

The Bunting Family

Out of humble beginnings, the Buntings became a prosperous and respected Wayne Family



Jacob D. Bunting was orphaned at eight years old, after the death of his parents. Born in Pennsylvania in 1827, he eventually found his way to Wayne in the late 1840s. He was appointed Wayne Postmaster twice, (1851-1854, 1857-1866), the first appointment coming just before his 24th birthday. He also worked for the railroad and for a local merchant.



Jacob married Maria Elizabeth Kreider in 1855. Maria was born in Nankin Township (Wayne) in 1834. The Kreiders also came from Pennsylvania. Jacob and Maria Bunting raised five children: John James, Kate R., Mary Harriet, Charles D., and Frank Edward. John is pictured above, later in his life.



Jacob D. Bunting started a general store in the early 1860s (above). He was considered the leading merchant in Wayne for many years. Later in Jacob's life, he entered a partnership with his son, John J., who assumed full ownership after his father's death. The store burned down in 1909 and John went to work for a carriage company, likely Prouty & Glass.



Estelle Bunting (above) was Wayne's oldest resident at one point (1864-1965). She was the wife of John J. Bunting.



Estelle and Dan Bunting, c. 1900



Jacob D. and Maria Kreider Bunting home, c. 1870s. Located at Forest and Michigan Ave., now a condominium complex. The house burned down in 1922.