

QUIET NEIGHBORHOOD.

Small Colony of Deaf Mutes on Reservoir Street Thrifty People.

It is not generally known that Richmond has the most quiet neighborhood in a thickly settled part of the city that any community can boast. There is on Reservoir Street a colony of four families, all of whom are mutes. Bound together by the bond of silence, these people have taken adjoining houses where they may enjoy association with each other. Here in the midst of the noisy city they live in peace and happiness, communicating with each other by means of the sign language in which they are all expert. It should be added also that all of them are remarkably intelligent, all having been well educated. All of them earn their own living, several of them as printers, an art in which they are expert.

The Tucker, Chiles and Rosenbloom families all resided in the same vicinity, and now another family has moved to No. 427 Reservoir Street, adjoining their mute friends. The new-comer is Mr. William C. Ritter, president of the Virginia Association of the Deaf, a fine printer and a man of considerable artistic skill in job printing and display advertising. Mr. Ritter is for the present employed in Hampton, Va., where for five or six years he has been connected with the Hampton Monitor and is highly valued. Owing to the ill health of his wife, he has had to remove his family to this city, but is himself working in Hampton until he can secure employment here. For five years or more he lived in Staunton, being connected with the newspapers there.