



William Hart (1734 - 1812) Fecit 1809 Portsmouth, New Hampshire
 Surveyor's Plain Compass (Wood) No sights. In the New Hampshire
 Historical Society's collection, Concord, New Hampshire
 Photograph courtesy Charles S. Parsons, Goffstown, New Hampshire

HEER & SEELIG (1884 - 1892)
 Peter Heer (1857 - 1838)
 Roman Seelig (1848 - 1924)

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PETER HEER (1892 - 1896)
 Peter Heer (1857 - 1938)

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The Gurley Museum has an 18" Wye Level. It is engraved Peter Heer
 Chicago Serial 130.

PETER HEER & CO. (1896 - 1906)
 Peter Heer (1857 - 1938)

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JOHN HEILIG (1765 - 1841)

Germantown, Pennsylvania

John Heilig, the grandson of Hendrick Heilig who came from Hanover, Germany in 1720, was born at Germantown 4 March 1765 and died there 7 April 1841. He was buried in St. Michael's Evangelical Lutheran Church Yard on April 9, Good Friday, 1841.

In 1841 Germantown was a separate town in Philadelphia County. Hendrick Heilig was an uncle by marriage to David Rittenhouse. John Heilig was a clock maker and silversmith and was the first silversmith in Germantown.

There is privately owned in Pennsylvania a surveyor's vernier compass. It is engraved John Heilig Germantown. It has an elaborately engraved dial. It is 16" overall, with a 5-7/8" needle.

FRANK HEITZLER (1904 - 1905)

HEITZLER INSTRUMENT CO. (1910 - 1912)

Frank Heitzler (-)

Denver, Colorado

Frank Heitzler is first listed in the June 1, 1904 Denver directory Heitzler, Frank, Engineering Instruments. 734 - 19th
 From June 1, 1906 to June 1, 1910 he is listed

WEISS & HEITZLER

mfrs. surveying instruments 734 - 19th

In 1911 and 1912 he is listed

HEITZLER INSTRUMENT CO. (Frank Heitzler) mfrs. surveying instruments. 734 - 19th

THE HEISELY FAMILY

Frederick (1759 - 1843) Lancaster, Pennsylvania
 George Jacob (1789 - 1880) Fredericktown, Maryland
 Frederick Augustus (1792 - 1875) Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Frederick Heisely

Frederick Heisely, the son of Frederick and Mary Gardner Heisely was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, 17 October 1759.¹ He enlisted in Captain Jos. Howell's Company, 2nd Pa. Regiment, Colonel

Stewart in command, 9 September 1778, and was in service during the Jersey campaign of 1778. On the roll of Captain Howell's Company, there bears the remark opposite his name, "on command Philadelphia"²

It is assumed that when he was discharged from the Army, he became an apprentice of George Hoff of Lancaster. He married Catharine Juliana Hoff, daughter of George and Justina Margareta Schneitzel Hoff, 6 November 1783³ and moved to Frederick, Maryland. While there he made the town clock.

"In 1807 the old town clock of Frederick Town was placed in the tower from which it marked the hours in loud tones. It was made in Frederick by Frederick Heisely".⁴ The tower clock is now in the Smithsonian Institution.

His two sons were born at Frederick: George Jacob, 29 November 1789,⁵ and Frederick Augustus, 3 July 1792.⁶

In 1793 the Heisely family moved back to Lancaster, Frederick becoming a partner of his father-in-law George Hoff, for about eight years, making surveyor's instruments, land compasses and projectors.³

About 1811, the family moved to Harrisburg. Frederick became a prominent citizen of Harrisburg, being Treasurer of Dauphin County from 1827 to 1829. He was in business with his son George J. from 1811 until Frederick retired.⁶

He first bought property in Harrisburg in 1817.⁷ He is only listed in the 1839 Harrisburg Directory, living with George J. at 2nd and Chestnut Streets.⁶

There are two known compasses made by Frederick while he was in Fredericktown, Maryland: one is in the Ohio State Museum, Columbus, Ohio; the other is privately owned in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. They are engraved F. Heisely Fredktown. In the David Rittenhouse Room at the Audubon and Wildlife Sanctuary in Audubon, Pennsylvania, there is a surveyor's plain compass engraved: F. Heisely Harrisburg⁹. The Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan has a surveyor's plain compass engraved: Heisely & Son Harrisburg.¹⁰

Frederick Heisely died 12 March 1843 and is interred in the Harrisburg Cemetery.¹¹

George Jacob Heisely

There is a hiatus in the history of the Heisely family from 1801 to 1811. However, it is assumed that George was an apprentice of his father because the firm of Heisely & Son was established in Harrisburg about 1811.

George Jacob Heisely, who had been a member of the Maryland Militia before coming to Harrisburg, joined the Harrisburg Volunteers, Captain Walker's Company, First Regiment, First Brigade, Pennsylvania Militia, 29 August 1814. On the roster of this Company are the names of Ferdinand

and George Durang. The Company marched to the defense of Baltimore. After the bombardment of Fort McHenry on the thirteenth and fourteenth of September, 1814, Francis Scott Key wrote "The Star Spangled Banner". According to a legend in the Heisely family, a copy of the verses reached the Pennsylvania Militia.

The Durang brothers who were actors and singers asked Heisely, a flute player, to set the verses to music. He played through his "tune book" and they chose the tune of "To Anacreon in Heaven". The Militia Company went to Baltimore a few days later and the Durang brothers sang this anthem on the stage of the Holliday Street Theatre.⁵ It is now our National Anthem.⁶

George J. Heisely was discharged from the service of the United States at Baltimore, 5 December 1814. He was also in Captain Charles Carson's Company of Home Guards when Pennsylvania was invaded by General Lee's army in 1863.⁶

George H. Eckhardt in the 1955 edition of his book "Pennsylvania Clocks and Clockmakers, Page 214, states "The town clock in Waynesburg, Greene County, Pennsylvania was made by George J. Heisely". However, this clock suffered the same fate as did his father's town clock in Frederick, Maryland: it was replaced by a clock made in New York City in 1926 and again modernized in 1952.¹²

George J. is listed in the Harrisburg directories from 1839 to 1880.⁸ He first bought property in Harrisburg in 1831.⁷

At Camp Martius in Marietta, Ohio is a surveyor's plain compass engraved: G. Heisely Harrisburg.¹³

George Jacob Heisely died at Harrisburg, 27 June 1880, and is interred in the Harrisburg cemetery.¹¹

Frederick Augustus Heisely

The first knowledge of Frederick A. Heisely is obtained from a certificate that states that he was drafted in the Maryland Militia in 1814.

In the files of the General Services Administration, National Archives and Records Services in Washington, D.C., are the following:

1. Treasury Department
Third Auditor's Office Nov. 12, 1842

Upon examination of the Muster Rolls of Captain Huston and Green's Company of Maryland Militia, it appears that Frederick A. Heisely entered the service on the 23rd July 1814 as a Private and on the Rolls up to 13 October 1814 he is remarked, "on furlough since 27 Sept. 1814". No evidence appears of his having been wounded.

Peter Hagner Aud

Pension Office
War Dept.

2. Frederick City Sept. 15, 1843

It is hereby certified that Frederick A. Heisely, a Private or Non-Commissioned Officer in the Company of Captain James F. Huston, of the First Regiment of Maryland Militia in the service of the United States, received a wound from a musket ball near the hipjoint on the 24th August 1814, while retreating before the British Army near to Blandensburg, Maryland. -- On the 30th of the same month I was called to visit him at his father's residence in this place and having made an unsuccessful effort to extract the ball, was under the necessity of healing the wound over it. The lodgment of the ball in the neighborhood of the joint has been a source of great inconvenience; and at times of suffering ever since. -- He having removed to Pennsylvania, I have not seen him for many years, but have been informed that his decrepitude increases as he advances in years.

Wm. Tyler, M.D.

also

declares he was a Sergeant in the Company commanded by Captain James F. Houston in the First Regiment of Maryland Drafts commanded by Col. John Ragan in the war with Great Britain, declared by the United States, on the 18th day of June 1812. That he was drafted at Fredericktown in the State of Maryland on or about the month of April or May 1814 (the exact time not recollected) for the term of six months and continued in actual service in said war for the term of six months and was Honorably Discharged at Annapolis on or about the third day of January 1815 or as will appear by his original Certificate of Discharge as on file in the Pension Office.

It is assumed that Frederick A. served an apprenticeship with his father. That F.A. made surveyor's compasses is evidenced by the fact that there are two surveyor's plain compasses; one in the Gurley Museum and one in the Blair County Historical Society Museum in Altoona, Pennsylvania.¹⁴ They are both engraved:

F.A. Heisely

Harrisburg

To date (1967), none have been found that he made in Pittsburgh. It is believed that F.A. left Harrisburg in 1836 because he sold his property in that town that year having purchased it in 1826.⁷

He is first listed in the 1837 Pittsburgh Directory. He has an advertisement in that Directory which illustrates a surveyor's compass stating that he also makes clocks and watches. The 1839 Directory lists:

Heisely, F.A., Watch and Instrument Mfg., 6 St. Clair, bet. Penn. and Liberty.

From 1844 on, he is listed intermittently until 1872-3 when the listings cease.¹⁵ His name is among the first to be recorded of the members of the First Lutheran Church of Pittsburgh as he was elected an Elder of the congregation on the date of its organization 15 January 1837.¹⁶

As noted, he received a pension of \$8.00 per month. The certificate was issued 7 February 1844.

Frederick Augustus Heisely died 21 May 1875. He is interred in the Allegheny Cemetery in Pittsburgh.¹⁷

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Pennsylvania Pittsburgh Roll

Frederick A. Heisely
Private

Captain's Household Guards company of the Maryland Militia

Ratio of disability, total

Date of discharge,

Time of obtaining the testimony,

Enrolled on the Roll of Pittsburgh

at \$ — Dollars per month, to commence on
1st February 1844

Certificate of Pension issued the 7th of Feb.
1844 and sent to Hon. A.
Ramsay, Secy of Refugees and Invalids

Arrears to 1st of March 1844 5.06

Terminal, all as ending 1st Sep. 48.00

\$53.06

Issued the 24th April 1846
Revd. Book 244. 2. p. 131

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The author has photographs of the compasses made by Frederick Heisely. Fredericktown and Harrisburg, G. Heisely, Harrisburg, F.A. Heisely, Harrisburg, Heisely & Son, Harrisburg (2).

HEWITT & SON (1850 - 1853)

New York City

Thomas Hewitt

Horatio T. Hewitt (1825 -)

Thomas Hewitt is first listed in the 1841-42 New York City directory as a cabinet maker, 552 Broadway, h. 21 Vandam. He continues to the 1848-49 edition listed as a bedstead manufacturer. In the 1849-50 edition he is listed as a cabinet maker, 160 Duane.

The 1850-51 and the 1852-53 editions of the New York City directories lists Hewitt & Son, nautical inst makers, 180 Water, h. Newark. The 1854-55 lists Hewitt, H.T. nautical instruments, 180 Water h. Brooklyn. May 1, 1856 lists Hewitt, H.T. chronometers, 180 Water, Hewitt, Thomas h. England. May 1, 1857 is the same except, Hewitt, Thomas h. London.

The 1858 Brooklyn directory lists, Hewitt, H.T. naut and math instrument maker, Green Ave n Carlton. The May 1, 1862 New York City directory lists Hewitt, Horatio T. chronometers, 180 Water, h. Green Ave., Brooklyn.

Newark, New Jersey directories list from 1863 to May 1, 1892 Horatio T. Hewitt chronometers. From 1876 he is listed at 104 N. Seventh.

The June 1, 1880 Federal Census of Newark list Hewitt, Horatio T. 104 North Seventh Street, Age 55. Place of birth England. The place of death and date have not been found.

There is privately owned in Connecticut a surveyor's vernier compass engraved Hewitt & Son New York. It is 15-3/4" long, 5-3/4" needle, sights are 7-3/4" in height and there are two level vials.