogan

First find the students on the 1871 attendance list, to make certain that they attended school that year, and then locate their name on the 1870 Census. (Remember the US Census is organized by house order not alphabetical order. The head of household appears next to the numbers that show the house and family order, at the left. Both documents list the children's age. Why is the age different on the two documents?

Write each student's occupation and age at the time of the Census next to his name.

Notice whether the student lives in their parent's home or in someone else's home (check the head of household, next to the numbers). Can you explain what is going on? Look at the head of the household's occupation too. Can you make some conclusions?

Check on each group after 15 minutes to see if any group has finished the tasks requested. Some groups may finish before others. If a group is finished ask them to assign jobs for sharing their findings with the class.

Complete the lesson by rotating all primary sources through each group OR have each group teach the other students about their resources by sharing their experience and findings.

#### Reinforce and expand the observations (guided discussion):

Ask the students to name six different occupations in Pocopson Township between the years 1873 and 1910. Ask if the students can see any trends? Did any one job or occupation stay consistent through those years?

Ask the students to predict what jobs Pocopson residents have today. Explain to the students that throughout the decades, the dominant industry continued to be general agriculture, with dairy-farming increasing in the early twentieth century. The geography of Pocopson Township afforded waterpower for mills in the 1800s. The map of 1873 shows five mills on the borders of Pocopson Township. By 1883, only two [CHECK]

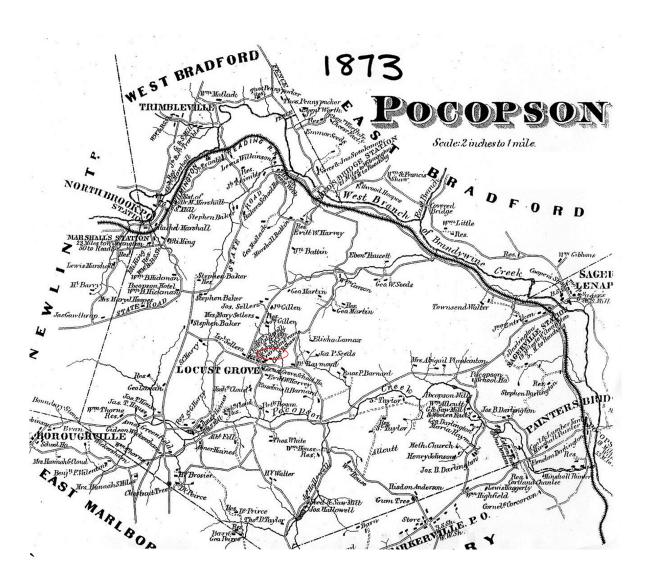
survived, and by 1920, the last remaining mill closed as Pocopson Township moved toward dependence on gasoline and electricity. The 1870 census indicates other occupations within Pocopson Township such as: blacksmith, shoemaker, merchant, laborers, masons, housekeepers, and domestic servants. Children, as young as age 12, sometimes worked as laborers, apprentices, and domestic servants.

Ask the students about living away from home and working while also sometimes going to school. Do children still do that today? When do they typically do that?

**Closing:** Ask the students what was the most challenging thing about reading old documents. Ask them what was the most fun about working with the old documents?

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2 of 4: 1883 Map of Pocopson Township

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3 of 4: 1883 Local Daily News of West Chester, article dated August, 9, 1883

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#### Echoes from Pocopson.

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tobeco in the State, while another claims that he has still better.

—"Jimmy" Burns, a caterer of much celabrity, has an ice cream saloon, which is well practicated by the lovers of that seasonable fixury. He names his place "Saloon de Burns."

—Mr. Brittenham, the blacksmith whose shop has been standing idle for the past two years, has now opened out business, and the anvil chorus is once more heard in the village.

—Joseph S. Caldwell, of Pocopson, has had his house cemented on the exterior by Fing Bross of Marshallton which adds materially to

his house cemented on the exterior by Fling Bros., of Marshallton, which adds materially to the appearance of it. Mr. C. has also made a samber of other improvements about his premises, known as the "Hickory Hill Farm."

—The Wawarset Literary Society, of Pocopson, will hold its next meeting at "Hillside," the pleasant home of Mr. Hawkins, on Wednesday evening, the 15th inst. The society paper, the Full Moon, will be edited by Mrs. Lewis Marshall, whose literary talents have been justly recognized by the members of, the society.

John Battin is erecting a new carriage house, which, when completed, will be as ornamental as it is useful.

-Prof. Purice M. Harvey, of Northbrook, was along the banks and brays of Brandywine was along the banks and brays of Brandywine a tew evenings ago enjoying piscatorial recreation, where he succeeded in capturing 2 hass, 17 and 21 inches long respectively. Mr. H. Immediately returned to his brone, and rendered upon his favorits instrument the violin, that well-known time "The Fishels Hornpipe," interspersed with a "Black Bass Solo."

—Messrs. James E. Wabb & Sons, of Pocopson, who recently started a creamery, are now receiving about twelve hundred quarts per day. They find a ready sale in Washington and other markets for their fine article of butter.

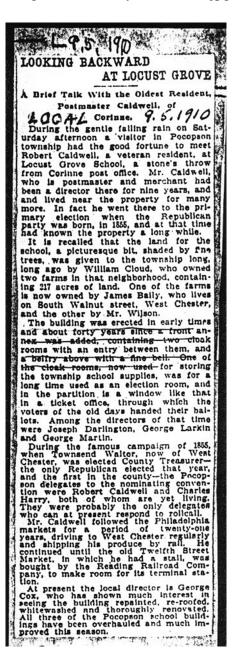
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—Edward Brown, who has been quarrying stone on the farm of Bennett Johnson, near this place, for some time, discovered a few days ago what is supposed to be a coal mine. The coal taken out of the vein burned very

-Victor D. Battin, of "Pocopsy," has shot 40 of those inhabitants of mother earth, namely, ground hogs. Mr. Battin is an expert shot, and many a feathery songster has ceased to sing before his unerring aim. Squirrels and other like small game are his prey. 7-mo. 13th, 1883.

4 of 4: 1910 Local Daily News of West Chester, article dated August, 9, 1910

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