

Virts, John Henry (1861-1939)

Son of Joseph Ludwig Verts. *Loudoun Times Mirror*, 1918 story: Mr. Verts Resigns as Rural Carrier. Mr. John H. Verts, of near Leesburg, one of the first appointed Leesburg rural mail carriers, who has most faithfully and acceptably discharged his duties since October 1, 1902, has voluntarily resigned and retired to his pleasant suburban country home, "Glennwood".



Mr. Verts and Mr. Henry Ellmore were Leesburg's two first rural mail carriers, appointed when rural routes were established during N. C. Nichol's term as postmaster at Leesburg, and prior to the more formal examinations.

A better record than that of Mr. Verts, as to his long continuance of over sixteen years, with greater satisfaction to the patrons served on the same route in the main for the entire time, is rarely known. At times it has been said by postmasters under whom he so faithfully served that when it seemed almost impossible for any one to get over or through the roads, or weather the storms, he always covered his route, if any other carrier did, and oftentimes when roads were impassable, leaving his horse or vehicle and walking much of his distance, in order that no one might miss their eagerly awaited and valuable mail; and the worse the weather, the more it was to be appreciated.

Much of the time he had his vigilant wife as his substitute and assistant, in fact as well as in name, and Postmaster Carter is very pronounced in his regrets in losing this most agreeable carrier, and he agrees with all other preceding postmasters in saying for both that their services were always most pleasing, courteous, faithful and reliable, while in the office as well as toward their patrons.