

FERNSNER FAMILY HISTORY

Including the Memories of
Dick Ebersole
Helen Jayne Fernsner Sterling
John Sterling

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PREFACE

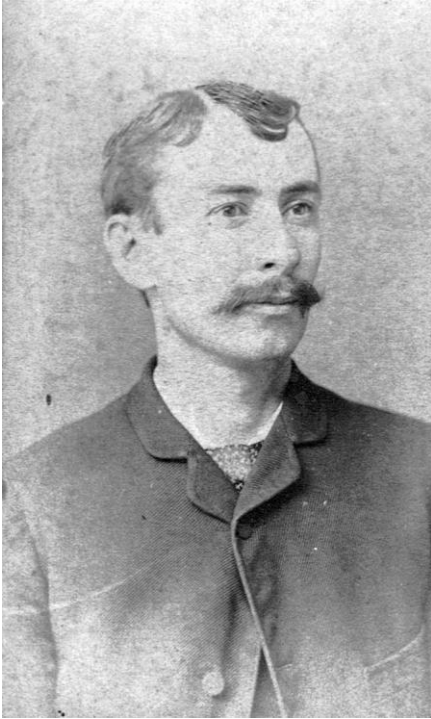
At the 2009 Canal Family Reunion event in Williamsport, MD, Mr. Ebersole asked me if I was interested in writing a history of his wife's family, the Sterling's. Once I confirmed that he was talking about the Sterling family from Dam No. 5 on the canal, I said that I was interested. I told him about the things I needed to get started and we went our separate ways. During the subsequent year we met at various Association events and he would assure me that he was working on collecting the basic information.

At the 2010 Canal Family Reunion event in Williamsport, MD, Mr. Ebersole gave me an envelope containing his notes of the family history and other information; then he introduced me to John Sterling, who in turn introduced me to Jayne Sterling. John and I met and then went to her house where she had a lot of historical family information ready for me.

The following story places heavy reliance on the family notes written by Mr. Ebersole and was supplemented with the information provided by John Sterling, Jayne Sterling and what I could find. We hope it is interesting reading. Readers are encouraged to contact the author with additions and corrections.

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Lewis Frederick Fernsner, born Mar. 15, 1828 in Prussia, immigrated in 1837 through the Port of New York and was fully naturalized by the Judges of the Washington County Court on the 26th day of Sept. 1849.¹ The adjacent undated, photograph was of him as a young man.²



On March 3, 1860 Lewis Fernsner leased a piece of ground for 99 years, renewable, with the condition that no ardent spirits would be sold and the use of the ground would in no manner interfere with the navigation on the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal.³ This land was adjacent to the land subsequently known as the Fernsner House. We suspect that he built a house of some sort, perhaps a log home, because at that time he and Martha already had three children and a fourth was on the way.

The Civil War began on April 12, 1861.

On March 2, 1863 Thomas Hassett leases for 99 years, renewable, a plot of ground which includes a house, subsequently known as the Fernsner House.⁴

In 1863 Denton Jacques was granted a 10-year lease on land from the C & O Canal Company and he erected a warehouse over the Lock 49 bypass flume. In 1872 the lease was renewed. In August 1865, William T. Hassett is granted a 10-year lease on land from the C & O Canal Company and he erected two wood-frame one-story buildings, each with a gable roof, over the Lock 50 bypass flume and a coal yard on the canal berm. The gable ends fronted the canal. Corn, oats, hay and other necessary supplies for the boatmen were available.

The Civil War ended on April 9, 1865.

Thomas J. Hassett and Lewis Fernsner made an agreement for Fernsner to purchase the property and six-room dwelling house (Fernsner House) that Thomas J. Hassett had leased from the C & O Canal Company in 1860.⁵

On March 19, 1872 Lewis Fernsner's home in Four Locks, Md. burned to the ground. It had been a two-story weatherboard house on a stone foundation beside Lockhouse 49. A newspaper reported: "**Fire at Four Locks.** - On Tuesday of last week a house located at the Four Locks, formerly belonging to John G. Stone but at the time of its destruction

¹ Washington County Circuit Court record dated 10/28/1856, in Helen Jayne (Fernsner) Sterling Collection.

² From the Helen Jayne (Fernsner) Sterling Collection, Hagerstown, MD, 2011.

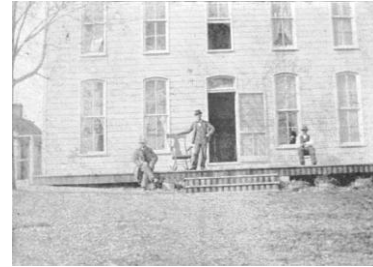
³ Washington Cty. Courthouse, Hagerstown, MD, Book IN 15, Page 142, recorded 7/24/1860.

⁴ Washington Cty. Courthouse, Hagerstown, MD, Book IN 16, Page 525, recorded 3/2/1863.

⁵ *Four Locks*, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP, Cultural Landscapes Inventory 2008, p. 34.

owned and occupied by Lewis Fernsner, was totally consumed by fire - including its entire contents. The origin of the fire was accidental."⁶

With the financial assistance of a group of friends, who loaned him \$196.50, Lewis immediately rebuilt the house, as shown to the right. Lewis was a carpenter working throughout the Four Locks - Clear Spring communities. He also repaired canal boats at the dry-dock at Lock 47. Behind the house was a stable with horses, a chicken yard and a garden.



On March 1, 1873 Lewis Fernsner registered his canal boat the *Martha S. Fernsner*⁷, named after his wife. He had begun freighting coal in 1871⁸ continued in 1872,⁹ 1873¹⁰ and 1874.¹¹ The register of boats passing Lock 75 during 1875 had the adjacent entries for the *M. S. Fernsner*.¹² The boat ascended past Lock 75 on April 25, got a load of coal and descended past Lock 75 on April 29; 4 days later. Following the same pattern it is apparent that an average of only 2 days was necessary to get loaded with coal. The boat descended past Lock 75 on April 29, delivered a load of coal in Georgetown, and ascended past Lock 75 on May 9, 10 days later.

| <i>Martha S. Fernsner</i> Passing Lock 75 in 1875 | |
|--|-----------------|
| Ascending Date | Descending Date |
| Apr. 25 | Apr. 29 |
| May 9 | May 11 |
| May 21 | May 24 |
| June 3 | June 7 |
| June 17 | June 19 |
| June 29 | June 30 |
| July 10 | July 12 |
| July 28 | July 30 |
| Sep. 8 | Sep. 9 |
| Sep. 22 | Sep. 24 |
| Oct. 3 | Oct. 5 |
| Oct. 14 | Oct. 15 |
| Oct. 24 | Oct. 25 |
| Nov. 20 | Nov. 25 |

Following that same pattern it is apparent that an average of 10 days was necessary to deliver a load of coal and return to Lock 75, or a 12 day round trip. Something must have happened in late July and all of August, 1875. After descending on July 30, the *M. S. Fernsner* did not ascend past Lock 75 until Sept. 8, 40 days later. Other boats were freighting during that time period so it wasn't a break in navigation on the canal. Until we find another explanation we will suspect that on the return trip Lewis Fernsner stopped off at home, Four Locks, for August. After descending past Lock 75 on Nov. 25th, delivering his load of coal, Lewis Fernsner came back up the canal and tied up at Four Locks for the winter.

⁶ *The Shepherdstown Register*, Shepherdstown, W. Va., newspaper, 3/20/1872, p. 2

⁷ *REGISTERS ISSUED TO BOATS TO NAVIGATE THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO CANAL*, 1873, 1874, 1875 and 1876, from the original, in Record Group 79, National Archives, College Park, MD.

⁸ *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, VA, newspaper, 3/22/1871, p. 2.

⁹ *Ibid*, 4/29, 5/1, 5/14, 6/6 and 6/19/1872, p. 2.

¹⁰ *Ibid*, 10/2 and 11/26/173, p. 2.

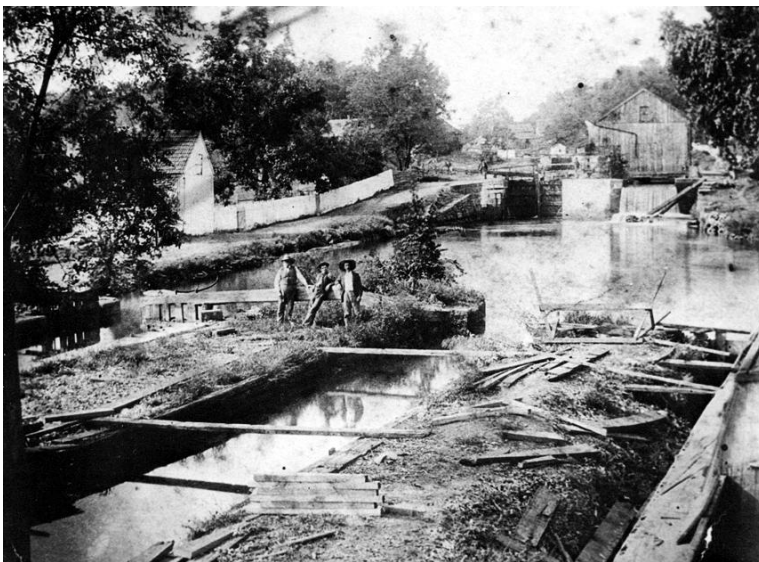
¹¹ *Ibid*, 4/28, 5/9, 5/21, 10/17 and 12/5/1874, p. 2.

¹² *REGISTER OF ASCENDING BOATS, Passing Lock 75, 1875 Boating Season* and *REGISTER OF DESCENDING BOATS, Passing Lock 75, 1875 Boating Season*, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, from the originals, in Record Group 79, National Archives, College Park, MD.

"On April 6, 1875, the canal board ordered a general reduction of charges, including toll, wharfage and freights. This was done in order to maintain its competitive position in the coal trade with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and to placate the Boatman's Union. . . . Boatman's Union still was not satisfied completely with the financial arrangements for the 1875 boating season. . . . Although their demands had been met, some of the union members remained embittered. As a result, a series of incidents were perpetrated against the nonunion "canallers" and the property of the canal company. . . . Some union men attacked the *Kate Prather* captained by Lewis F. Fernsner on the night of April 20 at a point some three miles below Cumberland, breaking the boat's windows and shutters with stones."¹³

The register of boats passing Lock 75 during 1875 had the adjacent entries for the *Kate Prather*. The stoning mentioned above occurred on the first ascension of the 1875 season to get coal. Lewis F. Fernsner got his coal and descended past Lock 75 the next day. The entire incident must not have bothered him too much because he averaged only 10 days per round trip thru August when it crept up to 14 days, with the last trip of the season taking only 9 days for the round trip. After he delivered the Nov. 25 load, he probably came back up the canal only so far as Four Locks for the winter.

In the photograph below, a boat was in the dry-dock to the near right, then the Lock 47 bypass flume, and Lock 47. Of the three men leaning against the balance beam, Samuel H. Fernsner was on the right, his son Paul R. Fernsner was in the middle, and an unidentified man on the right.



| <i>Kate Prather</i> Passing Lock 75 in 1875 | |
|--|--------------------|
| Ascending Date | Descending Date |
| Apr. 20 | Apr. 21 |
| Apr. 29 | Apr. 30 |
| May 10 | May 10 |
| May 18 | May 19 |
| May 28 | May 29 |
| Jun 7 | Jun 8 |
| Jun 18 | Jun 18 |
| Jun 28 | Jun 28 |
| July 7 | July 9 |
| July 17 | July 20 |
| July 30 | July 30 |
| Aug. 8 | Aug. 11 |
| Aug. 21 | Aug. 21 |
| Sep. 3 | Sep. 3 |
| Sep. 15 | Sep. 16 |
| Sep. 29 | Oct. 2 |
| Oct. 15 | Oct. 16 |
| Oct. 27 | Nov. 1 |
| Nov. 12 | Nov. 16 |
| Nov. 25 | Nov. 25 |

In 1875 the Canal Company entered into an agreement with James Flynn to build a store which in no way could interfere with Canal operations at Lock 48. He leased this property for \$36 per year beginning on June 1, 1875.¹⁴ In June 1876

¹³ Unrau, Harlan D., *History of the C & O Canal*, published by C & O Canal NHP, Hagerstown, MD, 2007, pp. 828, 829.

¹⁴ Washington Cty. Courthouse, Hagerstown, MD, Land Records Book 71, Page 65, recorded 1875.

James Flynn for \$3,200 sold the store to Joseph M. Smith and William Smith operating under the name "Smith and Brother."¹⁵

Starting in 1890, Samuel Fernsner and Jacob "Jake" Snyder (Samuel's brother-in-law) begin operating the general store, warehouse and hay shed. The Snyder - Fernsner Store over the Lock 48 bypass flume was shown in the above photograph. That was the James Flynn house on the left side of the towpath. As early as 1861, James Flynn was listed as the lockkeeper for Locks 47 & 48 in Canal Company records. The 1870 census reported his occupation as locktender. By the 1880 census James was assisted in lock tending by his three sons, Joseph, Aloysius and John. By the 1900 census James was assisted by his three sons Aloysius, Frank and Emmett. The white picket fence separated the towpath from the Flynn property. The 1936 flood washed away the Flynn house, which was never rebuilt.¹⁶

The *M. S. Fernsner* did freight coal in 1876.¹⁷

From the Register of Boats - 1878¹⁸ we find that the *Martha S. Fernsner* was built by Frederick Mertens in 1873 and was in the employ of Hampshire [& Baltimore] Coal Co. If we look at Canal Trade 1877¹⁹ and tabulate the data for *M. S. Fernsner*, descending from Cumberland, Md. we find as shown in the table on the left. And we look at Canal Trade 1878²⁰ the data is as shown in the table on the right. Since the boat was named after the wife of Capt. Lewis Fernsner, we think he was the Capt. Fernsner in 1877. Then something happened because in 1878 Capt. Hassett took the boat most of the time.

| <i>Martha S. Fernsner - 1877</i> | | |
|----------------------------------|-------|----------|
| Destination | Date | Captain |
| Alexandria | 4/17 | Fernsner |
| Alexandria | 5/1 | Fernsner |
| Alexandria | 5/15 | Fernsner |
| Alexandria | 6/4 | Fernsner |
| Georgetown | 6/18 | Fernsner |
| Alexandria | 9/11 | Fernsner |
| Georgetown | 9/21 | Fernsner |
| Alexandria | 10/3 | Fernsner |
| Alexandria | 10/16 | Fernsner |
| Alexandria | 10/30 | Fernsner |
| Alexandria | 11/14 | Fernsner |

| <i>Martha S. Fernsner - 1878</i> | | |
|----------------------------------|-------|----------|
| Destination | Date | Captain |
| Georgetown | 5/8 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 5/22 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 6/7 | Hassett |
| Washington | 7/5 | Fernsner |
| Alexandria | 7/20 | Fernsner |
| Georgetown | 8/2 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 8/24 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 9/11 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 9/28 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 10/31 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 11/14 | Hassett |
| Williamsport | 12/4 | Thompson |

¹⁵ Washington Cty. Courthouse, Hagerstown, MD, Land Records Book 74, Page 438, recorded 1894.

¹⁶ Unrau, Harlan D., *History of the C & O Canal*, published by C & O Canal NHP, Hagerstown, MD, 2007, p. 320.

¹⁷ *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, VA, newspaper, 10/2/1876, p. 2.

¹⁸ *Register of Boats Employed on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, Jan. 1st 1878*, from the original, in Record Group 79, at National Archives, College Park, MD.

¹⁹ *CANAL TRADE 1877*, transcribed from *The Daily Alleganian*, Cumberland, Md. and *The Shepherdstown Register*, Shepherdstown, W. Va. newspapers, by William Bauman, April 2011.

²⁰ *CANAL TRADE 1878*, transcribed from *The Daily Alleganian*, Cumberland, Md. and *The Shepherdstown Register*, Shepherdstown, W. Va. newspapers, by William Bauman, January 2011

From the Register of Boats - 1878, we find that Lewis Fernsner also owned the canal boat *Warren Delano, Jr.* with Captain Samuel Fernsner, his 23 year old son. The table below on the left has the 1877 descending data for that boat. The table above on the right has the 1878 data for *Warren Delano, Jr.*

| <i>Warren Delano, Jr. - 1877</i> | | |
|----------------------------------|-------|----------|
| Destination | Date | Captain |
| Georgetown | 4/12 | Fernsner |
| Georgetown | 4/25 | Fernsner |
| Georgetown | 5/23 | Fernsner |
| | 6/9 | Fernsner |
| Georgetown | 8/21 | Fernsner |
| Georgetown | 8/29 | Fernsner |
| Georgetown | 9/7 | Fernsner |
| Georgetown | 9/18 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 9/29 | Fernsner |
| Georgetown | 10/11 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 10/23 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 11/1 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 11/21 | Hassett |

| <i>Warren Delano, Jr. - 1878</i> | | |
|----------------------------------|-------|----------|
| Destination | Date | Captain |
| Georgetown | 5/4 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 5/16 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 5/29 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 6/27 | Hassett |
| Alexandria | 7/20 | Fernsner |
| Washington | 8/4 | Fernsner |
| Georgetown | 8/24 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 9/12 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 9/26 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 10/9 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 10/25 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 11/12 | Fernsner |

Yes, the record does show Captain Fernsner taking both the *M. S. Fernsner* and the *Warren Delano, Jr.* on July 20, 1878 to Alexandria. We can suspect that it was Captain Samuel Fernsner on the *Warren Delano, Jr.* and Capt. Lewis Fernsner on the *M. S. Fernsner*.

Also from the Register of Boats 1878, we find that Lewis Fernsner owned a third canal boat called *Susan Charles*, with Captain Andrew Snyder. The following tables provide the descending data for the boat in 1877 and 1878.

| <i>Susan Charles - 1877</i> | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|---------|
| Destination | Date | Captain |
| Georgetown | 5/2 | Snyder |
| Georgetown | 6/12 | Snyder |
| Georgetown | 6/28 | Snyder |
| Georgetown | 8/27 | Snyder |
| Georgetown | 9/5 | Snyder |
| Georgetown | 9/19 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 10/3 | Snyder |
| Georgetown | 10/16 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 10/26 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 11/10 | Hassett |

| <i>Susan Charles - 1878</i> | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|---------|
| Destination | Date | Captain |
| Georgetown | 5/8 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 5/20 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 6/7 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 7/9 | Hassett |
| Alexandria | 7/26 | Snyder |
| Georgetown | 8/16 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 9/14 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 9/30 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 10/17 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 10/18 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 10/28 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 11/9 | Hassett |

Yes, the newspaper reported the *Susan Charles* departing on Oct. 17, 1878 and again on Oct. 18, 1878, one date is probably wrong. Once again, the captain of record took the boat in July and then had a late Aug. to early Sept. layover. The newspaper did report a break in navigation in August, e.g. 8/1, 8/2, 8/9, 8/12, 8/14, 8/15, 8/19, 8/20 and 8/26.

Maybe Lewis Fernsner decided to have his boats await the canal repairs at home, in Four Locks, instead of tied up somewhere along the berm.

Lastly from the Register of Boats - 1878, we find that Andrew Snyder owned the canal boat *Kate Prather*, with Captain Lewis Fernsner. We have found no explanation for why the men captained the other man's boat. In 1877 the *Kate Prather* was mostly in the employ of the Borden Mining Co. Looking at Canal Trade 1877 or Canal Trade 1878 it is evident that Borden Mining Company was not a major shipper in comparison with Consolidation Coal Company. Borden Mining Company usually sent only two or three boats per day to Georgetown, whereas Consolidation Coal Company routinely sent fourteen boats per day.

| <i>Kate Prather - 1877</i> | | |
|----------------------------|-------|----------|
| Destination | Date | Captain |
| Georgetown | 4/13 | Fernsner |
| Georgetown | 4/28 | Fernsner |
| Georgetown | 5/28 | Fernsner |
| Georgetown | 6/9 | Fernsner |
| Georgetown | 6/27 | Fernsner |
| Georgetown | 8/25 | Fernsner |
| Georgetown | 9/5 | Fernsner |
| Georgetown | 9/18 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 10/3 | Fernsner |
| Georgetown | 10/15 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 10/26 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 11/15 | Hassett |

| <i>Kate Prather - 1878</i> | | |
|----------------------------|-------|----------|
| Destination | Date | Captain |
| Georgetown | 4/26 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 5/10 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 5/23 | Fernsner |
| Georgetown | 6/6 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 7/3 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 7/30 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 8/1 | Hassett |
| Washington | 8/17 | Fernsner |
| Washington | 8/27 | Fernsner |
| Georgetown | 9/14 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 9/27 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 10/18 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 11/2 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 11/14 | Hassett |

On August 19th 1880 \$53.45 was collected from the canal boat *Warren Delano* by order of Lewis Fernsner and placed to the credit of William Young in payment for repairs to the said boat. On Oct. 20th 1880 Lewis Fernsner paid \$16.06 as his County and State taxes for 1880.²¹ The taxes were based on his owning 2 canal boats, a house and lot, livestock and household furniture. On March 6th 1882, he paid \$16.46 as his County and State taxes for 1881. He still had the 2 canal boats, house and lot, livestock and household furniture. Also on March 6th 1882, he paid \$6.80 also for County and State taxes for 1881. The additional tax receipt lists 1 canal boat plus livestock presumably as the cause for the additional tax. The livestock could have been the mules to pull the 3 canal boats, as opposed to cattle, sheep, pigs or other farm livestock. On Nov. 14, 1883, William Young, of Cumberland, received \$150 on a scow from Lewis Fernsner.²² For tax purposes, a scow could be listed as a canal boat.

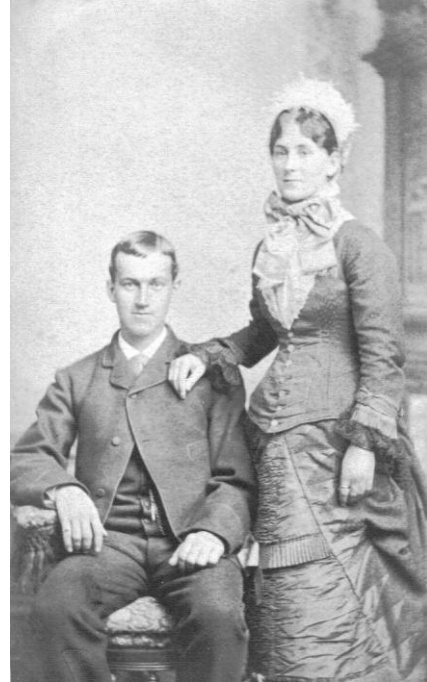
²¹ 1880 Tax receipt of payment found in Helen Jayne (Fernsner) Sterling Collection.

²² Receipt of payment found in Helen Jayne (Fernsner) Sterling Collection.



Circa 1880 the studio photograph to the left was taken of Mary Elizabeth Fernsner (Brewer) and her sister Leila Virginia Fernsner (Snyder). Leila V. Fernsner married Jacob H. Snyder on July 6, 1881 at the residence of the bride's father, Rev. S. M. Firey

officiating.²³ Then on May 30, 1882 Mary Elizabeth Fernsner married Edward Brewer. The studio photograph to the right was probably their wedding photograph.²⁴



On Jan. 1, 1884 the Canal Company leased the lot and general store at Lock 48, berm side, to J. Edward Smith for \$36 per year and ending January 1, 1894.²⁵ While the Canal Company made this lease with J. Edward Smith, insurance records show that Samuel Fernsner and Jacob H. Snyder had this one-story general store with attic as early as 1884.²⁶ There is no record of the transfer of this store to Snyder & Fernsner. However, there is a notation on the deed that a copy of that lease was sent to Jake Snyder on July 26, 1890.²⁷ Furthermore, Canal Company receipts from 1895 through 1922 show Snyder and Fernsner paying \$36 rent per year; the receipts were signed by either William T. Hassett or Charles Hassett.²⁸

Lewis Fernsner's tax bill for 1888 was \$14.84, based on 2 canal boats, a house and lot, livestock and household furniture; presumably he had sold the scow or third canal boat by then. On May 8, 1889 Lewis Fernsner paid only \$7.84 as his County and State taxes for 1889. The receipt does not include any canal boats or livestock; so, we think he had gotten out of boating by then.²⁹

²³ *The Herald and Torch Light*, Hagerstown, Md., newspaper, Wednesday, 7/13/1881, p. 3.

²⁴ From the Helen Jayne (Fernsner) Sterling Collection, Hagerstown, MD, 2011.

²⁵ Washington Cty. Courthouse, Hagerstown, MD, Land Records Book 95, Page 69, recorded 1884.

²⁶ Aetna & Union Insurance Co. of Philadelphia insurance policies, 1884; Helen Jayne (Fernsner)

Collection.

²⁷ Washington Cty. Courthouse, Hagerstown, MD, Land Records Book 95, Page 69, recorded 1884.

See also Mastrangelo, Mike, *THE COMMUNITY OF FOUR LOCKS*, privately published, 1987, p. 11.

²⁸ Receipt of payment found in Helen Jayne (Fernsner) Sterling Collection.

²⁹ Helen Jayne (Fernsner) Sterling Collection for above mentioned receipts.

The studio photograph to the right was taken about 1888 - 1890 of his wife, Martha Susan (Silver) Fernsner.



The data collected to-date for his canal boat *Martha S. Fernsner* for 1888 is as shown in the following table:

| <i>Martha S. Fernsner - 1888</i> | | |
|----------------------------------|-------|---------|
| Destination | Date | Captain |
| Georgetown | 4/6 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 5/3 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 6/23 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 8/2 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 8/25 | Hassett |
| Alexandria | 9/8 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 9/14 | Hassett |
| Georgetown | 9/24 | Kinsel |
| Georgetown | 11/10 | Kinsel |
| Georgetown | 11/26 | Kinsel |

"Between May 30 and June 1, 1889, a titanic flood swept the Potomac, the crest of which was higher than any before recorded in the history of the valley. On the upper Potomac in Maryland, there were 50 lives lost and more than \$2,000,000 worth of property was destroyed. . . . Between Four Locks and Hancock the towpath was washed to depths up to 4 feet for the distance of several miles."³⁰

After the flood of June 1889, "The canal company was unable to raise sufficient funds to repair the canal and found it necessary to declare bankruptcy. The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad (as the major bondholder) offered to restore the canal, knowing that a railroad competitor was likely to buy the canal if there was a forced sale. The Maryland Circuit Court of Washington County at Hagerstown, Maryland, authorized the B. & O. Railroad to complete repairs and to operate the canal as a 'last ditch' effort."³¹ On March 3, 1890 Judge R. H. Alvey ordered the consolidation of two cases regarding the deposition of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company assets in its bankruptcy and appointed Robert Bridges, Richard D. Johnson and Joseph D. Baker as joint Receivers of all and singular the property, estate and franchises of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company. Their first task was to inventory all the real and personal property and effects of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.

Between Lock 49 and Lock 48 the inventory listed: Lot No. 127, two-story frame house owned by Jacob H. Snyder; lease expires 1894; rent per annum \$36.00. Between Lock 47 and Lock 46 the inventory listed: Lot No. 129, store, warehouse and hay shed, owned by Snyder & Fernsner; rent unknown.

³⁰ Unrau, Harlan D., *History of the C & O Canal*, published by C & O Canal NHP, Hagerstown, MD, 2007, pp. 311-314.

³¹ Hahn, Thomas F., *THE C. & O. CANAL BOATMEN - 1892-1924*, p. 9.

Then it was reported in 1892:

"GREEN SPRING FURNACE NEWS

The canal is again full of water, and on Saturday morning last the first loaded boat of the season passed down requiring the services of the ice breaker through Big Pool, which was covered with ice."³²

During the period 1892 through 1896, Lewis Fernsner paid his County and State taxes based on a house and lot plus household furniture.³³ On July 1st 1895 Snyder & Fernsner, Four Locks, Md. paid \$36.00 for rental on the ground for their store at Lock #48 from Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st 1895.³⁴ Payments were continued yearly through 1922.

During the period 1897 through 1910 Lewis Fernsner paid his County and State taxes based on a house located on ½ acre of land leased from the C & O Canal Co., household furniture and other property, not livestock.

The 1900 census reported that Lewis F. Fernsner, age 47, a Liveryman was living on Union Street in a rented house in Frostburg, Allegany County.³⁵ Living with him were: Sadie, age 45, his wife, they had been married 9 years, she had 4 children only 2 of whom were still living; Albert F., age 6, their son; and Hazel M., age 4, their daughter. Since Sadie and Albert were both born in Pennsylvania, we will look there for additional family information. We also note that when living at home he was known as Albert F. Fernsner; but when he was on his own he became known as Fred Albert Fernsner, e.g. as evidenced by his WW I and WW II draft cards.

From the same census, Samuel H. Fernsner, age 44, was a merchant living in Four Locks, Indian Spring District.³⁶ Living with him were: Mary E., age 35, his wife, they had been married 13 years, she had 3 children all of whom were then still living; Wayne S., age 11, their son; Mary M., age 10, their daughter; Paul R., age 3, their son; and Lewis, age 72, his widowed father who had immigrated in 1828. Lewis F. Fernsner had been born 3/15/1828 in Prussia and his parents must have brought him over that same year because in the 1900 census he claimed that he had been in the United States 72 years. The adjacent studio photograph of Mary Elizabeth (Brewer) Fernsner and Paul Richard Fernsner (age 4) was taken about 1900.³⁷

The 1900 census reported Jacob Snyder, age 54, married 20 years, was a merchant in Clear Spring, Md.³⁸ Living with him were: Lela D. [*sic* V.], age 38, wife; Garnet F., age 18, son; and Frederick, age 12, son.

³² *Herald and Torch Light*, Hagerstown, MD, newspaper, Thursday, 3/24/1892, p. 2.

³³ Tax receipts from the Helen Jayne (Fernsner) Sterling Collection.

³⁴ Receipt from the Helen Jayne (Fernsner) Sterling Collection.

³⁵ 1900 census, Maryland, Washington County, Frostburg Town, enumerated on 6/5/1900, p. 4B.

³⁶ 1900 census, Maryland, Washington County, Indian Spring, enumerated on 6/19&20/1900, p.

14B.

³⁷ From the Helen Jayne (Fernsner) Sterling Collection.

³⁸ 1900 census, Maryland, Clear Spring, District 70, enumerated on 6/16/1900, p. 12.

The 1900 census reported Edward Brewer, age 41, was a Supervisor, in Washington, D.C.³⁹ Living with him was Lizzy [Elizabeth], age 39, wife; and five Roomers.

The 1900 census reported Charles W. Fernsner, age 32, a helper at Gov. Printing Office was a Roomer on E St. NW in Washington, D.C.⁴⁰

One of the highlights of a day at Four Locks, for the children, was the arrival of the horse-drawn library bookmobile, seen in the photograph below between the telephone



poles and the low stone wall. That is the Snyder - Fernsner store at Lock 49 in the center of the photograph, with the white Alexander Flory house beyond the store.



The adjacent studio photograph of Samuel H. Fernsner was also taken about 1900.⁴¹

On July 31, 1905 Louis Fernsner died; the obituary read:

"Louis Fernsner

(Special to The American)

Hagerstown, Md., August 1. - Louis Fernsner, who in the palmy days of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal operated a number of boats between Cumberland and Georgetown, died yesterday at his home, ay Four Locks, this county,

³⁹ 1900 census, District of Columbia, Washington, enumerated on 6/14/1900, p. 20/21.

⁴⁰ 1900 census, District of Columbia, Washington, enumerated on 6/8/1900, p. 13B.

⁴¹ *Ibid.*

aged 77 years. His death was due to general debility. Mr. Fernsner had been in failing health for two years. He was a native of Germany, having been brought to America by his parents when he was a boy. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife died several years ago. These children survive: Samuel H. Fernsner, Four Locks,; Mrs. Jacob H. Snyder, Big Spring, Md.; Louis F. Fernsner, Frostburg, Md.; Charles Winter Fernsner and Mrs. Edward Brewer, Washington, D.C."⁴²

Samuel and Mary Fernsner were active in community activities including the annual tournament and horse show at Clear Spring, held on Aug 23, 1906 that year. More than \$300 in cash prizes were offered and Governor Warfield had been invited to speak. Samuel Fernsner was a vice-president of the organization.⁴³

There were some local problems, burglary was one. A newspaper reported: "The general store of Snyder & Fernsner, at Four Locks, was entered by burglars last night and a sum of money stolen."⁴⁴

The 1910 census reported Lewis F. Fernsner, age 54, who managed a livery stable in Frostburg, was living in his own home which was free of any mortgage.⁴⁵ Living with him were: Sarah, age 52, his wife, they had been married 20 years, she had 4 children 2 of whom were then still living; Frederick [Albert], age 15, their son; Hazel, age 14, their daughter; and Elizabeth Welfry, age 78, his widowed mother-in-law, who had 4 children also, 2 of whom were then still living.

The 1910 census reported Samuel H. Fernsner, age 54, a retail merchant in a grocery store was living in his own house which was free of any mortgage.⁴⁶ Living with him were: Mary E., age 45, his wife, they had been married 23 years, she had 3 children all of whom were still living; Wayne S., age 21, their son, who was working as a Clerk in a



grocery store [probably his father's]; Mary M., age 20, their daughter; and Paul R., age 12, their son. Although out of chronological order, the adjacent photograph taken in November 1959 shows the close proximity of the Samuel H. Fernsner House to Lockhouse 49. It was only a short walk from the house to the store.

⁴² *The American*, Baltimore, MD, Newspaper, 8/2/1905.

⁴³ *Sun*, Baltimore, Md., newspaper, 7/30/1906.

⁴⁴ *Sun*, Baltimore, Md., newspaper, 1/3/1908.

⁴⁵ 1910 census, Maryland, Allegany County, Frostburg Town, enumerated on 4/22/1910, p. 9A.

⁴⁶ 1910 census, Maryland, Washington County, Election District 15, enumerated on 4/28/1910, p.

12A.

In 1910 Jacob H. Snyder, age 64, was a Merchant, General Store in Clear Spring, Md.⁴⁷ Living with him were: Lelia B. [sic V.], age 59, wife, they had been married 30 years, she had two children both of whom were then still living; Frederick H., age 22, working as a telegraph operator. Their son, Garnett F. Snyder, had apparently moved out.

In 1910 Edward Brewer, age 50, was still living in Washington, D.C.⁴⁸ Mary E., age 40, his wife, was living with him.

The 1910 census reported Charles W. Fernsner, age 42, a potato chip manufacturer, was living in Washington, D. C.⁴⁹ Living with him were: Cora E., age 35, wife, they had been married four years and had two children both of whom were then living; Berkley F., age 3, son; and Evelyn E., age 7/12, daughter.

On or about August 25, 1910, Aloysius Flynn, lock tender at Four Locks, was killed when run over by a Western Maryland freight train near Clear Spring station.⁵⁰

On Dec. 23, 1911, Mary Martha Fernsner married Alvey Judge Shupp. She is shown in what may have been her wedding photograph, to the right.



Fred A. Fernsner registered for the draft.⁵¹ He was then living at 572 E. Bechtel Ave, Akron, Ohio, 23 years old, born May 26, 1894, single, an accountant with the Mfrs Rubbert Supply Co. tall of height, slender build, blue eyes and light hair, he had bad eyesight.

Wayne Silver Fernsner also registered for the draft.⁵² He was the living at 2035 Potomac Street, Hagerstown, Md., 25 years old, born July 28, 1888, married, a Railway Clerk for the Western Maryland Railroad Co., tall of height, medium build, brown eyes, light hair, slightly balding. He declared a wife as a dependent. After the war a newspaper reported: "Western Maryland Lodge, No 147, Knights of Pythias, has elected the following officers: Chancellor commander, W. S. Fernsner. . . ." ⁵³

Paul Richard Fernsner also registered for the draft.⁵⁴ He was living at 307 Summit Ave., Hagerstown, Md. 21 years old, born December 1, 1896, he was working for the Western Maryland Railway Co., tall of height, slender build, gray eyes, light brown hair. Samuel

⁴⁷ 1910 census, Maryland, Washington County, Clear Spring, enumerated on 4/24/1910, p. 11B.

⁴⁸ 1910 census, District of Columbia, Washington, Precinct 5, enumerated on 4/20&21/1910, p. 3B.

⁴⁹ 1910 census, District of Columbia, Washington, Precinct 5, enumerated on 4/19&20/1910, p. 6B.

⁵⁰ *The Morning Herald*, Hagerstown, Md., newspaper, Thursday, 8/25/1960, p. 18. "50 Years Ago"

⁵¹ WW I DRAFT REGISTRATION CARD, No. 320, Akron, Ohio., dated 6/5/1919.

⁵² WW I DRAFT REGISTRATION CARD, No. 7, Washington, NJ, dated 6/5/1917.

⁵³ *Baltimore Sun*, Baltimore, Md., newspaper, 12/8/1919, p. 8.

⁵⁴ WW I DRAFT REGISTRATION CARD, No. 86, Hagerstown, Md., dated 6/5/1918.

H. Fernsner, father, at Four Locks would know where he was at all times. He served with Headquarters Company, Overseas Detachment, Engineers, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana and he achieved the rank of Sergeant, per their roster dated Wed., Dec. 18, 1918. He was discharged from Fort Harrison on January 20, 1919.

The 1920 census reported Lewis F. Fernsner, 67, a factory laborer, had moved to East Brechtel Ave., in Akron, Ohio.⁵⁵ Living with him were: Sarah A., age 64, his wife; Frederick A., age 25, their son, who worked as an accountant at a Supply Co.; Martha H., age 24, their daughter, who was working as a stenographer; and Ida Wilfey, age 60, his sister-in-law.

In 1920 Jacob H. Snyder, age 70, a Merchant, Grocery Store, was still living in Clear Spring, Md.⁵⁶ He and his wife, Lelia V., age 58; they were "empty nesters."

The 1920 census also reported Charles Fernsner, age 52, a Safety Engineer was living in his own house, which was free of any mortgage, on B Street, S.E., Washington, D.C.⁵⁷ Living with him were: Anna, age 48, his [second] wife; Beckley, age 12; Evelyn, age 10; and Beatrice, age 7. These children were by Cora E. Fernsner, Charles' first wife. The census space "Relation" for the three children was left blank.

By 1920 Wayne S. Fernsner, age 31, was working as a Clerk at the Railroad Office and lived in a rented house on S. Potomac Street in Hagerstown.⁵⁸ Living with him was Ruth A., age 26, his wife. They had no children.

From the same census, Paul R. Fernsner, age 23, was living with Jacob M. Boward, age 62, widowed, with 5 daughters at home. Paul was their boarder on Summit Ave. in Hagerstown.⁵⁹ Note that the census data was collected in



January 1920 and Paul married Irene Elnora McAllister on February 26, 1920 at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Baltimore, Md. They had gone to Baltimore because Irene McAllister's sister and brother-in-law, Averta and Norman Shakespeare, were the witnesses. They stayed overnight at the Southern Hotel and then left the next morning for Niagara Falls and their honeymoon; see above photograph.



⁵⁵ 1920 census, Ohio, Summit County, Akron Ward 6, enumerated on 1/3/1920, p. 1B
⁵⁶ 1920 census, Maryland, Washington County, Clear Spring, enumerated on 1/6/1920, p. 3A.
⁵⁷ 1920 census, District of Columbia, Washington City, enumerated on 1/8/1920, p. 10B.
⁵⁸ 1920 census, Maryland, Washington County, Hagerstown, enumerated on 1/8/1920, p. 6A.
⁵⁹ 1920 census, Maryland, Washington County, Hagerstown, enumerated on 1/10/1920, p. 4A.

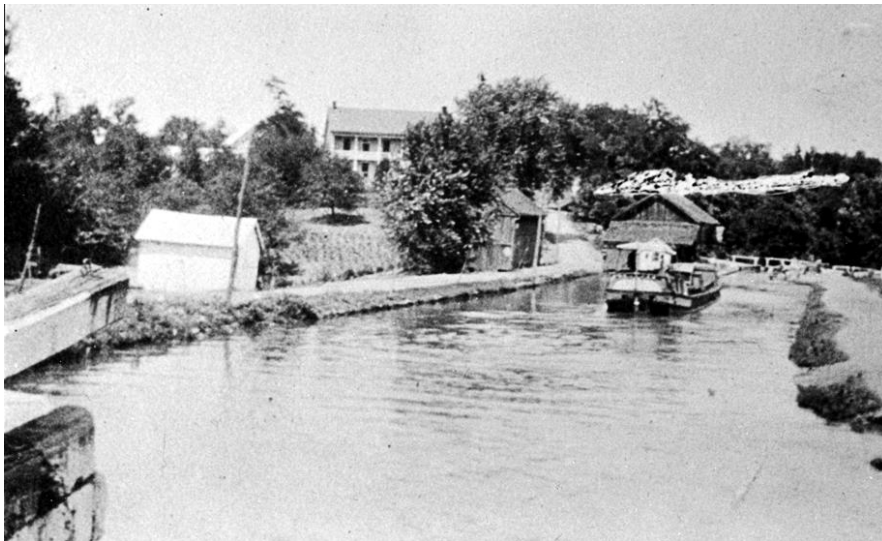
We have not been able to locate 1920 census data for Paul's parents, Samuel H, and Mary E. Fernsner. However, we do have the previous photograph of Paul's mother, Mary Elizabeth Fernsner on the left, and his wife, Irene Elnora McAllister Fernsner on the right, with the dog, Jumbo, at Four Locks circa 1920.

On June 23, 1921, Samuel H. Fernsner paid \$8.13 for his County and State taxes for 1921. The tax was based on a lot, a house and lot, and livestock.⁶⁰ The adjacent photograph shows Samuel's sister and brother-in-law, Edward and Mary E. Brewer; it was taken in 1921 in the Fernsner yard at Four Locks,



"On March 29, 1924, the first major flood in 35 years swept down the Potomac Valley and wrecked the canal. Melting snow and heavy rains caused the Potomac and its tributaries, especially the Shenandoah, to rise and overflow their banks. . . . The flood of 1924 provided the opportunity for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad to relieve itself of the expense of operating the canal."⁶¹

Charles Philbert and Martha May Mellott, and their six children, moved into the Flory house in 1929. Their children walked to the Four Locks School. Their oldest son, Leroy Mellott, remembered that



during his lifetime at Four Locks there was only one store - the Snyder - Fernsner Store. Mr. Snyder lived in Big Spring and commuted to help Sam Fernsner run the store. Leroy remembered cheese came in a round block, sugar came in kegs, nails were in kegs and molasses was

in a barrel.⁶² In the photograph above the Hasset House is visible in the middle background. The towpath is on the right and the loaded canal boat is about to enter Lock 49.

⁶⁰ Tax receipt from the Helen Jayne (Fernsner) Sterling Collection.

⁶¹ Unrau, Harlan D., *History of the C & O Canal*, published by C & O Canal NHP, Hagerstown, MD, 2007, pp. 317-319.

⁶² *Maryland Cracker Barrel*, Boonsboro, MD., magazine, April/May 2003, p. 10

In the following photograph the view was looking back upstream past Lock 49. Note the overhanging roof line, the little white shanty on the berm side of the canal; that was the William T. Hassett & Brother Warehouse at Lock 50.

William's brother was John C. Hassett. The warehouse sat over the Lock 50 bypass flume and contained feed, hay, bow and stern lines, and towlines. The Canal Company purchased corn, oats and hay from the local farmers and



stored those supplies in that warehouse. Canallers stopped at the warehouse for their mule supplies and at the Snyder - Fernsner store for their own supplies.



In the adjacent photograph, a canal boat is passing through Lock 49. Note that in the "up" position how easy it was to load supplies right onto the boat. The people are unidentified. Note the bales of hay on the hatch covers between the woman and the middle house, where mule feed was stored.

In the next photograph in this series, a loaded canal boat is departing Lock 49, possibly the same one.



In 1930 Lewis F. Fernsner, age 77, retired, was still living at 96 East Buchtel Ave., Akron, Ohio with his wife, Sarah G., age 75.⁶³ Living with them were: Napoleon Orlando Basford, age 35, lodger [son-in-law], a Merchant, House Cleaning Material; Hazel M. [Fernsner], age 36, wife, lodger [daughter], a Sales Lady, Dry Goods Store; Jeane M., age 22, lodger; and Ida Wilfley, age 70, lodger [sister-in-law].

The 1930 census reported Edward Brewer, age 70, was living at 302 S. Prospect St., in Hagerstown, Md.⁶⁴ Living with him was Mary E. [Fernsner], age 67, wife. No record of their having children has been found.

From the 1930 census it was reported that Wayne S. Fernsner, age 41, was then living in a rented house on East Antietam Street and working as a filing clerk in a railroad claims office.⁶⁵ Living with him was Ruth A., age 36, his wife. They had no children, although Emory H. Rook, age 25, a Lodger, who was working as a filing clerk in a railroad office, was living with them.

"A sudden thaw in the wintery temperatures throughout the eastern United States from Maryland to the Canadian border in mid-March 1936 led to the heaviest flood in recorded history of the Potomac Valley. While the loss of life was comparatively slight, numerous buildings, roads and bridges were destroyed. The Potomac not only flooded its upper reaches to epic proportions, but for the first time in living memory, it went out of its banks along the southern border and caused extensive damage almost down to the Atlantic. . . . In the vicinity of Four Locks, the river rose 10 feet above its 1889 crest. . . . At Lock 47 the lockhouse, which had withstood the 1889 freshet, was destroyed."⁶⁶

Wayne Silver Fernsner registered for the WW II draft.⁶⁷ He was then living at 41 East Antietam Street, Hagerstown, Md., he was born 7/28/1888, he was working for Western Maryland Railway, Hagerstown, Md., 5 ft. 9 in. in height, 200 lbs. in weight, brown eyes, gray hair, with a light complexion. He listed his married sister, Mary (Fernsner) Shupp as the person who would always know his address.

Paul R. Fernsner also registered for the WW II draft.⁶⁸ He was then living at 2530 W. Franklin Street, Baltimore, Md., he was born Dec. 1st 1896, and he was working for Jackson Transfer, on Pier 4, Pratt Street, Baltimore, Md., 5' - 9" in height, 157 lbs. weight, gray eyes, brown hair, with a sallow complexion. He listed his wife as the person who would always know his address.

On Dec. 26, 1946 Edward Brewer died in Hagerstown, Md. He was buried in Saint Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery, Clear Spring, Md. His obituary remains to be found.

⁶³ 1930 census, Ohio, Summit County, Akron, District 29, enumerated on 4/8/1930, p. 7A.

⁶⁴ 1930 census, Maryland, Washington County, Hagerstown, enumerated on 4/22/1930, p. 11B.

⁶⁵ 1930 census, Maryland, Washington County, District 17, enumerated on 4/10/1930, p. 6A.

⁶⁶ Unrau, Harlan D., *History of the C & O Canal*, published by C & O Canal NHP, Hagerstown, MD, 2007, pp. 319-320.

⁶⁷ WW II DRAFT REGISTRATION CARD, No. U-3393, Baltimore City, Md., dated 4/27/1942.

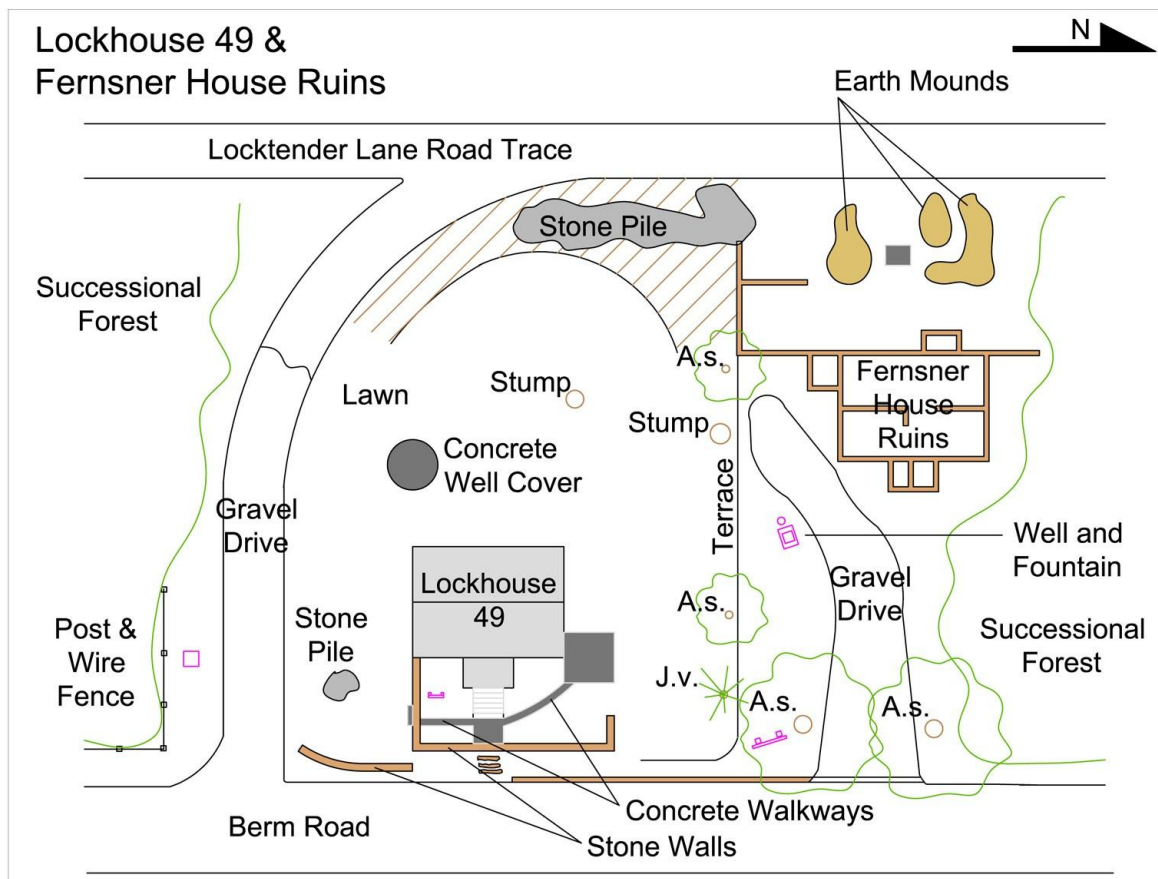
⁶⁸ WW II DRAFT REGISTRATION CARD, No. U-605, Baltimore City, Md., dated 4/25/1942.

Helen Jayne Fernsner was wed to Elwood Barton Sterling on September 12, 1947 by Rev. J. Edward Harms at St. John's Lutheran Church, Hagerstown, Md. The adjacent photograph shows Mr. & Mrs. Elwood B. Sterling cutting their wedding cake for their guests.



Hazel M. Fernsner Basford died on Feb. 27, 1950 in Akron, Ohio and was buried in Rose Hill Burial Park, Akron, Ohio.

In 1961 the National Park Service acquired the Fernsner property; the Fernsner House was removed due to its advanced Deterioration. The following site plan shows the location of the Fernsner House ruins in relation to Lockhouse 49, which is still standing.⁶⁹



⁶⁹ *Four Locks, C & O Canal NHP, NPS, Cultural Landscapes Inventory, 2008, p. 6.*

APPENDIX A - TABLE OF FERNSNER FAMILY STATISTICS (Condensed)

| Name | Rel. | Born | Married | Died | Born in |
|---|------|------------|-----------------------|------------|--------------|
| Lewis Frederick Fernsner | hus | | | | Germany |
| Caroline Driscoll | wife | | | 1869 | Germany |
| <i>Lewis Frederick</i> Fernsner | son | 3/15/1828 | 4/1/1852 | 7/31/1905 | Prussia |
| End of Generation 1 | | | | | |
| Lewis Frederick Fernsner | hus. | 3/15/1828 | 4/1/1852 | 7/31/1905 | Prussia |
| Martha Susan Silver | wife | 6/26/1834 | | 1/11/1895 | Maryland |
| <i>Lewis Frederick</i> Fernsner, II. | son | 1/1/1853 | 1891 | 12/27/1933 | Maryland |
| <i>Samuel Henry</i> Fernsner | son | 11/17/1855 | 6/12/1887 | 12/4/1934 | Maryland |
| <i>Frances Anna</i> Fernsner | dau | 9/8/1857 | Never | 4/11/1886 | Maryland |
| <i>Leila Virginia</i> Fernsner (Snyder) | dau. | 8/15/1861 | 1880 | 1/6/1925 | Maryland |
| <i>Mary Elizabeth</i> Fernsner (Brewer) | dau. | 11/26/1862 | 5/30/1882 | 2/5/1948 | Maryland |
| <i>Charles Winter</i> Fernsner | son | 8/19/1867 | 7/25/1906 8/3/1914 | 7/26/1948 | Maryland |
| End of Generation 2 | | | | | |
| Lewis Frederick Fernsner, II. | hus. | 1/1/1853 | 1891 | 12/27/1933 | Maryland |
| Sadie (Sarah) Wilfley | wife | 3/1855 | | 12/2/1938 | Pennsylvania |
| <i>Fred Albert</i> Fernsner | son | 5/26/1894 | 1954 | 1/15/1975 | Pennsylvania |
| <i>Hazel M.</i> Fernsner (Basford) | dau. | 8/1895 | 1922 | 2/27/1950 | Maryland |
| <i>Samuel Henry</i> Fernsner | hus | 11/17/1855 | 6/12/1887 | 12/4/1934 | Maryland |
| <i>Mary Elizabeth</i> Brewer | wife | 5/24/1865 | | 4/2/1944 | Maryland |
| <i>Wayne Silver</i> Fernsner | son | 7/28/1888 | | 1949 | Maryland |
| <i>Mary Martha</i> Fernsner (Shupp) | dau. | 4/25/1890 | 12/23/1911 | 9/25/1959 | Maryland |
| <i>Paul Richard.</i> Fernsner | son | 12/1/1896 | 2/1920 | 10/21/1963 | Maryland |
| <i>Jacob H.</i> Snyder | hus | 3/4/1846 | 7/6/1881 | 10/5/1934 | Maryland |
| <i>Leila Virginia</i> Fernsner | wife | 8/15/1861 | | 1/6/1925 | Maryland |
| <i>Garnett F.</i> Snyder | son | 1/4/1883 | | | Maryland |
| <i>Fred Henry</i> Snyder | son | 4/15/1888 | | 4/27/1983 | Maryland |
| <i>Edward</i> Brewer | hus | 4/29/1859 | 5/30/1882 | 12/26/1946 | Maryland |
| <i>Mary Elizabeth</i> Fernsner | wife | 11/26/1862 | | 2/5/1948 | Maryland |
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| Name | Rel. | Born | Married | Died | Born in |
|---|------|-----------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Charles Winter Fernsner | hus. | 8/19/1867 | 7/25/1906 | 7/25/1948 | Maryland |
| Cora Etta Berkley (1 st) | wife | 2/9/1875 | | 7/25/1912 | Pennsylvania |
| <i>Berkley Fernsner</i> | son | 6/20/1907 | | 6/16/1923 | Dist. of Col. |
| <i>Evelyn E. Fernsner</i> | dau. | 9/22/1909 | Never | 1/1/1997 | Dist. of Col. |
| <i>Beatrice Fernsner</i> (Pentz) | dau. | 6/23/1912 | | 4/26/1982 | Dist. of Col. |
| Charles Winter Fernsner | hus. | 8/19/1867 | 8/3/1914 | 7/25/1948 | Maryland |
| Anna Catherine Younkins (2 nd) | wife | 3/8/1871 | | 7/25/1948 | Pennsylvania |
| End of Generation 3 | | | | | |
| Wayne Silver Fernsner | hus. | 7/28/1888 | 1911/12 | 1949 | Maryland |
| Ruth A. Trumpower | wife | 1894 | | | Maryland |
| Alvey Judge Shupp | hus. | 3/19/1889 | 12/23/1911 | 11/12/1969 | |
| Mary Martha Fernsner | wife | 4/25/1890 | | 9/25/1959 | Maryland |
| Paul Richard Fernsner | hus. | 12/1/1896 | 2/26/1920 | 10/21/1963 | Maryland |
| Irene Elnora McAllister | wife | 2/9/1899 | | 8/30/1972 | Maryland |
| <i>Helen Jayne Fernsner</i> (Sterling) | dau. | 1922 | 1947 | | Maryland |
| End of Generation 4 | | | | | |
| Elwood Barton Sterling | hus. | 4/21/1919 | 1947 | 7/31/1971 | |
| Helen Jayne Fernsner | wife | 1922 | | | Maryland |
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