



PAST AND PRESENT

Rowan County Historical
Society Newsletter
September 2001

In Memoriam

Aleitha June Lewis
Dedicated member of the Genealogy Club
and the Historical Society
17 September 1949 – 19 July 2001

Meeting Notes

In June, in conjunction with Morehead State University's Appalachian Celebration, several members of the Historical Society conducted tours of the Moonlight School Building, the Little Brushy School, on First Street.

On July 5, Historical Society members met on the lawn of the old Courthouse to ring the bell in honor of our Veterans and to celebrate the 4th of July. Each member present took a turn at ringing the bell.

Our August meeting was spent planning for the workshop. During the September 6 meeting, Helen Surmont showed videos of scenes from past years in Morehead, including one of the 1956 Rowan County Centennial parade.

Genealogy Club

On June 16, Carmelita Evans, Ethel Jones, Willow Leach, Mabel Reynolds, and Linda Lowe made a productive field trip to the Morgan County courthouse and Kennedy Library in West Liberty.

Genealogy Workshop

Under the leadership of Carmelita Evans, and with Gary Lewis as emcee, the fifth annual Genealogy Workshop was held August 18, 2001, at the Rowan County Public Library with thirty people present, including visitors from out of town. Many helpful resources were displayed along with the cemetery books and CDs.

Carmelita opened with a welcome to everyone. Helen Williams, Rowan County Librarian, was our first speaker. She explained to us what resources were now available in the Rowan County Public Library, future plans for building a better collection of resources, and that she and her staff have completed the inventory and are now in the process of automating the card catalog and hope to have it completely online by December. She requested that she be informed as to what materials we might need to help us work together to build a good collection. She mentioned that the long awaited 1930 Census should be out in 2002.



Kandie Adkinson

Our second speaker was Kandie Adkinson from the Land Grant Office of the Kentucky Secretary of State in Frankfort, Kentucky. She told of the Land Law system of Land Appropriations from the War of 1812 to the present, what her department can offer, how to use their resources in genealogy research and understand Kentucky Land Patents. Kandie also expressed the need of support for new materials in our public library. A folder was passed out to

each of us to help us follow along as she explained terms such as warrant, entry, survey, grant, and where and how they were filed. Also in the folder were sample copies of each of the terms, order forms, a list of counties and when they were established. She explained about the department's website <http://www.sos.state.kv.us> where genealogists can access copies of many documents such as original land warrants, surveys, and grants dating back to the French and Indian War in the 1760s. Kandie told how a warrant authorized surveys and entries reserved the land. The next step was the survey which showed who did the survey and described the meets and bounds of the property. The last step was the grant, which was when the Governor of either Virginia or Kentucky (depending on the year of issue) officially conveyed the title to the person who wanted that land patented.



Jackie Kinder

Jackie Kinder, Librarian and Head of the Virtual Library in Frankfort, Kentucky, gave us information on exactly what the Virtual Library is all about, and how her Department's website, <http://www.kvvl.org> can be accessed through a password we can obtain through Helen Williams. She gave us a fact sheet to show what information is available, how to find it, or how to get help finding it. By using the available computers there at the library, Jackie walked us through some of the more popular and useful pages of the website. Some members entered their surnames and found pictures or additional information on an ancestor. Jackie mentioned that we should be very proud of the fact that Kentucky is the only state that has all

three—Virtual Library, Virtual High School, and the Virtual University.



Jackie Kinder, Ruth Blevins, Avanelle Eldridge, Lee Daniel Blevins view KYVL resources on the Web.

One of our members, Kay Shafer, spoke about her experiences in researching her family history and how she got started. She provided handouts that included genealogy websites, Internet information, and a list of other sources available such as newspapers, court records, church records, history books, etc., along with a most useful address:

Office of Vital Statistics
275 East Main Street
Frankfort, KY 40601

Refreshments were served during and after the meeting, and a raffle was held with the proceeds going to the Pictorial Book Fund.

From Helen Surmont: "We learn with each new workshop and strive to better our personal research. But it still comes down to individual needs and interests in our family research. I congratulate Carmileta and her committee on a very rewarding session and hope each year we continue to work together to support this educational event. Additional packets on the land patent information are available by request. You can call me at 606-784-9527 or write to me at 660 Pleasant Valley, Morehead KY 40351, or ahsurmont@kih.net. Anyone wishing a video copy of the workshop can bring me a blank VCR tape and I'll be glad to make you one."

Crix Post Office

On January 27, 1899, Form #1011 (location paper) was sent to the Post Office Department to establish a new post office to be named Crix. Abel Caudill, Postmaster at Wagner, signed this form, as his was the nearest existing post office. Robert Arnold was the proposed Postmaster for the new

post office. Crix Post Office would be on Route 29977, that being the route from Wagner to Morehead, where mail was carried two times a week. Wagner was 4 miles east, Debord was 5 miles west, and Elliottsville 7 miles northeast of Crix. Craney was the nearest creek—2 miles west. The nearest railroad was the C&O. The population to be supplied by the proposed post office was 200.

Robert Arnold was appointed Postmaster on February 11, 1899. Jesse Cornett was appointed Postmaster on June 1, 1903. On June 30, 1903, he signed a form sent to the Topographer of the Post Office Department to change the site of the Crix Post Office ¼ mile west. He stated on the form that Wagner was 4 miles east and Morehead was 8 miles northwest. The nearest railroad was 7 miles east and was the C&O. Effective April 15, 1905, mail was sent to the Wagner Post Office.

On November 3, 1906, Wesley Cox sent a location form to re-establish the Crix Post Office. The nearest mail route was Star route 29185 from Wagner to Morehead, where mail was now carried 3 times a week. There was no village but a population of 150 was to be supplied with mail by the re-established Crix Post Office. There was a country store at the post office site. Wesley Cox was appointed Postmaster December 22, 1906 and commissioned later.

On March 10, 1914, a request to move the post office 2 miles west was signed by Wesley Cox. It was now located 6 miles east of Wagner and 4 ½ miles west of Clearfield. The name of the nearest creek was Dry Creek, 100 feet on the south side of the post office building. Elijah K. Warren was typed on the form and he was appointed Postmaster April 15, 1914. Charley Dillon was appointed as the next Postmaster on November 6, 1915.

On May 5, 1933, Crix Post Office had been moved 550 feet east. Charley Dillon signed the paperwork for this new move on May 16, 1933. Ham was now the nearest post office on the route, being 5 miles east. Morehead was 5 miles northwest and Clearfield was 4 miles northwest. The post office building was on the north side of the Morehead and North Fork Railroad—100 feet from the track. The railroad station was in Clearfield.

Crix Post Office was discontinued September 13, 1933, effective September 30. Mail was sent to Morehead thereafter.

1897-1898 Rowan County, KY School
Census
DRY CREEK SCHOOL
(District 17)

Parent/Guardian Name - Child's name,
birthday, sex-age

Bud Owney – **John Owney**, October 27, 1886, m-12; **Eney J. Kelley**, January 8, 1886, f-11

John M. Morris – **Henry Morris**, March 18, 1883, m-14; **Laura Morris**, April 13, 1891, f-7; **Cephus Morris**, April 3, 1892, m-6

Andy Baldrige – **Mary Baldrige**, February 14, 1879, f-18; **Alex. Baldrige**, October 31, 1882, m-15; **Julia A. Baldrige**, March 6, 1886, f-11

Green Baldrige – **Ida Baldrige**, March 9, 1881, f-16

Sherman Baldrige – **Minda Baldrige**, February 19, 1892, f-6

Joel Debord – **Annie L. Nance**, December 22, 1878, f-18; **Lelie M. Debord**, January 24, 1882, f-16; **James S. Debord**, March 24, 1883, m-15; **Johnie Hill**, 1878, m-19

J. D. Caskey – **Henry C. Caskey**, July 6, 1889, m-9; **Thomas J. Caskey**, May 20, 1891, m-6

Frank Thompson – **Rosco Thompson**, June 22, 1891, m-6

Jim Warren – **Liddie M. Warren**, March 8, 1883, f-14

W. C. Turner – **Sada Turner**, February 3, 1888, f-10

Alex. Patton – **Nannie Patton**, August 11, 1880, f-18

W. E. Smedley – **Fannie Smedley**, October 3, 1885, f-12; **Mertie Smedley**, July 7, 1887, f-11; **Melvin Smedley**, September 8, 1890, m-7; **Letie Smedley**, May 15, 1892, f-6

Dan. Hall – Zora Hall, October 8, 1879, f-12; Minnie Hall, August 11, 1885, f-12; Nervie J. Hall, August 11, 1887, f-10; Mertie E. Hall, July 5, 1889, f-8; Claudie A. Hall, July 3, 1891, f-6

William Thompson – Annie M. Thompson, July 3, 1881, f-16

Jack Wright – Walter E. Wright, April 1, 1883, m-14; Grant Patton, May 25, 1883, m-14; Effie Patton, April 4, 1885, f-12; Nettie Patton, February 14, 1889, f-10; Nannie Patton, March 13, 1890, f-8

Omey Oney – Tomey Oney, February 7, 1879, f-18

Lettie Bradley – Ida Bradley, January 20, 1879, f-18; Mattie Bradley, May 4, 1884, f-13; Willie Bradley, March 23, 1882, m-15

Alex Carpenter – Corda Barker, 1885, f-13
Davy Jones – Davie Jones, March 10, 1885, m-19

Dewie Black Visits

Member Dewie Black from Florida was a visitor in Morehead in July. He and some fellow members visited several cemeteries and took more pictures. Dewie seemed very pleased with the sales of the cemetery books and CDs. President Helen Surmont presented him with a plaque in recognition of his hard work editing and publishing the books and CDs.

Allie Young Law Building

Morehead State University, owner of the Allie Young Law Office, is planning to restore, and then move the building to a site near the Moonlight School on First Street. A motion was made to accept and support the move and a letter was sent to the University voicing our support.

Computer Corner

From early Fleming, Rowan, Carter, and Montgomery County newspapers, Marv Hall has compiled newspaper clippings of obituaries and news articles pertaining to his family or

interesting events in the area. The following story about Allie W. Young and his brother William is included. For more good reading, visit Mr. Hall's websites at: <<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Park/5617/News.html>> or <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~kyfleming/kentnews.html>>

Mt. Sterling Advocate
November 1, 1905

JUDGE A. W. YOUNG FINES BROTHER WILLIAM YOUNG FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT. GIVEN IN ADDITION TO \$25, A JAIL SENTENCE OF TWENTY-FOUR HOURS WHICH IS REMITTED-"THE COURT MUST BE RESPECTED"

Morehead, Ky., Oct. 25--Allie W. Young, Circuit Judge, sentenced his brother, Attorney William Young, nominee for Representative, to jail this afternoon for twenty-four hours and fined him \$50 because of his impudence to him in open court. The jail sentence was remitted. The lawyers at the bar petitioned Circuit Judge Young to remit the jail sentence. In answer to their prayer Judge

Young said, "In open Court my brother is to me the same as any other lawyer at this bar and he must treat the court with the same respect and dignity that any other lawyer would."

The trouble between the Judge and his brother occurred this morning while the jury was being selected to try Alonzo and Henry Frailey, who are charge with the murder of Sebran Profit. During the court proceedings, it became necessary for Judge Young to fine Attorney William Young \$25.

During the afternoon, Attorney Young showed a disposition to take issue with his brother and Judge Young fined him \$5.

"Make it \$5 more," said the attorney.

"All right," said Judge Young, "make the fine \$10 Mr. Clerk."

"Why don't you make it \$15," said Attorney Young?

"All right make \$15 Mr. Clerk," said Judge Young.

"Why don't you make it \$25," said Attorney Young?

"Make it \$25 Mr. Clerk," said Judge Young, "with two hours in jail."

"Why don't you make it twelve hours," said Attorney Young?

"I'll do better than that," said Judge Young, "and make it twenty-four hours."

This stopped Attorney Young and brought him to the realization that the court would not be treated with contempt and Judge Young ordered the sheriff to take his brother to jail. This action stopped the proceedings of the Court in this case, after six jurors had been selected as Judge Young ordered the case held over until the next term of court. Later in the afternoon, Judge Young sent word to Attorney William Young that if he would come into open court and apologize to the Court, he would suspend the remainder of the jail sentence.—Lexington Herald (This is the source the Advocate quoted)

Some Official Minutes of the City Council

1919—Ordinance passed prohibiting minors to enter the poolroom.

January 5, 1914—It was the duty of the Chief of Police to place in stray pen any cow or cows found on the streets of the city of Morehead and that he be allowed the sum of \$1.00 per head for same and to be paid by the owner of said cattle and said cattle to stand good for said costs.

March 6, 1916—City Commissioners ordered all citizens to gather up trash and put it in barrels and the city would haul it off after the first cleaning up day in the spring.

August 7, 1916—It was the duty of the City Marshal to take up any animal found within the city limits wearing a bell and to fasten said animal up in the City Hall lot and remove said bell, and for taking each animal, he received \$1.00 and all expenses for feeding and caring for the animal and after three-days notice to the owner he shall, unless said fee and expenses of care and keep be paid, advertise animal for sale for at least three days by written or printed notices pasted up in at least three public places of the city and sell same and for making the sale he shall have from the proceeds \$5.00 and after deducting all costs, fees,

and expenses of keeping and sale, he shall pay over to the owner the remainder, if any.

October 2, 1916—W.G. Mulligan was paid \$25.00 for services of his bloodhounds for the purpose of tracing down robbers who broke into the houses of J.W. Hogge, Art Banfield, and J.M. Carey.

September 5, 1919—All automobiles have to blow their horns when going around a corner.

October 11, 1920—An ordinance was passed adding to the taxes in Morehead, a tax of \$1.00 on each mail dog and \$2.00 on a female dog owned by any person, firm, or corporation in the City of Morehead.

February 12, 1923—All lodges and Women's clubs be made to pay light rent.

September 10, 1923—Passed an ordinance to prohibit boys and other persons from going over to town and inviting people to come to the picture shows by hallowing at them.

December 8, 1925—Edd Fannin was allowed \$68.99 for pulling automobiles through muddy streets of the city.

Other Laws or Ordinances

Women were to wear dresses a certain number of inches from the ground.

Prohibit skating on the streets and sidewalks with a penalty of \$1.00 to \$5.00 on each violation.

That it should be unlawful for any person to wear bathing suits or shorts on the streets of Morehead.



UNITED WE STAND

Thank you to the contributors to this issue: Helen Surmont, Willow Leach, Avanelle Eldridge, and Betty Sharp, and to Fred Brown for printing the newsletter.

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"One-Room Schools"

in

Rowan County, KY

1. Adams Davis
2. Alfrey
3. Big Brushy
4. Blue Bank
5. Bluestone
6. Bradley
7. Brady
8. Bratton Branch
9. Bull Fork
10. Caney
11. Charity
12. Christy
13. Clark
14. Clearfield
15. Clearfork
16. Cogswell
17. Craney
18. Cranston
19. Crix
20. Ditney
21. Dry Creek
22. Elliottville
23. Farmers
24. Freestone
25. Gates
26. Gayhart
27. Glenwood
28. Haldeman
29. Hardeman
30. Holly
31. Island Fork
32. Johnson
33. Little Brushy
34. Little Perry
35. Lower Lick Fork
36. McKenzie
37. Minor
38. Moore
39. Morehead
40. Morehead (Colored)
41. Mt. Hope
42. New Home
43. Oak Grove
44. Old House Creek
45. Open Fork
46. Perkins
47. Pine Grove
48. Pond Lick
49. Poplar Grove
50. Ramey
51. Razor
52. Rock Fork
53. Rodburn
54. Rose Dale
55. Sand Gap (Cornett, Fraley)
56. Seas Branch
57. Sharkey
58. Slab Camp
59. Tabor Hill
60. Tackett
61. Three Lick
62. Upper Lick Fork
63. Waltz
64. Wes Cox



Stephanie Davis photo

History awareness award

The Rowan County Historical Society presented Dr. Jack Ellis with its Award For Community History Awareness on Thursday night during its regular meeting. Presenting the award was historical society member Helen Surmont.



Stephanie Davis photo

Special Appreciation Award

Avanelle Eldridge, left, received a Special Appreciation Award from the Rowan County Historical Society Thursday. Eldridge serves as chairman of the society's historical picture book project. She narrowed down over 2,000 submitted photos to 750 (as designated by the book's publisher). Also pictured are Jack Ellis and 9-year-old Lee Daniel Blevins who also were presented awards for work in bringing awareness to local history.

Play, Jesse James talk highlight history walk

The Rowan County Historical Society is hosting the second History Walk through Morehead on Thursday, Oct. 5 at 5 p.m.

The walk begins at the Folk Art Center on First Street and includes three performances by Morehead's own, Michael and Laura Duncan O'Connell. Immediately following the walk, James M. Prichard of the Kentucky State Archives in Frankfort, will present "Jesse James in Kentucky, Fact, Fiction and Folklore" at 7 p.m. in the community room at the Rowan County Public Library.

Prichard is a native of Dayton, Ohio and earned his B.A. and M.A. in History at Wright University. He is now Adjunct Professor of History at Kentucky State University (1990-1997), is a member of the Madison County Civil War Round Table, the Governor's Underground Railroad Advisory Committee and the Kentucky Humanities Speakers Bureau which sponsors Prichard along with several other speakers around the state.

He was co-author of 10th Kentucky Cavalry: May's-Trimble's-Diamond's "Yankee Chasers" (1996), published articles on the Civil War and Reconstruction Era in Civil War Times Illustrates,

Virginia Country Magazine, North & South, Wild West, and the Bulletin of the Cincinnati Historical Society, and contributed scholarly entries for the Kentucky Encyclopedia, Biographical Dictionary of the Union, Encyclopedia of World Slavery, Scribner's American Lives and the new American National Biography series. He has also contributed several book reviews for the Register of the Kentucky Historical Society and the Filson Club Quarterly and is presently preparing a history of the 5th Kentucky Infantry, CSA and a scholarly study of the "Doyle Conspiracy of 1848", a mass escape attempt by Kentucky slaves.

So far this year the local historical society has welcomed other notables such as Dr. Thomas D. Clark of Lexington-Kentucky Historical Laureate for life, Morehead's own Jack D. Ellis, author of the Morehead News weekly series "Morehead, People and Places," and Kevin Graffagnino of Lexington-Director of the Kentucky History Center in Frankfort.

The events for Oct. 5 are free and open to the public. For more information, call Helen Surmount at 784-9527 or Willow Leach at 784-8146.





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Officers for 2008:

President – Gary Lewis
Vice-President – Betty Sharp
Secretary – Jimmie Jackson
Treasurer – Carmie Evans
Historian – Ruth Blevins & Linda Lowe
Board Members – Kay Schafer (1st
term), Harry Mayhew (2nd term)



Back row, left to right: Harry Mayhew, Kay Schafer, Linda Lowe, Ruth Blevins. Front row, left to right Carmie Evans, Betty Sharp, Gary Lewis, Jimmie Jackson.

President's Message

As president of the RC Historical Society, I wish to make our "Oral History Project" the main emphasis for the year of 2008. We have several oral histories from the 1970's, mostly done by Ollie Barker, completed and transcribed.

I would like to emphasize the importance of this aspect of our responsibility to preserve history and "put some feet" to the project.

We all can think of several people we need to contact. I would like to challenge our group to complete at least 24 oral histories this year. That is an ambitious number but we can accomplish this and possibly more.

We are all very excited about the coming year with all the possibilities for our projects.

Gary Lewis, President
Rowan County Historical Society

Our Elders Are Passing

Our elders are passing, one by one,
Surely gone forever until there are none.
Their bountiful memories,
Their knowledge of the past
Soon will be lost, and beyond our grasp.

The past is prologue, so delicate to retain,
Slipping slowly from our grasp till nothing
remains.

For our elders are passing,
So sad but true,
And with their memories, and all that they
knew.

It's urgent for sure, to record each thought.
Of every family elder, so it's not for naught.
So, generations remember
The beautiful past.
We'll retain that knowledge and ensure it
will last.

There'll be no better time than that right now
To begin your quest, or renew your vow.
So locate your elders, and
Schedule that meeting
In light of the fact, that time is so fleeting.

by Jack M. Williams

Prime Time Family Reading Time at Rowan County Public Library

The Rowan County Historical Society assisted the Rowan County Public Library on October 10 with their Prime Time Family Reading Time program. The program is to help reluctant readers and parents to learn the joys of reading.

Created by the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities in 1991, Prime Time Family Reading Time® is an award-winning reading,

discussion, and storytelling series based on illustrated children's books. National expansion is made possible through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and is a cooperative endeavor with the American Library Association Public Programs Office.

Prime Time is designed specifically for under-served families with children aged 6 to 10. The program helps families bond around the act of reading and talking about books. It models and encourages family reading and discussion of humanities topics, and aids parents and children in selecting books and becoming active public library users.



Pictured are (left to right) Carmie Evans, Bill Sharp, Gladys McDaniel, Harry Mayhew, Betty Sharp, Willow Leach, Sandy Proffitt, Jimmie Jackson, and Danielle York. Not pictured: Avanelle Eldridge, Kay Schafer, Linda Lowe, and Marlene Turner.

Elliottville Memories

~ by Juanita Marlene Lewis Turner



Above is an aerial photo of the Elliottville School, the house where I grew up, the D.A. Black grocery, and the Elliottville Baptist Church. This is the way it looked around

1944/46 when my father, Curtis E. Lewis, bought the Black property and we moved into the big white house. My parents already owned the C.E. Lewis Grocery on the other side of the road across from the house, and for a short time, my mother kept the Black store going and was the acting postmistress there while Dad ran the other store. That didn't last very long when they found it impossible to operate two stores, keep up the house and ride herd on four children.

The C.E. Lewis Grocery was started in the early 1940s when Dad borrowed \$35.00 from Vernon Alfrey, went to Morehead and loaded up his pick-up truck with groceries, rented a small building from Marvin Adkins, and opened for business. Christy Creek Road was a gravel road and electricity had not yet come to the community. Dad continued to work in the clay mines while Mom managed the store—and the children. Many of their early customers were co-workers in the mines, but gradually others in the community found that it was easier to buy locally than it was to make the trip to Morehead. They could buy their groceries, shoes, dry goods, fertilizer, feed for their cattle, hardware, gasoline and just about anything else they needed—and they could charge it. Some families were extended credit from one tobacco-growing season to the next!

This country store was probably not unlike most such rural establishments at that time, but by today's standards it would certainly be strange. All merchandise was behind the counters. The customer came in, told the clerk, or pointed to the article he/she wanted and the clerk took the item from the shelf and put it on the counter until all items were ready to be tallied. If money was offered as payment it was rung up by pushing down the appropriate keys of the old cash register, otherwise each item was written on a duplicate slip of paper, totaled, and one copy filed alphabetically in the "charge" cabinet, with the other given to the customer.

School children, who went to school right across the road, might bring in a shopping list from parents to be filled. Many of these orders were delivered, particularly when it was obvious the order covered a week or more of supplies. Growing up in the store had its perks—and its drawbacks. We were taught to "help out"—stock the shelves, straighten and rearrange them, carry out groceries, sweep the floor, carry in coal for the pot-bellied stove which was the focal point of many social

gatherings and swapping of tall tales. "The customer is always right" was often repeated to the chagrin of a pre-teen. But during the war when so many things were rationed—sugar, coffee, canned goods, gasoline, tires, etc.—we usually had access to candy. Dad would get a carton or two of candy and put it under the counter to sell, or give, to his regular customers. I can't remember ever being denied candy, and as a consequence I never developed an irrational desire for it.

My siblings—Eugene, Winford, and Clinton—and I all walked next door to school. Below is the 7&8 grade picture for 1946. I wonder how many of these people are still in Rowan County! After 9th grade at Elliottville, we had to ride a school bus to Morehead for the next three years. The biggest problem with that was the inability to participate in after-school activities because we had no way to get home; yet all three of my brothers played basketball and hitchhiked home most of the time.



Getting back to the aerial view of Elliottville (most times called Hogtown, because Squire Hogge was an early settler and is buried in the cemetery on top of the hill behind the school), everything in this photo is

changed except the school. The two-story white house originally built, we think by John Wells, and owned by D.A. Black for many years, was torn down in the early 1960s and replaced by a stone home. The small white church is now a beautiful brick structure and has another building—the Patriarch Center (named for the early patriarchs of the church, including my father)—which is also serving as the voting place for the community.

The small village now boasts the Roe Grocery Store, the Elliottville Fire Department, the Elliottville Post Office, Elliottville Country Diner, and Affordable Used Cars. [The Elliottville Elementary School was closed in the early 1990s and the children are now bused to the Rodburn School on the outskirts of Morehead. ~ed.]

My husband, Claude Turner, Jr., and I left the Elliottville community in 1950, lived in Michigan over 50 years, and have now returned to our roots where most structures have changed, but poignant memories still remain of yesteryear.

Haldeman High School

~ by Avanelle Eldridge

Haldeman High School was built in 1937 by the WPA. Early in the morning on September 28, 2007, the building burned. The stone on the outside walls and the gymnasium is all that is left. Some of the firefighters from the Hayes Crossing/Haldeman Volunteer Fire Department that helped fight the fire had attended this school.

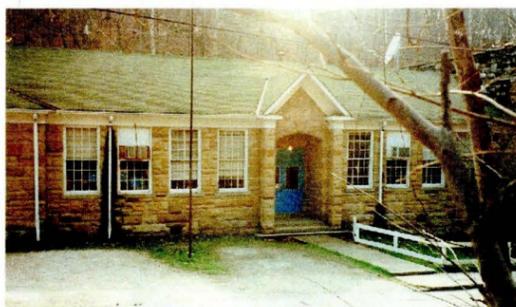
Over the years a lot of students have attended Haldeman School. Holly, Triplet, Cranston, North Fork, Clear Fork, Rock Fork, Hays Branch, Open Fork, Seas Branch, Little Perry, and Gates are some of the places they came from. They had completed eight grades at the one and two room schools in their area and were bussed to the Haldeman High School in the 1930, 1940s, and 1950s.

Many of these students went on to become doctors, lawyers, and other professionals and they have lived all over the United States. Many of them made a career in the Army, Air Force, Navy, or Marines.

My Aunt Aileen Gregory Richard from Holly School lived with our family and went to high school at Haldeman. She was in the last graduating class in 1945. She took my

sisters and me to the grade school on her way to high school.

The juniors and seniors were bussed to Morehead High School beginning in 1946 and in 1961 the freshmen and sophomores were also sent to Morehead. In 1983, when Rowan County Senior High was built, the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades were sent to the middle school at Morehead. Rodburn Elementary, at the junction of KY 32 and US 60, was built in 1993 to combine the students from the Haldeman and Elliottville communities. Students attended Haldeman school for the last time in December 1993.



The Haldeman School in 1993.

The Haldeman School building was sold at auction in March 1994. Since then the gymnasium was used some and a few people lived in the building temporarily. The building has been vandalized several times in the last few years. There was no electricity so arson is suspected in the fire that destroyed the building. I can't imagine what reason anyone would have to burn this old building that has so many great memories for so many that taught school or attended school or were employed there over the years.

Longway Post Office

~Avanelle Eldridge

On April 11, 1916, W.M. Wagoner of Sideway in Elliott County signed and sent a form to the Division of Postmasters Appointments seeking to establish a post office to be called Jones. The name was later changed to Longway. The area where it would be located was known as Sand Gap in Rowan County. [Sand Gap was located in the area around the intersection of present day Lower Caney Road and Ky. 32 on Brown Ridge, a mile or two from the Elliott and Rowan County line.]

The new post office would not be located near a river or creek. The nearest post office on the same route was Sideway, 3 ½ miles in a northern direction. The nearest post office on the other side was Clayton, four miles southwest. The nearest post office not on the route was Ordinary in Elliott County, 3 ½ miles southeast. The new post office would be about one mile air line distance from the nearest point of the county boundary.

Since the new post office was not on a railroad, Mr. Wagoner had to fill in the following form:

I, William Wagoner, applicant for Postmaster at Jones, Rowan County, Ky., hereby certify if a post office is established as proposed it can be supplied with mail by the carrier on Star Route No. 29183 from Clayton to Elliottville.

William Wagoner was appointed Postmaster on July 20, 1916. Levi W. Jones was appointed Postmaster on March 19, 1917, but declined the job.

A form was sent June 26, 1917, from the Division of Equipment and Supplies to establish the site of the post office so it could be accurately represented on the post route maps. The Longway Post Office building was 13 miles on the northwest side of the Little Sandy River. Big Caney Creek formed part of the boundary between Rowan and Elliott County and the new post office was ¼ mile from Big Caney Creek. It was three miles by public travel from Laurel Creek on the other side and the air distance was about two miles. The post office building was ten miles on the south side of the C&O Railroad. Enterprise, Ky., was the name of the nearest railroad station. The post office was now ½ mile northwest, air line distance, from the nearest point of the county boundary.

Mr. Wagoner wrote: "I have give this site and location the best I can and I certify it is correct to the best of my knowledge." This was signed by William Wagoner, Postmaster, and by Asst. W.G. Jones. The form was mailed July 2, 1917.

Russell Jones [son of Levi W. Jones] was appointed Postmaster on July 16, 1917.

The Longway Post Office was discontinued on September 29, 1917, and mail was sent to Sideway Post Office in Elliott County.



Christmas Remembrances from Historical Society Members

One of the earliest memories I have of Christmas is of my older sister Juanita sitting in the rocking chair with the small Christmas catalog (Sears & Roebuck, Montgomery Ward, or Aldens) in her lap. She would turn the pages while our brothers Sheridan & Elmer perched on one arm of the chair and me on the other watched. We spent countless hours looking at the toys and imagining what it would have been like to actually receive such a gift. The toys would soon have been gone, but the fond memories of sharing that book! I'd rather have the memories. *~ Ethel J. Jones*

At my home in Flatwoods, KY, a special treat was always bought at Christmastime – a box or two of chocolate candy. Usually chocolate covered cherries, chocolate drops, or a large box of assorted chocolates were enjoyed by the entire family. This was about the only time this kind of candy was in the house – not like today where you can buy it anytime, most anywhere, and for any occasion. How ironic that some fifty years later I find that I'm highly allergic to chocolate. Now I know the reason why as a child I had always felt so bad by Christmas Day. *~ Betty Sharp*

One of the favorite gifts I received at Christmas was my first bicycle. Another favorite was a pair of roller skates. One Christmas our family was one of the first on our street in Paintsville, KY to have a television set. An antenna was mounted on the roof. The only station reception was WSAZ-TV in Huntington, WV. Family members gathered for dinner and fellowship, often at my Aunt & Uncle's house, which are favorite memories of the holiday season. *~ Harry Mayhew*

At Christmas, we always hung a stocking, but it was a real stocking, like we wore. It was always filled with fruit, mixed nuts, and a sack of hard Christmas candy. I think that was the kind of Christmas our parents had. It

was a special occasion because our parents enjoyed seeing all their children with the gifts from Santa. The girls got dolls and tricycles and the boys a wagon, toy trucks, cars, airplanes, and rocking horses when they were small plus other toys. *~ Avanelle Eldridge*

Every Christmas my grandmother Arizona Everage Smith would fix all of her grandchildren (there were many grandchildren) a special bag for Christmas. Inside these bags were fruits, nuts, & candies. She would fold and fasten the tops down and put a bow on each bag. All of the grandchildren still miss the special bag that she made for each of us. (Dedicated to our grandmother Arizona Everage Smith.) *~ Missy Jent*

One of my most memorable Christmas experiences happened in 1964. My dad is the eldest of 14 siblings. I am the oldest grandchild. This particular Christmas Eve was spent at my grandparent's, Talmadge and Jeanie Lewis, on Dry Creek Road where my Aunt Anna Mae and Uncle Marion Lewis now live. That particular Christmas Eve there were 56 parents, children and grandchildren who spent the night at Papaw and Mamaw's house. We had literally many "Pallets on the Floors." Can you imagine trying to walk through that house? Can you imagine how they got breakfast ready? It was a good thing Papaw's house had an upstairs and a full basement. *~ Gary Lewis*

On Christmas Eve night at the home of great-grandparents Charlie and Dovie Waddells, Santa would come by and give us our present. Dressed up like Santa was my great uncle Bethel Boggs and sometimes my Uncle David. I have a picture of us on that special night, and the look on all our faces is priceless when Santa appeared. (Dedicated to Great Grandparents Charlie O. and Dovie, and Great Uncle Bethel Boggs and Uncle David Waddell.) *~ Missy Jent*

I grew up on a farm near Elliottville, KY, which was settled by my great-grandfather shortly after the Civil War. I suppose I had some perks, being the youngest of six children, but at the time it didn't matter. My brother Bill and I shared a lot of things, including a bedroom. But one Christmas Eve when I was about ten, Bill and I had gone to

bed early, always hopeful that Santa Claus would bring us something besides apples, oranges and chocolate drops – which we looked forward to every year because those things just were not available year round. I don't remember who woke whom up but we crept downstairs and found two BB guns, one for Bill and one for me. It's three o'clock in the morning and we grab the guns and ammunition, run outside and start shooting at the stars. I don't recall any repercussions from Mom and Dad either! ~ *Claude Turner, Jr.*

I was 11 years old the Christmas of 1971 and we lived in the west end of Louisville on Bank Street. My Mom and Dad, James Kenny (my youngest brother), Janet & Carol (two of my 5 sisters) and my brother Ronnie all lived in a 2 bedroom shotgun house, the first house my parents ever owned. I remember the Christmas tree in the front room of the house where the new TV we just got (black & white) was setting. It had snowed the day before and now it was Christmas Eve. When Santa came that night he left me and James Kenny a new Red Flyer wagon and new Red Flyer bike. ~ *Jimmie A. Jackson*

When I was in the third grade at Haldeman School, Mrs. Margaret Stewart Caudill told us there was no Santa Claus. She had the whole class crying. We all went home and asked our parents. ~ *Lloyd Dean*

On Christmas Eve after it was dark we opened our gifts. We would have party type food. My grandparents, aunt and uncle would be there. On Christmas morning Santa Claus would have come during the night. ~ *Jean Cline*

I believe it was either 1937 or '38 and my grandparents had sold their farm and were staying with us that Christmas until they could move into their new home. It was rather crowded in our small house with Mom and Dad and three younger siblings, but I remember having the best time on a Saturday night making popcorn balls and pulling molasses candy while the radio was tuned to Nashville and the Grand Ole Opry. We had fireworks, too. In addition to sparklers we had Roman candles and firecrackers which were lit from the potbellied stove and thrown out the front door into the yard. In previous

years our stockings were filled with fruit – oranges and apples – English walnuts, and candies which we cherished for a week or two. Remember the very large barber pole peppermint logs? I have no memory of ever being told there was a Santa Claus, but that year he finally found our house, and I could hardly believe my eyes when I saw a beautiful baby doll and a tea set by my stocking on Christmas morning. There was no room for a Christmas tree, but Grandma and Grandpa were more than welcome that Christmas morning. ~ *J. Marlene Lewis Turner*

My grandmother Mary Josephine Edmonds Waddell would fix dinner on Christmas Eve night and all of the family would meet at her house and open presents and eat. Laughter and the smell of food filled every room in the house. And the smiles that came over the face of every child there when the presents were handed out. Time and space will not allow me to write about all the special Christmases that we shared with her. My grandmother was a very special lady. (Dedicated to our grandmother Mary Josephine Edmonds Waddell.) ~ *Missy Jent*

A school memory I recall is while going to school on Dry Creek. Come Christmastime, in order to decorate the Christmas tree, we kids gathered sycamore balls, being careful to leave on a small hooked twig for hanging. We would take the foil we collected from chewing gum wrappers (it took two) and carefully wrapped it around the balls. If we should happen to find a discarded cigarette package, we could use the foil to do two balls. Needless to say, not many sycamore balls got covered since this was in the depth of the depression. ~ *Ethel J. Jones*

Christmas Eve on Fifth St. (Morehead) in 1954 introduced me to a tradition that had begun years before, except now two daughters-in-law had joined the family. Every Christmas Eve, the Leach family packed bags with toys, fruit, candy, small items of clothing, etc. for the children on C.O. Leach's rural mail route. We worked all evening to get the bags ready. Then C.O. and his sons, Jim & Earl, left at midnight to deliver the goodies on the doorsteps of the families. The men arrived back home about 5:00 a.m. – cold tired, and hungry – to a large, hot breakfast that Clyde, C.O.'s wife,

and daughters-in-law, Judith and me, had ready for them. What a memorable introduction to the Leach Family Traditional Christmas! ~ *Willow Leach*

I was 9 years old in 1971. I can remember the beautiful white tree my Grandmother had. It played music as it went around and around. My sister Cheri and I loved to sit and watch the tree and listen to the songs. My grandmother made candy and cookies and put fruit and candy in bags to take to her church, she would hand out to the members. There was this grape jam cake she made and it was heaven. She would set the cake on the table and it had a small glass of grape juice in the center of the cake. We had to wait for two weeks before she would let anyone touch the cake. I got a Miss Beasley Doll for Christmas – the doll from the show Family Affair with Sebastian Cabot as the butler, and Uncle Bill, Jody and Sissy. ~ *Sandy Lee Profit*

I remember this one Christmas when Santa came to call at our house in person, with a knock at our door on Little Perry. Our parents told their two girls to go answer the door. When we answered the door, it was Santa. He had a wicker rocking chair and a beautiful doll for each of us. Most Christmases he came after we were fast asleep. I can also remember laying awake and listening for Santa's sleigh bells. Our dad and brother always cut a cedar tree. Mom always hung one of Dad's wool socks on the wall behind the tree for each of us children. Santa always filled the sock full of candy and left oranges, apples, and nuts and a large peppermint log under the tree. ~ *Ruth Ann (Skaggs) Blevins*

About a month before Christmas, my sisters and I wrote letters to Santa and left them in the stack of wood on the porch. Later, we would go back and check on our letters and they would be gone. I always got a metal dump truck and cap pistol guns. Stick candy, an orange and an apple would be in our wool stockings under the tree. ~ *Danny Blevins, Sr.*

For me, a new Christmas tradition started in the 1940's. Daddy would give my two sisters and me some money. We would go to the depot in Haldeman, and Mother would take us on the train to Morehead. We went to McBrayer's Ten Cent Store and bought a gift

for our two younger brothers, each other, and our parents. A dollar went a long way then. We could buy Daddy a pair of socks for 29 cents. We were about 4, 6, and 8 years old when we started this tradition. We each bought gifts for the whole family. ~ *Avanelle Eldridge*



Christmas 1939

*Christmas time is drawing near,
The children dream of toys.
It's the happiest time of the year
For the little girls and boys.*

*It seems just a few days ago,
When I was a little lad,
And how our hearts did overflow
At home with Mother and Dad.*

*And our stockings by the chimney hung,
With love and tender care,
And no matter how hard the money came,
There was always something there.*

*I'd like to be back home, you know,
To share your Christmas joys.
But the stockings here are hung in rows
By five little happy boys.*

*~ Bert McBrayer
December 1939
South Charleston, Ohio*

[Mr. McBrayer now lives with his daughter Janet Dulin in Bozeman, MT.]

Christmases Past Remembered

Mrs. Esther (Goodman) Riddle, aged 85, first remembers at age 4 getting a little doll her aunt had bought for her and had also made several outfits of clothes for the doll. When Esther's other aunt saw the doll, she asked the first aunt, "What did you get Esther's baby brother?" The aunt replied, "Why nothing! He's too little and doesn't know anything about Christmas anyway." The second aunt remarked that that's not right and stated, "If

you're giving Esther the doll, then I'm going to buy him a Teddy Bear." And so she did!
Submitted by Ethel J. Jones

96-year-old Bert McBrayer recalls a funny Christmas story that took place around 1918. He states, "We always hung up our stockings on Christmas Eve; and, the next morning, there would be a sack of candy in each stocking. My brother, Beecher, was a little fella and his stocking wasn't very big. The bag of candy fit in so tightly that he couldn't get it out. So, finally, in frustration, he just started banging it against the floor just as hard as he could until the candy broke up and he could get it out." *Submitted by Janet Dulin*

Mrs. Capitola "Cappy" Young Phelps (1915-2000) shared this story about a special Christmas where she lived as a small child in rural Lawrence County, KY. She said that her family always had plenty to eat as everything was grown or raised on the family farm. But there was not any money for much else. They always traded things they grew for needed items at the nearest grocery/general store. One time, (early 1920's) the grocery store displayed a doll that she loved and wanted but couldn't get. She was so surprised that next Christmas to receive the doll. Her mother had sold eggs to the store until she had enough to buy the doll. That was the only doll she'd ever received as a child. It's amazing that she managed to hold on to that doll the rest of her life. (Now her daughter has it.) When she shared that story as a senior citizen, she started receiving porcelain dolls as gifts for special occasions because family didn't want her to have received only one doll in her lifetime. *Submitted by Betty Phelps Sharp*



December Meeting

On December 6, 2007, the Rowan County Historical Society had its last meeting of the year. Some of the members of the Society brought supplies for our new office and/or restroom at the old Board of Education building. After the business meeting, the members exchanged Christmas ornaments and enjoyed a box supper, courtesy of member James Bell. Thank you very much, Mr. Bell!



Seated, left to right: Sandy Profit, Jimmie Jackson, Willow Leach, Linda Lowe, Claude Turner, Marlene Turner, Kay Schafer, and James Bell. Standing, left to right: Betty Sharp, Danny Blevins Sr., Ruth Blevins, Harry Mayhew, Helen Surmont, Wilma Lewis, and Gary Lewis.

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS:

Membership dues for 2008 are due in January. Please send your dues (\$10.00 – individual / \$15.00 - family) in as soon as possible so you won't miss an issue of Past and Present!

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Speaking of the CIVIL WAR

(in connection with the June program)

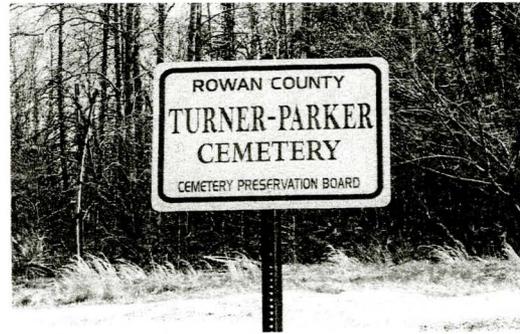
~ *Boneva Phelps Sweatman*

In FAMILY CHRONICLE Magazine, p. 53
"Sites Worth Surfing" (May/June, 2007):

According to the writer, Bob Puller, "The National Park Service has produced an excellent website based on their Civil War Soldiers & Sailors System (CWSS): < www.civilwar.nps.gov/cwss/ >. The CWSS is an online database with more than 6 million entries containing basic information about the soldiers & sailors who fought in the conflict on both sides." He also writes that "This is a great site that can not only provide you with some valuable data for genealogical research, but it also contains stories and educational materials that can provide background information that can aid in your research." He points out several other things about the site. He notes that "The site does an excellent job of explaining what information is available, how it was obtained and what plans are in store for the future."

In FAMILY TREE Magazine, pages 14-21
"A House Divided" (July, 2007):

According to the writer of this lengthy article, David A. Fryxell, "Whether your Civil War ancestor served in blue or gray, you can reveal his part in our nation's epic struggle. Our 9 research steps will lead the charge." He explains each step and includes suggestions. Along with the article is a "Toolkit" for continuing Civil War research with some of the magazine's favorite web resources: < www.familytreemagazine.com/jul07/civilwar.asp >.



Turner-Parker Cemetery

~by *Ruth Ann (Skaggs) Blevins*

Driving down the CCC Trail, there is an old cemetery high on a hill where the years and nature have taken its course. In the past few years, it was nearly impossible to go visit our ancestors who were laid to rest there. Fallen trees and logs left from straight-line winds that hit the area and then the ice storms of a few years back made the trail nearly impassable and left the cemetery in deplorable shape.

When I was a child, this cemetery was well cared for and a beautiful cemetery, though you had to walk in by hiking up the front of a big hill. We always took a picnic lunch and met with my mom's sister, Virgie Stamper, and her family and ate with them under a big tree. I remember when my mom, Nola (Parker) Skaggs and my sisters cut flowers from crepe paper (roses, peony petals, and poppies). My dad, Loranza, and my brother, Bud, cut stiff wire for the stems and soft wire for ties. Dad also made wooden crosses and wreaths for us to decorate. Sometimes, Mom would melt blocks of wax and dip some of her crepe paper flowers in the wax to make them last longer. We would start a couple of months before Memorial Day.

This cemetery is especially important to me. My grandparents, Thornton W. "Tee" and Arminta "Minnie" (Stuart) Parker, and their son, William, along with my great-grandmother, Nancy (Thacker) Parker, Tee's mother, were laid to rest many years ago in this cemetery. Two of my Aunt Virgie's children, Minnie Mae and Perry Lee Stamper, are also buried there. There are several other graves including a Civil War soldier, Greenup Nickell.



Thornton W. Parker and 4 of his daughters. Rear: Virgie Lee, Una; Front, Minnie "Peach", Nola Mae.

Now, only the younger generation could climb the hillside due to all of the storm debris and undergrowth. The Parker end of the cemetery was kept up some throughout the years. We had to use a weed eater and cut our way in. Later, we got the help of our county jailer and his inmates who kept it cut for several years. However, the hike up the hill kept most from ever visiting the cemetery anymore though I never gave up even when the trek became very rough.



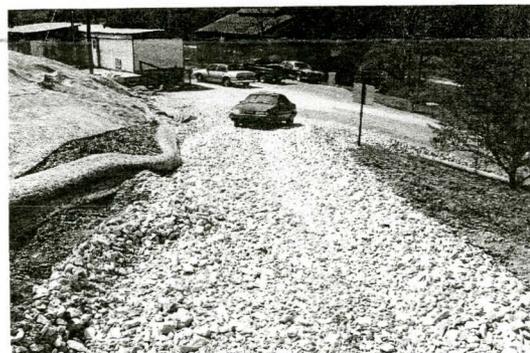
Missy Jent and I climbed the hill on one occasion several years ago and I crossed over a log and lost my footing and fell and broke my wrist in three places. Missy killed a snake

on the way back down the hill. We made a stop at the emergency room, and my arm was in a cast for six weeks. Determined not to let that accident stop me, I went back later and climbed the hill to the cemetery again but was more careful.

I have great news! We no longer have to hike to the Turner-Parker Cemetery. We now have a gravel road all the way up the hill and a turn-a-around at the top. Thanks go to: Ernie Fletcher's Kentucky State Grant, members of the Rowan County Cemetery Preservation Committee (Lloyd Dean, Danny Blevins, Sr., Missy Jent, Betty Sharp, and Ruth Blevins), former County Judge Executive Clyde Thomas, County Judge Executive Jim Nickell, the Rowan County Fiscal Court, and the landowners who gave the right away, the Haneys and the Collins.

My mom, Nola (Parker) Skaggs, my dad, Loranza Skaggs, and brother, Bud, and a baby sister, Virginia, are all dead and are buried at the Hayes Cemetery on Haldeman Road. Three of my sisters, Maxine, Joyce and Brenda, are still living. We still decorate our family graves, but the only difference now is that we buy our flowers all ready-made.

My wrist has healed, but I still have some nerve damage in my arm. I sure am glad that I don't have to climb the hill anymore. What a wonderful feeling when we drove right up the hill this year and decorated the graves at Turner-Parker Cemetery. It really feels good to know that any of our family as well as other descendants of those buried there can finally visit the cemetery anytime. We have more work to do restoring the cemetery, but that road is GREAT!!!!

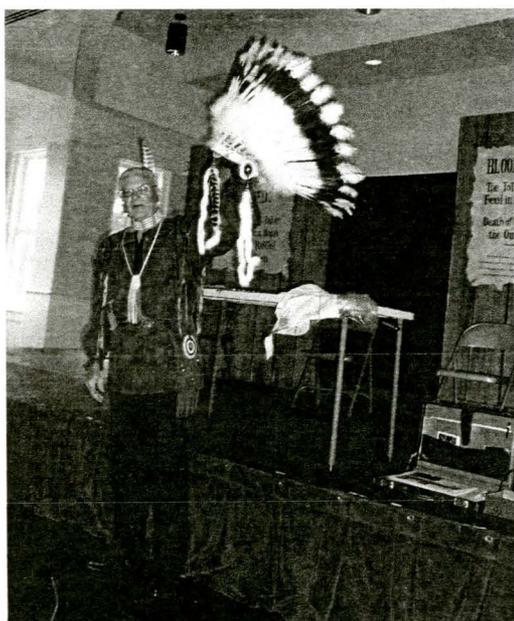


The new road to Turner-Parker Cemetery on the CCC Trail at Elliottville, Kentucky.

Bob Christian Presents a Program on "Native Americans"

~Harry Mayhew

Bob Christian presented a program July 5 to members of the Rowan County Historical Society at the Rowan County Arts Center (the Old Rowan County Courthouse) on the topic "Native Americans". He wore authentic Native American dress and shared pictures of his family along with various artifacts. He also spoke of how we have "lost" our Indian heritage because of the poor treatment of the US Government. He has attended several Indian pow-wow gatherings and is recognized by most local Indians as one of their own



Bob, a life-long resident of Morehead was born at Christy Creek June 12, 1941. He graduated from Rowan County High School and is a veteran of the U.S. Army. He currently is President of the Rowan County Veterans Foundation. Bob is the father of a son and has one grandson and another grandchild on the way. He has collected numerous Indian artifacts which he displayed at the July 5 meeting.

Jones/Debord Reunion

~by Ethel Jones

The William Martin and Sarah L. (Debord) Jones family celebrated its 50th year reunion on August 5, 2007, at the family

picnic grounds. In the afternoon, a special memorial service was conducted at the Franklin Cemetery off Dry Creek Road by the 5th Kentucky Civil War re-enactors, Morehead Camp #2122 CSA, for Private William Debord of the 63rd Virginia Infantry CSA. William Debord was the father of Sarah L. (Debord) Jones.

The 2008 Jones/Debord family project is to collect and print a book of all Jones/Debord veterans that have served in the United States military, from the French and Indian War up to the present time.

August Genealogy Workshop: Melungeon Heritage Association

~Gary Lewis

On August 18, the Historical Society was privileged to have two speakers from the Melungeon Heritage Association whose headquarters are located in Wise, Virginia.



Anthony Kirk and S.J. Arthur

S. J. Arthur, president (Frankfort, KY) and Anthony Kirk, treasurer (Wise, VA) of the organization each shared their experiences and knowledge of Melungeon Heritage. The definition of the word melungeon is people of mixed race. To most of us it is that part of our family tree which includes Native American ancestry. Other researchers also refer to melungeon as a tri-racial mix which includes white European, Native American and African American ancestry. The discussion which took place within the Federal Census Bureau during the early to mid 1900's was very heated and created much strife for individuals who were classified as melungeon.

S. J. Arthur grew up in southeastern Kentucky, in an area of origin which also includes southwest VA, northwest NC, and

northeast TN. Her childhood experiences were as ordinary as any other child growing up in Eastern Kentucky. However, in high school, she became aware that there was talk of a "melungeon people" who were spoken of less favorably than white people. She later learned that those people had been the target of a Federal Census Bureau agent who was bound and determined to have their race designation changed to something other than white or Indian. This would have and did have a profound social and political affect on their everyday lives. S. J. Arthur decided she would do her part to help preserve the heritage of the Melungeon people by becoming a member of the Melungeon Heritage Association.

Anthony Kirk gave a presentation about grave houses in Eastern Kentucky, Alabama, and Mississippi. There appeared to be a connection to early heritage culture and/or tradition which gave reason to why we build such structures. Most of the reasons given for building a grave house were that the deceased didn't want their bodies exposed to the elements or were afraid of the dark. Other living relatives just wanted to shelter their loved ones from the weather. Some also provides shelter to those who visited the gravesite. It was interesting to see the different types of grave houses and how they were decorated. Most likely there isn't a grave house connection to the Melungeon tradition but more likely a Celtic tradition.



L-R: Anthony Kirk, Gary Lewis, Kay Schafer, S.J. Arthur, Betty Sharp



Oral History Transcriptions

~Gary Lewis

Wilma "Sissy" Lewis has completed transcription of seven of the oral histories which were done in the 1970's by Ollie Barker and others. The transcribed oral histories range from 10 to 25 in number of pages. They are very interesting to listen to and the new software we purchased in August has made the transcription process much easier. It takes several hours of typing and proofing to complete one transcription. We are proofing the typed transcriptions before we present them as completed.

We also intend to make the oral history project a top priority in the coming years. We have two new digital voice recorders for future oral histories. Please keep this in mind as we will be discussing the oral history project in the coming meetings.

Daddy's Treasures

~by Wanda (Day) Donald

It was just a bureau, hand made at that, but it held treasures. The drawers were large and deep and the top one was Daddy's drawer. Sitting in the center place of honor was Daddy's cigar box that held his most precious treasures. His meerschaum pipe, his Prince Albert Tobacco, and his indelible ink pencil. I loved that indelible ink pencil and I only got to use it on important occasions. After all, it was the important pencil Daddy used to sign checks. I'd take it carefully from the box, lick my tongue slowly around the point, and proudly write my name on my paper. I'd tried writing without licking the tip, but the letters were just too dim on the page. Moistening it, the letters stood out in their purple glory. Daddy said no one could erase them after they were dried. I gingerly rubbed my name to prove he was right. He was! What a marvelous pencil. It seemed to never wear out or need replacing. It was much neater than the mechanical pencil he kept in the box. The fine, thin leads you put in them seem to always break and fall to the floor when you tried to load the pencil. At least, Daddy never had to get a knife to sharpen it the way he did regular pencils.

Daddy's diaries were also kept in the top drawer. These were five-year diaries, where

he diligently recorded his activities. He usually wrote them by the week. He'd sit at the kitchen table with his diary and a calendar. He'd carefully think and remember what he'd done each day. I'd always want to read them, but he'd just say "sometime when the time is right." I'm glad I didn't know the time wouldn't be right until he died. Now they're my greatest treasure. Thank you, Daddy.

It was just a blue denim sack with a white drawstring to close it, but Daddy brought home such delightful things in it. He'd throw it over his shoulder and off he'd go. He was usually walking down the road to his mother's house. Fortunately, the general store was next door and the bag could be used to tote the groceries home. The first cold day of fall was awaited with much anticipation. That was the day my grandmother killed her hog. Daddy and other male relatives would meet there to help. At the end of the day Daddy would come home with freshly-killed pork tenderloin in his pack. Throughout the winter months other salted-down pork pieces would arrive in the same sack. They were never quite as good as the first taste of tenderloin. The sack was not used for just carrying food. No, this was a sack of many uses. Sometimes Daddy would walk along the railroad instead of the road. He'd pick up lumps and pieces of coal thrown off the trains that transported it from the mines. I loved to run along the tracks and look for coal to pick up. It was more fun than any of the games I played. The coal was used to help feed the stove that heated our home. One year Daddy decided he'd go hunting. Unlike most men in the area, Daddy wasn't a hunter. He took his denim sack with him to bring back any game he might shoot. He came home, instead, with a black, mangy pup he'd found abandoned on the railroad tracks or in the hills. Blackie, of course, joined Popeye as a member of the family. Daddy tried for months, maybe years, to get rid of all the mange. Did he really bathe it in coal oil or am I confused? I know he used coal oil to clean the clock works inside our Seth Thomas mantle clock.

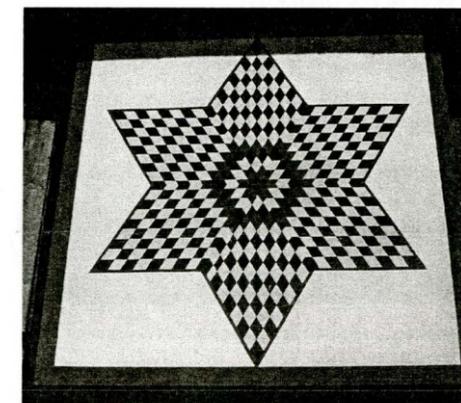
It was just an old lard can, but it too held Daddy's treasures. This was kept at my grandmother's house so I don't know all the treasures it held. It was here that Daddy's calendars would go. We always had two large wall calendars. The one in the kitchen was usually from the bank and had large blocks

for each day. As the days passed, Daddy would mark a big red X through them. At the end of the year, he'd take them from the wall, roll them, and tie a red thread around them. The living room advertising calendar was smaller with a pretty picture. Pepsi and Coca-Cola calendars remain strong in my memory. They, too, were taken down, rolled up, and secured with a rubber band. Now the calendars were ready for the lard can of treasure. My school papers and drawings were also saved and put into the treasure can.

Daddy's diaries were also in his treasure drawer or at least the current one. Their red and brown bindings, their faded lines held Daddy's treasured, precious words. Age has dimmed the inks but the faded words take me back to Daddy. They introduce me to his friends, the "old folks," and take me back, back to Daddy, Mom and home. Now the calendars he rolled and tied with pretty red thread are gone. My school papers, saved in the same way, are gone. The treasure chest long gone but Daddy's treasures will never go away. They live in my memory and my most precious memory is Daddy and the treasure chest.

Barn Quilt Art

~Betty Sharp



Among the barn quilt applications received by the Foothills Quilt Trail Committee, one of the most requested quilt patterns is for the "Lone Star". The reason probably is because the Lone Star quilt block is likely one of the most recognizable quilt patterns to Americans. It is also one of the oldest patterns. This is a pattern known by many

names, but Lone Star is the one most commonly used. There are variations of it with 6 points, 8 points (the most common design), or even more. A six-point star placed in the center of a quilt block and painted red, white & blue was requested by Jim & Dixie Blythe for their barn located on Cranston Road. The pattern was based on an actual quilt owned by the Blythe family.

Once the Blythe's application and quilt design were approved by the Committee, funding for this particular quilt square was obtained through SEKTDA (Southern & Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development Association). Then work began at the *Morehead News* Printing warehouse on creating the 8-foot x 8-foot quilt block. Two 4-ft. x 8-ft. quilt panels were designed and painted by volunteers with the Foothills Quilt Trail Painting Team.

When the painting was completed, the quilt panels were delivered to the barn. The panels were then installed on April 25, 2007 in a frame attached to the Blythe's barn by members of the Rt. 377 Volunteer Fire Department (Danny Blevins, Jr., Todd Plank, Dowe Blevins, Daniel Blevins, & Howard Helterbrand) and the Blythe's daughter, Eva Jane Little.

To view this barn quilt art, follow Rt. 32 (Flemingsburg Rd.) west then go 12.1 miles on Cranston Road (Rt.377). The barn sits at left and is beside the highway.



Sharkey Post Office

~Avanelle Eldridge

On November 21, 1927, Samuel N. Sorrell (address: Ringos Mills, Ky.) sent Form 1051 for the establishment of a new location for the Sharkey Post Office. It was then located in Fleming County. The proposed post office would be on the boundary line of Fleming County and Rowan County. It would be five

miles north of the Licking River and four miles southeast of Fox Creek.

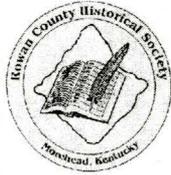
The nearest post office on the same route was Ringos Mills – five miles by the traveled road in a northern direction of the proposed site of the Sharkey Post Office. The nearest post office on the other side was Ramey—four miles in a southwesterly direction from the site. Hilda Post Office was the nearest post office not on the route and it was six miles by traveled road in an eastern direction.

The new post office building would be six miles north of the C&O Railroad tracks at Farmers, Ky. The mail would be supplied by new Route #29140 from Farmers to Ringos Mills. The route was advertised to begin on July 1, 1928.

The form was received at the Division of Postmaster Appointments on November 23, 1927. Samuel N. Sorrell was confirmed as Postmaster on March 16, 1928. His commission was signed and mailed June 29, 1928, and he assumed charge on July 9. He later resigned.

Hiram Eldridge assumed charge on March 26, 1935; he was appointed Acting Postmaster on April 11, 1935. Eldridge was confirmed as Postmaster on July 2, 1935. His commission was signed and mailed July 17, 1935, and he assumed charge as full Postmaster on August 1, 1935.

On August 2, 1939, Hiram Eldridge signed and sent Form 4901-2-R1 Location Paper to the Division of Topography of the Post Office Department, Washington, D.C. This paper stated that the nearest adjoining county was Rowan, which was 40 feet from the Sharkey Post Office. The nearest highway was State Highway 158. The nearest railroad was the C&O in Morehead—eleven miles east. The shortest air distance to the nearest railroad tracks was six miles south; the nearest body of water, Tar Branch, was one mile northwest. The nearest post office was Ringos Mills in Fleming County—four miles northwest. Hilda in Rowan County was four miles east and Farmers in Rowan County was seven miles south. Muses Mill in Fleming County was ten miles north. Mail was supplied by Rural and Star Route from Morehead and Flemingsburg. The Sharkey Post Office was changed back to Fleming County on December 9, 1939.

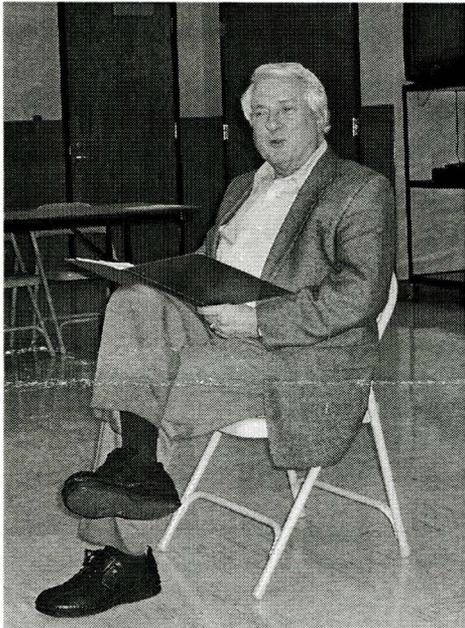


PAST AND PRESENT

Rowan County Historical Society
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March Meeting

The Historical Society had its March 1st meeting at the Rowan County Board of Education building. The guest speaker was the Reverend Don Flatt, retired professor of history at Morehead State University. His topic was "Judge Allie Young: The Morehead Manipulator."



Rev. Don Flatt

April Meeting

At our regular monthly meeting on April 5, 2007, we had as guest speaker, Greg Bausch, the Vice-President of the Regional Services

for St. Claire Regional Medical Center Project in Morehead, KY. He explained how an upcoming major project will bring to Morehead a facility for Medical Teaching, Morehead State University, the University of Kentucky, and St. Claire Regional Medical Center will all be involved in this project.

Plans for the building, which will be built across from the hospital along a major portion of Second Street, and all that's planned to be taught was presented. This project has been in the planning state for about five years, and opening of the facility is planned for 2010.



~submitted by Carmileta Evans

Following the April Meeting, several Historical Society members left the Library to journey up the street for an impromptu tour of the Old Rowan County Superintendent's Office. This building will be our new home, to be shared with the Rowan County Veteran's Foundation. Many thoughts, ideas, and suggestions were discussed concerning the renovation and set-up of the building.



L-r: Betty Sharp, Helen Surmont, Willow Leach, Carmileta Evans, Ruth Blevins, Gary Lewis, Jimmie Jackson, Danny Blevins, Irene Elam, & Harry Mayhew.

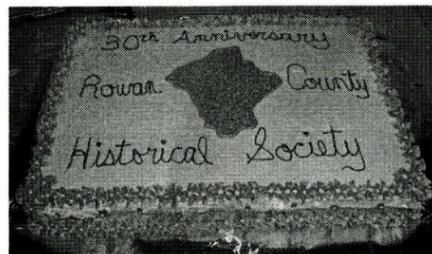
May Meeting

At the May 3rd meeting, members gathered for a special Roundtable Discussion. Unfortunately, the guest speakers for the program were unable to attend, but that didn't deter those in attendance. A special "sharing" by each person at the table about notable Moreheadians made for a delightful evening.



Pictured left to right are: Juanita M. Turner, Claude Turner, Marguerite Partin, Kay Schafer, Gary Lewis, Jimmie Jackson, Harry Mayhew, Willow Leach, Sissy Lewis, Carmileta Evans, Carol Laferty, & Avanelle Eldridge. Others, not pictured, recalling special people were Helen Surmont, Betty Sharp, Lloyd Dean, Ruth Blevins, & Danny Blevins.

Prior to the start of the May program, cake made by Sissy Lewis was served. The cake celebrated the 30th birthday of the Rowan County Historical Society.



Family History Book

The family history book is still in production at Turner Publishing. No release date is known at this time.

Genealogy Workshop

A genealogy workshop is scheduled for Sat., Aug. 18th with a guest speaker discussing Melungeon Heritage. If anyone wants to take part or attend or has suggestions for this workshop or wants specific details about time and place, please contact Gary at 606-784-6341, email: <glewis51@windstream.net>, or send a note

to the Historical Society's mailing address, given at the end of this newsletter.

Remembering the Good Old Days

~written by Irene Jackson Elam,
Class of 48

What I remember about growing up on Little Brushy is the Little Brushy School, from 1st through 8th Grades, and all the wonderful teachers I had. The Little Brushy School is now the "Moonlight School" located on First Street in Morehead. Some of the teachers were Pauline Johnson, who taught us the latest hit songs, like "Oh, Johnny, Oh, Johnny" and the Motor Boat Song, along with all the four services songs, like "Over There," "Anchors Away," "From the Halls of Montezuma," and "The Caissons Go Rolling Along." I remember Mrs. Christy, who brought grapes for lunch and taught us how to play "Fish." And, of course, there was Dot Ellis. She was so much fun, but she made you get your lessons. We would choose up sides at recess and play outside – ball, tag, or jump rope.

I got to go to the Rowan County Fair and march up Main Street and down to the fairgrounds. I had gotten a new pair of shoes for the occasion and by the end of the day, I was barefoot and carrying my shoes because of the blisters they wore on my heels. The whole school got to go. We got to ride a school bus – my first. Big Brushy was there also. I was so impressed with the entries; I tried to get my Mom to enter her pickles the next year. She wouldn't.

When I was a freshman, my teacher, Mrs. Virginia Rice, said we could enter something in the fair. I won First Prize, a blue ribbon for my flower arrangement of all goldenrods in a bowl.

I loved school, both grade school and high school. My only regret is that I didn't finish college and go on to higher education instead of just business school.



The Hunters

~by Boneva Phelps Sweatman

A hunter my dad was--
small game was his prey.
A hunter I am, but
in a much different way.

Out into the country he'd go
with his rifle in hand.
Out in the country I go, armed
with camera to search the land.

Rabbits and squirrels were
what he wanted to find.
Old & hidden cemeteries are
what I'd have in mind.

Those small animals he
sought to hunt and shoot,
While photos and info.
is always my pursuit.

He'd patiently watch and wait,
spending many hours alone.
I'll spend hours with others
to read each sign & tombstone.

Even being an amateur,
he usually met with success.
I, being an amateur, wish
that talent I could possess.

Sometimes I think he had it
a little easier than me
For his quest had a limit,
while a finish I'll never see.

Dad's days of going hunting
have long been gone,
While my genealogy hunt
will continue to go on.

Though it was quite different,
this hobby he had,
I know my hunting passion
came from my dad.

In honor of Father's Day on June 17th, Betty Sharp shares the above poem written by her identical twin sister, Bonnie, about their father Ralph "Rudy" Phelps. She can recall as youngsters watching their Dad "skin" the squirrels and being thrilled to get the tails.

Bonnie is now an avid genealogist and was the one who got Betty hooked on the hobby, too.

Foothills Quilt Trail

Quilt Square #24 is a freestanding 8' x 8' quilt block located at 286 Ellington Loop Road. The property owners, Duane & Angie Williams Catron, requested a "LOG CABIN" design in patriotic colors of red, white, & blue. The Log Cabin was a special pattern chosen by the property owners to honor their four grandmothers who were all quilters. Duane's grandmothers were Geneva Catron and Sarah Mabry. Angie's grandmothers were Clara Williams and Sarah Bailey.

The quilt square was sponsored by SEKTDA (Southern & Eastern KY Tourism Development Assoc.). It was painted by members of the Foothills Quilt Trail Painting Team and was installed on December 8, 2006 by Duane Catron and his father-in-law, Jack Williams. The quilt square is in a scenic setting at Sharkey. A light has been placed over the quilt square for viewing at night.



~submitted by Betty Sharp

The Alleys of Rowan and Old Virginia

~written by Kay Schafer

One of the mistakes that some of us make as family history researchers is to make assumptions about our ancestors without actually checking. For example, we expect just one marriage and don't check for two. Or, we may think migration will be out toward the frontier – not back toward the safety of more settled areas. I fell into a pattern of assumptions after moving to

Morehead. I thought I knew the locations of ancestors and did not expect information in the libraries around Rowan County. Wrong!

My ancestor, James L. Alley was born in Henrico Co., Virginia around 1723. He had a number of sons and daughters, including my great-great-great-grandfather, Peter Alley. The family arrived in the colonies in the 1600s. It has been traced back from James and his father Thomas to a Bishop William Alley who lived in England in the 1500s by some of my distant relatives. In addition to Peter, James L. Alley had a son, James, Jr. who married Massie Saunders. It was the children of this younger James who would eventually have me searching Rowan County records.

As a young person I knew that my Alley kinfolk had arrived in Pike County, Kentucky from Scott County, Virginia. They had been among the early settlers of Scott County, arriving around the time of the American Revolution when Indian attacks were still occurring in the area. Frances, James L.'s daughter, was killed in an attack and her sister sat on a stump and cried all day. I found that the family had traveled from Henrico down to North Carolina and then to Scott County, Va., on the Appalachian frontier. Why did they leave the comfortable Virginia coast for the wilderness? I located the answer in a Williamsburg, Virginia newspaper of 1768. A Mr. Burgess Harrelson had gotten into a legal squabble with James L. Alley, Sr. and had paid for an advertisement to tell the public his opinion of James. It was time to hit the road.

James, Jr. born around 1753, was also a traveling man. Not only was he in North Carolina and around the Clinch River Valley of Scott County, Virginia, but there were records in Greenup and Wayne Counties in Kentucky as well as various Tennessee counties, especially Roane County. James the third, however, became a resident of Bath County, Kentucky and raised a family there with wife Delilah Saylor/Siler. They had several sons: Andrew Jackson Alley, Alfred S. Alley and Cyrus Alley. Cyrus was born around 1838 and married Nancy Hazelrigg, daughter of John W. Hazelrigg, a lawyer who moved from Morgan County, Ky. to Montgomery. Cyrus also had a nephew Cyrus (husband of Catherine "Kate" Lewis) as well as cousins in Indiana who also carried

the name. Members of the Alley family moved to Rowan County. It was there that Cyrus began work with the Court in the 1870s. Various descendants of the Alley brothers of Bath and Rowan still live in this county today.

General Robert E. Lee
As portrayed by: David Chaltas
Kentucky School Teacher, Author and
Re-enactor

~written by Jimmie A. Jackson



As General Lee addresses the men of the 5th Kentucky Regiment, he holds his head up and speaks as he himself could only do. David Chaltas, a schoolteacher and living historian, believes in the reason he becomes Lee. And only a true southerner and a true man of God could make you believe it also. From Perryville KY, to Columbia in the Carolinas he shares his life as Lee and teaches others the true heritage of the true South.

On Thursday night, June 7th 2007, General Robert E. Lee came to Morehead and told of his life as a General in the Confederate Army. Teaching is his life, and Lee is the subject. Speaking on the life of General Robert E. Lee and the War Between the States and the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Chaltas explains the conception of the S.C.V.

As President Jefferson Davis's right hand and the leader of the army of Virginia, Lee was an inspiration to all who served with him. Lee talked about his personal experience as an

officer in the southern army and how in 1861 he was asked to command the Army of the Potomac. He told Lincoln, the President-elect at the time, that he would have to think about it over night. After a long night, he made the decision of his heart to follow Virginia when they left the Union. He told of the death of his daughter and the letter from his beloved wife telling him of her death. As he spoke of his men and the flag he fought for, he began to pace, and his eyes watered for he loves the South as his children.

He thought of Jackson, President Davis, and all the other men he fought with during the long years of battle, and only had one thing to say - GOD was the answer and the reason he was who he is. For as long as we keep the memory of General Robert E. Lee alive, he will live in the hearts of all generations. David Chaltas is and always will be Robert E. Lee to all who have met him, for we all love and respect him.

After he spoke as Lee, Chaltas thanked the audience for coming and told us all how, because God had chosen him, he is LEE.



An Historical Occasion on the Lawn
of the
Old Rowan County Courthouse

~written by Jimmie A. Jackson

On March 21, 1864, a unit of Confederate soldiers entered the town of Morehead, in Rowan County, Kentucky and burnt the original courthouse to the ground. As they took their provisions from the local citizens, they also left the town in fear and in desolation.

During the weekend of June 13, 2007, Confederate soldiers once again came to the little town of Morehead, Kentucky. As a part

of the "Bluegrass and More" weekend event, we were blessed with having a local group of men and women to teach us the past.

The 5th Kentucky, Volunteer Infantry Regt. Company E. Civil War Re-enactors, is a living testimony to the life of the families who lived during the War Between the States.

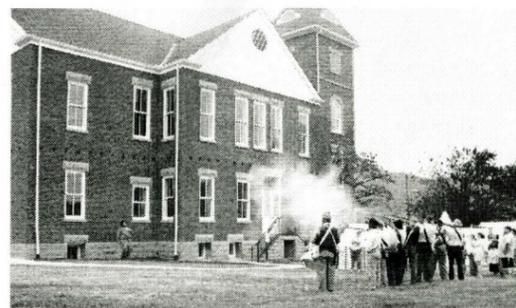


With their families the men of the 5th Kentucky camped out on the lawn of the Old Courthouse and made plans for their next battle at Georgetown, Kentucky. On Friday, June 1st, the re-enactors set up camp and made ready for the evening meal. On Saturday morning, the ladies arose at 7:00 am and made the morning meal. They prepared bacon, scrambled eggs, sausage, homemade biscuits made in a Dutch oven, and served it with thick homemade gravy, all made over the open wood fire. After breakfast the ladies washed the dishes and changed from their camp dresses into their day dresses for the other duties of the day. The gentlemen were called to order by acting Capt. Terry Kidd who commands Company E. After going over the drill of arms they prepared to go to the Moonlight School to raise the American flag and to start the Bluegrass Music Festival Concert. Under the command of Capt. Kidd the soldiers, lead by drummer Darrell Crawford, marched from the lawn of the old courthouse with the flag carried by Jimmie A. Jackson. As they came to the entrance they stopped inside the fence and were given the order to raise the flag. As the flag was raised they prepared to fire a volley salute to the veterans of all wars past and present. After the flag was raised and the drummer played, Capt. Kidd told the audience that the salute volley was for all veterans and ordered the soldiers to fire. After the volley the soldiers

marched off with the drummer playing back to the Old Courthouse.

Later that afternoon as part of the reenactment, a federal spy was caught and shot as such and a private was reprimanded for drinking the night before. (When a skit is done it is done in a manner of reality and teaches those watching the real dangers faced when choosing to betray your country. When a soldier gets drunk he lets all his fellow comrades down, because if the enemy were to attack while he was in a bad way, he would be of no help to the others around him.)

On Sunday morning the Ladies again arose around 7:00 a.m. and began the daily chore of fixing the morning meal. Homemade biscuits, bacon, pork sausage and deer sausage, eggs, and other items were served. After the meal the men cleaned the pots and pans and the ladies washed the rest of the dishes. The chaplain was unable to come for the 11:00 church service so the men and ladies sat around talking. Around noon a private was confronted about drinking the night before and Capt. Kidd called for all men to bring their personal belongings to his tent to be searched. Upon searching everyone's haversacks Capt. Kidd found that a private was a spy for the Federal Army. The men voted to have the private put to death by firing squad, so he was put against the rear wall of the old court house and shot. Pvt. Mike Worrix from Prestonsburg, Ky., was the chosen "Guilty Traitor." **A LETTER FROM A GENERAL IN THE NORTHERN ARMY IS ALL THAT WAS NEEDED TO CONVICT HIM AS A NORTHERN SPY.** "Lower than a snake" he was. Around 4:00 p.m. the same skit was performed again and several people watched as a great job was done by all in teaching the life of the soldiers in the 1800s.



In the courtroom upstairs inside the Old Courthouse, Pvt. Patrick Davis from Prestonsburg, Ky., gave a speech on the cause of the Civil War and the effect it had on the outcome. He pointed out that the Cumberland Gap and Pound Gap, two passes from Kentucky, Tennessee, and Virginia, were very important places for both sides during the war.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans had a tent set up also to search for the descendants of anyone who wanted to find out if they too had a family member that served in the War Between the States. Several bystanders came and looked around and were given a history lesson. Hopefully, they went away more aware of life in the 1860s for a family and soldier. Mark Patrick had several original articles on display that were a real treat for all to look upon. The 5th had several people interested and signed a few new members to the ranks.



Marching behind Morehead State University's Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

A little factual history:

In 1863 three hundred Confederate cavalry under Col. Peter Everett passed through Eastern Kentucky in order to attack the Union supply depot at Maysville, where, on June 14th, they captured 50 horses, 330 rifles, and 25 pistols. On the next day, near Olympian Springs in Bath County, they ambushed Major R. T. Williams and thirty men of the 14th Kentucky Cavalry, killing eleven and capturing twelve. On June 16th, 1863, two battalions of the 10th Kentucky Cavalry led by Lt. Col. R. R. Maltby overtook Colonel Everett's command at Triplett's Creek Bridge near Morehead in Rowan County. Maltby's men surrounded the Confederates, defeated them, and took 38 prisoners. When DeCourcy's 8th Michigan Cavalry arrived on the scene, mistaking

Maltby's men for the enemy, Everett and the rest of his men slipped away and returned to their base in Russell County, Virginia. On June 12, 1864, Gen. John Hunt Morgan's Confederate cavalry camped near Farmers.

Living History at Salt Lick Riding Stables, in Salt Lick, Kentucky

~by Jimmie A. Jackson

On Friday May 4th, 2007 through Sunday May 6th was a weekend of adventure in history. The 5th Kentucky Volunteer Regiment Infantry, Company E, from Morehead held the first living history weekend at the Salt Lick Riding Stables off Highway 211. This was the first event of what is hopefully going to be a yearly activity, with plans already in the works for a larger turnout by other groups and more activities. The event was presented by Salt Lick Civil War Heritage Association, Castle's Dream Catcher Hollow, Jonas Adams, and the 5th Kentucky Company E. Also appearing Saturday night was a local bluegrass band, the Rowan County Ramblers, with Denny Wilson, Gus Black, Jackie Reeves, Gary Jones and guest Mark Black. Mary with Chigger Ranch Sutler was also available to supply all the needs of period articles and to sew a button on in case of emergencies. She hand makes every thing she sells from dresses to bonnets, and beautiful ball gowns for the officer's ball. With her skillful hands she creates works of art from the 1800s.

Saturday there was a Calvary riding Competition held with first place going to Steven Castel, Jr., second place Paul Richardson, third place to Jenny Richardson, and fourth place to Mary Ann Zoel. Riding from one end of the course to the other the riders had to shoot the balloons with their black powder pistols and then turn around and spear the small 4" rings with their sabers for a point time average. On Sunday afternoon a shooting match was held. Starting at 50 yards, 8 entries shot three times for a first round elimination, and the next round was from 75 yards. First place was taken by Dan Lykins of the Lykins Artillery Brigade from Texas, with second going to Mark Patrick of Morehead, third to John Irwin of Olive Hill, and fourth to Cody Pile of Olive Hill, Ky.

There was a special treat for all with the Lykins Artillery Brigade doing several cannon fires Saturday and Sunday and also night firing Saturday night.

Special thanks go to Castle Printing and Photo; Castles Printing and Publication; Lee May of Salt Lick; Carolyn Belcher, CPA of Owingsville; LaFincas of Mt. Sterling; Honn Enterprises of Versailles, Ky.; John Dean, CPA of Grayson; Perks of Morehead; and radio stations WKCA, WIVY, and WIKP.

For more information contact Jimmie Jackson with the Rowan County Historical Society. Join the 5th Kentucky Re-enactors and live history as we do.

Queen City Post Office

On February 5, 1878, Mr. Delaney Bowling received Form No. 12 in care of the Postmaster, Morehead, KY., proposing a new post office in Rowan County, to be called Queen City. The new post office would be on Route No. 20427, that being the route from Hillsboro to Morehead, on which the mail was then carried once a week by the contractor C.W. Bailey. The post office would be directly on this route and there would be no post office left out because of this change. The name of the nearest post office on the same route was Morehead, 3 ¾ miles east. The nearest post office on the other side is Ringo Mills, 10 miles west. The nearest creek was North Fork of Triplett. The post office would be east of this creek. The form was signed April 1, 1878, by Cyrus Alley, Postmaster of Morehead, and Delaney Bowling was appointed Postmaster on April 11, 1878. William Fowels was appointed to succeed him November 15, 1882. The Queen City Post Office was discontinued on May 28, 1884, and mail was sent to Morehead.

~ submitted by Avanelle Eldridge

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**1897-1898 Rowan County, KY
School Census - District 18
POND LICK**

**Post Office Addresses of Parents/Guardians
Morehead & Rodburn, KY**

Key: Parent/Guardian Name
Child's name, birthday [no age or sex given]

Wm. R. [W. R.] Steagall, Sr.
Mary E. Steagall March 17, 1885

Sarah J. [S. J.] Steagal [Stigall]
Charles M. Steagall July 8, 1886
Jesse D. Steagall Oct. 20, 1887
Martha S. Steagall Nov. 7, 1890
Flossie F. Steagall Jan. 28, 1892

Jesse Steagall [Stegall]
Rosa B. Steagall, Nov. 28, 1879

Martha Steagall [Stigall]
Luther Conn May 19, 1878

Luther Conn
Lourena L. Conn 1880

Louis [Lewis] M. McRoberts
Z. T. McRoberts Feb. 10, 1880
Susie M. McRoberts June 24, 1882
Minnie B. McRoberts Nov. 20, 1884
Willie D. McRoberts July 23, 1887
Mary A. McRoberts Aug. 28, 1889
Rufus V. McRoberts Nov. 24, 1891

John I. McGlothlin [McGlothan]
Louis F. McGlothlin Apr. 2, 1882
Mary E. McGlothlin Feb. 25, 1884
Olive McGlothlin Aug. 19, 1886

Geo. [George] W. Little
John Little June 28, 1881
Wm N. Little July 21, 1884
Jas. M Little April 11, 1887
Solomon L. Little June 2, 1881

Jas. [James] C. Little, Sr. *Guardian*
Jas. H. Marlow March 14, 1884

Jas. [James] J. Little
Willie L. Little July 17, 1891

Thos. [Thomas] Cooper
Leslie Cooper March 9, 1892

Wm. R. Steagall [Stegall, Jr.] *Guardian*
Emily B. Davis Sep. 14, 1888

Jas. [James] B. Rose
Jno. H. Rose Jan. 25, 1884
Lillie R. Rose July 4, 1885
Mirtie F. A. Rose Aug. 16, 1892

Fred Jefferson
Samuel Jefferson July 4, 1888
Geo. P. Jefferson Jan. 29, 1890
Chas. Jefferson March 28, 1892

A. Tackett
Hars G. Tackett March 24, 1879
Hiram Tackett Jan. 27, 1884
Melvin Tackett July 26, 1887

William H. Cline
Azella Cline March 24, 1879

Alford Caudill *Guardian*
Rosanna Caudill May 1881

Abel Tackett
Lizzie S. Tackett 1880

John [Jno.] Kelley *Guardian*
Sarah I. Caudill April 31, 1880

Jno. J. Conn
Cora Conn April 18, 1889
Earnest Conn August 3, 1892

George N. McGlothan
Hiram T. McGlothan July 6, 1890

Jacob Brooks
Enoch J. M Brooks Oct. 3, 1879
Thomas H. Brooks June 1, 1882
Ada L. Brooks June 10, 1884
Charles C. Brooks Feb. 17, 1887
Eli T. Brooks April 28, 1890

James S. Conn
Belford M. Conn Aug. 6, 1888
Bessie J. Conn Oct. 23, 1890

C. C. Caudill **Guardian*
Ednie J. Caudill April 26, 1880
Harvey L. Caudill Aug. 18, 1883
Belford G. Caudill June 5, 1885
Marion Caudill Aug. 3, 1887
Elly Caudill Dec. 16, 1891
*Mary F. Curtis April 4, 1885

Andrew J. [A. J.] Mabry
Drucilla Mabry Oct. 22, 1883

Belford P. [B. P.] Ham **Guardian*
Willie C. Ham Sept. 10, 1886
Jno. A. Ham June 27, 1889
Charles E. Ham March 18, 1892
*Hattie M. Crawford Dec. 1, 1884

Oliver McGlothan **Guardian*
Spicy J. McGlothan April 14, 1886
Queen McGlothan June 10, 1889
Oliver O. McGlothan March 12, 1892
*Barney Moorehouse March 24, 1879

No age or sex was listed on original document. In some cases, the parent name was written [different] in signature.

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Stuart Seely Sprague

1937-2002

Charter member and first Historian of the
Rowan County Historical Society

Mary Palmer Northcutt Powell

1920-2002

Member of the Rowan County Historical Society

Meeting Notes

At our meeting on February 7th, former president Helen Surmont was presented with a trinket box for her three years of hard work, leading, guiding and supporting us in our projects.

The guest at our March meeting was Dr. Yvonne Baldwin, Professor of History at Morehead State University. She gave an informative talk on women's role in the development of our history and explained how women's influence shaped our culture and political growth. She also expressed gratitude for several members helping with her Junior Seminar class on Oral Histories of World War II.

Junior Historical Society

The 13 members of the Junior Historical Society have been very active this year. Their activities include making decorations for the Christmas season, working on obituary cards for the library, designing and making Valentines for Valentine's Day, and taking dulcimer lessons from Betty Sharp. Currently they are working on family tree posters. A trip to My Old Kentucky Home is planned for the spring.

Genealogy Club Notes

Activities are in the planning stages for updating family records, ways to share our findings, visits to other local libraries, courthouses, etc., and other projects such as scrapbooking.

On February 6, several members visited the Kentucky History Center in Frankfort for family research and a visit to the museum.

The annual workshop will be held August 10, 2002, in the Community Room at the Rowan County Public Library from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Rowan County Post Offices in 1927

(from: The Kentucky Explorer, June 1996, p. 47)

Bangor	Haldeman
Bluestone	Hilda
Christy	Minor
Clearfield	Morehead
Cogswell	Paragon
Craney	Ramey
Cranston	Smile
Crix	Triplet
Eadston	Vale
Elliottville	Wagner
Farmers	Waltz

1897-1898 Rowan County, Kentucky, School Census, District 37 Craney School

Parent/Guardian: Child's name, sex – age

D.B. Smedley:

Forest G., m-15

Ruth C., f-12

Delila, f-10

Oria W., m-7

Anderson W. Perry:

Willie S., m-15

Nannie A., f-11

Sarah D., f-8

Samuel S. Lewis:

Virga A., f-8

Colman C. Brown:

James W., m-19

Malinda Dillon:

James N., m-17

Lillie F., f-14

Martha C., f-11

John B. Brown:

James N., m-18

Daniel B., m-16

Lillian M., f-14

Cora A., f-12

Frank H., m-10

David E., m-8

Levi Morefield:

Ettie, f-6

Alfred Hardin:

Lizzie, f-18, married

John C. Brown:

Eddie Perry, f-6

Pendleton Cassity:

Clacy, f-12

Henry, m-16

Craney Post Office

On January 8, 1910, U.G. Blair sent a form letter to Washington, D.C., for the purpose of establishing a post office with the proposed name of Craney. On April 6, 1910, this form was completed and received by the Post Office Department, Division of Topography.

The nearest railroad to the proposed post office was the Morehead & North Fork; its station was called Craney. The post office would be located on this railroad. The nearest post offices on the same route were Paragon, 4½ miles west, and Wrigley (Morgan County), 7 miles southeast. The nearest post office not on the route was Blaze, 5 miles south. The nearest prominent river was the Licking River, 8 miles west, and the nearest creek was the North Fork. Craney was located on this creek, but there was no township system. Population to be supplied by the new post office was 200 or more.

On April 30, 1928, Willie A. Bishop was confirmed as Postmaster. The commission was mailed May 11, 1928, and he assumed charge on July 2, 1928. On July 24, 1939, Bishop filed new location papers. They were received July 26, 1939, at the Post Office Department. The nearest existing post offices to the new location were Paragon (Rowan County), 4 miles west; Leisure (Morgan County), 4 miles east; Blaze (Morgan County), 4 miles south; and Pelfrey (Rowan County), 5 miles north. The mail would be supplied to the Craney Post Office by Star Route from Wrigley.

Craney Post Office was discontinued August 19, 1941, effective August 31, 1941.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Membership Eligibility and Application

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is a patriotic and educational organization, similar to the Grand Army of the Republic. It was founded on November 12, 1881 and incorporated by Act of Congress August 20, 1954. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is the legal heir to and representative of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Hereditary Eligibility (Member & Junior) and Nonhereditary Eligibility (Associate)

Member (and Junior): A male descendant, whether through lineal or collateral line and not less than 14 years of age (6 to 14 years for Juniors), who: (1) is a blood relative of a Soldier, Sailor, Marine or member of the Revenue Cutter Service, who was regularly mustered and served honorably in, was honorably discharged from or died in the service of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Revenue Cutter Service of the United States of America or in such state regiments called to active service and was subject to orders of United States general officers, between April 12, 1861 and April 9, 1865; (2) has never been convicted of any infamous or heinous crime and (3) has, or whose ancestor through whom membership is claimed has, never voluntarily borne arms against the government of the United States.

Associate: Men who do not have the ancestry to qualify for hereditary membership, but who demonstrate a genuine interest in the Civil War and who can subscribe to the purpose and objects of the SUVCW may become Associates. An Associate may vote and hold any office except those of Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer and Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. Associates may not exceed one-third of the total membership of the Camp at the time of election.

A membership application for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War may be obtained from the Web Site at <http://suvchw.org/member.htm> and selecting either of the following links: Membership Application (No graphics) Text Form or Membership Application (With graphics) PDF Form.

Other Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic

Membership information requests for any of the four Ladies' Orders should to be sent directly to the below email addresses. At a minimum, please ensure that your request for information includes your name, U.S. mail address and email address.

Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War MarAuxSuv@aol.com

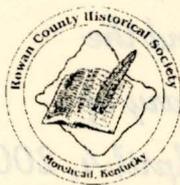
*You are cordially invited to attend the
 celebration of the 25th Anniversary of
 The Rowan County Historical Society April 4, 2002, 6pm
 at the Rowan County Board of
 Education Building on Second Street. Keynote speaker will be
 Dr. James C. Klotter,
 Historian, Author, and Professor of History
 at Georgetown College.*

Rowan County Historical Society
Morehead, Kentucky
Established April 1, 1977
Charter Members

Balda, Carolyn
 Balda, Edward J., Lt. Col.
 Biel, Mike
 Biel, Sheila
 Brown, Mrs. Esther C.
 Byington, Mrs. Ernest B.
 Click, Cora Jane
 Cline, Ora L.
 Cline, Requa Jean
 Cornett, Kathy
 Crisp, Ruth
 Crisp, Elmer
 Dean, Mrs. Arvetta
 Dean, Lloyd
 Dean, Minty
 Derrickson, Charles
 Ferguson, Kermit
 Flora, Ben, Jr.
 Gulley, Mrs. Bernice
 Hamilton, Mrs. Shirley
 Holbrook, Dr. Harold
 Holbrook, Mrs. Jane
 Jayne, Mrs. Mary Alice
 Johnson, Clifford
 Lovelace, Pearl
 Mills, Paul
 Morris, Fenton
 Mabry, Mrs. Herman
 Partin, William Foley, Jr.

Partin, Mrs. Margaret
 Plank, Eliza
 Proudfoot, Dr. Warren
 Proudfoot, Mrs. W. H.
 Randolph, Virginia
 Razor, Adron
 Reynolds, Mrs. Mabel Carr
 Rimmel, Jan
 Roberson, Dr. Roy
 Roberts, Dr. Norman
 Roberts, Mrs. Marjorie
 Royse, Celia
 Shavner, Paul
 Sprague, Dr. Stuart
 Stevens, Thomas, Jr.
 Stone, Jeanette
 Thornsberry, Robert
 Thurman, Homer
 Thurman, Nora
 Thurman, Rusty
 Wells, Clifford
 Whitt, Minton E.
 Wilt, Juanita

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 Historian, Dr. Stuart Sprague
 Publicity Director, Carolyn Balda



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Rowan County Historical Society Newsletter

March 2002

President's Message

Greetings to all our members of the Rowan County Historical Society and all Rowan county citizens.

We have many good programs planned this year which is geared toward all our citizens.

I want to take this time to thank everyone over the last 25 years who have worked and helped support the Rowan county Historical Society. We look forward to the next 25 years in recording and preserving the events that take place in Rowan County.

I hope all of us can take pride in our city and county and make it an even better place to live. Maybe as Kentucky is the heart of the nation, Rowan County can very well be the heart of Kentucky.

April 4th we will be celebrating the first 25 years of the Rowan county Historical Society. Watch for other information coming in the newspapers, radio, etc.

We are in the process of putting together in book form the history of the past 25 years of the RCHS, Inc.

I want to thank the membership in asking me to serve as its President in its 25th year.

If you are not a member of the Rowan County Historical Society, I would like to invite you to join.

-- Lloyd Dean
2-22-2002

Society Tentative Schedule for 2002

The January and February meetings are primarily planning meetings to set up a tentative schedule for activities for this year. The following agenda was prepared:

March 7th- Women in History Month- Dr. Yvonne Baldwin will be our speaker.

April 4th- 25th Anniversary Celebration.

May 4th- Birthday of Rowan County 1856. Invite older citizens to discuss the past.

June 14th Flag Day -Recognize the flag and honor veterans. Old court house lawn at noon.

July 4th - Meet on the Old Courthouse lawn, 12-12:30 p.m.

August 3rd- Final preparations for Genealogy Workshop to be held on August 10th.

September 5th -undecided.

September 21st -Get acquainted with the new members of the Junior Historical Society and a visit to the Moonlight School .

October 3rd- Fire Prevention Month. Recognize and honor local fire departments. Appoint nominating committee for 2003 officers.

November 1st- Veterans Month. Election of Officers for 2003.

December 5th- Community Awareness Award and other special recognitions. Christmas party.

Words of Wisdom from the Past

There is no man of cultivation who does not take some interest in what was done by his forefathers; who does not desire to obtain some knowledge of the race to which he belongs and of the races which preceded it and with which his own is in any way connected ... This interest in the lives and services of our ancestors forms no small part of the sentiment of patriotism. It is natural, generous and unselfish. It is not only pardonable but it is the duty to indulge it.

--Excerpt from an address by Edward Everett



PAST AND PRESENT

Rowan County Historical Society Newsletter December 2002

Letter from the President

Just so you know how current this letter is: tomorrow, December 5, will be the first SNOW DAY for the Rowan County School system. And by that, you also know that we missed our December meeting because of the first significant snow accumulation of the season. I want to wish each of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May the Lord bless and keep us in His care.

Our meeting was to be an enjoyable and fun evening (as they all are!!!) with Sandy Knipp entertaining us with his great musical talents. Unbeknownst to Sandy, he is the recipient of our annual Appreciation Award for his contributions of presenting and preserving our rich musical heritage. We are very proud that Sandy is one of our very own Rowan County born brothers who has heard the call to help preserve our songs and ballads. Morehead State Public Radio (old WMKY) wouldn't be the same without Sandy's Saturday program, Bluegrass Diversions, which highlights bluegrass performers local and abroad. He has also hosted all but a very few of the Appalachian Crossroads Live programs which happen the last Friday night of each month at the Duncan Recital Hall in Baird Music Building. There are many other performances and unselfish time contributions that make Sandy Knipp most deserving of our Annual Appreciation Award.

I want every one of you to know that I can't express enough appreciation for the time and dedication given to the Rowan County Historical Society. The projects you have completed are a tribute to the great sense of place and pride in our hometown. The projects to be completed in the future will no doubt prove to be works of love and endearment for our community.

Yes, I am anxiously waiting for our January and February meetings to set the

agenda and programs for 2003. We must continue to be involved in the planning of the 2006 Sesqui-Centennial as well as our work on the oral history program. The next few years will be very challenging and rewarding for the Rowan County Historical Society. Be prepared to jump in head-first!

As always, please participate and contribute, comment and critique, then help build our legacy. What we leave behind will be testimony of our efforts.

Thanking you in advance, your President,
Gary Lewis.

Past President's Message

Greetings to members and friends of the Rowan County Historical Society. It has been a busy and eventful year for the Society.

Selling of the Rowan County Pictorial History has been a successful venture and we encourage you to tell others about the book and to see the Society for copies.

Restarting Flag Day at the Old Courthouse lawn was a success and well attended with various groups participating.

In April the observance of the Rowan County Historical Society's 25th Anniversary was a huge success, being held at the Rowan County Board of Education.

In October the Historical Society held a program at the Carl Perkins Community Building to honor all Fire Departments, City, State, County, and MSU Police Departments, the Rescue Squad, EMS, and Fish and Wildlife. It was a large crowd and very colorful with different colors of uniforms.

Then there have been Genealogy workshops, speakers and other projects throughout the year to make this a very busy 2002.

Let me say I appreciate you asking me to come back and serve as President on the Society's 25th year and be a part of all this. Let me also apologize for not being able to spend all the time I would like to have with the Organization because of other commitments.

The Rowan County Historical Society can continue to be one of the best in Kentucky and possibly one of the best in the nation.

Now let's look forward to the year 2006 when Rowan County will be celebrating its 150th year which I hope will involve the entire county.

May everyone have a wonderful Christmas and prosperous New Year. God bless.

—Lloyd Dean
President 2002

1897-1898 Rowan County, KY School Census

District 30

CRANSTON SCHOOL

Parent/Guardian Name
 Child's name sex-age date of birth

W. N. Fisher
 Mary S. Fisher f-11 17 NOV 1888

Martha Fisher
 Rebecca Fisher f-8 28 FEB 1890
 Loney Fisher f-6 19 MAY 1892

G. H. Fisher
 W. A. Fisher m-14 14 JUL 1884

Sinda Fisher
 John H. Fisher m-8 24 FEB 1890

S. P. Littleton
 Roley Littleton m-9 26 OCT 1889

M. Littleton
 Mane Littleton f-7 10 SEP 1891
 Siles McVey m-15 17 OCT 1883
 Stella McVey f-11 23 MCH 1887
 Elsey McVey m-8 7 FEB 1890

Jack Caudill
 M. B. Caudill m-14 26 FEB 1884

Mandy Caudill
 V. ___ Caudill m-11 11 FEB 1887

H. J. Wells
 Nolie Wells f-18 16 AUG 1880
 Bertie Wells m-14 26 JAN 1885
 Willie Wells m-10 14 DEC 1888
 Charley Wells m-8 21 MCH 1890

A. N. Fisher
 Emy Fisher f-20 06 AUG 1878

Elizabeth Fisher
 Robert Fisher m-8 31 JUL 1880
 Margret E. Fisher f-16 03 JUL 1882
 Isabelle Fisher f-12 14 OCT 1886
 Miney M. Fisher f-9 08 MAY 1889

G. W. Bradley
 Geo. Bradley m-18 24 OCT 1880
 Manford Bradley m-15 4 JUL 1883
 Aamos Bradley m-12 16 MCH 1886
 Mary B. Berton f-10 9 OCT 1888
 James Berton m-7 5 MAY 1891

William Cundriff
 Maudy S. Fisher f-14 27 JUL 1884

Phebe Cundriff
 George G. Hall m-12 7 APR 1886
 Willie D. Cundriff m-9 26 SEP 1889
 Soley Cundriff f-13 15 JUN 1885
 Louisa Cundriff f-12 14 DEC 1886

G. W. Hogge
 Charley Hogge m-19 19 SEP 1879
 W. C. Hogge m-18 27 DEC 1880

Phebe A. Haney
 Herbert Haney m-19 24 DEC 1881
 Jas. A. Haney m-14 23 MCH 1884
 Celon Haney m-12 1 JUN 1886
 B. H. Haney f-9 25 MAY 1892

John Hardon
 M. G. Hardon f-7 06 SEP 1891

James Birchfield
 M. B. Birchfield f-8 06 APR 1890
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John Middleton
 James Middleton m-17 1 NOV 1880
 Prudice Middleton m-15 19 AUG 1883
 Silvester Middleton m-12 23 DEC 1886
 A. M. Middleton f-9 03 MAY 1889
 John T. Middleton m-7 23 SEP 1891

Floyd Hall
 James Hall m-15 15 MCH 1883
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 Ida Hall f-10 7 FEB 1888
 Charley Hall m-8 15 AUG 1890
 Amanda Hall f-12 03 OCT 1886

J. Deboard
 J. F. Deboard m-17 07 FEB 1881

Martha J. Deboard
 J. Deboard m-15 3 APR 1883
 William W. m-12 4 JUL 1886

J. C. Marlow
 Millard T. Core m-14 20 JUL 1885
 G. Marlow -8 7 MAY 1880

John E. Eagan
 P. M. Eagan m-18 9 SEP 1879
 Minniy B. Eagan m-15 28 MCH 1883

James Hogge
 Mary Hogge f-14 12 FEB 1884
 Edgar Hogge m-10 18 SEP 1887
 Grover C. Hogge m-8 1 AUG 1889

Riley Hall
 Mary Hall f-15 3 OCT 1883
 Martha Hall f-13 13 SEP 1885
 Lindy Hall f-12 9 MCH 1887
 Richard Hall m-9 9 MAY 1889
 Nevy Hall f-7 06 JUN 1891

John Cline
 Riley Cline m-15 03 OCT 1883

Post Office addresses for parents/guardians – Munson & Triplett, Kentucky

Morehead High School Alumni Association*

Ted Crosthwaite ----President
Mary Alice Calvert -----Vice President
Elwood Hall -----Secretary-Treasurer

Class of 1927

Murvel Blair (dec.)
Anna Jane Day (dec. 1988)
Vernon Dillon
Inez Tussey
Gladys Riddle Fortin (dec.)
Ernest Hogge (dec.)
Catherine Powers (dec.)
Evelyn Hamm Withrow
Dixon Shouse (dec.)
Henry Lee Prichard
Austin Riddle (dec.)

Class of 1928

Grace Cassity
Drinda McClurg Kelly
Eldon T. Evans (dec.)
Lucy Day
Anna Lee Martin
✓ Elsie Hogge Cornett (dec.)
Allie Holbrook (dec.)
Marie Barber Howard

Class of 1929

George Martin Calvert (dec.)
Margaret Calvert
Blanche Hardin
Mary Alice Calvert (dec.)

Class of 1930

Robert Bishop
Ayre Miller Cassity
✓ Roy Cassity (dec.)
Louise Caudill (dec.)
Ted Crosthwaite (dec. 1983)
Charlotte Duley (dec.)
Mason Jayne (dec.)
Watt Prichard, Jr.
Bessie Turner Redwine

Class of 1931

Oleta Amburgy
Arthur Barber
✓ Curtis Caudill (dec.)
Edith Caudill (dec. 1971?)
Roy Caudill (dec. 1979)
William Caudill
Richard Clay (dec. 1941)
Irene Day (dec.)
Jewel Fannin Evans
Maxine Caudill Evans (dec. 1962)
Ruth Marion Holbrook
Lola Williams Mullins
Mary Martin Staton (dec. 2001)
Eloise Young

Class of 1932

Charles E. Adams (dec.)
Earl Barber
Nelle Cassity
✓ Ralph Cassity (dec.)
Fred Caudill (dec.)
✓ Mildred Caudill
Grace Cooper Clark (dec.)
Nelle Caudill Cornwell
Edna McDaniel Dick
Audra Hall Dowell
Drew Evans, Jr. (dec.)
Bertha E. Hall (dec.)
Elaine Evans Hinton
Luther Jayne (dec.)
Lawrence Johnson (dec.)
✓ Mae Caudill Meadows
Marie Thomas
Clay Trumbo (dec.)
Marguerite Wheeler
Grace Evans Wright

Class of 1933

Olive Adams
Elizabeth Baldrige
✓ Ella Mae Boggess (dec.)
Earl Caskey (dec.)
Reba Fouch Caskey (dec.)
✓ Billy Caudill
Leola Caudill
Dorothy Crosthwaite
Athol Fraley (dec.)
Denver Hall (dec.)
Catherine Jackson
Jessie Markwell
Lucy Martin
Henrietta Mays
Eugene Miles
Elizabeth Penix
Ray Pervis
Alden Peck Robinson
Roy Turner (dec. 2001)
Madge Ward
John E. White

Class of 1934

Russell Barbour
Corrine Bertram
✓ Mary Olive Boggess (dec.)
Walter Calvert (dec.)
Gladys Caskey (dec.)
Harold Crosthwaite (dec.)
Jake H. Day
Herbert Elam (dec. 1987)
✓ Davis Ellis (dec.)
Gladys Flannery (dec.)

Atlas Fraley (dec.)
Jack Fraley
Glenna Hackney
Gordon Hackney
Elwood Hall (dec.)
Lorene Johnson
Ligon Kessler (dec.)
Minnie Ethyl Lane
Ruby Lewis
Arthur Ray Tatum
Kathleen Turner

Seniors 1935

Madeline Alderman (dec.)
Austin Alfrey (dec.)
Opal Alfrey
Roger Barber (dec.)
Bernice Lewis Barber
Clairec Beaire
Grace Branham
Lucy Brown
Virgil Caudill
Miriam Conley
Stella Crager
Thelma Fraley (dec.)
Ed Gooden, Jr.
Ivan Gregory
Dorothy Hill
Sam Johnson
Harold Jones
Vivian Lewis (dec.)
Maxie Mauk
Aileen McKenzie (dec.)
Pearl Mocabee
Fred Netherly
Iva Lee Oakley (dec.)
Lurline Penix
Mae Robinson
Matilda Roseberry
Edna Thomas
Dorothy Turner
Nancy Ward
George White
Leona Williams
Anna Mae Young (dec.)

*Date unknown.

This membership listing
provided courtesy of
Juanita Blair.

Celebration!

On October 3, 2002, a community celebration was held at the Carl Perkins Center, hosted by the Historical Society. The celebration was in honor of and to show appreciation for the services of local men and women who are dedicated to the safety of our area.

The guest speaker was Dr. J.D. Reeder, who spoke on "Honoring Our Present Heroes."

Representing the Fire Departments were:

Chief Dale Adkins – 2 city stations, Morehead
Chief Darrell Glover – Farmers, KY 801
Chief Dale Davis – Haldeman, Hays Crossing
Chief Dowe Blevins – Route 377

Representing the other departments:

Sgt. Dave Sexton – Morehead City Police
Paramedic Jerry Bowen – Rowan County Ambulance Service
Capt. Rick Stiltner – Kentucky State Police
Chief Anthony Spencer – Rescue Squad
Chief Doug Brown – MSU Safety and Security

November Meeting

Danny Blevins, Jr., was our guest for the November meeting. He came to talk about the fire towers at Hickory Flats and to ask for assistance for restoring the tower and the cabin where the rangers worked. He suggested getting it on the National Register for Historic Places, and maybe develop it into a campsite for hikers, etc. Eventually the group would like to identify all the towers in the Daniel Boone National Forest and try to restore them. Some of them are on private property. The National Organizations Conference is in January and they need pictures for display, historical backgrounds, interviews, etc. Morehead Tourism may be able to help with this project.

At the November meeting, officers for 2003 were chosen:

President – Gary Lewis
Vice President – Missy Jent
Secretary – Jeanette Stone
Treasurer – Betty Sharp
Historians – Linda Lowe and Willow Leach
Board Members – Carmileta Evans and Ruth Blevins

December Meeting

The regular December meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Genealogy Club

In September the group had a sharing meeting, bringing any resources and materials

to share with each other. Mabel Reynolds brought DAR materials.

During the October meeting some members told stories about a favorite or unusual character in their family tree. Ethel Jones discussed Thomas McDaniel and the development of the Baptist Church in the Fleming-Mason area. Missy Jent told of Jim Baker and his "harem" in a rock house on Black Mountain in Letcher County. Kay Schafer gave a good description of Mathias Harmon, his fort, and told of Harmon's (and Skaggs') rescue of Jenny Wiley. Willow Leach's story was about the life of Richard Wells, his "indenture," his adventures as a spy in the Revolutionary War, and his descendent's discover of Richard's lost brother.

Mason County Genealogy Workshop

Rowan County Historical Society Genealogy Club was contacted recently by the Mason County Genealogical Society with an invitation to a genealogy workshop to be held on November 16. Avanelle Eldridge, Mabel Reynolds, Juanita Turner, and Kay Schafer attended the Saturday event. The program was presented by J. Mark Lowe, Vice-President of the Association of Professional Genealogists. In addition to Mr. Lowe's presentation, the group enjoyed refreshments, displays of genealogy materials by several county organizations, an drawings for door prizes. Avanelle Eldridge sold several Rowan County Pictorial History books and many people stopped to look at and make favorable comments about the publication.

– Kay Schafer

Mabel Reynolds shares this interesting article from *County Home*, October 1985, p. 11:

Preservation Historical Societies

The local historical society is "one of America's greatest unsung resources," says Jennifer Esler of the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) as she describes this familiar and influential institution.

The Massachusetts Historical Society at Boston claims the distinction of being this nation's first, formed in 1791 amid patriotic fervor following the Revolutionary War. By our centennial year, 1876, there were 78 such organizations. Today, the number of historical societies on local, state, and national levels exceeds 5,000.

The typical historical society? Except for the goals of preserving and chronicling the past, there are few constants. Some have thousands of members, others less than a dozen. Some are manned by professional staffs, others rely on member participation. Some receive government subsidies but many operate on donations and fund-raising activities. Here's how societies serve as a link to bygone days:

Museums: Often a building with historical significance is rescued and used to house collections and special exhibits. In Armonk, New York, for instance, a tavern once used by Captain John Smith now serves as headquarters for the North Castle Historical Society's archives.

Libraries: In society-operated libraries, old newspapers, books, and diaries are made available to both professional researchers and history and genealogy buffs. In addition, many groups have recorded memories and observations of everyday life through taped interviews with local residents.

Publicity: Whether they're mimeographed one-page newsletters or thick, glossy issues like the Chicago Historical Society's magazine, *Chicago History*, publications informing members and nonmembers about the past are an important part of the work of every historical society. Members of the Bartholomew County Historical Society in Columbus, Indiana, write a monthly column in the local newspaper as a way of educating and, perhaps, sparking interest. Many groups compile town histories or biographies of early citizens.

Lectures, demonstrations, exhibits, and placing historical markers also increase public awareness of the past.

Restoration and preservation: In Ozona, Texas, the Crockett County Historical Society restored their town's oldest building, the Emerald House. In Bloomfield, Connecticut, the Wintonbury Historical Society saved a 200-year-old schoolhouse from destruction by having it moved, then restored. Activities such as these returned-to-glory success stories are taking place all across the country thanks to historical societies.

If you're part of a group interested in starting a historical society, contact your state historical organization, or write to the AASLH, 708 Berry Rd., Nashville, TN 37204 for a catalog of helpful publications.

- By Veda Eddy

Ms. Eddy is a free-lance writer from Columbus, Indiana

Cranston Post Office

On March 21, 1902, James A. Littleton sent an application to Washington, D.C., for the establishment of a post office to be called Cranston. This was in the township of Pine Grove. It would be on the route from Munson to Eadston. The mail was carried six days a week. The new post office would be directly on the route, only about 300 feet from the road. The nearest existing post office was Munson, 2 ¼ miles west; Triplet was 3 ½ miles southeast. The nearest other post office was Rodburn, 6 miles south. Triplet Creek was 2 miles east; the river was 200 yards west. The closest railroad was the C&O. The new post office would serve a population of 300. James A. Littleton signed the application as the proposed Postmaster. Cinda Logan, the Postmaster of Triplet, also signed. Mr. Littleton later declined the position of Postmaster.

On August 28, 1902, Belford P. Ham was appointed Postmaster. Other Postmasters and their dates of appointment were:

Nellie Littleton, December 11, 1906
Hiram d. Lyttleton, September 9, 1907
Elva C. Littleton, April 11, 1908
John A. Littleton, June 20, 1912
Nola d. Davis, February 25, 1914
Riley W. Cline, December 17, 1914

On November 17, 1916, R. W. Cline submitted Form 1191 for a change of location. The post office would be moved 142 rods west from the present location, and would be located 12 miles from the North Fork of Triplet Creek. The nearest existing post office to the new location would be Triplet, 4 miles north. There was no other post office on the route on the other side, so Cranston was at the end of the route. The nearest existing post office not on the route was Smile, 4 miles by traveled road in a southwest direction. The date Mr. Cline asked to move the post office was December 4, 1916. The reason given for moving it to a new location was because he wanted to move to his property as he was now renting. He would also have a general store in the same building. There were about 13 patrons residing within a radius of one mile at the existing site and there would be about 15 patrons at the proposed site. The route would increase by 92 rods each way and would be 4/10 miles southeast of the old location.

Other appointments and their dates:

Silas McVey, September 25, 1917
Belford P. Ham, February 16, 1918

On March 12, 1918, a new request was made for a change of the Cranston Post Office site and it was moved to the area called New Hope Church. The new building was located

8 miles from the Licking River on the northeast side. Triplet Creek was 200 yards on the west side. Triplet Post Office was 3 ½ miles by traveled road in a northeast direction. The closest post office on the other side was Waltz, 5 ½ miles southwest. The nearest post office not on the route was Hilda, 5 miles southwest. The new building was 6 miles of the C&O Railroad tracks. It was now 5 miles air line distance from the nearest point of the county boundary. B.P. Ham signed the request form for moving the post office on March 15, 1918.

On February 14, 1931, there was request for a new site 75 yards west. Triplet Post Office was the nearest to the new location at 4 ½ miles east; Waltz Post Office was the nearest post office on the route at 4 ½ miles north. Morehead Post Office was the nearest not on the route, 7 miles southwest. It would be located 5 miles northeast of the C&O Railroad tracks. The railroad station was Rodburn. This form was signed by David G. White on February 24, 1931. He had been appointed Acting Postmaster on January 7, 1931, and was confirmed as Postmaster February 27, 1931. His commission was signed and mailed March 27, 1931. He later resigned this position.

Roy Lee White was confirmed as Postmaster November 1, 1933. His commission was signed and mailed November 20, 1933, and he assumed charge November 27, 1933. He also later resigned.

Mrs. Bertie Little assumed charge of the post office November 26, 1935. She became Acting Postmaster November 20, 1935.

Arthur Caudill was confirmed as Postmaster February 28, 1936. His commission was signed and mailed January 14, 1937, and he assumed charge January 19, 1937. He later resigned.

Leland Hogge assumed charge of the post office August 18, 1938, and became Acting Postmaster September 1, 1938; he was confirmed as Postmaster September 22, 1938. His commission was signed and mailed October 18, 1938, and he assumed his position as full Postmaster October 19, 1938. On September 25, 1939, he signed Location Paper 4901-2-R2, in which he stated the closest post offices were Triplett (6 miles east), Waltz (4 ½ miles north), Hilda (10 miles west), and Easton (Eadston) 12 miles east from where the mail was supplied by Star Route. The nearest U.S. or state highway was Highway 7 and was 12 miles east. The name of the nearest railroad station was Morehead, 12 miles east. In a handwritten note at the bottom of the page Mr. Hogge stated that

there was a state highway under construction within 400 feet and the office would be subject to move to the road in the next three months. He remained Postmaster until he died on December 3, 1974. On December 13, 1974, the Cranston Post Office was closed.

– (from information provided by Avanelle Eldridge)

LAMENT OF AN AMERICAN GENEALOGIST

Charting my American family tree,
Is like tracing a mongrel dog's pedigree.
Records of my family's kith and kin,
Show up English, Scotch, French, and a few
Welshmen.

Its a jumble of families who use the same names.
That is, nine brothers will have a son named
"James."
Cousins marry cousins and in-laws do wed.
If one wife dies, he'll take her sister to bed.

One uncle of mine traveled far from his land;
He wanted a wife who wasn't kin to his clan,
When he brought her home and figured her lines,
She was a cousin to him, twenty-two times.

A wise child is one who knows his own sire;
A genealogist has to assume the mother's no liar.
Non-Aryan races trace descent through the
mother;
I consider this method more accurate than any
other.

But I've traced all my lines through the father, too
And patiently chased down every clue.
Now that my charts all completed and framed
under glass,
I'm proud I'm an American --100% middle class.

– Author Unknown



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1914-1915 Rowan County, KY School Census

GEARHEART

Parent/Guardian Name - *Child's name, sex-age, birthday*

Lee Foster

Norman Foster, m-11, Oct. 29, 1902

Ada Foster, f-9, Aug. 9, 1904

Homer Foster, m-7, Dec. 18, 1906

Maggie Amburgey

Ora Amburgey, m-13, Jan. 25, 1901

Robert Amburgey, m-7, Feb. 26, 1907

Irvin Scott

Violet Scott, f-16, Oct. 13, 1898

Kenneth Scott, m-14, Sept. 7, 1900

Mildred Scott, f-12, June 30, 1902

Corell Scott, f-10, Feb. 28, 1904

Bulah Scott, f-8, April 17, 1906

Pauline Scott, f-6, Oct. 5, 1907

J. P. Gearheart

Ada Gearhart, f-15, Mar. 12, 1899

Allen Gearhart, m-13, Dec. 6, 1900

Rollie Gearhart, m-11, April 3, 1903

Willie Gearhart, m-8, Mar. 12, 1906

A. H. Coldiron

Sammuel Coldiron, m-17, June 23, 1896

Allie Coldiron, m-14, Nov. 3, 1899

Adron Coldiron, m-10, Mar. 30, 1904

C. W. Gearhart

Beatrice Gearhart, f-10, April 26, 1903

Stella Gearhart, f-8, Oct. 12, 1905

W. R. McClurg

Bertha McClurg, f-11, Aug. 13, 1902

Clellie McClurg, m-10, May 15, 1904

Claudie McClurg, m-8, June 14, 1906

Saundie McClurg, f-8, June 14, 1906

John Dehart

Susie Dehart, f-7, June 30, 1907

J. H. Kelsey

Sadie Kilsey, f-10, Nov. 22, 1904

Henry Kilsey, m-7, July 16, 1906

C. W. Bailey

Pearle Bailey, f-19, Sep. 28, 1894

Willie Bailey, m-16, April 24, 1897

Peter Quisenberry

Julia Dixon, f-17, Nov. 18, 1896

Minnie Dixon, f-12, July 20, 1902

Walter Quisiberry, m-8, June 12, 1906

W. M. Adkins

Myrtle Adkins, f-11, Dec. 8, 1902

Lizzie Adkins, f-10, Jan. 12, 1904

Cloista Adkins, f-7, Jan. 14, 1906

Dora Lamaster

Emma Stewart, f-16, May 25, 1897

Rachel Collins

Martin Collins, m-11, Mar. 8, 1903

Charlie Lemaster

Laura Lemaster, f-6, June 16, 1907

William Lemaster

Tommie Lemaster, m-16, June 13, 1898

Hollie Lemaster, m-14, Mar. 15, 1900

Ethel Lemaster, f-11, Jan. 11, 1903

Willie Lemaster, m-8, May 15, 1906

Morgan Lemaster, m-6, Feb. 24, 1908

Jennie Carter

Santford Carter, m-12, Dec. 6, 1900

Stiggall

Nellie Stiggall, f-12, May 1, 1896

Willie Stiggall, m-11, May 19, 1903

*Note: Some discrepancies appeared on the original document with the spelling of surnames between parent & child; also between age of child and birthdate. No possst office address was listed for any parent.

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Computer Corner

The Access Genealogy Military website at <<http://www.accessgenealogy.com/worldwar/>> has search engines where one may search for the names of World War II casualties. The Army and Army Air Corps casualties may be searched for by state and county, while state and surname searching finds Navy, Marines, Coast Guard casualties, and POWs.

Following are the name, selective service number, rank, and cause of death for the Army and Army Air Corps casualties from Rowan County:

Phillips Arthur	35434344	TEC4	DNB
Poston Rollie R	35640650	PFC	KIA
Puckett Charles W	35772304	PVT	DOW
Reynolds Burles	35773136	PFC	KIA
Richardson Earl	35132884	PFC	DOW
Richardson Ora	35123320	PFC	KIA
Royse Curtis R	35128719	PVT	KIA
Smith Ashpy E	35446416	S SG	KIA
Stevens Leonard D	35770181	PFC	KIA
Stevens Major	15065798	PFC	KIA
Stevens Rufus	35640627	PVT	KIA
Tabor Bascom H	6985949	PFC	FOD
Turner George H	35643672	PVT	KIA

*no info on deaths
no info on deaths
no info on deaths
no MIA*

Kentucky County Casualties
World War II

Army and Army Air Corps
Rowan County

Armstrong Tommie F	35636533	SGT	KIA
Black Benjamin A	35879060	PFC	KIA
Black George D	35772299	PVT	KIA
Brown Leslie R	35508084	PFC	DOW
Bumgardner Charles I	35125273	PFC	KIA
Caudill Lloyd V	35647725	PFC	KIA
Caudill Murvel E	35429571	PFC	KIA
Clark Clifton L	35125302	PVT	DNB
Conn Raymond L Sr	35657151	PFC	DOW
Cooper, Arthur T	35429565	SGT	KIA
Crisp Virgil	35429581	TEC5	DNB
Dean William E	15064241	PFC	KIA
Epperhart Ernest E	20524774	TEC5	KIA
Evans Claudie	35083398	PFC	KIA
Fyffe Arnold	35127633	PVT	DNB
Gregory Austin R	35267354	PFC	KIA
Gregory Sam E	35508061	PVT	KIA
Hall Cecil M	0-731055	1 LT	KIA
Hargis Luster M	15115556	PVT	DNB
Hargis Walter G	35132035	PVT	DNB
Harmon Charles E	35636534	S SG	KIA
Ingram Harold V	35434336	PFC	KIA
James Ray	35206231	CPL	KIA
Jones Luther	34115716	PFC	DNB
Jones Willard H	35426154	PVT	KIA
Kidd Delbert	35508090	PFC	DOW
Kissick Grant	35123308	PFC	KIA
Martin Arnold	35055668	S SG	KIA
McClurg Chester A	15054563	CPL	KIA
McClurg Orville K	35772291	PFC	KIA
McCullough George L	04749021	2 LT	KIA
McKenzie William E	35779673	PFC	KIA
McKinney Adrian T	35508069	S SG	FOD
McKinney Robert	35434366	PVT	KIA
Moore Cleo	35772277	SGT	KIA
Owens Kenneth	35770193	PVT	KIA

Key: KIA - Killed in Action
DOW - Died of Wounds
DOI - Died of Injuries
DNB - Died Non-Battle
FOD - Finding of Death

To find Kentucky's Navy, Marine, and Coast Guard casualties of World War II, one must do a surname search at <<http://www.accessgenealogy.com/navy/kentucky/index.htm>>. These listings do not give the selective service number or cause of death, but do give the name and address of next of kin. Here are some examples of listings for Navy casualties from the Rowan and Carter area:

CATRON, Herbert Owen, Seaman 1c, USNR. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Martin Catron, Elliottsville.

DELONG, Louis Harlan, Seaman 1c, USN. Mother, Mrs. Martha Delong, Soldier.

HALL, Pressie, Fireman 1c, USNR. Wife, Mrs. Carrie K. Hall, Soldier.

PETITT, Paul James, Seaman 1c, USNR. Wife, Mrs. Edna Dell Petitt, Morehead.

TACKETT, Clayton Eugene, Seaman 2c, USNR. Father, Mr. John Tackett, Globe.

WILLIAMS, Joseph Ralph, Motor Machinist's Mate 1c, USNR. Wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Pearl Williams, Box 133, Clearfield.

At the November 2, 2000, meeting the following officers were elected for the year 2001:

President -- Helen Surmont
Vice President -- Gary Lewis
Secretary -- Jeannette Stone
Treasurer -- Betty Sharp
Historian -- Linda Lowe

The Board Members are Harry Mayhew and Carmileta Evans.

On December 7, 2000, Laura Lee and Michael Duncan O'Connell were the 2000 recipients of the Rowan County Historical Society's annual Community Awareness Award, presented for their talented and original performances of historical events here and throughout the area. Danny and Ruth Blevins received the President's Award for their hard work and dedication to the restoration of the Old Courthouse. The presentations were followed by a Christmas party and ornament exchange.

"Every generation has to rewrite its history and rewrite it in the context of the times and conditions of the society of which they exist." Dr. Thomas D. Clark, May 2000

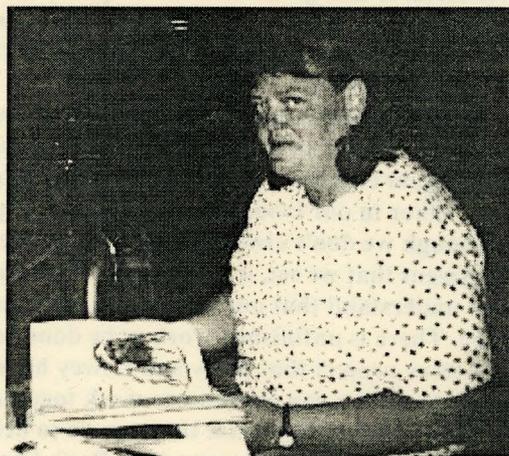
Genealogy Interest Group



At the September 16 Genealogy Interest Group meeting, guest speaker Jackie Kinder presented a program describing the Kentucky Commonwealth Virtual Library and Interlibrary Loan.



During the October 21 Genealogy Interest Group meeting, Raymond McDaniel looked on as Kay Schafer gave a talk about her research on melungeons in Kentucky. Members brought some of their personal genealogical research materials to share with the other members of the group.

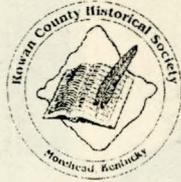


Dana Mathews, chair of the Genealogy Interest Group, examined shared resource materials at the October 21 Genealogy Interest Group meeting.

How Long Wars Lasted

1. American Revolution, 7 years, 10 months, 4 days
2. Civil War, 3 years, 11 months, 27 days
3. Spanish-American War, 7 months, 20 days
4. World War I, 4 years, 3 months, 16 days
5. World War II, 6 years, 4 days
6. Korean War, 3 years, 1 month, 4 days
7. Vietnam War, 13 years, 2 months, 27 days

Source: Stark Co. Chapter, OGS, June 1991



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Rowan County Historical Society Newsletter

December 2000

President's Message

With all of the exciting guests the Society has had in Rowan Co. this year, I am still on cloud nine, as I'm sure others are also. I've made several copies of the lectures and given them to the public library for their records. I feel we've enjoyed a great union with the public library and I for one appreciate their help with our meetings.

I want to thank each and every one of you for your support and enthusiasm this year. Our group has once again enjoyed a year of great fellowship with each other in our labors to work on society projects. Although we don't always finish them in the time allotment that we set, it is important that we know and understand that our efforts will show success soon. There is unfinished work to be done on the cemetery project that Betty and Dewey have worked on so hard. We can continue to work together and if anyone is wondering what they can do to help please don't hesitate to contact myself or Betty Sharp.

We had a great time at the awards meeting last week where we honored Michael and Laura Lee Duncan O'Connell, this year's recipients of the "Rowan County Community History Awareness Award."

Enjoy your holiday and we'll work on plans for the new year in January and February. Remember that Board meetings are open to any member. A huge thank you to Linda Lowe and her committee for the great work on the newsletter this year!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Helen Surmont, President

"We need to have an understanding of what kind of heritage we pass on from one generation to the next. That remains to be done." Dr. Thomas D. Clark,
May 2000

Meeting Notes



On October 5, 2000, Rowan County performers Laura Lee and Michael Duncan O'Connell presented three short programs to participants of a History Walk, conducted by Fred Brown Jr., of historical sites in downtown Morehead. The monthly meeting of the Rowan County Historical Society immediately followed the Walk, where James M. Prichard, supervisor of the State Archives in Frankfort, was our special guest.



Mr. Prichard gave a most interesting and informative talk about Jesse James and his journeys through Kentucky, dispelling some rumors and legends.

Cemetery Survey Books & CD's

To all of those who are patiently waiting for the release of the Cemetery Survey Books and CDs, we ask for a little more patience. The job of completing such a monumental project is just beyond comprehension. One thing for sure, whether you are looking for a book set, which will be at least four and possibly five volumes, or a CD of all the cemeteries, your patience will be well rewarded.

Cost of the CDs will be \$36.00 including shipping. Cost of the complete book set has not been established, pending receipt of the small balance of surveys, photos and GPS locations, from the RCHS Cemetery Committee, but I expect the price to be \$75.00 to \$80.00 plus shipping.

Please direct all requests for books and CDs for this initial production to:

Dewie E. Black
900 Hickpoochee Ave, G-13
LaBelle, FL 33935
863-675-0205
E-Mail: dewie@gulfcoast.net

CEMETERY BOOK/CD-ROM REQUEST FORM

Quantity: Books _____

CD-ROM _____

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CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

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It is important to make requests as soon as possible to give some idea as to the magnitude of the project. Payment for the CDs will be made upon notification that the books and CDs are being ready for your firm order or confirmation. All proceeds received over and above the cost of producing these items will be forwarded to the RCHS.

REMINDER

Don't forget to renew your membership in the Rowan County Historical Society. Send your payment (\$6.00 annually) to:

Rowan County Historical Society
P. O. Box 60
Morehead, KY 40351

MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Primary interests:

- _____ Local History
- _____ Genealogy
- _____ Historical Markers
- _____ Preservation of Local Historical Sites
- _____ Civil War
- _____ Historical Calendars
- _____ Research
- _____ Support
- _____ Articles for Newsletters
- _____ Other
- _____ All

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1897-1898 Rowan County, KY School Census

EPPE RHART SCHOOL

<i>Parent/Guardian Name - Child's name,</i>	<i>sex-age,</i>	<i>date of birth</i>
Issac Jones – Ella	f-19 (married)	28 DEC 1878
J. F. McGill – Ida B.	f-13	01 AUG 1884
- James S.	m-19	22 JAN 1879
G. B. Wilson – Oliver Wilson	m-14	06 DEC 1885
- Novil Tolliver	f-8	27 JUL 1890
- John Tolliver	m-6	09 SEP 1891
P. H. Harris – O. H.	m-19	08 MAR 1879
- Holly P.	m-17	05 JAN 1881
- Flora	f-11	17 JUL 1886
- Maud	f-9	07 JUL 1886
D. B. Nickell – Shelvy	m-10	29 MAR 1888
- Samuel	m-7	09 JUN 1891
- George Ann Scaggs	f-16	15 OCT 1882
- [Georgia]		
Jack Nickell – Willie	m-10	02 MAY 1888
- Maudie	f-8	08 MAR 1890
- Daniel Boon	m-7	10 JAN 1891
Fowler Nickell – Winona	f-19 (married)	12 MAY 1879
Arch White – Grover	m-14	14 NOV 1884
Charley White – Cora	f-19 (married)	05 JUL 1879
Mark [Marcus] Fraley – Lulie	f-16	28 NOV 1882
- Charley	m-15	13 AUG 1883
- Rolley	m-12	13 AUG 1886
- Maudie	f-10	08 JUL 1888
- Lafayette	m-9	08 MAR 1888
- Denmore	m-6	05 MAY 1891
Barb Fraley – Belle	f-17	01 JUL 1891
- Jennie	f-14	01 APR 1884
William Fraley – David	m-16	26 JUN 1882
Jasper Fraley – Ida McDaniel	f-13	13 AUG 1884
Andrew Lewis – Robert Kegley	m-12	MAY 1886
W. R. Wells – Mintie Porter	f-12	1886
John Scaggs – William Mays	m-12	31 MAY 1886
Jos. [Joseph] Scaggs – Ida Scaggs	f-18 (married)	01 JUL 1878
Robert Parker – Norman	m-9	11 MAR 1889
- Ezra	m-7	13 JUL 1891

District 9 – Epperhart (Post Office addresses for parents/guardians - *Minor, Ky.*)

I Remember Woods

I still remember woods—when as a child,
I saw dark places none had been before,
Where ferns and flowers grew so lovely, wild
And I walked on a soft, pine-needle floor.
The paths so strangely wound with great surprise,
And all was mystery and shadows, dim.
The small, dark birds watched with their beaded eyes
While sweetly singing—hopping, limb to limb.
The little mountain streams rushed down the hills
And over sleeping stones and leafy ground.
Exploring woods, once filled a child with thrills
And nowhere else could such a thrill be found.
Yes—I remember woods—the child I knew—
Not knowing then—just walked too swiftly through.

--Jeanette Stone

Computer Corner

Some tidbits from The World According to Student Bloopers:

The inhabitants of ancient Egypt were called mummies. They lived in the Sarah Dessert and traveled by Camelot. The climate of the Sarah is such that the inhabitants have to live elsewhere, so certain areas of the dessert are cultivated by irritation.

In the first book of the Bible, Guinesses, Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. One of their children, Cain, once asked, "Am I my brother's son?"

Jacob, son of Isaac, stole his brother's birth mark.

Solomon, one of David's sons, had 500 wives and 500 porcupines.

Sir Francis Drake circumcised the world with a 100-foot clipper.

During the Renaissance America began. Christopher Columbus was a great navigator who discovered America while cursing about the Atlantic. His ships were called the Nina, the Pinta, and the Santa Fe. Later, the Pilgrims crossed the Ocean, and this was known as Pilgrims Progress. When they landed at Plymouth Rock, they were greeted by the Indians, who came down the hill rolling their war hoops before them. The Indian squabs carried porpoises on their back. Many of the Indian heroes were killed, along with their cabooses, which proved very fatal to them.

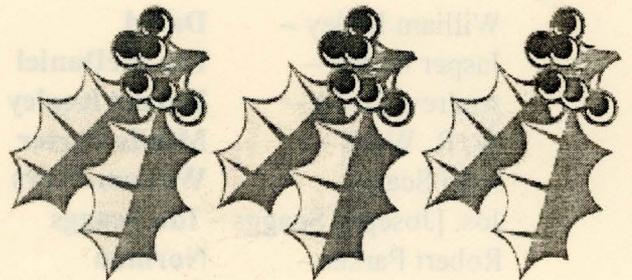
One of the causes of the Revolutionary Wars was the English put tacks in their tea. Also, the colonists would send their parcels through the post without stamps. During the War, the Red Coats and Paul Revere was throwing balls over stone walls. The dogs were barking and the peacocks crowing. Finally, the colonists won the War and no longer had to pay for taxis.

Delegates from the original thirteen states formed the Contented Congress. Thomas Jefferson, a Virgin, and Benjamin Franklin were two singers of the Declaration of Independence. Franklin had gone to Boston carrying all his clothes in his pocket and a loaf of bread under each arm. He invented electricity by rubbing cats backwards and declared, "A horse divided against itself cannot stand." Franklin died in 1790 and is still dead.

Abraham Lincoln became America's greatest Precedent. Lincoln's mother died in infancy, and he was born in a log cabin which he built with his own hands. When Lincoln was President, he wore only a tall silk hat. He said, "In onion there is strength." Abraham Lincoln wrote the Gettysburg Address while traveling from Washington to Gettysburg on the back of an envelope. He also freed the slaves by signing the Emasculation Proclamation, and the Fourteenth Amendment gave the ex-Negroes citizenship. But the Clue Clux Clan would torcher and lynch the ex-Negroes and other innocent victims. It claimed it represented law and odor. On the night of April 14, 1865, Lincoln went to the theater and got shot in his seat by one of the actors in a moving picture show. The believed assinator was John Wilkes Booth, a supposingly insane actor. This ruined Booth's career.

These, and many more student bloopers, can be found on the World Wide Web at:

<http://www.voiceone.com/html/history.html>



Happy Holidays & Best Wishes for a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year!



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Rowan County Historical Society Newsletter

March 2001

Society Tentative Schedule for 2001

March 1 – Archaeology – Frank Botkin, subject "Paragon Dig in Rowan County."

April 5 – Society Birthday – invite Fleming County Society members to speak on their county and projects. Also invite Junior Society and Morgan County to come and be a part of the audience.

May 3 – Veterans – Kenneth Vencill.

June 7 – Jack Ellis and his new book.

July 5 – Ring the bell on the old courthouse lawn. Have the Community Bellringers; invite the veterans group.

August 2 – Genealogy Workshop Committee.

September 6 – Fred Brown, subject "Buildings of Morehead—Now and Then."

October 4 – John B. Wells, subject "Civil War in Eastern Kentucky."

November 1 – Veterans.

December 6 – Awards and party.

Genealogy Group Tentative Schedule

The Genealogy Group will work on planning to do oral histories of members and residents of Rowan County, work on updating indexes of books at old courthouse, and document what is available at the old courthouse.

February 17 – Clara Keyes, subject "Restoring Old Books and Documents."

March 17, April 21, May 19 – share resources. (Gary will call Jean Bailey about a list of what documents and books are available at the courthouse).

June 16 – Appalachian Celebration at MSU, theme "Roots and Branches." Possible set up of booth to sell books and show off the Junior Society family charts.

July 21, August 18 – Workshop planning.
September 15, October 20, November 17 – Share resources.

Junior Historical Society Projects

(To be approved by Bev Alderman)

1. Oral histories of nursing home residents.
2. One room school study with a display/wall showing pictures and stories or oral histories of former teachers and students of one-room schools. Maybe have a day at the Moonlight School across from the public library to display.

Meeting Notes

On March 1 Frank Botkin from the Forest Service presented a history of the iron furnaces in our region. He showed slides and described how the furnaces were built, how the charcoal was prepared, and how "pig iron" was made. He told of the development of the industry and how the depletion of the needed woods and changing transportation caused the industry to gradually die off.

Genealogy Club



Clara Keyes, Special Collections Librarian at Camden-Carroll Library, Morehead State University, was the guest speaker at our February 17 meeting. She explained how to preserve old pictures, photos, documents, old newspaper clippings, and the special care of negatives. Anyone with any questions can call her at the library at 783-5122.

Oral Histories

A new project is in the works this year -- oral histories. Our family stories need to be preserved and, with the cooperation and assistance of the Genealogy Club and the Junior Historical Society, this will become an important part of our heritage.

Cemetery Survey Books & CD's

Cemetery Book Set:

The Cemetery Book set consists of (5) volumes and over 1000 pages and includes photos of all but a few out county cemeteries. Four volumes cover the (300) Rowan County Cemeteries and the fifth covers the (75) or so cemeteries bordering Rowan County, including Carter, Elliott, Fleming and Morgan Counties.

The books will be beautifully bound with semi soft covers and feature one or more of the Rowan County cemeteries in color, with a plastic overlay for protection. This project was 3 ½ years, over 12,000 hours, and involving over 100 volunteers in the making. There is nothing now or before that can even begin to compare with the beauty and completeness of these books. Estimated shipment of the books is about 3-4 weeks.

Cost of the complete set of five books is \$75.00 plus \$15.00 for shipping (\$90.00 total). All orders must be submitted at the same time in order to get the quoted price. Payment must be received in advance, made payable to "Dewie E. Black", P.O. Box 1134, LaBelle, FL 33975. Phone: 863-675-0205 or 863-675-6491, or Fax: 863-675-6491, E-Mail: dewie@olsusa.com

Cemetery CD:

The Cemetery CD features all of the near 400 cemeteries, three hundred of which are in Rowan County, and about 75-80 cemeteries on the borders of Carter, Elliott, Fleming and Morgan counties, including color photos of all but a few cemeteries in the out county areas. The CD's will contain all the individual cemetery files, plus all of the cemeteries combined into one large file which makes for very fast search of any individual in all of the cemeteries. A typical search through all 375 cemeteries can locate an individual in 2-3 seconds, vs. possibly an hour or so searching through the books for a person.

Additionally, the CD's will contain two Installable Viewers, to view, search and print any of the files on the CD. Instructions for installing and using the Viewers will be included. The CD's are Warranted to work in any computer using Windows 95, 98 or ME with a CD-ROM drive. A CD found defective will be replaced free of charge upon returning the CD. Cost of the CD is \$36.00 including shipping.

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Grand Total \$ _____

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Cold Fact

The only thing that will stick up for a man when he is down is his tombstone.

(from the "Parting Shots" article by Bill Johnstone, in American Legion Magazine, June 1969.)

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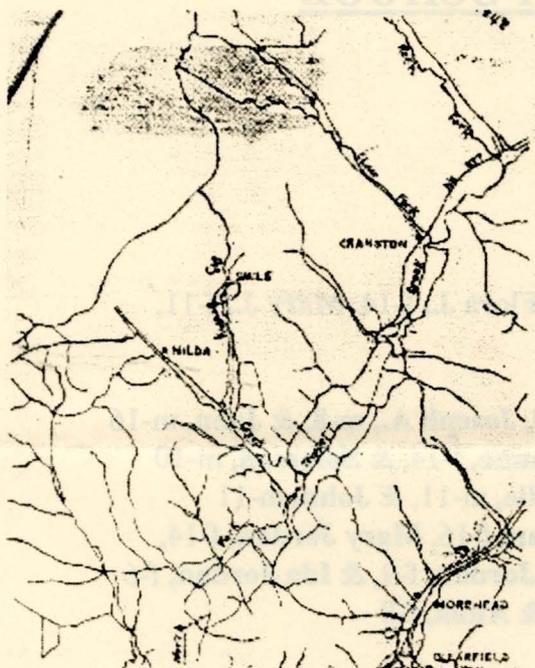
BIG BRUSHY SCHOOL

Parent/Guardian Name - Child's name, sex-age

John D. Moore – **James E.**, m-18, **Carrie M.**, f-16, **Flora J.**, f-14, **Mary J.**, f-11,
Lizzie, f-8, & **Stella P.**, f-6
W. D. Bradley – **John I.**, m-18, & **Felix**, m-9
George Humphris – **James A.**, m-13, **Mary E.**, f-10, **Joseph A.**, m-8, & **John**, m-16
George Yasel – **Manda**, f-6, **Wm. E.**, m-8, **Georgianne**, f-14, & **Solomon**, m-10
Harrison Fryman – **James C.**, m-17, **Annie**, f-14, **Allie**, m-11, & **John**, m-11
George Goodan – **Sarah Jordan**, f-17, **Icie B. Jordan**, f-16, **Mary Jordan**, f-14,
Charles Jordan, m-11, **Charlotte Jordan**, f-9, & **Ida Jordan**, f-6
Jacob Hargis – **Ada**, f-17, **Sam**, m-15, **Linda**, f-11, & **Anna**, f-8
Jack Jones – **Jospeh B.**, m-9 & **Bertie E.**, f-7
Seth Cooper – **Effie**, f-12, & **Idyl**, f-10
Mahala Jones – **Frank**, m-10, **Lelie**, m-7, & **Frank Conn**, m-16
James W. Boyd – **Clara**, f-10, & **Laura**, f-7
George W. Cooper – **Herbert**, m-6
James Cooper – **Edgar**, m-16, **Preston**, m-14, **Thomas**, m-11, & **Anna**, f-7
Frank Cooper – **Record**, m-18, **Nellie**, f-14, **Martha**, f-11, **Mary**, f-11, & **Eva**, f-8
Eph Cooper – **Flora**, f-16
Grant Purvis – **Lorraine**, m-6
Marshal Wright – **Lewis**, m-6
H. A. Wright – **Ada F.**, f-13, **Mary I.**, f-9, & **Bertie B.**, f-7
William S. Moore – **Herbert**, m-9, & **James B.**, m-8
Benjamin Conn – **James S.**, m-14, **Lesie**, f-13, & **Rufus**, m-8
William M. Conn – **Millard**, m-18, **Cornelia**, f-13, **Robert**, m-11, **Elia**, f-9, & **Elbert**, m-6
Maliche Cooper – **Harland**, m-16, **Frank**, m-10, **Stelia**, f-7
Trumbo Cooper – **Allen**, m-19, **Hattie**, f-17, **Ellen**, f-14, **Edna**, f-11, & **Lien**, f-8
James W. Cooper – **Inie**, f-11, **Ettie**, f-9, & **Ernest**, m-8
Austin Bumgardner – **Allen**, m-13

District 23 (Post Office addresses for parents/guardians – Plummer's Landing and Hilda, Ky.)

Smile Post Office



On July 14, 1913, Lydia J. Caudill applied for the establishment of a post office to be named Smile. The site would be Caudill's Store in the center part of Brushy Precinct. It would be eight miles northeast of the Licking River and 75 yards east of Brushy Creek. Hilda, Ky., was the nearest post office by traveled road—two miles south. The nearest post office on the same route on the other side was Nisi—3 1/2 miles north. The nearest post office on the same route five miles east was Cranston. The post office building was 9 miles north of the C & O Railroad; the railroad station was in Morehead.

On February 3, 1947, the following patrons of the Smile Post Office signed a petition stating that they desired a change of the location to the farm known as the Esby Reeves Farm, when Mrs. Julia M. McGuire became Postmaster:

John Watson	Charles W. Reeves
Ottis Watson	Junior Conn
Lissie Watson	Monnie Conn
Lucille McFarland	Rosa Nester
Dicie Knipp	Dorothy Debord
Dock Knipp	Ivan Debord
Vernita Anderson	William Nester
Jerry Anderson	Walter Reeves
Eugene Anderson	Sylvia Reeves
Anna Ingle	Alice Reeves
John Ingle	James Maggard

Carl Ingle	Lurman McGuire
Pearl Ingle	Walter Mitchell
Emmett Reeves	Clarence E. Perkins
Esby Reeves	Allen Cooper
Helen Reeves	Ezra McFarland
Myrtle Reeves	Philip Mabry

The mail was delivered by star route from Plummers Landing in Fleming County. When Mrs. Beatrice Lewis became Postmaster, the post office was moved one mile south. She remained Postmaster until it closed.

These were the Postmasters of Smile, Ky., with their dates of appointment:

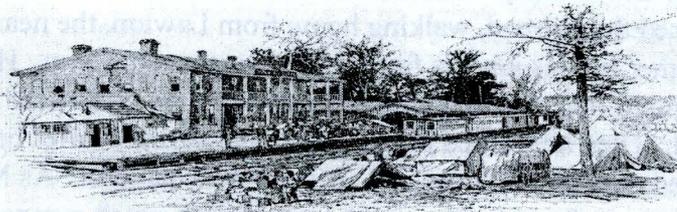
Lydia J. Caudill – September 12, 1913
Maude Richardson – November 3, 1920
Mrs. Effie Reed – February 4, 1931
Mrs. Maude Richardson – September 21, 1936
William M. Skaggs – March 12, 1943
Mrs. Julia M. McGuire – February 26, 1947
Mrs. Beatrice Lewis – October 10, 1947

Computer Corner

Did you ever wonder what was meant by some of the old medical terms used in books, letters, journals, diaries, or on death certificates? Ancestry Corner at <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~bjstokton/editors/disease.html> (©2000 Ancestry Corner) has an interesting list of strange ailments and their definitions. For example, “quinsy” was the old term for tonsillitis; “scrumptox” was a scab disease or impetigo; “ship fever” was typhus; “mormal” was gangrene. Visit this site to discover the meanings of “worm fit,” “venesection,” “roseola,” “womb fever,” “scrofula,” “marasmus,” “hectical complaint,” “dry bellyache,” and many more.

Looking for genealogical definitions? What are “onomastics”? A “redemptionner”? A “cadastra”? Ever wondered what the “Domesday Book” is? For answers to these questions, consult Genealogy Pro's Glossary of Genealogy Terms at <http://genealogypro.com/details/glossary.html>.

Thank you to the contributors to this issue: Dewie Black, Willow Leach, Avanelle Eldridge, and Betty Sharp, and to Fred Brown for printing the newsletter.
Editor: Linda Lowe
(email: l.lowe@morehead-st.edu)



Rambling Rowan

Changing Times

At forty five, I've seen more changes in our community than I can readily remember: the interstate highway, the shopping centers that followed it and the subsequent erosion of downtown; Cave Run Lake and the successful promotion of the Lake as a regional tourist mecca; St. Claire Medical Center and its growth into an area treatment center; Morehead State University's expanding vision under its last three presidents; a home building boom the likes of which our county has never experienced, to name a few.

In the face of this new growth, there is a feeling astir that we may have some history worth preserving. The Passenger Depot and the Morehead Wholesale Grocery have both been restored and put to active use. Funds are being sought to stabilize and restore the Allie Young law office. A community dialogue about future of the old Courthouse and associated buildings has commenced. The core buildings of Morehead State University have been placed on the National Historic Register. Eyewitness accounts of the '39 Flood have been gathered. The Rowan County Historical Society is revitalized, with ongoing projects enough to keep its membership active for years to come. A new tradition is being started; a legacy of memory is being preserved and encouraged.

Genealogy has the power to personalize history. Knowing that my ggggrandfather served under the command of George Rogers Clark during the conquest of the Northwest territory; that a cousin rode with Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid; that a ggunclle spent seventy five days as a Confederate captive at Vicksburg, these are facts that have made me grit my teeth a little harder when times were rough. Like most people of Appalachian extraction, I take some pride in where and whom I come from. I suspect that you do too.

Yet history passes before our eyes. With the withering of the oral tradition of passing family stories down from generation to generation, some of the most interesting people of all time are dying. For those people, to the majority of us, were not presidents or kings, empresses or senators, whose deeds were generally documented by the press and in the public record. It is our own ancestors and their obscure motives that intrigue us. Why did our grandfathers and grandmothers choose to endure months of uncertain sea passage to a savage land? For freedom of religion, or freedom from religion? To escape a tyrant, or to be monarch of their own kingdom? Some came for new opportunity; some fleeing the consequences of their misdeeds. They watered this country with their sweat and blood, scattering their hardy seed along the coast and across the mountains. They won the Revolution and lost the Rebellion. They lie in a million untended graves across this continent. Their stories are unwritten and mostly forgotten. More die from memory every day, the second and final death. Take a few moments to seek out and record your family stories. Someone yet unborn will bless you for it someday.

I met Mr. Homer Lowe today. Mr. Lowe was born on a farm on Caney Creek in Elliott County. His father worked the railroad, walking home from Lawton, the nearest station. When the Depression struck, his father lost his job, his free railroad pass and his farm. He walked one hundred and seventy miles to Ohio to find employment, a seven-day a week, dusk to dawn, seven dollars a week job as a farm hand. Then he walked one hundred and seventy miles back to Caney Creek to get his family. He walked through his shoes and arrived home barefoot. As Mr. Lowe said, "When people talk about hard times today, I have a tough time feeling much sympathy."

Some comparisons of today and yesterday are nearly impossible. Our grandparents walked a social and economic tightwire that we find it hard to even imagine. The safety nets that we take for granted, as *rights* simply weren't there. Working hard didn't insure riches. It didn't always even insure three square meals. Retirement was something poor men didn't think about. Women often had babies until they dies having babies. Learning was an indulgence most could ill afford.

Some things have changed for the better in these changing times.

Goneword,
Fred Brown, Jr.

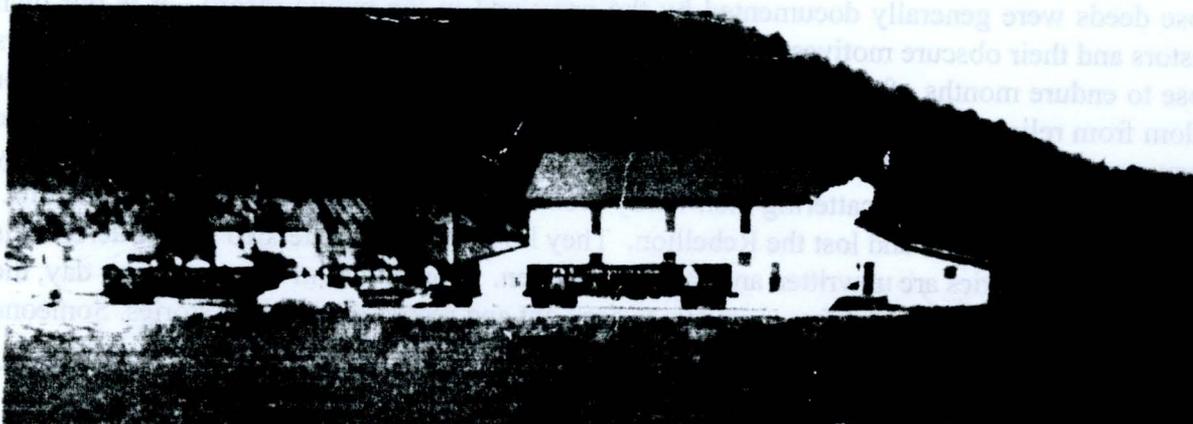
In continuing with our report on Rowan county Post Offices, the picture below shows the Lee Clay Products company in clearfield, Kentucky where the Clearfield post Office was a small building attached to the left side of the company store. The Post Office is shown in the very middle of the picture. In 1908, the Clearfield post Office was established with Blaine Fulton as Postmaster. Later postmasters include:

Anna Bowne believed to have been there in the 1930's.

Bethel Hall 1938 – 1968

Gail Stamper 1968 – present

Lee Clay Products was located directly across from the junction of routes 519 and 2342 (AKA Tile Storage Road). The new Post Office was built in 1967 on route 519, at its current location. (research and report by Willow Leach)





PAST AND PRESENT

Rowan County Historical Society
Newsletter
March, 2000

Programs for the Year 2000

(Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at the Rowan County Public Library, unless stated otherwise. For more information, call Helen Surmont at 784-9527 or write to: Rowan County Historical Society, PO Box 60, Morehead, KY 40351. Programs subject to change.)

March 2, 2000: Dr. Jack Ellis. "Schools of Rowan County During the 1940s." (Lecture with videos). Dr. Ellis is a retired Morehead State University Library director, retired minister, author of newspaper series "Morehead Memories - People and Places" and fellow Society member.

April 6, 2000: Kevin Grafagnino. "A Slide Show of Kentucky." Mr. Grafagnino is director of the Kentucky Historical Society.

May 4, 2000: Dr. Thomas D. Clark. "Kentucky, Some Unfinished Business." Kentucky Laureate. Sponsored by Kentucky Humanities Council Speakers Bureau and the Rowan County Historical Society. The meeting will be held at the Carl Perkins Center.

June 4, 2000: Dana Mathews. Workshop 2000 Planning. Genealogy Group leader Dana Mathews will present plans for August workshop. Open discussion will be held.

July 6, 2000: Dewey Black. Rowan County Cemeteries. Recording and publishing our cemetery census information by fellow Society member and author of Black Family.

August 3, 2000:

September 7, 2000: Growing up in Rowan County.

October 5, 2000: James Pritchard. "Jesse James in Kentucky." Sponsored by the Kentucky Humanities Council Speakers Bureau and the Rowan County Historical Society.

November 2, 2000: American Legion Post 126. Local organization's duties and history.

December 7, 2000: Awards night.

Genealogy Club Year 2000 Schedule

Saturday March 18: Meeting - "Resource Workshop" & Update family files. Refreshments: June Green, Rosemary Curtis, & Leah Fannin.
Sat. Mar 25: Field trip- Ky. History Center. Meet at 7:15am. Contact Mabel Reynolds.

Saturday April 15: Meeting - "Civil War, Sons of Confederate Veterans" Ferron Sparkman. Refreshments: Betty Sharp, Anna-Mary Plank, Wanda Ison.

Sat. April 23: Field trip-Lawrence Co. Library. Meet at 7:15am. Contact Dana Mathews.

Saturday May 20: Meeting - "Make or Show Genealogy Item" (family tree, pedigree chart, memory album). Refreshments: Ethel Jones, Susan Abner, Merrill Lowe.

Sat. May 27: Field trip-Greenup Co. Library. Meet at 7:15am. Contact Betty Sharp.

Sat. June 10: Field trip-Morgan Co. Library. Meet at 8:00am. Contact Gary Lewis.

Saturday June 17: Meeting: "Genealogy Workshop Planning" Refreshments: Jeanette Stone, Sue Howard, Avanelle Eldridge.

Saturday July 15: Meeting - "Surname Sharing" & last minute workshop planning.

Refreshments: Linda Lowe, Dana Mathews.

Sat. July 22: Field trip-Louisville-Filson Club. Meet at 6:45am. Contact Mabel Reynolds.

Saturday August 19: GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

Sat. Aug. 26: Field trip- Lexington, UK Library. Meet at 7:30am. Contact Helen Surmont.

Saturday September 16: Meeting: "Allie Young Building" Resource Room. Refreshments: Gary Lewis, Helen Surmont.

Sat. Sept. 23: Field trip-Montgomery Co. Library. Meet 8:15am. Contact Helen Surmont.

Sat. Oct. 14: Field trip-Johnson Co Library. Meet at 7:00am. Contact Linda Lowe.

Saturday October 21: Meeting - "Old Courthouse" (newspapers, ledgers, etc.) Refreshments: Betty Sharp, Hildreth Kidd, Avanelle Eldridge.

Sat. Nov.11: Field trip-Boyd Co. Library. Meet at 7:45am. Contact Betty Sharp.

Saturday November 18: Meeting - "Feasting on Family Recipes" Potluck" (bring a dish made from old-time recipe - bring the recipe to share).

Saturday December 2: Sell recipe book at MSU Appalachian Christmas Fair.

*Field Trips - Carpools always meet at the end of the parking lot straight in front of Food Lion at the designated times.

Preservation Week Essay Contest

We are supporting a photo essay contest sponsored by the Kentucky Heritage Council and Preservation Kentucky, Inc. out of Frankfort. We are supporting their project in "Historic Preservation: Taking America's Past into the Future." This is to celebrate Preservation Week May 14-20, 2000. A winner will be selected on a statewide basis from three categories: Primary (Grades 1-5), Intermediate (Grades 6-8), and Secondary (Grades 9-12). There will be cash awards and other prizes. Photo-essay winners will be recognized at Kentucky's Millennium Historic Preservation Conference (May 18-20) in Louisville. The contest entry deadline is March 31, 2000. For details of the contest call Betty Sharp at 784-4387.

Rowan County History Book

The pictures have been sent to the publisher and the committee should get them back soon for proofreading. A short history of the county and its communities, a forward and introduction are being written now. A sketch of the old courthouse has been sent in for approval for the front cover of the book. Approximately 350 books have been sold so far -the price is now \$40. We are still accepting orders for the special or personal pages.

Genealogy Club Update

At the February meeting, folders for research were handed out. Tim Ramsey gave a short talk on how to find tax lists to find an ancestor. There were discussions on a Veterans Book, the pictorial history book, and upcoming activities. Members listed the resources in the Kentucky Room at the public library. The March meeting will be a Resource Workshop (Saturday March 18, 10 a.m. at the Public Library). There will be a field trip to the Kentucky Historical Society on March 25; carpool meets at 7:15 a.m. in the Food Lion parking lot. Contact Mabel Reynolds (784-9792) for more information on the trip.

1908-1909 Rowan County, KY School Census

Slab Camp

*Parent/Guardian Name - Child's name, sex-age**

Lee Crawford – Clay Crawford, m-17;
Lillie Crawford, f-9; Willie Crawford, m-7

John M. Hall – Troy Hyatt, m-15; Cecil
Purvis, m-8

Edward Hall – Ina Hall, f-17; Addie Hall,
f-15; Emma Hall, f-9

Samuel Foster – Florence Foster, f-9;
Lizzie Foster, f-9

John Mclelain – Milliard Crawford, m-16;
Lillie Mclelain, f-13; Leafee Mclelain, f-10;
Motie Mclelain, f-8; Bertha Mclelain, f-6

Charles Dillon – Nella E. Dillon, f-8

Andrew Workman – John Workman, m-
9; M.P. Workman, f-7

J.B. Brown – Dina Brown, f-13; Charlie
Brown, m-11

W.G. Thornsberry – R.L Thornsberry,
m-14; S.O. Thornsberry, m-12; A.J.
Thornsberry, f-9; O.F. Thornsberry, m-8;

Julia A. Perry – W.H. Perry, m-18; L.C.
Perry, m-17; S.O. Perry, m-9

P.L. Halland – Bessie Halland, f-12; Jas.
Halland, m-8; Calsan Halland, m-8

Mack Terry – Della Terry, f-13; T.H.
Terry, m-11; Willie Terry, m-9

William Myers - Flannie Myers, f-6

Mart Jones – Jessie Jones, m-16; Adlia
Jones, m-14; Willie H. Jones, m-12; Bennie O.
Jones, m-7

John Baldrige – Luther Baldrige, m-7;
Lucinda Baldrige, f-7

S.W. Deboard – Sarah E. Deboard, f-18
(married)

J. M. Richardson – Orval Richardson, m-6

James Franklin – J. T. Franklin, m-10

Ben Baldrige – Lee Baldrige, m-17; Arva
Baldrige, f-14; Lula Baldrige, f-12; Delia
Baldrige, f-8; Claude Baldrige, m-7

Sherman Baldrige – Minda Baldrige, f-
16; Ollie Baldrige, m-9; David Baldrige, m-7

Daniel Wilson – Effie Wilson, f-18; Willie
Maze, m-11

J. M. Debord – Mary F. Debord, f-14; W.A.
Debord, m-13; Laura J. Debord, f-12; Charles
E. Debord, m-8; Freddie Debord, m-6

Luster Howard – Lester Howard, m-18

Milt Brown – Howard Brown, m-8; Walter
Brown, m-7

*Birthdates for the children may be had by calling
Betty Sharp at 784-4387.

COMPUTER CORNER

Genealogy Taglines

We shall find no ancestor before his time.
What do you mean my grandparents didn't
have any kids!?!?

Who's in charge of washing the Family Group
Sheets?

Genealogists are like monkeys: always in the
trees.

Genealogists don't die, they just lose their
census.

Genealogy is like hide & seek: they hide & I
seek!!!!

Genealogy: A hay stack full of needles. It's the
threads I need.

(These and many others are available on the
World Wide Web. Two web sites are:

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~bridgett/taglines.htm>
and

http://freepages.humor.rootsweb.com/~rootslady/genealogy_taglines.htm)

ELLIOTTVILLE POST OFFICE



Sarah Adkins and daughters at the Elliottville Post Office in 1922.

Elliottville Postmasters, 1876-1971 (with their dates of appointment):

- John R. Huff, September 12, 1876
- Will P. Ward, April 24, 1877
- Sanford McFarland, August 29, 1881
- Will P. Ward, October 4, 1881
- James Stewart, January 23, 1885
- Jeremiah Fletcher, March 30, 1887
- Mrs. Bettie Lyttleton, May 20, 1887 to December 19, 1888
- Jeremiah Fletcher, 1888
- Caroline Mocabee, May 26, 1890
- William J. Fletcher, February 15, 1894
- Sarah Adkins, January 10, 1898
- Gova Mocabee, September 2, 1905
- Hiram Cornett, August 18, 1910
- Edward Mocabee, November 12, 1910
- John W. Wells, March 10, 1914
- John C. Porter, February 25, 1915
- Sarah Adkins, March 16, 1922
- David A. Black, July 2, 1935
- Mrs. Lucy Lewis, April 1, 1944
- Mrs. Maxine Lambert, January 27, 1945
- Mrs. Irene E. Linville, May 31, 1955

T-SHIRTS

Rowan County Historical Society T-shirts are available! You can choose either the large logo or small, and in a variety of sizes and a rainbow of colors for \$10.00 each. To order by mail:

Item, color, size _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Please enclose \$3.20 postage for the first item and \$1.00 for each additional item.



PAST AND PRESENT

Rowan County Historical Society Newsletter

June 2000

President's Message

What a fantastic second quarter we've had with our guest speakers and restoration activities! We've had Kevin Graffagnino from the Kentucky Historical Society and Dr. Thomas D. Clark Kentucky Historian Laureate to come and speak to us. What an event for our community to have had these two knowledgeable gentlemen in our county and hopefully we all came away with a greater understanding of our state's history.

David Daniels has been working hard on the Allie Young building and we owe him a great deal of thanks for his time and talents on this much-needed project. I cannot express enough how much more we still need to get the job done. I hate to say it again but we need ways and means for this. Grants would be nice and hopefully we can take advantage of some soon. However, I don't think they would take care of the total bill. This project was estimated to cost about \$30,000.00, but so far we've had volunteers doing the work. Our next step is to hire a certified electrician. This will cost us. For now, with donations and a couple of yard sales, we have enough. However, there will be more. The roofing alone will cost about \$2,000.00 and that's just for parts. Hopefully we will have volunteers to put the roofing on. We are totally dependent on David to help and he is doing this on his own time. David runs his own business along with working at his regular full-time job, so lets see what, if anything, we can do to help him out.

And now for something new. I have recently checked into starting up the Old Courthouse Committee that was through the Morehead Tomorrow group. It is going to take someone who will volunteer to chair the committee and get plans going. I am hoping the donation of medical office equipment from Dr. Louise Caudill's clinic is going to inspire some citizens to get involved in this much needed project. This donated furniture and equipment is in our room at present and plans are to turn our room into a museum room or memorial to Dr. Louise. Our Society room is moving next door to the piano room. But we need to start plans for the renovation and clean-up of the whole courthouse. If we wait too long, the courthouse will be in as bad a shape as the law office building. The grounds are almost complete in the treatment for histoplasmosis and flowerbeds are being put in now.

I guess you can tell by now that my main objective of the new year is renovation. It has to begin now, if not sooner. There are plans going on as we speak which may affect these two buildings and we must show our concern by starting this restoration activity. Why have the old courthouse if we cannot use it? Why have such a grand historical building if the public cannot go into it and appreciate their ancestor's activities there? Why destroy our history and our children's chance to learn from it?

Thanks to everyone for your support and hard work and I hope to continue to finish this year without any mishaps or problems. I welcome any comments on these subjects and hope everyone has a great summer.

Helen Surmont, President

THANK YOU!

The Rowan County Historical Society would like to express their deepest, heartfelt thanks to the Librarian Frankie Calvert and to Library Assistant Donna Christian for their kindness and patience over the years in letting the Society have full use of the Public Library virtually anytime we needed it. We wish them good luck in their future endeavors.

Meeting Notes

At the April 6, 2000, meeting, J. Kevin Graffagnino, director of the Kentucky History Center in Frankfort, was the guest speaker. He gave a brief history of the center and described the changing exhibit gallery, the research library and the educational facilities available. Slides were shown of the building and some of the artifacts.



(Dr. Thomas D. Clark, Lee Daniel Blevins, and Dr. Jack D. Ellis)

On May 4, 2000, Dr. Thomas D. Clark, Kentucky Historical Laureate, was an honored guest speaker at the Carl Perkins Center, sponsored by the Kentucky Humanities Council, the First Commonwealth Bank, and the Rowan County Historical Society. His topic was "Kentucky, Some Unfinished Business." After he spoke, Dr. Clark answered questions and signed books for members of the audience. A reception was held afterward under the watchful and cheerful direction of Gaye Osborne.

Rummage Sale

On Saturday May 6, 2000, the Historical Society held their second annual yard/rummage sale, in the vacant lot next to the Public Library, to raise money for the restoration of the Allie Young Law Office Building. Members Helen Surmont, Avenelle Eldridge, Cathy Leach, Mabel Reynolds, Dana Mathews, Kay Schafer, and Ruth Blevins were in attendance. Betty Sharp and Patricia Caudill arrived later to help out. Leftover items were distributed to various local charities. The sale netted a little over \$125.00. David Daniels provided the canvas sunshade.

Confederate Soldiers

"At Rest"

in Rowan County Cemeteries

Elijah Amburgey
William Henry Bowman
Abel Caudill
Abner Caudill
Henry G. Caudill
John M. Caudill
Jesse Collins
Henry Clay Dalton
William Debord
Ballard Ellis
Marcus Fraley
Jacob Weddington Hargis
David Jennings
George A. Johnson
Jeremiah W. Lyons
Jesse McGuire
John W. Moore
Oliver Quisenberry
Franklin M. Royle
Daniel Short
John W. Stidan
Abner Tackett
Henry T. Wallace
Andrew Jackson White

Anyone wishing to know the cemetery where the soldier is interred or the company to which he belonged should contact Dana Mathews at 606 -783-9944.

REMINDER

Don't forget to renew your membership in the Rowan County Historical Society. Send your payment (\$6.00 annually) to:
Rowan County Historical Society
P. O. Box 60
Morehead, KY 40351

RCHS MUGS AVAILABLE

Now available! Green coffee cups with our logo in gold on it, for only \$5.00 each. Call Helen Surmont 606-784-9527 or email ahsurmont@kih.net. Shipping cost is extra.

Genealogy Interest Group

On March 25, 2000, eight members of the Genealogy Interest Group took an enjoyable field trip to the new Kentucky History Museum to do research in the Kentucky Historical Society's genealogy library.



Merrill Lowe, Kay Schafer, Trish Caudill, Helen Surmont, Mabel Reynolds, Dana Mathews, Linda Lowe. Not shown: Avanelle Eldridge, who was the photographer.

Allie Young Law Office Building

On Tuesday June 13, 2000 at 6:00PM, members met at the Allie Young Law Office building for a nail pulling party. Those who showed up for the hard work were David Daniels, Willow Leach, Fred Brown, Danny Blevins, Rick Waltz, Avanelle Eldridge, Bill Sharp, Ruth Blevins, Lee Daniel Blevins, and Helen Surmont. We worked on removing nails from original wallboards and loaded them into David Daniels' van while some of the workers took apart the bathroom in the back. The middle door was also taken apart and the pieces put in the van. About half of the plaster had been stripped from the walls and there was some discussion about getting Don Hall's permission to use some of the prisoner labor for the remaining plaster. There is a lot more still to do and an invitation to a wood stripping party will be sent out for those who want first hand professional instruction on stripping and refinishing old wood.

News Release:

Kentucky Historical Society Unveils New Website

The address is <http://www.kyhistory.org> for the latest in information regarding the museums, programs and services of the Kentucky Historical Society (KHS.) KHS is pleased to announce that its new website opened for viewing on June 5, 2000. The transition to an updated, searchable website reflects the development of the KHS as a growing influence within the historical, educational and tourism communities.

Kyhistory.org is divided into categories that highlight the variety of events and programs within KHS. Subheadings include: teachers and students, investing in Kentucky history, museums and exhibitions, research and publications. One of the most exciting features of the new site is the searchable KHS research collections online catalog.

As with all new websites, kyhistory.org will continue to be developed over time and new features of the site and event details will make the website a great reference tool for tourists, educators and historians.

COMPUTER CORNER

Murphy's Laws of Genealogy

The records you need for your family history were in the courthouse that burned.

John, son of Thomas, the immigrant whom your relatives claim as immigrant ancestor, died on board ship at the age of twelve.

The public ceremony in which your distinguished ancestor participated when the platform collapsed turned out to be a hanging.

When you find the obituary for your grandmother, the information is garbled. Her name is exchanged with her daughter's, the whereabouts of her sons is unknown, the date for her father's birth indicates he was younger than she was.

The only surname not found among the three billion in the Mormon Archives is yours.

These, and many others, can be found at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Plains/3634/Genealogist.htm>

ANCESTORS

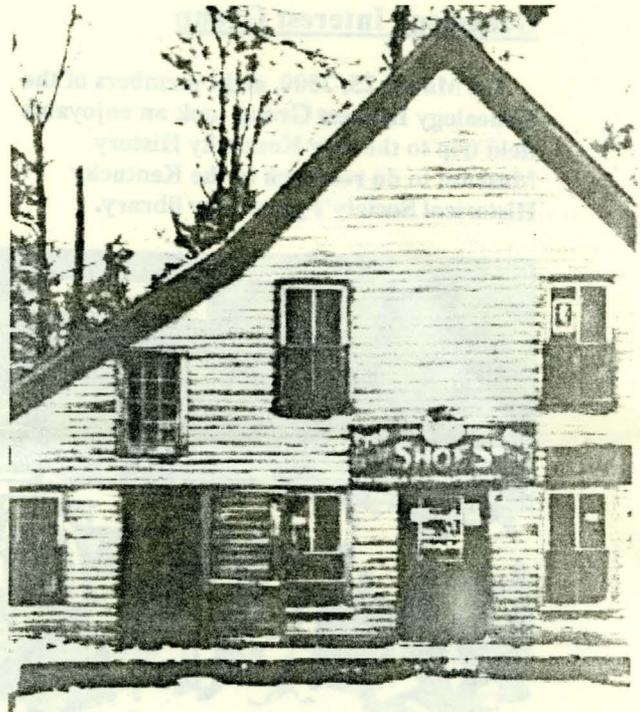
The footprints of my kin are pressed down deep
Into Kentucky land—beneath the grass
Where water willows bend in wind and sweep
Across the cold creek water clear as glass.
Reflected there within the water flow,
Beneath the winding of the willow roots,
Their faces peer between the rocks below,
And through the grass and tender sprouting shoots.
They watch from underneath the laughing pine,
Through winter snows and summer drought and flood,
Where water willows' clinging roots entwine,
Their artifacts—the offspring of their blood.
A part of me lies in Kentucky land,
My blood and bone—a seam stitched in the band.

---Jeanette Stone
(Copyright 1982)

"I've always been interested in poetry since my Mom read 'The Raven' by Edgar Allen Poe to me when I was a little girl. For over ten years I actively wrote and have had hundreds of them published in newspapers and magazines. I've belonged to the Kentucky State Poetry Society, The Flatwoods Poetry Society, Carter County Poetry Society, and the Morehead Writers Group. I have competed and won honors for some of my writings and at one time won the Jesse Stuart award.

The old Enix Sloan cemetery is where some of my ancestors are buried and was probably the inspiration for this poem in the newsletter." —Jeanette Stone

WALTZ POST OFFICE



In addition to being the site of the Waltz Post Office, this building was used as a store and as living quarters for the owners.

Postmasters and their dates of appointment:

Dawson M. Waltz, December 26, 1906
George W. Waltz, March 19, 1907
Granville P. Ham, August 4, 1910
Tilden H. Caudill, March 4, 1911
Felix A. Bradley, October 6, 1916
Rebecca Caudill, December 12, 1917

Discontinued August 19, 1941; effective August 31, 1941 mail to Morehead.



1908-1909 Rowan County, KY
School Census

THREE LICK SCHOOL

Parent/Guardian Name - Child's name,
sex-age

Elias Blevins – Floid Blevins, m-16,
Nannie Blevins, f-16
Carl Blevins – Espy Blevins, m-6
Sissy Purvis – Sarah Blevins, f-19
Jes. Shopshire – Pearlle Shopshire, f-10,
Harmon Shopshire, m-7
Jes. Moore – Ray Moore, m-10
John Williams – Lucy Williams, f-18
James J. Cook – Harris Cook, m-12
W. I. Cracraft – Gorden Cracraft, m-15,
Gertrude Cracraft, f-10, Flora Cracraft,
f-7
Aaron Purvis – John Purvis, m-18, Jennie
Purvis, f-16, Annie Purvis, f-14, Mattie
Purvis, f-12, Ellis Purvis, m-11, Lue
Purvis, f-10, Sue Purvis, f-10, Nena
Purvis, f-8
Thomas Caldwell – Elva Caldwell, f-12,
Everett Caldwell, m-10, Semp Caldwell,
m-8, Mary Caldwell, f-6
J. M. Green – Tina Green, f-12, Ben
Brother, m-18
Ezra Kissick – Emma Kissick, f-16,
Simon Kissick, m-14, Kash Kissick, m-12,
Starley Kissick, m-10
Frank Green – Georgie Green, f-19
Thomas Purvis – Grace Purvis, f-14,
Abby Scott, f-13, Girty Purvis, f-11, Cecil
Purvis, m-8
W. H. Ellington – Bessie Ellington, f-12,
Lennie Ellington, f-6
Emmitt Ellington – Ollie Roberts, m-16
Pete Link – Lucy Link, f-17
John Ellington – Ed Ellington, m-15, Fred
Ellington, m-13, Cora Ellington, f-11,
Elihu Ellington, m-9, Espy Ellington, m-7
Allie Prater – Ina Prater, f-9
Robert Royse – Bertha Royse, f-17
George Hayden – Lenard Burden, m-17,
Bessie Hayden, f-10, James Hayden, f-8,
Elmer Hayden, m-6

Isaac Cook – James Cook, m-10, Wash Cook, m-8
Wm. Kissick – Wm. Kissick, m-14
David Charles – Nella Charles, f-14, Jossie
Charles, f-12, Robert Charles, m-10, Alma
Charles, f-8
George Olliver – Thomas Olliver, m-16, Lucy
Olliver, f-13
Henry Ingall – Mace Ingall, m-17
Nathan Workman – Nora Workman, f-17, Ed
Workman, m-14, Artie Workman, f-9
R. E. Carter – Willie Carter, m-16, Ashton
Carter, m-14, Martin Carter, m-12, Maggie
Carter, f-10, Nan Carter, m-8, May Carter, f-6
Wesley Estil – John Estil, m-19, Russel Estil, m-
17, Omer Estil, m-8, Oval Estil, m-8
Charles Atchison – Lena Atchison, f-8, Sarah
Atchison, f-16, Chester Atchison, m-15, Annie
Atchison, f-13, Eldridge Atchison, m-10, Ruth
Atchison, f-8
James Moody – Henry Moody, m-17, Lulie
Moody, m-14, Lela Moody, f-11, James E.
Moody, m-7
P. S. Kissick – Lucie Kissick, f-12, Green Kissick,
m-6, Nella Kissick, f-18, Espy Kissick, m-10
Thomas Swiney – Henry Swinney, m-11, Jas.
Swinney, m-8
J. C. Reeves – Kelley Reeves, f-8, Emel Reeves,
m-7
Jennie Machy – Cicil Pruett, m-12, Minnie
Moody, f-8
George Cracraft – Joe Cracraft, m-12, Buley
Craycraft, f-9

Note: School was located on Rt. 1722 – Lower
Licking Road (Past Farmers and Bluebank)

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“Diggin’ Up Roots” 4th Annual Genealogy Workshop
Sponsored by
The Rowan County Historical Society’s Genealogy Club

Saturday, Aug. 19, 2000
9:15 – 2:00 at the Rowan County Public Library

Guest Speakers:

Teresa Klaiber, staff genealogist - Boyd County, KY Public Library
“Courthouse Research – Hidden Treasures & Understanding Documents”

Tim Ramsey, Rowan County Genealogy Club Member
“Virginia to Kentucky – Tracking the Settlers of VA & the Records They Left”

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\$5.00 for non-members

If you’d like to attend, please fill out the REGISTRATION FORM below, then cut and mail the form with payment to the address below. For more information, call Dana Mathews (783-9944).

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

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Rowan County Historical Society Newsletter September, 2000

President's Corner



Helen Surmont in doorway of the old Allie Young Law Office building. Photo courtesy of Avanelle Eldridge.

Announcement

On Thursday, October 5, at 7:00 P.M., at the Rowan County Public Library, the guest speaker will be James M. Pritchard, Curator of the Archives in Frankfort. Mr. Pritchard's topic will be "Jesse James in Kentucky." His visit is sponsored by the Kentucky Humanities Council Speaker's Bureau.

Rowan County History Book

Due to many delays for various reasons, our Pictorial History book was not ready for mailing by the proposed spring of 2000. However, we are now in the process of editing pages a packet at a time as we receive them from the publisher. We do not know the exact date the book will be ready but are working with the publisher as hard as we can to put out a quality book. We wanted to thank everyone for their patience in this matter and will let each of you know as soon as

we find out the expected mailing date. Any questions should be directed to Rowan County Historical Society, P.O. Box 60, Morehead, KY 40351. Please accept my apology for any inconvenience in this matter. Helen Surmont, President.

Junior Historical Society

A serious effort is being made to recruit young people who have an interest in Kentucky and Rowan County history. At our August meeting, Ethan Wells, a student from East Carter High School and a member of the Junior Historical Society, was a guest speaker. He discussed activities in which students of all ages can participate. Rebecca Hanley, supervisor of the Out-Reach Division of the Historical Society, also spoke. For the Rowan County Junior Historical Society Committee, the contact person is Bev Alderman at Rodburn Elementary School. Contacts are also being made at the other county schools.

Genealogy Workshop

The genealogy workshop held on Saturday, August 19th, was one of the best ever for our Society! The younger set was well represented with Lee Blevins and family. Zach and Lee Blevins were quick to help pass out materials and eager to answer when the guest speakers questioned members of the audience on their knowledge of history. Zach later told Chairman Dana Mathews that he had a lot of fun. Dana worked very hard with her committee to coordinate the first workshop of the new century. Guest speaker, Teresa Klaiber of Boyd County expressed in her lecture the need to understand the phraseology of the time while researching through court and census records. Tim Ramsey gave a talk on researching ancestors who traveled from Virginia and from the northern states into Kentucky and the different areas of entry into Kentucky. Everyone enjoyed the breakfast and lunch spread while checking out which raffle items they could take a chance on. Some family tree charts were on display and Betty Sharp made new charts available for purchase. Harry Mayhew and Avanelle Eldridge took pictures of the crowd and of the exhibits. Avanelle said she had a good time and wanted to stay longer. It seemed like everyone had fun and wished it could have lasted longer.

Carmileta Evans reports:

The Workshop on August 19th, 2000, was the first one I worked with as a member. I must say it was interesting and I observed the people that attended and they all seemed to enjoy it. Lots of work went into all the reports and books presented of the different family lines and we needed hours to go over it all. I think all went well, and hope we get more new

members and hope some of the older members get back into the group. We need lots of people to help with the projects we have coming up.



A view of some of the workshop attendees.



Sara Blevins (left) and Ruth Blevins examine some of the exhibits at the workshop.



Kay Schafer (right) looks on as workshop attendees browse the genealogical resources table.

Camden Carroll Library Special Collections, Morehead State University

Morehead State University's Camden Carroll Library has a collection of genealogical resources that can be used by the public. The materials may not be checked out, but articles may be copied in the library for your personal use.

One of the resources that CCL has is an 8-page article and family pictures of the Thomas and Elizabeth Salisbury Prater family (parents of Luanna Prater Bradley, who was the wife of Morgan Theron Bradley, a state senator). Clara Keyes, Special Collections Librarian, reports: "Luanna Prater Bradley and her husband lived in Rowan County from 1865 until their deaths. They apparently lived at Clearfield, and their old family cemetery is now the Clearfield Cemetery. Their son, Solomon Bradley was killed August 4, 1884 (start of the feud) when he was caught in the crossfire. He was buried in the family cemetery, but later moved to the Lee Cemetery. (The woman who wrote the article is the great-granddaughter of Solomon Bradley). Most of the rest of the article is about various other family members, but the part about Solomon might be interesting to a lot of folks."

Persons wishing to examine CCL's genealogical materials should contact Clara Keyes at 1-606-783-5122 for further details.

Confederate Marker Program Update

Dana Mathews reports that Ferrin Sparkman, Chairman of the Sons of the Confederacy Veterans, has now set new stones marking the graves of the following Rowan County Confederate veterans:

Jeremiah W. Lyon, Lyon Cemetery
Franklin M. Royce, William Turner Cemetery
Andrew Jackson White, White Cemetery
John M. Caudill, Community Cemetery
Abel Caudill, Town Cemetery
Henry Timothy Wallace, Gregory Cemetery
Elijah Amburgy, Clearfield Cemetery
Abner Caudill, Caudill Cemetery
Abner Tackett, Caudill Cemetery

Chairman Sparkman, who is also a member of the Perry County Historical Society, is working with Dana Mathews on setting markers in surrounding counties.

Rowan County Cemetery Project Up-Date

The Cemetery Committee is entering the final phase of the publication of the Rowan County Cemeteries. In just about two months we hope to have these book sets available for ordering. At present there are about 300 cemeteries, containing thousands of names. Each set will consist of at least three books, and possibly four. The price of a complete set has not been established, pending completion of this phase of the project.

CD-ROM phase of the Cemetery listings will follow shortly after the book phase, and hopefully be ready for distribution by mid December of this year. The price of the CD-ROM disk will be \$35.00 plus shipping. The CD-ROM will have many desirable features, including separate listing of each Cemetery, plus all the cemeteries listings will be combined into one large file making it extremely easy to locate anyone by name, birth or death date, or any other unique field to search on. The CD will contain two file viewer programs which can be installed for anyone not having Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Word.

Requests for the CDs and books are being taken now, and can be sent to Dewie E. Black, P.O. Box 1134, LaBelle, FL 33975, or telephone: 1-863-675-0205 or 1-863-675-6491. You will be notified when to send the money for these items.

Special Thanks!!

One important phase, before publication of a cemetery book and CD-ROM begins, that needs to be completed very soon is the proofreading of the cemetery files already on hand. Accuracy of all cemetery information is vital, and a revisit of most cemeteries comparing the data on each file to what is written on the tombstones is the best method for verifying this.

A special thanks from the cemetery committee goes out to Martin Holman, a professor at Berea College and a group of young people from the Lexington Area Church of Latter Day Saints attending a weekend youth convention at MSU. Along with having fun & games at their get-togethers, the youth wanted to do a morning service project while in Rowan County. They chose proofreading cemeteries for the historical society and set out on Saturday, July 29th with files in hand doing the task under the supervision of Mr. Holman. Even with the rainy weather that day, the group went out in all directions in the county and was able to locate and complete 14 cemeteries and partially did two large cemeteries. Outstanding work!!

Volunteers are needed during the next month to finish the job these young people started. If you are willing or know anyone who would volunteer to proofread a cemetery, please contact Betty Sharp at

606-784-4387 or email her at <bsharp@yesconnect.net>. Maybe a team of historical society members could go out and do some proofreading, too.

Post Office: Triplet, Kentucky

On January 16, 1880, Fielding B. Ham was sent a form to fill out for a new post office. It was addressed % Postmaster, Pine Springs. On January 28, 1880, he returned the form and on February 24, 1880, Fielding B. Ham was appointed Postmaster. The proposed new post office was to be called Holley, but the name was changed to Triplet. It was located five miles west of Pine Springs, the nearest township. Triplet Post Office was located on the mail route from Upper Tygart in Carter County to Poplar Plains in Fleming County. The contractor, Augustas Hall, carried the mail to Triplet once a week. The nearest post office not on the route was Morehead, which was 9 miles south. On July 15, 1892, J. W. Shumate changed to site of the post office. It was relocated 1-½ miles south at Locust Grove. Triplet Post Office was later located in J. T. "Bunk" Evans' store. Traveling on Ky. 799 across what used to be called Nickles Hill to the mouth of Holly Fork Road and across the bridge, the building was on the right.



J. T. Evans Store/Triplet Post Office

When Ethel Tolliver became Postmaster, she stated that she could not take care of the post office at Mr. Evans' store as it was too far away, so the Post office was moved one mile east. There were 20 families within a radius of one mile receiving mail at Triplet Post Office at this time. The building burned and had to be rebuilt once. On October 1, 1928, the post office was moved one mile southeast of Triplet Creek and 20 yards off Holly Creek.

On March 15 1933, the post office was moved to a store owned by Mrs. Tolliver one mile west, on Holly Road. There were two Star Routes from Triplet Post Office at this time.

Triplet Post Office was discontinued August 19, 1941, and mail was routed to Morehead. Triplet Post Office employees and their dates of appointment were:

Fielding B. Ham, February 24, 1880
John W. Shumate, July 5, 1892
Francis M. McEldowney, September 21, 1894
William C. Nickell, June 16, 1898 - delivered
Louis F. White, November 21, 1898
James D. Muse, December 5, 1899
Cinda Logan, November 8, 1901
Archie M. Lewis, October 2, 1902
James T. Evans, May 1, 1903
Milton Evans, January 24, 1924
Mrs. Ethel Tolliver, January 12, 1926

1897-1898 Rowan County, KY School Census PINE GROVE SCHOOL

Parent/Guardian Name - Child's name, sex-age

John Clay - Michael Kegley, m-10
George Blanten - Marvin, m-13 & Chester, m-11
Albert Gilkerson - Clarence, m-18, Myrtie, f-11,
Thaddie, m-8, & Russel, m-7
William Blanten - Robert Stacy, m-11
Jesse Hall - Mertie, f-13, Emma, f-9, & Albert, m-6
James H. Helterbrand - John H., m-13, America E.,
f-10, & William, m-8
Jack Pitts - Bertha, f-17, Fred, m-15, David, m-13,
James, m-11, & Laura, f-9
William Logan - James, m-10, & Herb, m-8
H. M. Price - Ethel, f-17, & Nannie, f-13
Jeffie Hall - Florence Hall, f-19 (married)
Cylas Ratcliff - Charley, m-13, Sanford, m-16,
Lyda, f-14, Mary, f-12, Silas, m-12, & B., m-7
A. V. White - Bruce, m-8
Absalom McClurg - Sarim, f-18, G.C., m-13, A.W.,
m-8, & Viola, f-10
Joseph Walless - Geo, m-16, Lessie, m-13,
& Emma, f-9
Thornton Plank - Alma, f-7
T. Plank - Fantley Gilkerson, m-12
P. M. Ham - Chester, m-19
A. W. Clark - Mary, f-19, William, m-16,
Thomas, m-13, Sadie, f-9, & John, m-7
L. F. White - Lillie May White, f-16 (married)
Riley McGlone - Mary, f-10
Zemuel Bloomfield - Geo. M., m-8
A. L. Lucas - M. E., f-10, W. L., m-7, & R. P., m-6
Steve Stone - Julia, f-7
F. M. McEldowney - Thomes, m-10, Mary, f-9,
& George, m-7

District 19 - Pine Grove (Post Office addresses for
parents/guardians - Triplett, Ky.)

Computer Corner

Top 10 Indicators that you've become a GENE-
AHOLIC - Author unknown

1. You introduce your daughter as your descendent.
2. You've never met any of the people you send e-mail to, even though you're related.
3. You can recite your lineage back eight generations, but can't remember your nephew's name.
4. You have more photographs of dead people than living ones.
5. You've ever taken a tape recorder and/or notebook to a family reunion.
6. You've not only read the latest GEDCOM standard, but also you understand it.
7. The local genealogy society borrows books from you.
8. The only film you've seen in the last year was the 1880 census index.
9. More than half of your CD collection is made up of marriage records or pedigrees.
10. Your elusive ancestor has been spotted in more different places than Elvis!

(Found on the WWW at The Even Lighter Side of
Genealogy: a collection of taglines, prose, poems and
humor
<<http://www.rootsweb.com/~autwggw/agsjoke.htm>>)

Remember to Participate in the Making of History--

Vote

November 7, 2000

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ROWAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

December 1999

Season's Greetings

President's Message

"What a great year of activities we've had with the pictorial history book almost ready for print as well as the paper work and agreements completed for the Allie Young building renovation. The work on these two major projects has shown the dedication and hard work of our members and their love of Rowan County. We continue to remain associated with the Morehead Tomorrow committees to bring the awareness of interest in the history of our town. This year our first youth award for Community Awareness of our county's history was presented to Lee Daniel Blevins and we hope this special recognition of our young citizens will continue in years to come. A special thanks to Jack Ellis and his weekly features in the newspaper on the history of Morehead. We hope to combine his and other articles in a binder for our resource collection.

Now with the new year coming we can work on cleaning up the sweat from our 1999 labors and look forward to new adventures. We will start in April with a visit from Dr. Kevin Graffagnino, the new Kentucky Historical Society Director. Also in the works is a possible visit from Dr. Thomas D. Clark. We have had a contact with the Fleming County Historical Society and an interest shown for a combined visit to share activities and historical facts.

Dana Mathews has agreed to take charge of the Genealogy group and I challenge anyone who can keep up with her. I have been cemeterying with her and Betty Sharp a few times and it's been exciting! I only got caught in barbed wire once while climbing over a fence and they helped me out by taking my picture. But what are society friends for.

There is always a need for new members and new ideas for activities and projects. We will continue to give out society news as often as we can through email and regular mail. Make sure Betty Sharp has your correct address information, and encourage your friends to come and visit. I am excited for our society as we go into the next year and welcome any comments or suggestions. Thanks to all of you for your hard work and support. Most of all thank you for your friendship. See you in 2000!"

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Meeting Notes

October -

A general business meeting was held to discuss all our ongoing projects: Pictorial History book, Genealogy activities, Law office renovation, Veteran's Day activities, and appoint a nominating committee for next year's officers.

Helen Surmont and Cathy Leach participated in the Annual Heart Walk as Friends of the Library to help raise money and awareness about heart disease and heart attacks.

November -

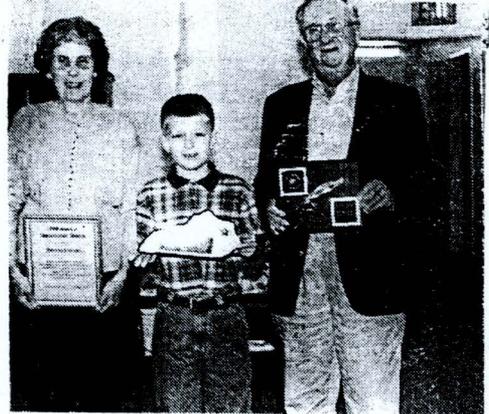
Judy Ramey, President of the Rowan County Rotary Club was our guest. She gave an enlightening speech about the history of the Rotary Club. Nominations were voted on for the offices for the upcoming year.

December -

Awards Night: Jack Ellis was presented with the Community History Awareness Award for his dedication to preserving the county's history and the veteran's celebration. Lee Daniel Blevins received the first Youth Awareness Award for his dedication to his family's history. Avanelle Eldridge received a special Appreciation Award for her hard work on the Pictorial History Book.

New Officers for 1999-2000 :

President	Helen Surmont
Vice President	Gary Lewis
Secretary	Jeanette Stone
Treasurer	Betty Sharp
Historian	Linda Lowe Merrill Lowe



Stephanie Davis photo

Lee Daniel Blevins, 9 year old son of Rhonda and Danny Blevins, Jr. gave a 45 minute talk about his family's genealogy which includes veterans from various wars. He included photos of his ancestors military activities.

Genealogy Club Notes

Pictorial History Book

It has been decided that the book will be a maroon hardback with gold tone etching for the title and the outline of the Rowan County Courthouse circa 1910. The preliminary photos have been selected and will be submitted to the publisher soon. Approximately 250-300 books have been sold.

Committee Chairs Avanelle Eldridge and Willow Leach would like to thank for all their help and support: Betty Sharp, Helen Surmont, Ruth Blevins, Jeanette Stone, Marsha Riggsby, Linda Lowe, Merrill Lowe, Susan Abner, Ethel Jones, Mabel Reynolds, and all those who submitted photos. We received a lot of great pictures but regrettably could not use all of them.

Allie Young Law Office Renovation

The lease for the Law Office was signed in November with Morehead State University to end on 30 June 2000, and then for 7 years afterward, as long as the building is preserved. Allie Young's original law books are being held in the Hogge Building. The Kentucky Historical Marker Program has approved a request that was submitted by Fred Brown, Jr for a historical marker to be place in front of the building. The wording on the marker is being worked out.

Bean Supper

The first annual bean supper was held December 3, 1999 at the Rowan County Middle School Cafeteria. Organized by Dana Mathews and Marsha Riggsby, the bean supper raised approximately \$ 300.00. There was also cake and pie auctions and lots of crafts for sale. A special "Thank You" to all those who donated items or their time to make the supper a success. Some of the local businesses that donated items are: Citizens Bank, The Dairy Queens, Atkinson's Florist, Chris' Gifts and Flowers, American Office Supply, Occasions, and the Shaving Horse.

The Post Office

In future newsletters we will be featuring one of Rowan County's Post offices with names of the Postmasters and their appointment dates.

The Haldeman Post Office was established February 12, 1907. Avanelle Eldridge was the last Postmaster and retired in 1998. According to Avanelle, the Haldeman Post Office had been in at least four locations, a couple of times when it burned. It was in a company store and the office was all in one building. The following is a list of postmasters which Avanelle gave to her customers when she retired, along with a picture of the post office building (shown below). At the time of her retirement, the post office closed.

POSTMASTER	APPOINTMENT DATE
David Leadbetter	Feb. 12, 1907
Henry K Leighow	Oct. 31, 1919
James E Leighow	Nov 15, 1919
Ernest Fisher	Apr. 26, 1946
Thomas A Eldridge	Mar. 31, 1954
Delbert C Kegley	May 6, 1966
Avanelle Eldridge	Sept 15, 1967



From The
Dr. Jack D. Ellis
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The following list of Rowan County Post Offices as listed 100 years ago in Rowan County (1898) according to the Centennial Newspaper.

Cogswell

Debord

Eadston near Haldeman

***Elliottville** head of Christy Creek, 7 miles east of Morehead.

***Farmers** 5 1/2 miles WSW of Morehead

Fraley

Freestone (Bluestone) 3 miles WSW of Morehead-
established as Freestone about a mile west of present site.

Minor

***Morehead** on Triplett Creek at US 60 and KY 32, south of I64

Munson

Rockville about midway between Farmers and Morehead

Rodburn Junction of US60 and Ky32, 1 mile east of Morehead

Triplett

Wagner Junction on Rt32 and 173, 8 miles east of Morehead

* - Still in business

The ones underlined are place names by Rennick. (Rowan County Library)

Other towns shown in Rowan County during this time were:

Egypt- 2-3 miles from Rockville

Bronston - 2-3 miles west of Morehead

Brady - 2 miles west of Morehead on C&O railroad.

We have not found a record of any of these with post offices but will be glad to add them to our list if anyone has the information.

WANTED

LOOKING FOR THE OLDEST ROWAN COUNTY CITIZEN. Do you know someone who has lived the entire twentieth century?

LOOKING FOR THE OLDEST ROWAN COUNTY VETERAN. We want to continue to honor our veterans.

If you have any articles of interest you'd like published in the newsletter you can contact Sue Christian at 784-5607 or Helen Surmont at 784-9527.

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Rowan County Historical Society

Morehead KY

Society Board members along with other members and visitors met in the months of January and February to plan an exciting new year of programs. The plans for the programs were sent out in our last letter and will be updated in the quarterly news. Our first program for the year is a jam session with the Morgan County Historical Society on 03-04-99. Second quarter meetings will consist of the following:

April - Teresa Klaiber, Boyd Co. Public Library and professional genealogist will give a talk on "Kentucky Cemetery Laws"

May - Frank Bodkin, archaeologist with the Morehead District of the U.S. Daniel Boone National Forest Service, "Archaeology in Rowan County".

June - Folk Art/Quilting, a participation in the Appalachian Festival Quilt Show.

Our Genealogy Club chose to take a trip to the Mason County Museum and Genealogy Library on Thursday 03-18-99. They will meet at the Food Lion parking lot at 7:45 A.M. and bring a brown bag lunch. Anyone interested in going is welcome. Queries will be listed in our newsletter if submitted.

Brenda Vance, librarian at the Bath County Memorial Library, paid us a visit in February to share the experiences her committee had in helping to put together the Bath County Pictorial History Book. After a question and answer period, Brenda showed examples of ledgers for recording collected pictures and book sales.



The contract has been signed! Gary Lewis sent pictures to the Ross Publishing Company that will be used in a brochure for advertising of our pictorial history book. Our goal now is to have the book in print before the end of this year. The size of the book will depend on pre-sales. Gary asked that each member accept the challenge to visit with at least five different families and collect pictures of families and events within Rowan County. Arrangements are being made to have a special camera available for copying pictures for owners who do not want to part with the original. Advertisements will come out in the paper soon and flyers are now available

Final Countdown for Cemetery Census

Whether it's walking, wandering, skipping, browsing, it doesn't matter how you go through a cemetery, you are among a part of the history of Rowan County.

From The Collection Of:
Dr. Jack D. Ellis
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If anyone is interested in participating in the census you can call Betty Sharp or Dana Mathews. These two are still at it and eager to share their experiences with anyone who doesn't mind boots, briars, and blisters. *No, really, it's fun!* Sometimes it might be muddy but it's very rewarding when you find a cemetery that looks like it's been lost in the wonders of the woods or one with a neighbor who comes over to share stories of the people buried there. Or maybe one area will have several veterans of different wars buried with flags or military pictures and give a mighty powerful feeling of patriotism. It's addictive to some who are reading and recording names and dates to stop and read the added inscriptions, or to remark how sad when they see an infant's grave, or stop and straighten a vase of flowers that might have fallen over. It is also an awakening of how a great many of our cemeteries have been unkempt and forgotten. Dana sought help in our county government in cleaning up some of the cemeteries that were hard to get through due to the heavy brush and downed trees. A great many citizens of the county and out of town people have written and called to say what a great job this committee has done and expressed their thanks for the recognition of their family members. So if you're looking for adventure, you don't have to go far, give the girls a call.

Rowan County Cemeteries

"known ones that still need to be found and inventoried. Most of these are confirmed, just need to be found and visited. There are less than ten that are not listed because some think they might or might not exist"

report by Betty Sharp

Bluestone Road - 2 (one possibly an Albright; one ? on Skeans property)

Big Brushy Road - 2 (on opposite sides of entrance to Big Woods Road)

Rt. 1722 - 2 (Green Mt., Moore Farm, possibly two more)

Upper Lick Fork - 1

Rt. 519 - 1 (on hill behind old Lee Clay Products Co)

Jones Ridge - 1 (Jones)

Slab Camp - 1 (Baldrige)

CCC Trail - 1 (? Dillon on Wolf Hollow Road)

Old Schoolhouse Creek - 1 (old Barricks)

Christy Creek - 1 (on Jent property)

City Park Hill - 1 (Sluss)

Cranston Road - ?Davis (on the Elvis Elam property)

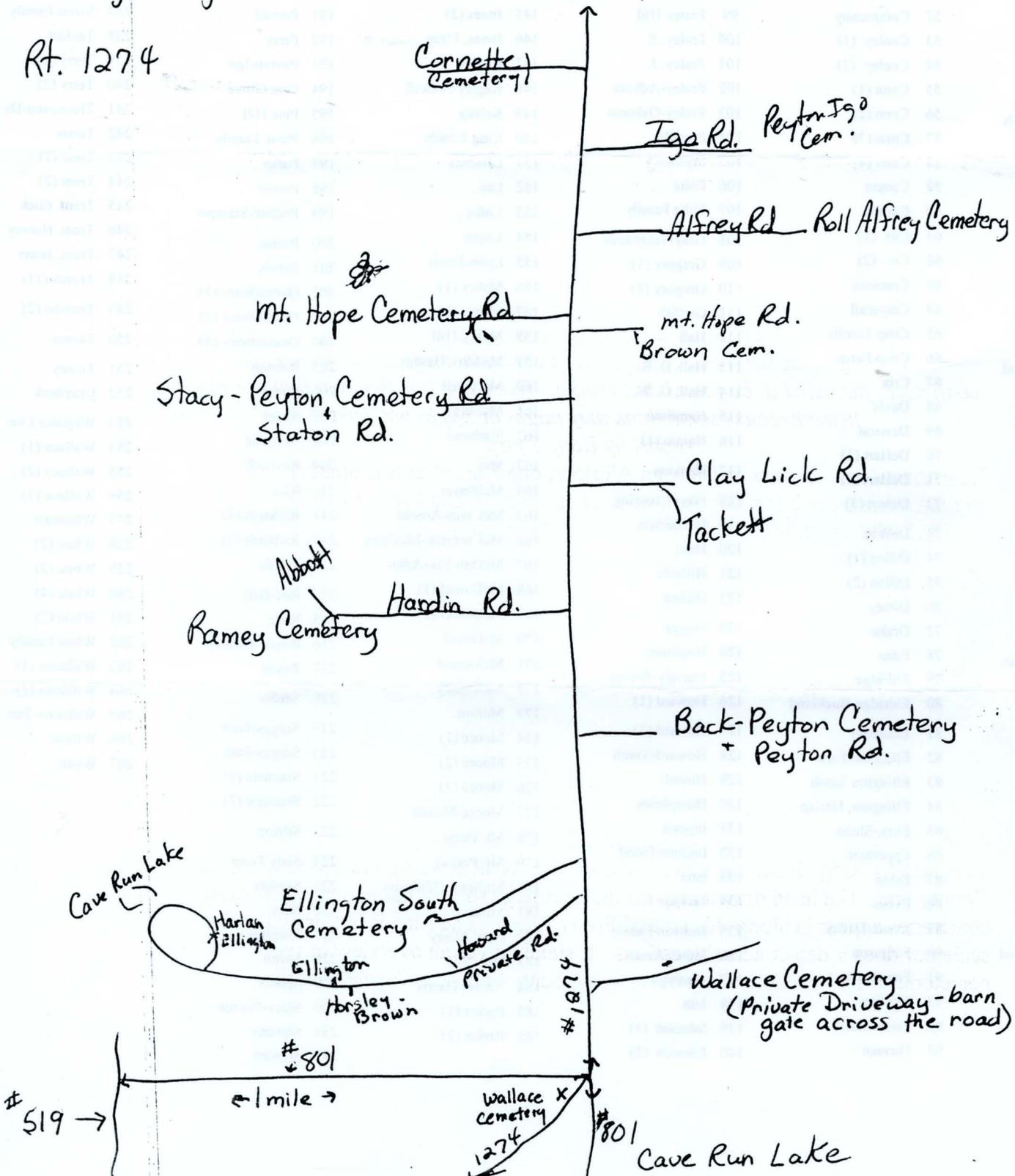
"Volunteers have documented and inventoried sixteen cemeteries found along Rt. 1274, Pretty Ridge Road, from its junction with Rt. 801 west towards the Menifee County line. The hand drawn map on the next page shows the sequence that these cemeteries appear in along this area of Pretty Ridge. The Map is not drawn to scale nor does it depict actual locations. It simply gives an overview of the cemeteries found in this vicinity of Rowan County. Patricia Caudill, Barbie

Ellington, Sue Epperhart, Corda Foster, Philemon & Margina Hardin, Ethel Jones, Dana Mathews, Betty & Bill Sharp and Helen Surmont inventoried the cemeteries while Dewey Black and Pamela Lasher completed the documentation for our cemetery files at the Rowan County Public Library

"Pretty Ridge"

Rt. 1274

Meniffee County Line





PAST AND PRESENT

Rowan County Historical Society Newsletter

June 2001

Pictorial History Book

After many months of hard work the Rowan County Historical Society has turned over the materials for the Rowan County Pictorial History Book to Turner Publishing Company. Due to circumstances beyond our control, we had change publishers. Turner Publishing, located in Paducah, Kentucky, is known for their high quality workmanship and design. Turner Publishing Company is the leading publisher of history books in this region and has produced more than 800 titles nationwide. The book process should move along much more quickly now.

Book orders will continue to be accepted during the typesetting and designing period. There will be a limited number of books printed depending upon the number of books reserved; therefore, all orders must be received prior to the book going to press. The hardbound book, featuring the outline of Rowan County with the old courthouse in the middle, will be bound in rich burgundy leatherette. The 256 page book will contain approximately 800 photos, including nearly 250 veterans, hundreds of historical photos, some never before published, general history, communities, industries, businesses, early agriculture, early transportation, etc., of Rowan County. The book, if ordered before July 15, 2001, may be purchased for \$34.95 (KY residents add 6% sales tax-\$2.10). Price of the book will go to \$44.95 after July 15, 2001. Orders may be sent to: Rowan County Pictorial History Book, P.O. Box 60, Morehead KY 40351. Please include an additional \$6.00 per book for postage & handling if mailed.

For more information contact Avanelle Eldridge at (606) 784-7677.

Old Courthouse

On May 4, Betty and Bill Sharp, Margaret and Charles Blair, Helen Surmont, Willow Leach, Junior Historical Society member Amanda Cox and her cousin Tora gathered at the old courthouse to plant flowers around the trees in the courtyard.



Willow Leach (kneeling) and Amanda Cox plant flowers at the Old Courthouse.



Helen Surmont and Bill Sharp take a turn at planting flowers at the Old Courthouse.

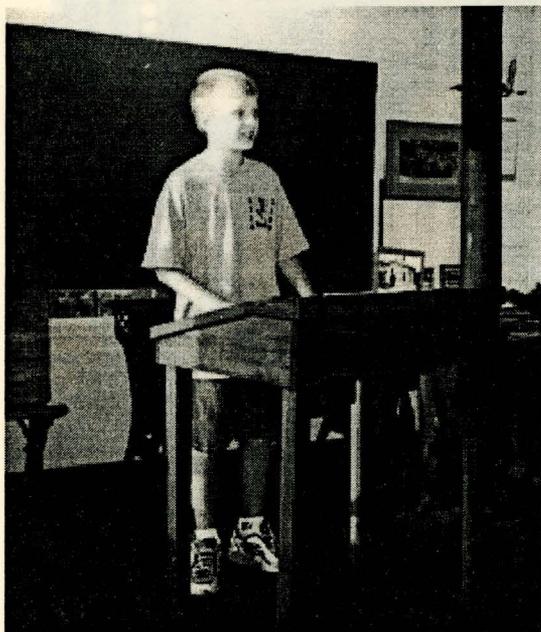
Meeting Notes

On April 5, 2001, we celebrated the 24th anniversary of our organization with a birthday party at the Rowan County Public

Library. Gary Lewis talked about our on-going projects and those that have been completed. Guests included a group from the Fleming County Historical Society, past presidents and several charter members. The group discussed their plans for keeping and restoring old buildings and the genealogy help available in Fleming County.

At the May 3, 2001, meeting Dr. Jack Ellis brought an interesting taped interview about his new book Morehead Memories. A discussion followed. His book is based on his weekly articles in the *Morehead News* about Morehead's past.

After our June 7 business meeting, our group walked to the Moonlight School, across the street from the Public Library. After a short tour, Junior member Lee Blevins read his essay on the Allie Young Building and answered questions from the audience. President Helen Surmont presented him with a certificate for his efforts. Guests at the meeting were Patricia Patterson, freelance writer, and Gerald Swick, photographer, from The Blue Ridge Courier Magazine. They took pictures and asked many questions about the Moonlight School, other on-room schools in Rowan County, and the area in general.



Lee Blevins reads his essay at the Moonlight School.

A proposal has been submitted that the dues be raised from \$6.00 to \$10.00 a year for individuals and from \$10.00 to \$15.00 for families. This will be voted on at our July 5, 2001 meeting. If you chose you may submit your dues for 2001 at the current \$6 rate before the July 5 meeting. Send to:

Rowan County Historical Society
PO Box 60
Morehead, KY 40351

Genealogy Club

At the April 21 meeting Avanelle Eldridge and Willow Leach gave talks about their ancestors. They each chose a grandfather as a topic and brought photos to show. A round table discussion followed.

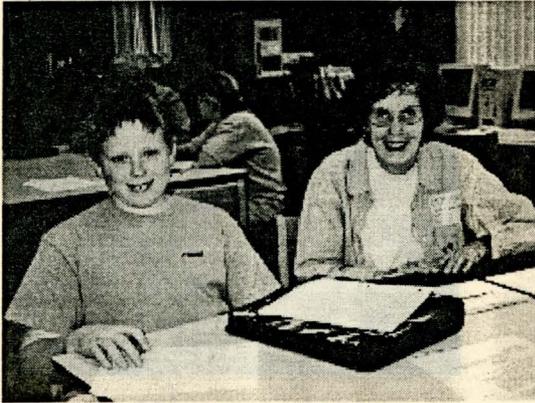
At the May 19 meeting Kenneth Vencil, retired E9 Master Chief, came to discuss the veteran's wall that is under construction on the old courthouse lawn. It will include all the veterans of all the wars, with special recognition to those killed in action. Donations of any size would be greatly appreciated. If you wish to donate to this project, a pledge form is enclosed with this newsletter.

Volunteers are needed to help with the obituary files—cutting out, trimming, pasting, alphabetizing, and general up keep. They are located in the Kentucky Room in the Rowan County Public Library.

Photo/Essay Contest

The Kentucky Heritage Council and Preservation of Kentucky Inc. sponsored the "Restore, Renew, Rediscover Your Neighborhood Schools" photo/essay competition for Kentucky students. The Junior Historical Society, under the supervision of Bev Alderman, a teacher at Rodburn Elementary, participated in this project in the grades 1-5 category. They interviewed local residents to gather information and photographs. Those who helped were: Paul J. Reynolds, Bob Grey, William Earl Clay, and Society members Ethel Jones, Avanelle Eldridge, Willow Leach, Ellie Reser, and Betty Sharp. Some of the participants and their projects were: Rose Petitt, daughter of Cathy and Larry Petitt, the

Dixie Grill; Lee Blevins, son of Rhonda and Danny Blevins, the Allie Young Building; Colton Griffith, son of Cathy and Boyd Griffith, the Cozy Building. We are printing their essays just as the children wrote them, with the exception of photocopies of photographs that we could not reproduce.



Colton Griffith and Avanelle Eldridge. Colton's essay was about the Cozy Building.

The Cozy Building by Colton Griffith

The Cozy Building has been an important part of Rowan County's history for over 80 years. The reason why we need to save our historic buildings in Rowan County is to allow others to enjoy the history of our community. If people knock down the buildings, such as the Cozy Building, then all future generations will not know about this historic site.

The Cozy Building is the building in my picture. The Cozy Building was used for a lawyer's office, dentist offices for Doctor Mayhall, a drugstore, a movie theater, a jewelers shop, and is now home to a barbershop. It holds much history of the Morehead area.

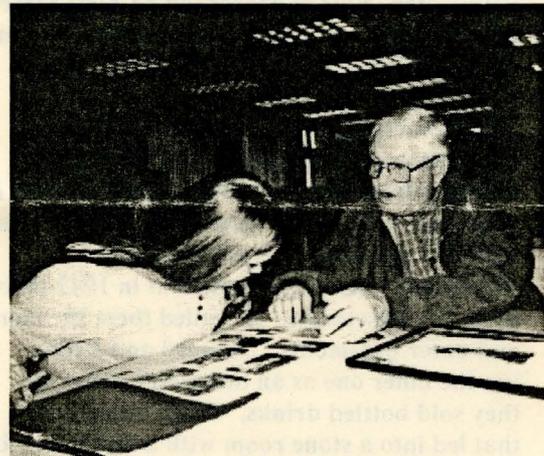
The Cozy Building is located on the corner of Main Street and West University Boulevard. John Knapp built it in the 1920's. Although at first glance the building appears to be made of regular bricks, it is actually constructed of sawed stone the size of bricks. Mr. Knapp and his son-in-law, Bert Willett, came to Morehead in the 1900's. Once here, they operated the stone quarry at Bluestone where the stone was cut and sawed for the Cozy Building.

Throughout the years thousands of people have enjoyed the services provided in this

building. If it was to seek help for an illness, buy a piece of jewelry, watch a play, get some lunch from the lunch counter of the drugstore, or in later years enjoy a pizza, or to get a haircut, the Cozy Building holds many fond memories in its walls.

I still go into the building at least once a month. What do I do there? I get a haircut and listen to some of Morehead's history from Bo, the barber, and the many others waiting to get their chance in the seat. That is one of the reasons I want to save this wonderful building, for all of the history and good times that people have had there.

Maybe someday when I grow up and have children, I can take them to the Cozy Building for a haircut or something else, and they can see some of the history of Morehead for themselves. So please save history, protect this building for the preservation of all historic sites in our community.



Rose Petitt and Bob Grey poor over photograph albums in preparation for her essay.



Bob Grey and Rose Petitt. Rose wrote her essay about the Dixie Grill.

Dixie Grill by Rose Pettit

The Dixie Grill is a very old restaurant in Morehead, Kentucky on the corner of Main Street and Bishop Avenue. The first Dixie Grill was built before 1922. It was made of wood with a sky light on the side for a Photographers shop. Below is a picture of the first Dixie Grill. [PICTURE UNAVAILABLE FOR REPRODUCTION]

In the middle of the 1930's a traveling salesman named Jack Wist from Louisville, Kentucky bought the building. He made it into a restaurant and liquor store. The restaurant was name the Dixie Grill, a name that is familiar to everyone that loves home cooking. [PICTURE UNAVAILABLE FOR REPORODUCTION]

Here is an interesting fact. In 1939 there was a cloudburst and Morehead was flooded with water. East of Morehead on First Street the railroad tracks were destroyed and water flooded the hill went down the street and burst into the Dixie Grill.

I spoke to Bob Gray and his parents, Leonard and Esther Gray, who owned the building from 1942 to 1968. he told me that in 1942 they rebuilt the Dixie Grill. Cester kiser built the new one. We still have it in Morehead. He also told me that in 1942 there were two basements. He called them the iner and outer basements. Leonard and Esther use the inner one as an office and under it they sold bottled drinks. There was a door that led into a stone room with a dirt floor. In the floor there was a cut place and through there they ran one of the first electric cables.

The Dixie Grill hasn't changed much in past generations. But it is very important and its history is found in the hearts of all whom have enjoyed the food and good times there. So I ask you ladies and gentlemen would you want to take away some of Morehead's history? For your informantion Morehead doesn't have a lot of historical buildings left. Each time the city decides to make Morehead a moder town we lose a piece of our history. Why take away one of our oldest buildings? The Dixie Grill is known for it's wonderful home cooked meals and affortable prices. the receipes are very old. Why tear down the Dixie Grill when so many are going to loose a very special place of good food, wonderful history, nice people, and an exciting place? [PICTURE UNAVAILABLE FOR REPRODUCTION]



Restore, Renew, and Rediscover: Law Office of Allie Young by Lee Daniel Blevins

On University Boulevard in Morehead, a gray building stands behind the Cozy Building, which is across from Rowan Counties Old Courthouse. The building is vacant and has been so for nearly forty years. It was the law office of Allie Young, an important politician, who helped to get the Morehead State Teachers College, which became Morehead State University.

Albert W. (Allie) Young was born on December 29, 1865 in Elizaville, Fleming County, KY. His parents were Col. Zachary T. (Z.T.) Young and Amelia (O'Bannon) Young. Z.T. was an attorney, like his son, Allie. Allie's brother, William A. (Bill) also became an attorney. His family moved to Rowan County in 1875. His first public office was as Rowan County Attorney, which he became in 1886, and later he was Circuit Judge. He was a judge for twelve years before entering a private law practice. Allie represented many people and won many cases, for he was an excellent speaker. He was elected as a State Senator in 1923 and served until his death on February 18, 1935. He was a main leader of the Democratic Party in Kentucky during his years as a Senator. He married his first wife, Eliza Flora Johnson, on November 9, 1885 and he married his second

The Isaac Hall Murder Case

or

The Family that Slays Together, Stays Together

By Teri Pettit

Introduction

In September of 1993, my sister Patti and I went on a research trip to Kentucky, the first time we had been in that state since our early childhood. While at the State Library in Frankfort, I was looking through a book of collected miscellanea called "Talley's Northeast Kentucky Papers", and found on p. 161 a newspaper extract from the Maysville Republican, of Feb 29, 1868, which read "Murder: In Morgan Co., Ky, recently a man named Isaac Hall was called to the door and shot. He retreated, was pursued into the house, and again shot, and killed. Several men arrested. Among them were Hall's own brother, brother-in-law, and all others are related by blood or marriage."

Well! That was intriguing, since I knew I had an ancestor from Morgan County named Isaac Hall. So the next day we went to the State Archives, and when we walked in and were asked by the librarian what records we wanted to search, I replied, "Well, the first thing we'd like to check is that we read in an abstract from an 1868 Maysville newspaper that one of our ancestors was shot to death by his brother and other relatives in Morgan Co., Ky." A man in a room behind the desk overheard us, and exclaimed, "Oh, you mean Isaac Hall! I read about that case." (We now know, based on the material at the archives, that it was not our ancestor Isaac Hall, but rather his son, Isaac Jr., who was killed.) And when we showed him our pedigree chart to show him how we relate to the Halls, he noticed Preston Pettit at the top, and said, "You're related to Press Pettit, too! Did you know Press was shot in the leg during the Civil War by Jack Nickell, who was later hung for war crimes, and Press testified at Jack's trial?" (We had heard that Press was shot in the leg by rebels who came to his farm to requisition/steal his horses, but we hadn't known the name of the person who shot him, nor that he had testified at any trial.) It turned out this archivist, whose name is Jim Prichard, is a Civil War history buff, and reads a lot of the old court transcripts. It was so cool to walk right in and find a person, not related to us, who knew all about these ancestors of ours, and was even excited about them. He helped me find the pretrial hearing depositions, and a couple of letters in support of a pardon petition, for the Isaac Hall murder case. Those documents comprise the bulk of this article.

One thing that astonished me in looking through the petitions to the Governor were the number of petitions for pardon for murder, and the number of those pardons that were granted. There were two to five such petitions submitted each month, and more than half were granted. Most of the pardons granted were cases where the victim was someone who had run up against the law in the past; apparently the tolerance for "frontier justice" was very high.

The Victim

Isaac Hall Jr. (*ca 1839 - 3 Jan 1868*)

27 years old at the time of his death, he was the fourth son of Isaac Hall and Anna Martin. He was a Confederate veteran, and apparently gained a taste for robbery from his wartime raids. He had been prosecuted several times for robbery and even murder (from an incident in which a jail guard was killed during an attempted jailbreak of a member of his gang), but never convicted. Some months before the events covered by these hearings, he had driven from the family home his widowed mother, his two youngest brothers, his sister, and his brother-in-law, and was using the home as a place of refuge for his band of robbers and their women.

When they despaired of getting back into their house by spring, the younger hot-heads in the family cooked up a plan to "arrest" Ike Jr., and shoot him if he resisted arrest. When the actual confrontation came, though, they simply called out to Ike to give up as he walked unarmed to the barn to tend to his horse and mule. When he ran back towards the house (presumably to get his gun), they interpreted it as "resisting arrest", and opened fire from under cover of the woods. Ike was not killed immediately, but was able to retreat to his house, gravely wounded and unable to return fire. Towards midnight the vigilante band returned and shot him again in his bed, killing him. His girlfriend Eliza McDaniel was staying with him and witnessed both shootings.

The Accused and their Accomplices

Ann Hall (ca 1801 - after 1870)

The widow of Isaac Hall Sr., she was the mother of the Victim. She was accused of conspiracy to commit murder because she consulted lawyers before the deed, asking them about the legality should Isaac be killed while the vigilante group was attempting to arrest him. One of the witnesses testifies "Old Mrs Hall said .. he had better be kill than to have to come to the [gallows]. ... She said they had talked to 3 lawyers & if they kill him it was all right he was paid for." (Apparently a colloquialism equivalent to "He got what was coming to him.")

George Martin Hall (1827 - 1900)

The oldest brother of the victim, he took in his mother and siblings when Isaac Jr. kicked them out of the family home. His attempts at a negotiated settlement were unsuccessful, as Isaac demanded more compensation than George or the other family members were able to supply. He did not participate in the ambush, but allowed his home to be used as a gathering place for the conspirators. His wife Susanna was not indicted, though she was at home at the time. (*George is the great-great-grandfather of the compiler of these notes.*)

Benjamin Franklin ("Ben") Hall (1852 - 1895)

The oldest son of George M. Hall and Susanna Downing, he was thus the nephew of the victim. He was 15 at the time of these events, and was the youngest member of the vigilante band.

James Hall (1847 - 1932)

The youngest brother of the victim, he was 21 at the time of these events, and was a member of the vigilante band.

Jane Alfrey (1842 - 1915)

The sister of the victim, she was also charged as a conspirator because she was present while her husband was planning the ambush. They had been living in the Isaac Hall home until evicted by Isaac Jr., and at the time of the events were staying with her brother George M. Hall.

Franklin ("Frank") Alfrey (1839 -)

The husband of Jane Alfrey, he was the oldest son of Fielding Alfrey, and one of the leaders of the band of vigilantes.

Wiley C. Roberts (1832 - 1913)

The other leader of the vigilante band, he was a brother-in-law of the Alfreys, as his wife Amanda was their sister. He was also a "brother-in-law-in-law" of the victim, since his sister Susan Roberts married John M. Hall, a son of Isaac Hall Sr. who seems not to have been involved in these events. (There is no mention in the testimony of John M. Hall, nor of his two other brothers, David and William.) The parents of Wiley, Amanda and Susan were Minetry & Euphamy Roberts, who moved from Grayson Co., Virginia to Bath Co., Ky about 1859.

Anderson Alfrey (1846 -)

The second son of Fielding Alfrey, he was mentioned prominently in the testimony as one of the band of vigilantes, but there is no record that he was tried.

Allen Alfrey (1850 -)

The third son of Fielding Alfrey, he also was mentioned in the testimony but apparently not charged.

(Since some of the documents from the case are missing, it is quite possible that Anderson and Allen were charged, with the case against them being heard separately, and that the charges against Anderson and Allen were dropped before the petitions were filed in August.)

The impression one gets on reading the hearing transcripts is that the members of Isaac's family did not think of the shooting as a crime. They were open in talking to everyone about what they were doing. That's why there were so many witnesses. They apparently thought it was legal to kill somebody, even when he was unarmed and outnumbered, as long as he was a well-known criminal and they first yelled "Surrender or we'll shoot!" And they were given that counsel, or what they understood as such, by an honored judge who later became a representative to the Kentucky State Legislature! In fact, if they had killed Ike outright the first time, rather than coming back to finish him off as he lay wounded in bed, there might have been no trial at all.

The Witnesses**Eliza McDaniel**

The girlfriend of Isaac Hall Jr. The star witness for the prosecution, she was with him the morning that he was shot. Her parents were probably George McDaniel and Elizabeth "Lizzie" Royse of Rowan County. They had a daughter Eliza born about 1847, and I can't find any other Eliza McDaniel in the area who would be young and single in 1868.

Henry C. Caudill (1828 - 1882)

The eldest son of Sammie Caudill & Sarah Maggard. Two of Henry's brothers were married to daughters of George M. Hall -- Abel Caudill to Mary Ann Hall, and Samuel C. Caudill to Cynthia Ann Hall.

Daniel Pound Short (1835 - 1910)

Sometimes known as "Shifty", he was a double brother-in-law of Henry C. Caudill, since Dan married Henry's sister Margaret, and Henry married Dan's sister Elizabeth. His parents

were Charles Anderson Short and Ann Mullins. He had served as a go-between in negotiations with Ike Jr. over the house.

Elizabeth Caudill (1830 - 1915)

Born Elizabeth Short, she was the wife of Henry C. Caudill and the sister of Dan Short. She testified to conversations with the accused.

Sarah Caudill (1849 - 1920)

The daughter of Henry C. Caudill, she was 19 and living at the George Hall home.

Margaret Short (1837 - 1901)

Born Margaret Caudill, she was a sister of Henry C. Caudill, and the wife of Daniel P. Short. She accompanied her double sister-in-law Elizabeth to George M. Hall's house the night of the murder.

Abel Caudill (1843 - 1925)

The 5th son (and 9th child) of Sammy Caudill and Sarah Maggard. His wife Mary Ann Hall (1849-1927) was a daughter of George M. Hall. His brother Henry and his sister Margaret both also testified.

John Riddle (1808 - after 1887)

John William Riddle, son of Lewis Riddle. His only relation to the Hall family was that his daughter Sarah R. Riddle (1851-1933) would later marry William Thomas 'Buddy' Hall, a son of George M. Hall, although that marriage was not to take place until 1871. (He is related to the compiler on the Pettit side, though, since his daughter Mary Susan Riddle was the wife of Preston Pettit, and his daughter Martha Ann Riddle was the grandmother of Emma Jane Clark, the wife of Jessie Pettit.)

James Jones

Probably James Boyd Jones (1847 -), son of William Jones & Barbary Myers, although possibly his uncle James W. Jones Jr. (1828 -), son of James W. Jones Sr. In one testimony James Jones is quoted as saying that he saw "5 or 6 men passing by witnesses [i.e., his] grandfather's on Lick Fork." In 1868, James Boyd Jones was 21, and his grandfather James W. Jones Sr. was still alive. James W. Jones Jr, on the other hand, would have been 40 at the time, and his grandfather had died in 1851. Also, James W. Jones Jr. was usually known as Jimmy Jones, whereas James Boyd Jones was always called James or J. B. Neither James Jones had any close ties to the Alfrey or Hall families, but they both had ties to Riddles. (James Boyd Jones was married to Nancy Riddle, a daughter of John W. Riddle, and James W. Jones' son Joseph Frankie Jones married Margaret Riddle, a granddaughter of John W. Riddle.)

Lucy McClain (1832 -)

Born Lucy Riddle, she was the daughter of John W. Riddle, and the wife of David McClain. David's sister Emily McClain was the wife of James W. Jones.

Henry R. Myers (ca 1811 -)

Possibly a brother of Mary Adeline Myers, the wife of John W. Riddle. Mary Adeline Myers' father was named Henry J. Myers, but he was born 1775 and died before 1840.

John T. Evans (1850 -)

Son of John A. Evans (b. 1820) and Elizabeth Myers, who had a farm adjacent to that of William Jones & Barbary Myers.

John Jennings (1820 -)

Born in Tennessee, he married Rachel Fannin in Morgan Co. in 1842, and was living in Rowan Co. in 1860.

Oscar Johnston McKenzie (1840 - 1922)

Son of Rebecca McKenzie and Thomas Perry. He married first Eliza Ann Lewis and second Rinda Prater.

I do not have any information on the witness Doc R. D. Weaver. Witnesses Jm M. Lewis and R. B. Alfrey are covered under the Lawmen section.

The Lawmen**G. D. Phillips**

Mayor of West Liberty, hearing the case against Wiley Roberts.

J. B. Fugett

Justice of the Peace for Morgan County, hearing the case against Wiley Roberts

Wm Mynheir

Judge of the Morgan County Court, hearing the case against Frank Alfrey, James & Ben Hall.

W. H. Lewis

Justice of the Peace for Morgan Co., hearing the case against George Hall, Ann Hall, and Jane Alfrey.

G. Lewis

Justice of the Peace for Morgan Co., hearing the case against George Hall, Ann Hall, and Jane Alfrey.

Jm M. Lewis

Ex-Sheriff of Rowan Co. He testified as a witness, and also petitioned the Governor for the pardon of the defendants.

John M. Elliot

A very prominent lawyer and politician who conducted the petition drive to pardon the accused. Elliott County, Kentucky and Elliottville in Rowan Co. were both named after either him or his father, John Lisle Elliott. (References differ.)

L. W. Andrews

Another local lawyer, who wrote a letter to the governor in support of the petition. Andrews and Elliott were probably two of the three lawyers whom Mrs. Ann Hall consulted before determining that it was "all right" if Ike were to be killed. They probably defended the accused in their trials.

W. W. Cox

Weston Cox, Sheriff of Morgan County. (His name is sometimes also given as Western or Westley.) His wife was Elizabeth Nickell; I do not know his parents.

W. H. Elam

William H. Elam, Deputy Sheriff of Morgan County. He married Nancy Easterling in 1840.

R. B. (Robert Bruce) Alfrey

Son of Alfred and Mary (Bradshaw) Alfrey, and a cousin of the defendant Frank Alfrey. He was a jail house guard. His wife was Sarah Ann Jones, daughter of William A. Jones and Barbary Myers.

I don't have any genealogical information on most of the lawmen. (Now what does that say about my roots?) I would appreciate hearing from anyone who can connect all the three Lewises for me.

The Location

I've placed a map of the area where these events occurred on a separate page, so that you can have the option of viewing it or not. It is a 39K image. The approximate location of the Isaac Hall and George M. Hall homes is marked in red.

The Documents

What follows are verbatim transcripts of the pre-trial hearings, from documents at the Kentucky State Archives in Frankfort. The transcripts (except for the case against George Hall, Ann Hall, and Jane Alfrey, which is missing the first four pages) all start with a couple of pages of requests for postponement to await the arrival of either witnesses or lawyers; these postponements have been omitted in the interest of brevity. I have preserved all the misspellings, erratic capitalization and lack of punctuation of the originals. I have photocopies of the originals that I would be happy to share with anyone interested. There are also two letters to the Governor, written the August after Isaac's death, requesting that he pardon the defendants. I have placed these letters before the hearing transcripts, even though they are dated 7 months later, because they make a good introduction.

At the Archives, the hearing transcripts are filed under Morgan Co. Criminal Court records, and the pardon requests as Governor's Papers. I have not been able to find any record of the actual trial(s). Since all of the accused were living and free in 1870 (from census data), it appears that they were either acquitted or pardoned. There were several other short documents relating to the case in the box of Morgan Co. Court records that I took notes on

rather than photo-copying, but those notes were accidentally left at the Archives. Most of the other documents were arrest warrants and prisoner receipts, but one was a letter from a lawyer, requesting a change of venue because the case was so notorious locally that it would be difficult to obtain an impartial jury.

The change of venue was apparently granted, because Morgan County Civil and Criminal Court Order Book 10 (1867-1869), records on page 83, "Commonwealth vs George Hall, Charge of Murder, Bail set for \$2500.00. Thomas E. Lewis of Morgan County and J. M. Lewis of Rowan County appeared in open court. George Hall to appear in Wolfe Circuit Court 1st day next term." and on page 84, the same actions as above for George's son Ben Hall. On the back of the indictments is an annotation "May Term, 1868. By petition of George Hall, Ben Hall, James Hall, Wiley C. Roberts and F. Alfrey and venue changed to Wolfe County."

Unfortunately, early Criminal Court records for Wolfe were burned, and the earliest available is 1913. The archivist, Jim Prichard, however, recalled having read some trial records at some time in the past. (He said they contained testimony as to Ike Jr.'s actions which precipitated the shooting, including a quote from Isaac that as far as he was concerned, there was only one law, his gun.) Another possibility is that some other researcher walked away with the original documents. The fact that the first four pages of the first hearing transcript, which probably contained the best description of events, are missing would tend to support this conjecture.

Teri Pettit
September, 1993

Morehead Ky
Aug 26th 1868

Hon. J. W. Stevenson
Gov of Ky

Dr Sir

Our mutual friend Hon John M. Elliot, will apply to your Excellency for the pardon of Geo. Hall, Ben Hall, James Hall, Ann Hall, Frank Alfrey, Jane Alfrey and Wiley C Roberts, persons now indicted, charged with the murder of Isaac Hall, the Brother of the three first*, the Son of one of the ladys, and the others near relatives. I refer you to Judge Elliott and the petition for the facts of the case.

I am not aware of your Excellencies views on [the] practice of intervening before conviction, and do not propose to make any recommendation on that point; But allow me to say that If under any circumstances you may be willing to pardon before convection, that the case of these parties present strong claims upon your clemency.

Isaac Hall I defended many years ago for Felony. He was a notorious desperado and such was his extreme violence and utter disregard for all law that his death was necessary to the safety of the lives of several of those charged with his Murder. There exists among the good people who knew the deceased and know those charged a strong solicitude that you may pardon all the parties. I therefore cheerfully & earnestly recommend that you pardon all of them.

Your friend

L. W. Andrews

*[*transcriber's note: Ben Hall was not really a brother of Isaac Hall Jr., but rather a nephew, the son of George M. Hall. At the time of the killing, he was 15.]*

Gills Mills Rowan Co Ky
Aug 31, 68

Hon J W Stevens
Gov of Kentucky

Dear Sir,

I hope to be excused by your honor & Mr. J M Elliott will present you a petition to obtain the release of Halls & Alfreys charged with the murder of Isaac Hall I write this to let you know that this said decd in my opinion belonged to this organisation and was one of the leaders of the band that robbed Bangor, the place of Business of the Licking River Lumber & Mining Co, who had one of there firm (Gen Baldwin) to see you last week in relation to obtain arms &c Hall the Decd helped to rob my store in 1865 & has been a man of evil habits all through his life acting in disregard of the Law shooting officers when they attempted to arrest him. I do this in the Spirit of Justice & this thing of steeling has become a crying evil in many localities of Kentucky & good men have no assurance for their prospect so long as the country is infested with such an element as Hall & others of same stripe are permitted to Run at Large

Yours &c

J M Lewis, Ex Sheriff of Rowan Co

(I did not find the petition referred to in these letters in the Kentucky State Archives. Nor did I find any record of whether the petition was granted or not. But I was only there one day, so I did not have time to make a thorough search.)

<The first four pages of this document are lost. From the last page, it appears to be testimony in the case of the Commonwealth vs George Hall, Ann Hall & Jane Alfrey, and was taken the 15th of January, 1868. The missing first four witnesses were probably Eliza McDaniel, Henry Caudill, Dan Short, and Sarah Caudill, judging by the order of testimony on the other cases.>

fifth winets

Elizabeth Caudill states in the [day] of the Murder of Ike Hall Frank Alfrey came to my house and said If he though he could git any of the Boys on the hill he woud go & git some of them to help take Ike & they would go in and kill him that knight & went down to Halls on the same Evening of the Murder Old Mrs Hall said she could not stay they with Ike till spring she said he had better be kill than to have to come to the gallace when Frank Alfrey came up the old woman Ran & met him & Late in the [night] I heard shooting down at Ikes & Gorges Family was gessing a bout the shooting & when Frank came up again Jane Alfrey said she supposed he was Finished & Georges wife said Ben would Be up the[re] directy or she woud go after him & started & said he would make his wife come back George Hall said he did not like Bens going down to Ike Halls on the morning of the murder

sixth witness

Margaret Short stated that I went with Mrs Elizabeth Caudill down to George Halls He requesed of me if I knew any thing of Will Fouch that he was a going to take Ike Hall that he was badly wounded when we got to Hall the old Mrs Hall said he had to be killd She said they had talked to 3 lawyers & if they They(sic) kill him it was all right he was paid for & she [said] they must wash Ikes clothes & about night we heard a shooting down at Ikes after the shooting I and Mss Caudill returned home but before we started home Jane Alfrey state he ought to be killed we went down to where Ike Hall was killd on Saturday Evening they just had dressed him & Frank Alfrey brought a saddle packett with berrying

clothes Mrs Ann Hall & Jane Alfrey said it was right he was killed for 3 lawyers said so the old [woman] said she had rather It was as it is with Ike than for him to come to the galles witness further states that Ike was a good son & cleaver to his mother & well behaved at my house

seventh witness

John Jinning states that I seen a party of men pass my shanty on the north fork on Friday night 3rd of January 1868 I saw five me men coming to our shanty & 3 of them turned off and crossed the creek & Frank Alfrey came to me and said Ike was hurt very bad and wanted us to go up I asked them if they thought he would die and they said he would & they there was an officer with the 3 men that turned off

Eighth witness

John Riddle states that he was not acquainted with Wiley Robbers & the 2 Alfreys I went down to Halls the night of the murder of Ike Hall when I got there they made me go in & examine Ike & know if he woud die & I came out & told them he would soon die & they said the Alfreys & Robers said if he did not die he would come back & finish him & they started the day before Ike Hall was killed saw Frank Alfrey go down towards the River & next morning there was fresh horse sine in the road

Eight witness

[This is obviously the ninth witness, coming between "Eighth" and "Tenth", but the court clerk's notes really said "Eight" here. There was no heading for the eleventh witness.]

James Jones state that I met Frank Alfrey going down to the River the day Ike Hall was killd riding a mule after the murder I went down in the evening to Halls I heard Robbards say they shot Ike & if he did not die they would kill him I heard Jane Alfrey say she was sorry he was killd

Tenth Witness

Lucy McClain states that I saw Frank Alfrey go down towards the River the day before Ike Hall was kill I went to Geo Halls on the Evening that Ike was killed & when I reach the house I heard shooting going on then I went down to where the house <? paper folded> was done & I heard one of the <? paper folded> men say Ike could not live

Able Caudill states that I [heard] George Hall say that these men from the river had shot Ike & it had must bound to be done & said he had got H C Caudill & Dan Short to go down to get Ike to leave the farm & Davis Cornnet told George Hall why did he not git an officer to take Ike with a writ & George said Ike would kill them all & it was a brave trick of them five men going in and shooting Ike after they had shot him the first time & the killing of Ike was a bound to be done the conversation happened on Saturday after murder

January the 15 Wednesday Eavening Court adjourned with the release of **Jane Alfrey**

Thursday morning court set 16 January 1868

16 January 1868 **Mrs Ann Hall** Released

The Commonwealth against Geo Hall on try J M Hall Jany 16th

Hall acquitted 16 Jany 1868

adjourned untill to morrow morning

January 17 1868 Court set to try Frank Alfrey Ben Hall & James Hall acquitted given under my hand as clerk

D. D. Epperhart for Examining
W H Lewis J.P.M.C
G Lewis J.P.M.C

The Commonwealth of Kentucky
against

Morgan County
January the 18th 1868

Wiley Roberts

The Defendant Wiley Roberts having been brought before us G D Phillips mayor of West Liberty Morgan County & J B Fugett Justice of the peace for Morgan County Ky charged with the offense of Murder and being informed of the nature of the charge against him and the Commonwealth and the Commonwealth not being ready owing to the absence of the County Attorney and the Commonwealth witnesses, the examination of this Case is therefore adjourned over until the 20th day of this month, and the Defendant Wiley Roberts is committed to the Custody of Bruce Alfrey Special Deputy appointed by W W Cox Sheriff of Morgan County and James A Turner as guards

J B Fugett JPmc
G D Phillips Mayor

<January 20th through January the 28th 1868, daily entries of postponements, omitted from this article>

January the 29th 1868 The court met pursuant to adjournment and the prisoner being brought before the Court

Eliza McDaniel Rowin County being Sworn and examined on behalf of the Commonwealth States that on Friday after new year Early in the morning Isaac Hall went out to feed his hogs and witness heard two guns fire and went out to see and seen Isaac hall Running towards the house and came in and called for his pistols & witness pick them up and gave them to him he went to the bed and fell on the bed and Said he was a dead man witness Staid with him untill about 10 or 11 oclock with him and Hall told her to go to George Halls and tell his mother to come home and tell James hall to go after Doctor Weaver and if he would not go for witness to go witness took the Bridle and Started to the Stable and met 3 men the prisoner Ben hall and Allen Alfrey and they told witness that if She moved they would Kill her and asked witness for the Bridle which She gave to them and Said Kept witness under arest untill Evening Said men went Back to the house and wounded Said Isaac Hall in the night witness Examined the wounds Says he was Shot in the Back and in Each Side which witness believed caused his Death and the made witness go in the house and get I Halls pistols and deliver them to James Hall Frank Alfrey & prisoner came to the party that done the Shooting and they Enquired of witness if Isaac Hall was dead and if not dam him he would go and finish him witness states that he Said Hall was Killed in morgan County as Represented to her

John Riddle of Rowin County Sworn for Commonweath testified Seen the Deft at George Halls with others and went to Mrs Halls and Deft got him to go and see Isaac hall and to inquire how he was Shot and Report to them which witness done and told them he thought he would die and the agreed to leave and come Back and if he got better the would finish him witness Examined the wounds and Said there was five or six wounds which was done in Morgan County on the 3d day of Jan 1868

James Jones Rowin County Sworn for the Commonwealth testified to about the same facts as John Riddle did

J M Lewis Rowin County Sworn for Commonwealth testified that after Thursday after new year Saw Frank Alfrey at his Store and Said he was going after help to arrest Isaac Hall and advised with witness as to how and who to get to make the arrest and after he Returned to witnesses house in company with the Defendant Roberts witness Seen Defendant on Saturday after Isaac Hall was Killed and Deft Said he had Shot in the door but did not know whether he had hit him or not but thought he did not

Henry Myres Bath County Sworn for the Commonwealth Testified that he Seen the Deft with others and Said George Hall had went after men to arrest or Kill Isaac Hall and was to meet Deft at George Halls Said and asked Deft the news Deft Replied the had did what the had went to do and Isaac Hall was dead

The Court having heard the Evidence and the cause being Submitted to the Court and being Satisfied

that there are Sufficient grounds to believe the defendant is guilty of the offense charged it is ordered that he be held for trial in the Morgan Circuit Court and not allowed to give Bail he is Committed to the Jailor of Morgan County

J. B. Fugett J.P.mc
G D Phillips Mayor

The Commonwealth of Kentucky
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Morgan County
Jany 21st 1868

Frank Alfrey Jas Hall & Benjamin Hall

The Defendants F Alfrey Jas Hall & Ben Hall having been brought before me Wm Mynheir Judge of the Morgan County Court charged with the offence of murder and being informed of the nature of the offence charged agt them their upon the attorney for the Commonwealth moved an adjournment of the Examination untill the 22d of Jany 1868 to procure the attendance of witnesses which motion was Sustained and their upon the prisnors are Committed to the Custody of Wm H Elam Deputy Sheriff for W W Cox Smc and the Guards by him Summoned

Wm Mynheir J.M.C.C

<January 22th through January the 28th 1868, daily entries of postponements, omitted from this article>

Wednesday 29th Jany 1868 Court met persuent to adjournment the prisnors F Alfrey Jas Hall & Benjamin Hall being brought in to Court and the Commonwealth being Ready as also the defendants announced them Selves Ready their fore the defendants counsell moved that the witnesses be Examined Seperatly whereupon all the witnesses Except the one under Examination were removed out of hearing of the witness under Examination

Eliza McDaniel Sworn and Examined on behalf of the Commonwealth testified that she was present when Isaac Hall was shot that she heard 2 guns fire in the direction of the Hill and in a few minutes heard 3 or moore guns fire in a different direction and immediatly saw Isaac Hall come running towards the House and called for his pistoles witnes took the pistole met descent at the door but he could not hold the pistoles he was too weeke Said he was a dead man this was early in the morning between day Light and Sunrise on Friday after Newyear Last in this county about 12 ock in the day witness went to the stable to get the Horse to go for dest Mother and the Doctor witness was then arrested by 2 men says Wily Roberts was one the men they took witnes to the fence above the House and out of Sight of the House from the Locality of the ground in the Evning Frank Alfrey came down with some provisions witness told F Alfrey that Isaac Hall was shot witness said one of the men that had arrested her take the buckett of provision that F Alfrey brought and Lift the Lid off Take out Some Meet & Bread & ate of it and took the remainder to the other men who was under the Bank witness Told Alfrey to go for Dest Mother and Alfrey Left going in the direction of George Halls Late in the Evening witness Saw James Hall & Ben Hall Coming Down from the hill a Little higher up that where the first 2 Guns fired the men Told Jim & Ben to Set down their Guns which they did one of the Men Took Bens Gun went towods the House witness did not See what he done he Soon Returned told witness to go and get Isaac pistols & Gun witness Refused they Said they would not Shoote him any moore witnes then asked F Alfrey who had Returned If She must get them Frank said he reconed they Said they would not Shoote him any moore witness then asked Jas Hall If She must Jim Said yes he Reconed witness went and got Isaac pistols & Gun brought them out gave them to Jim Hall and James Gave one of them to one of the men who went Towards the House and and(sic) witness heard a gun fire witnes asked If she might go to the House & they Said yes witness went to the house and after witness got to the House Isaac told witnes to go and tell Jim to come and see his Brother die but Jim Said he did not want to do it the other men came to the House Made witness Come out as witness was coming out Wily Roberts Caught her by the Arm pulled her out of the house and Several guns was fired in the House at that time Jas Hall Ben Hall & F

Alfrey was at the fence when Last guns was fired witness was not acquainted with the 3 men that had arrested her and the Same that Shot the Last Shoots but dest told witness after they Left that it was Wily Roberts Anderson Alfrey & Allen Alfrey that shot dest the Last time this was in Morgan County as witness is informed It is on this Side of the North fork and at the House formly occupied by the widow Hall the Mother of Dest and witness understands the Creek to be the County Line that Ben Hall & James Hall Came from the direction of the first Shooting in the morning that Wily Roberts Allen & Anderson Alfrey come from the direction of the Second firing their not being time to heare all the Evidence the Cause is Continued till the 30th of Jany 1868 and the prisnors again committed to the custody of R D Elam Ds for W W Cox Smc & his guard

Wm Mynheir J.M.C.C

Thursday 30th Jany 1868 Court met persuent to adjournment the prisnors F Alfrey Jim Hall & Ben Hall being brought in to Court

John Riddle of Rowan County Sworn and Examined on behalf of the Commonwealth testified that he Saw Frank Alfrey going in the direction of Licking River the morning following Saw where horses had passed back towards Dest House

Friday Evening Ben Hall Came for witness to go and set up with Isaac Hall said he was shot witness James Jones & Mrs McClain went when they got to George Halls they stoped a short time this was after dark saw Frank Alfrey Jas Hall Ben Hall & 3 other men that witness did not know at George Halls witness James Jones Mrs McClain Jas Hall F Alfrey and the 3 strange men all started to go from G Halls down to Isaac Halls the Dest when witness got to the yard fence of Dest the 3 strange men stoped told witness to go in and see if Isaac Hall was dead and to aske the young woman how he was shot and if he could Live witness went in and saw Dest asked to woman how he was went back to the 3 men Told them he was not dead but that he could not Live one of them said well Let us go then another said yes then we will Leave him and If he Lives we will come back in a few days and finish him and they started off down the Creeke did not see Jim Hall or F Alfrey when the 3 men was talking about coming back to finish him Jas Hall & F Alfrey Left about the same time the 3 men Left did not see Either of them that night any moore Saw F Alfrey Saturday morning next Saw the wounds in Dest baudi thinks their was some 5 or 6 holes in Dest baudi 1 or 2 in the floore 2 in the Doore 1 in the Bedd dest died about midnight of the wounds Recieved this was in Morgan County Kentucky and the 3 day of Jany 1868

James Jones of Rowan County Sworn and Examined on behalf of the Commonwealth testified and says he lives in Rowan County some 3 or so miles from Dest House saw Frank Alfrey the day before dest was killed on Warricks Runn going in the direction of the River about 10 ock at night Said saw 5 or 6 men passing by witnesses grand fathers on Lick Fork on Friday night that Dest died Saw F Alfrey James Hall Ben Hall Wily Roberts Allen Alfrey & Anderson Alfrey at George Halls they all Except Ben Hall started with witnes Jno Riddle & Mrs L McClain down to Dest House witness and Mrs McClain was behind did not see F Alfrey & James Hall after they started when witness got to Dest House Heard Jno Riddle say to Wily Roberts Allen Alfrey & Anderson Alfrey that Isaac was not dead but that he could not Live one of them said well we will go away and if he lives we will come back and finish him Dest died that night about 12 ock they all left soon after the conversation above spoken that is Allen & Anderson Alfrey & Wily Roberts per wit did not see J Hall or F Alfrey any moor that night after they started from G Halls this was in Morgan County Ky and on Friday after Newyear Last.

Jm Lewis of Rowan County Sworn and Examined on behalf of the Commonwealth Testified and says he saw Frank Alfrey at witness Stoor House the day before Dest was shot about noon thinks Allen Alfrey & Anderson Alfrey was in company with him Frank left the Store and came back to witness House or to his yard fence late in the Evening in company with Wily Roberts said they wore going to arrest Isaac Hall said George Hall had gaun for Bona Hallon to arrest Isaac Hall and they wore to meete him said Alfrey said he had great grevences agt Dest for he had threatened his F Alfry life and had drove him from home they left going up the river in the direction of Dest this was on Thursday did not see them any moore untill Saturday morning Wily Roberts Allen & Anderson Alfrey came to witness Store House thinks he saw F Alfrey on Sundy heard F Alfrey say his information was that Isaac Hall

was Dead

Henry Myres of Bath County Sworn and Examined on behalf of the Commonwealth testified and says he saw F Alfrey in company with Allen Alfrey Anderson Alfrey & Wily Roberts at David Myres some 2 miles above Jm Lewises store House in Rowan County on Thursday night about 8 Oclock the night before Isaac Hall was shot One of them Told David Myres they wanted to borrow his gun Myres asked them what they wanted with it they said they wanted to go Hunting witness then turned to Leave Allen Alfrey said to witness they wore going to do something with Isaac Hall that George Hall had gaun to get some other men to help they all left in the direction of Dest House witness did not see them any moore untill Saturdy morning saw Allen Anderson Alfrey & Wily Roberts at Feelding Alfreys this was a few days after New year

R B Alfrey of Rowan County Sworn and Examined on behalf of the Commonwealth Testified and said he saw Frank Alfrey on Thursday before Isaac Hall was killed on Warricks Run in Rowan County Frank said he was going to his Fathers to get some oil [ail ?] that he had forgotten did not see Frank any moore for 3 or 4 days and after Dest was killed saw him at Jm Lewis store saw Ben Hall their also witness saw Wily Roberts Allen Alfrey & Anderson Alfrey Early Saturdy morning after Dest was killed at Feelding Alfrey in Rowan County

Jno T Evans of Rowan County Sworn and Examined on behalf of the Commonwealth Testified that he was at David Myres in Rowan County on Thursday the 2d day of Jany 1868 saw Frank Alfrey Allen Alfrey Anderson Alfrey & Wily Roberts about Bed Time that night at David Myres Frank Alfrey got down went in to the house Told Mrs Myres he wanted the gun she said he could not get the gun they left with out the gun did not see them any more that night next saw Allen & Anderson Alfrey & Wily Roberts on Tuesday afterwards saw Ben Hall & George Hall a short time after the killing at Jm Lewis Store House

Oscar McKinzie of Morgan County Sworn & Examined on behalf of the Commonwealth Tistified that he was at work about one mile below Isaac Halls on Friday the 3d day of Jany 1868 and the same day that it is Reported that Isaac Hall was killed that in the night some time on Friday that Jas Hall & Frank Alfrey came to witness camp said they wanted some one to go up and stay at Isaac Halls House that some one had shot and killed Dest some one asked who done it Frank said the officer went to arrest him and he was shot witness or some one else asked what officer and Frank said he aught not to tell it would finally come out ther was other persons going down the Creek about the time Frank and Jas came to camp

Henry Cudle of Rowan County Sworn and Examined on behalf of the Commonwealth Testified that he was at home on Thursday morning the 2nd day of Jany 1865 that during the day George Hall came for witness and Daniel Short to go to Isaac Halls to make a compromise with Isaac witness and Daniel Short went Told Dest what George sent them to do Isaac said tell George that If they will pay me \$50- for my part of the Land and \$5- that Frank Alfrey owes to me that I will leave just as soon as I can sell my corn and dispose of my stock Short said to Dest he would buy his corn witness said Short went back to G Halls told him what Dest said Frank Alfrey was not present at the time George Hall said they had \$40- & could borrow the rest or would borrow the rest to pay for Dest part of the land this was the evening before Dest was killed did not see Frank untill Saturday night after Dst was killed saw him at Dest House

Daniel Short of Rowan County Sworn and Examined on behalf of the Commonwealth Testified that he lived some 3 miles from Isaac Halls the Dest says he was called on by George Hall to go with Henry Caudle to Dest and see if he could make a compromise with dest he George wanted to know if dest would take \$50- for his Dest part of the land said they have \$40- and would borrow \$10- if Dest would take it this witness and Henry Caudle told to Dest when they got to his house dest said if they would give him the \$50- for his part of the land and pay him \$5- that Frank Alfrey owed to him Dest that he would leave as soon as he could sell out his corn and get away witness understood the difficulty to be between Isaac Hall the Dest & Frank Alfrey Jas Hall & Dest Mother that Dest had Runn them all from Home.

Mrs Elizabeth Caudle of Rowan County Sworn & Examined on behalf of the Commonwealth testified that George Hall came to witness House to get her Husband & D Short to go to Isaac Halls they went this was the day before Dest was killed on Friday the day Dest was killed witness was at George Halls witness Heard the Guns fire Frank Alfrey came up to witness this was about 12 oclock on Friday Frank said they had shot 5 times said witness told Frank if Dest got away he would kill them all Frank said he knew that but it was not the intention to let him get away Frank came up the Creeke riding very fast the old Lady said it had to be done James & Ben Hall was not at home at the time George Halls wife said if Ben did not come soon she would go after him She Mrs Hall went witness did not see her any moore that day witness saw Jas Hall Frank Alfrey and Dest mother on Saturdy night after Dest was killed witness was at George Halls on Friday Evening when George came Home saw George coming he was Riding a strong Horse after the last shooting in the evening George Hall started down towards Dest House did not see him any moore that day witness went Home

Miss Sarah Caudle of Rowan County Sworn & Examined on behalf of the Commonwealth Testified that she was living at George Halls at the time Dest was shot and had been for a few days before that Frank Alfrey & family was at George Halls Jas Hall & old Mrs Hall was also at George Halls that on Wednesday before the dest was killed witness heard Frank Alfrey say he would have times altered before Sunday night on Thursday morning Frank started away witness did not see him any moore that day just before day on Friday witness saw Frank with 3 other men at George Halls they loded their guns and started towards Dest house Frank James Hall & the 3 men that was with Frank Frank came back after day light and Ben Hall went back with him witness started down with Jane Alfrey and met Frank Alfrey coming up again Frank said they had shot him 5 times that he watched for them while they fell back and loded again Dest mother said thy could go to the window and shoote him Frank Alfrey took provisions from George Halls in the morning and at Dinner he went in the direction of Dest house Frank Alfrey also took 2 Blankets & over coat and a pair of Boots did not see any of them except Frank after they left the house Frank said he stood on the Bank and watched while they fell back and loded

Able Caudle of Rowan County Sworn and Examined on behalf of the Commonwealth Testified that he met George Hall at Cyrus Alley on Saturday after the killing Ben Hall came for witness to help burry the Dest witness told him they might bery their own dead

here the Evidence for the the Commonwealth closed their not being time to heare all the Evidence on the part of the Defence Court Adjourned till the 31st Jany 1868 their upon the prisnors are committed to R D Elam DS for W W Cox Smc & his guards

Friday 31t Jany 1868 Court met persuent to adjournment the prisnors F Alfrey Jas Hall & Ben Hall having been brought in to Court and the Court Having heard all the Evidence and arguement of Counsel and being satisfied that their are sufficient grounds to believe the Defendents are guilty of the offence charged It is ordered that they be held for trial in the Morgan Circuit Court and the Deft Ben Hall allowed to give Bail in the sum of one thousand Dollars

The Defendants James Hall & Franklin Alfrey are not allowed bail they are their fore ordered to be committed to the jailer of Franklin County

The Commonwealth of Kentucky

To the jailer of Morgan County

You are commanded to recieve in to the jail of Morgan County James Hall & Franklin Alfrey and them safely keepe untill discharged by Due Course of Law they having been held by me Wm Mynhier County Judge as Examining Court for trial in the Morgan Circuit Court on a charge of Murder given under my hand this 31st day of Jany 1868

Wm Mynheir J.M.C.C

The Commonwealth of Kentucky

charge of Murder

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Franklin Alfrey Jas Hall & Ben Hall

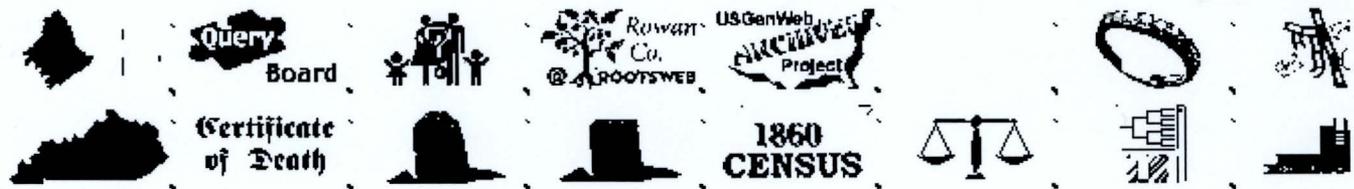
Eliza McDaniel John Riddle James Jones Jm Lewis Henry Myres Jno T Evans R B Alfrey Henry Caudle Daniel Short Elisabeth Caudle Sarah Caudle Oscar McKinzie & Able Caudle appeared on this day in Court and severally acknowledging themselves indebted to the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the sum of one hundred Dollars (\$100-) Each to be valid however upon their severally appearing in the Morgan Circuit Court on the first day of Ct next Term to testify on behalf of the Commonwealth against Frank Alfrey & others and not depart without leave of the Court attest by me as Judge of the Morgan County Court this 3 1st day of Feby (*sic; but the date was really Jan*) 1868

Wm Mynheir J.M.C.C

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ROWAN COUNTY SCHOOL CENSUS
MORNING 1897-1899 - DISTRICT I

Humor

An old paper printed in Virginia while it was still a colony has this ad: To be sold for five shillings, my wife Jane Heeband. She is stoutly built, stands firm, and is sound wind and limb. She can sow, reap, hold a plough, and drive a team. Would answer any able stout man that can hold a tight reign, for she is hard-mouthed and headstrong, but if properly managed would either led or drive as tame as a rabbit. Her husband parts with her because she is too much for him. Inquire at the printer, N.B. All her clothes will be given with her. (from the Big Sandy News, 1902)

Paragon Post Office

Form 1004 to establish a post office to be called Martin was received at the office of the First Assistant Postmaster General Frank Hatton in Washington, D.C. on July 24, 1882. It was signed by David Myers as proposed Postmaster and Charles P. Martin, Postmaster of Morehead, on July 20, 1882. The name Martin was crossed out on the form and changed to Paragon. The new post office would be on route 20559, being the route from Morehead to West Liberty, on which the mail was now carried six times per week. The contractor's name was Vincent Boreing.

The nearest post office on the route was Morehead, eight miles in a southeasterly direction. The nearest office on the other side was Painter Branch, which was ten miles in a northeasterly direction. The nearest office not on the route was Cogswell, which was five miles in a southwestern direction.

The proposed Paragon Post Office would be four miles north of the Licking River and one-fourth mile north of the creek called the North Fork of the Licking River. The population to be supplied would be the surround country.

Postmasters and their dates of appointment:

David Myers - August 14, 1882

John H. Day - March 13, 1884

John Mannin - September 11, 1884

William c. Brown - November 17, 1884. Morgan County was written after his name.

John M. Phillips was confirmed as Postmaster on December 14, 1908. His commission was signed and mailed January 2, 1909, and he assumed charge on January 7, 1909.

On December 30, 1908, J.M. Phillips, Postmaster, signed the form sent to the Division of Topography in Washington, D.C. The post office nearest was Blaze, four miles east. The nearest office off the route was Bangor, five miles west. The office was a distance of 132 feet on the southeast side of the Morehead and North Fork Railroad. On January 18, 1909, he sent the location paper, which located the Paragon Post

Office in the east part of the Pierce Township. The mail route number was 290213. The nearest office on the route was Blaze, four miles east. Clearfield was on the route nine miles north.

John M. Phillips died on July 10, 1932, and Mrs. Beulah M. Perry was confirmed as Postmaster on February 27, 1933. Her commission was signed and mailed on March 3, 1933. She was to assume charge on March 8, but she never took charge and her appointment was rescinded on May 2, 1933.

Fred K. Phillips was appointed Acting Postmaster on July 21, 1933. He was confirmed July 25, 1933, and his commission was signed and mailed August 22, 1933. He assumed charge on August 22.

Eliza W. Ellington was confirmed as Postmaster on September 1, 1934. Her commission was signed and mailed on September 24, 1934, and she assumed charge on September 29, 1934.

On July 24, 1939, Eliza W. Ellington sent a new location paper to the Division of Topography. The nearest county was Morgan County and the nearest highway was US 60, ten miles north of the post office. Clearfield was 9½ miles north, Craney was 4½ miles northeast, Blaze in Morgan County was 4¼ miles southeast, and Bangor was 4¼ miles southwest. The railroad was the Chesapeake & Ohio and the station in Morehead was 10½ miles north. The mail would be supplied by Star Route fro the Wrigley Post Office.

The Paragon Post Office was discontinued on August 19, 1942, effective August 31, 1941, and mail was sent to Morehead.

1897-1899 Rowan County, KY
School Census
District 1 - MOREHEAD

*Key:

Parent/Guardian Name

Child's name, sex-age, birthday

J. A. Anglin

Ferna Anglin f-7, 18 JAN 1891

Mrs. M. E. Raine

Lizzie Raine f-11, 7 OCT 1887

A.L. Miller

Nellie Miller f-7, 31 AUG 1891

F. C. Button

Hattie Lucy Button f-7, 18 MAY 1891

Wm. Caudill

Bertha E. Caudill f-8, 4 DEC 1889

Gilbert H. Caudill m-6, 31 MAR 1892

Etta Tolliver f-12, 1884

discussing what they like to do when they're together and noting each other's likes, dislikes, talents and traits.

Jungreis, Abigail. Know Your Hometown History. (Franklin Watts, 1992).

Includes creating a contour map and model of your town, making a "patchwork quilt" of local history, researching the history of a place name, and preparing family trees and time lines.

Laden, Nina. My Family Tree : A Birds-Eye View. (Chronicle Books, 1997).

Explains, in simple terms, what a family tree is and how to make one using the enclosed poster and labels.

Leavitt, Caroline. The Kids' Family Tree Book. (Sterling, 2005).

The Kids' Family Tree Book will show you how to trace and organize your family history using fun research ideas and great creative projects.

Leedy, Loreen. Who's Who in My Family? (Holiday House, 1999).

Explains the concept of the family tree, which is the lesson of the day for Ms. Fox's class of six young animals.

Love, Ann, and Jane Drake. Kids and Grandparents : An Activity Book. (Kids Can Press, 2000).

A collection of more than 90 games, crafts, recipes, and activities for children to do with their grandparents.

Morris, Ann. What Was It Like, Grandma? (Series): Grandma Esther remembers : a Jewish-American family story. (Millbrook Press, 2002).

In Manhattan and Brooklyn, New York, two Jewish girls learn about their heritage from their grandmother, who was born in Lithuania, escaped during World War II, and lived for a while in Israel.

Oryx American Family Tree Series, 12 volumes. (Oryx Press, 1996).

Genealogical guides for students, covering 12 ethnic ancestries: African American, British American, Chinese American, German American, Irish American, Italian American, Japanese American, Jewish American, Mexican American, Native American, Polish American, and Scandinavian American.

Rice, Christopher and Melanie Rice. Family History. (DK Publishing, 1996).

Encourages youngsters to explore their family and local history. Included are a full-color family tree poster, a pocket-sized camera, and pictorial cards that illustrate how familiar objects have changed over time.

Styx, Sherrie A. Genealogy Just For Kids! (Styx Enterprises, 1988).

An introductory text for students in grades 1 through 4.

Sweeney, Joan. Me and My Family Tree. (Dragonfly Books, 2000).

Using a family tree, a child explains how her brother, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins are related to her.

Taylor, Maureen. Through the Eyes of Your Ancestors. (Houghton Mifflin, 1999).

Discusses genealogy, the study of one's family, examining how such an interest develops, how to get started, how to use family stories and keepsakes, where to get help, and the positive effects of such study.

Wolfman, Ira. Climbing Your Family Tree : Online and Off-line Genealogy for Kids. (Workman Publishing, 2002).

Outlines a surefire method for conducting genealogical research.

Wolfman, Ira. Do People Grow On Family Trees? : Genealogy for Kids and Other Beginners. (Workman Publishing, 1991).

A guide to finding out one's own family history and how to formally record it.

Yerkow, Lila Pearl. The Great Ancestor Hunt : the Fun of Finding Out Who You Are. (Clarion Books, 1989).

A guide for tracing one's ancestors via various means. An appendix describes how to use a number of available government resources.

Parent/Teacher Books:

Hickey, M. Gail. Bringing History Home: Local and Family History Projects for Grades K-6. (Allyn & Bacon, 1999).

Presents activities and resources that teachers can use in the classroom to foster an understanding of how history affects individual students' lives and help them discover similarities and differences in the classroom community. Topics include family traditions and storytelling, local geography, different cultures in the community, and local folklore.

Mrs. Mollie Whitt

Alice Whitt f-15, 15 FEB 1883
Adda Whitt m-13, 1 MAR 1885

G. W. Boggess

Martha Boggess f-15, 23 JAN 1883
Jesse Boggess m-7, 8 FEB 1891

W. D. Easterling

Clara Easterling f-7, 19 MAY 1883
Ada Easterling f-13, 25 OCT 1884

L. F. Crum

Flora Crum f-17, 5 JAN 1881 (Married)

Rinda Farley

Ada Farley f-18, 27 MAY 1879
Allie Farley m-16, 27 SEP 1882
Ernest Farley m-6, 17 OCT 1892

W. N. Porter

Girtie Porter f-6, 16 SEP 1892

J. Z. Havens

Carrie Havens f-18, 19 OCT 1879
Willie Havens m-12, 29 APR 1886
Frank Havens m-6, 3 JUN 1892

L. Haney

George Haney m-17, 8 APR 1883
Lewis Haney m-11, 20 JAN 1887

F. P. Blair

Harlan Blair m-17, [no date]
Maud Blair f-11, [no date]

J. R. Bryan

Virgil Bryan m-13, 7 MAR 1885
Elroy Bryan m-11, 16 NOV 1887

George Wills

Effie Thornsberry f-14, [no date]

T. J. Trumbo

Taylor Trumbo m-10, 6 NOV 1887

J. N. Nolan

Georgia Nolan f-14, 18 JUN 1881

J. C. Cohen

Isador Cohen m-18, 27 MAY 1879
Katie Cohen f-16, 13 AUG 1882
Morris Cohen m-14, 19 MAY 1883
Bandle Cohen m-12, 29 APR 29 1886
Louie Cohen m-11, 24 DEC 1887

J. W. Amburgey

Dollie Amburgey f-18, 11 JAN 1880
Elzephan Amburgey m-17, 9 MAY 1881

J. W. Price

Ora Samuel Price m-17, 12 DEC 1880

George Banfield

May Banfield f-13, 3 APR 1885
Taylor Banfield m-14, 17 OCT 1884
Nona Banfield f-10, 16 MAY 1888
Sweetie Banfield f-9, 18 JUN 1890

Flem Kennard

Noah Kennard f-14, 31 JAN 1884
Oscar Kennard m-11, 5 NOV 1887
Wm. Ashton Kennard m-9, 5 APR 1889
Mary Kennard f-7, 18 JAN 1891

Robert Huntsman (Alice Huntsman)

Myrtie Nolan f-13, 23 APR 1885

Mat Stevens (M. D. Stevens)

Harlan Stevens m-17, 31 MAY 1880
Lucy Stevens f-15, 16 OCT 1881

Amos Kinnison

Maud E. Kinnison m-11, 22 OCT 1887

Marion Day

Claud Day m-13, 2 JUL 1884
Leroy Day m-12, 8 FEB 1886
Edgar Day m-9, 5 MAY 1888

John Trumbo (J. M. Trumbo)

Robert Franklin Trumbo m-7, 20 FEB 1891

Willie Farand (W. H. Farand)

Fannie Farand f-10, 29 AUG 1885
Neddie Farand m-8, 11 MAR 1886

James Garten

Willie Garten m-15, 20 SEP 1884
Walter Garten m-12, 12 MCH 1886
Emery Garten m-8, 8 APR 1890
Chalie Garten m-6, 1 MAY 1892

Wm. Trumbo

Texanna Trumbo f-13, 19 MAY 1885
Allie Trumbo m-6, 22 JUL 1892

Wm. Simmons (W. H. Simmons)

James W. Simmons m-16, 27 NOV 1881
Stanly Simmons m-14, 27 MAR 1884
Leona Simmons f-12, 12 MAR 1886
Maggie V. Simmons f-9, 26 FEB 1890
Myrtle Simmons f-7, 7 JUL 1891

Wm. Cooper

Rosa Cooper f-16, 15 DEC 1884
Miles B. Cooper m-11, 30 MAY 1887
Blanche Cooper f-9, 8 DEC 1889

T. W. Rose

Marion Rose m-17, 6 FEB 1881
Eddie Rose m-6, 6 FEB 1892
Dotie Rose f-8, 12 JAN 1888

Lizzie Proctor

Allie Thurber (?) m-7, 1 NOV 1893

Mrs. Mary McBrayer

Sam McBrayer m-18, 25 APR 1880

Jerry McBrayer m-16, 1882

D. G. Ham

Bertie Ham f-16, 22 JUL 1881

Della Ham f-14, 29 SEP 1883

Thomas Oxley

Robbie Watkins f-19, 7 MAY 1878 (Married)

Taylor Oxley m-13, 1885

Mrs. E. F. Clarke

Mahala Johnston f-19, 7 MAR 1878

Willie Johnston m-14, 14 FEB 1884

Pattie Johnston m-12, 19 DEC 1886

James A. Nickell

Bessie Nickell f-15, 29 JAN 1893

James Nickell m-15, 29 JAN 1893

A.W. Vinton

Carl Vinton m-12, 9 FEB 1886

Lilian Vinton f-8, 27 JUL 1889

George Petty

Arthur Petty f-8, 28 DEC 1889

Dr. Williams [Dr. L.P.V. Williams]

Effie Williams f-14, 6 JUN 1888

Ollie Williams f-6, 13 JAN 1892

Alice Williams f-18, 1880

M. B. Mark

Milton Mark m-16, 23 JUN 1882

Jessee Mark f-8, 26 SEP 1889

E. Muse

Della Muse f-16, 17 JUL 1881

Dallas Muse m-15, 22 FEB 1883

Grace Muse f-9, 25 JAN 1888

Lily Muse f-6, 10 NOV 1891

J. M. Carey Jr.

Lena Carey f-13, 5 MAY 1885

J. M. Carey Sr.

John Carey m-18, 16 JUN 1879

Josh Carey m-8, 21 JUN 1889

J. W. Riley

Bettie Riley f-19 9 MAY 1878 (Married)

Myrtle Riley f-7, 14 NOV 1890

Charley Riley m-6, 6 MAY 1892

C. A. Proctor

Ezra Proctor m-15, 26 MAR 1882

Etta Proctor f-13, 2 MAR 1885

Effie Proctor f-10, 3 JUL 1888

Bertie Proctor f-8, 28 JUL 1889

Herbert Proctor m-6, 26 SEP 1891

Nannie Powers

Harlan Powers m-13, 10 NOV 1884

J. G. Evans

Florence Evans f-14, 12 APR 1884

Blanche Evans f-12, 7 AUG 1885

Mamie Evans f-11, 5 DEC 1886

Hazel Evans f-10, 13 MAR 1888

Willie Evans m-8, 28 MAR 1890

Wilson Allen

Glenna Allen f-7, 29 JAN 1891

Wm Nickell

Clela Nickell f-13, 24 APR 1885

Allie Stewart

Lottie Stewart f-12, 10 MAR 1886

D. A. Mocabee

Eddie Mocabee m-11, 1 JAN 1887

Maggie Mocabee f-9, 18 MAR 1889

Ellen M. Mocabee m-7, 4 JUL 1891

S. Bishop

Herbert Bishop m-16, 27 JUL 1882

James A. Littleton

Walter Littleton m-17, 20 APR 1881

Huston Littleton m-14, 8 AUG 1883

Joe Littleton m-10, 29 MAR 1888

Ollie Littleton m-8, 8 APR 1889

J. H. Clarke

Blanche Martin f-12, 11 MAY 1886

J. H. Fraley

Cora Fraley f-14, 27 JUL 1884

Peach Fraley f-12, 17 JUN 1886

Wick Fraley m-10, 30 JAN 1888

J. O. Osborn

Bruce Osborn m-14, 21 APR 1884

Buford Osborn m-11, 24 DEC 1887

Tempa Osborn f-15 [no date]

Mrs. N. H. Watkins

Ida Watkins f-16, 15 AUG 1882

Sada Watkins f-10, 12 APR 1888

J. W. Moore

Lily Moore f-12, 1 FEB 1886

Carver Moore m-10, 30 AUG 1888

Mrs. Ellen Durham

Charley Durham m-14, 16 MAY 1884

J. H. Durham

Nora Durham f-18, 9 NOV 1879

Adda Durham f-14, 25 NOV 1883

A.W. Maxey

Elmer Maxey m-9, 13 MAY 1889

James A. Clarke

[*All dates for the following children are incorrect based on the family history of Willow Leach]

Walter Lee Clarke m-19, 6 JUL 1879 [10 JUL 1883]

Maud F. Clarke f-16, 17 APR 1881 [19 APR 1886]

Linnie Clarke f-7, 5 FEB 1891 [twin] [1896]

Clidie [Clyde] Clark f-7, 5 FEB 1891 [twin] [1896]

Stoner Clark m-11, 5 AUG 1887 [1889]

Green Moore

Mary Burns Moore f-18, 18 APR 1880

Tom Henry Moore m-13, 12 NOV 1883

Ester Dee Moore f-11, 19 OCT 1886

George Trumbo

Lacy Trumbo f-6, 14 JUN 1892

J. C. Kohen

Henry Kohen m-9, 27 JUN 1890

Michel Kohen m-7, 5 FEB 1891

Laura Short

Henry Short m-11, 4 FEB 1887

Ernest Short m-9, 4 JAN 1889

Andy Davis

Mollie Davis f-11, 8 JUN 1887

T. B. Tippet

Willie Tippet m-17, 7 JUL 1881

Lee Tippet f-15, 16 AUG 1884

Maud Tippet f-13, 9 FEB 1885

Hattie Tippet f-10, 6 DEC 1887

G. E. Wilcox Sr.

Will B. Wilcox m-9, 24 NOV 1889

Geo. E. Wilcox m-6, 27 AUG 1892

M. Pigman

Lizzie Pigman f-14, 29 JUL 1883

Lucindie (Lucinda) Smedley

Anna Smedley f-17, 6 FEB 1881

Gertie Smedley f-13, 7 MAR 1885

Dr. J. Wilson

Homer Wilson m-18, 14 FEB 1880

Stella Wilson f-16, 22 MAR 1881

Flora Wilson f-10, 27 SEP 1888

Glenmore Wilson m-9, 27 JUN 1890

H. M. Moore (Ida Moore)

Ida Moore f-11, 2 JUN 1887

Jacob Ellington

Leta Ellington f-12, 16 JUL 1886

Bill Ellington

Ed Ellington m-13, [no date]

Clara Ellington f-11, [no date]

Willie Ellington m-10 [no date],

John Ellington m-7, [no date]

Mrs. Woolem (Woolam)

Warner Woolem m-19, [no date]

Minnie Woolem f-17, [no date]

Minta Woolem f-11 [no date]

J. Stevens (Stevens)

Neva Martin f-19, [no date]

Tommy Martin m-17, [no date]

Linn Martin m-15, [no date]

Jean Raine

Frederaka Raine f-6, [no date]

Wm. Hawkins

James Hawkins m-16, 21 SEP 1882

Yoder Hawkins m-13, 1 JUL __

Frank Johnson

Geo. Johnson m-19, 18 APR 1888 (?)

Mary A. Gayhart

Eligah Gayhart m-12, 10 AUG __

William Gayhart m-8, 13 MAY __

Mat Adams

Tom Adams m-16, 24 APR __

M. B. Mark

Isabella Psimer f-19, 15 DEC 1878

Mrs. Coffee

Mary Coffee f-15, 21 SEP 1882

M. S. Johnson

Florance Short f-17, __ JUL __

**Post Office Addresses – Morehead, Kentucky*

**Some changes occurred between parent name & their signature as well as discrepancies in a child's birthdate & age given.*

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Learn more about how to protect yourself from identity theft at:

- U.S. Federal Trade Commission: Your National Resource for Identity Theft
<http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft/>
- Reducing the Risk of Identity Theft:
<http://www.privacyrights.org/fs/fs17-it.htm>
- 8 Tips to Avoid Identify Theft
<http://www.aarp.org/bulletin/yourlife/Articles/a2004-01-28-8tips.html>
- Take Charge: Fighting Back Against Identify Theft
<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/pubs/credit/idtheft.htm>
- Recognizing phishing scams and fraudulent e-mails:
<http://www.microsoft.com/athome/security/emails/phishing.mspx>
- How Not to Get Hooked by a 'Phishing' Scam
<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/alerts/alt127.htm>

Remember that ID thieves need more than your name, birthdate, e-mail address or your mother's maiden name to steal your identity. Your GEDCOM and other genealogical information about your deceased ancestors on the Internet do not pose a threat of identity theft. Thieves want your Social Security, credit card, and/or bank numbers to do their dastardly deeds -- not your family tree.

Vale Post Office

On November 17, 1902, a letter was received in Washington, D.C., for a proposed post office to be called Needmore. Needmore was crossed out and the name changed to Vale. The location was on the route from Morehead to Christy. The mail was carried daily on the route. This would be an increase of twenty-five yards of travel for the carrier. The nearest post office — 2 ¼ miles northeast — was Mizpah. Elliottsville was 2 ¼ miles east and Christy was 2 ¼ miles west. The proposed post office would be 16 miles

northeast of the Licking River and on the northeast side of Christy Creek. The C&O was the nearest railroad. The population to be supplied was 150 to 200. The form was signed by George W. Bruce as proposed Postmaster and R.J. Harris, Postmaster of Mizpah.

On March 1, 1913, Samuel J. Porter requested to move the post office ¼ mile east. The C&O Railroad would be 7 miles north, and the Morehead Station was 8 miles west. The three closest post offices were Haldeman, 7 miles north; Elliottsville, 2 ½ miles east; and Christy, 2 ½ miles west.

On July 3, 1916, Eliza A. Porter was confirmed as Postmaster. Her commission was signed and mailed on July 17, 1916, and she assumed charge of the Vale Post Office on July 20, 1916.

On July 25, 1939, Ms. Porter signed a form to be sent to the Division of Topography. The post office was located on the Allie Young or Morehead Highway to Sandy Hook. The road was about 25 or 30 feet north of the post office. Christy Creek was 75 or 80 feet north. Elliottsville Post Office was 3 miles east and Christy Post Office was 3 miles west. The mail was supplied on a star route by truck from Morehead. She stated that Vale was an intermediate office on the star route—there was no town or streets.

Mrs. Porter retired on January 31, 1940, and Kenneth Caudill assumed charge of the post office on February 1. He became Acting Postmaster on February 12, 1940. On March 6, 1940 he was confirmed as Postmaster; on March 27, 1940, his commission was signed and mailed and he assumed charge as full Postmaster on April 1, 1940.

The Vale Post Office was discontinued on August 19, 1941, to become effective August 31, 1941. Mail was sent to Morehead.

Give us, O God, the vision which can see Thy love in the world in spite of human failure. Give us the faith, the trust, the goodness in spite of our ignorance and weakness. Give us the knowledge that we may continue to pray with understanding hearts and show us what each of us can do to set forth the coming day of universal peace. Amen.

(First Prayer from Space, Apollo 8, Christmas Eve, 1968)



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Meeting Notes

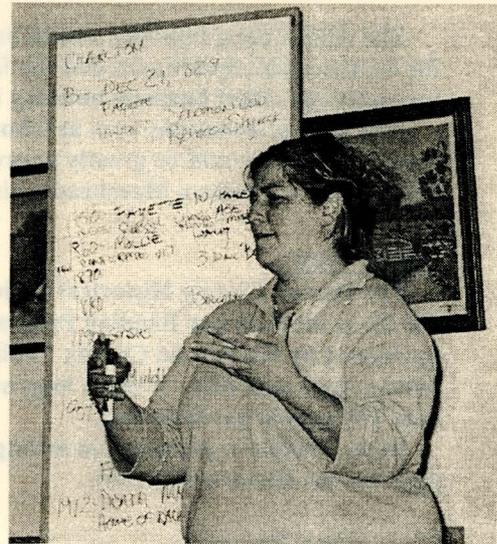
Due to the July 4th holiday and other events in Morehead, the regular July meeting was not held.

Our guest for the August 7th meeting was Frank Bodkin, archaeologist, who talked to us about the restoration of the Tater Knob fire tower. He said that the Triangle Tower and the Hickory Flats Tower could be sold for salvage if they are not reconstructed and cared for. He also talked to us about the history of the CCC camp in the area and said that it was moved from Clearfield to Rodburn. The "biggest claim to fame" for the young men in the corps was that they built the largest single-span bridge across the Licking River in the county. It is now covered by Cave Run Lake. Hobert Ramey and Frank Crail told some interesting stories about their days in the CCC.

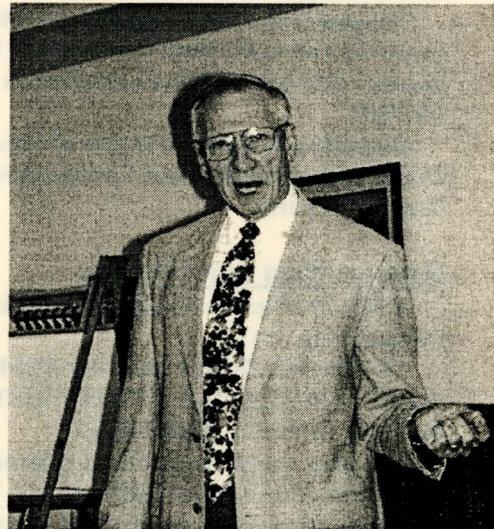
At the September 4th meeting, past President Lloyd Dean gave an interesting talk on the development of education in Rowan County and how education has changed from the children being taught at home to the consolidation of schools and the different methods of teaching.

Genealogy Workshop

The sixth annual Genealogy Workshop was held on August 16, 2003, at the Rowan County Public Library. The guest speaker was Kimberly S. Moody, a genealogist from Georgetown, Kentucky, who has done professional genealogy research for six years. Some of the ancestry tracking information she gave us was on how to choose a professional genealogist and guides to using written records such as Bible records, naturalization papers, maps, locator guides, and many other possible places to search. She pointed out that we should keep records of where we searched and also keep a copy of everything we find.



Kimberly Moody



Dudley Herron

Dudley Herron, former chairman of the Physical Science Department at Morehead State University, spoke to us about Morehead's sister city, Ballymena in Ireland. He discussed our Irish heritage, folk songs, stories and expressions, and the many records that are available. He mentioned that he would like to get a tour group together to go there next year if there is enough interest.

Allie Young Law Office Building Update

A historical marker for the Allie Young Law Office Building is to be set on Veteran's Day, Tuesday, November 11, 2003—the eleventh month, eleventh day, at the eleventh hour. Descendents of the Allie Young family will be invited to attend the ceremony and a program/reception will follow. More details to be announced at a later date.

The Allie Young building should be preserved for its historical significance and the fact that it is probably the oldest business building in the county.

Any kind of donations such as labor, materials, money, or time would be greatly appreciated to help preserve a piece a Morehead's history.

Other News

The Rowan County Historical Society donated \$50.00 to the Summer Reading Program, sponsored by the Rowan County Public Library during June and July. It was a huge success with over 300 people participating.

Doug Vaughn is planning on setting up a web page for the Historical Society.

Upcoming Events

October 2, 2000 – Fire Prevention month; no final plans yet.

November 6, 2000 – Round table discussion in honor of Veteran's Day; veterans will be our guests. Also we will have nominations for officers for 2004.

December 4, 2003 – Election of officers, Community Service Award presentation, Christmas party.

Humor: Sign in a Window

A sign at a business establishment in Philadelphia, PA:

"WE WOULD RATHER DO BUSINESS WITH 1000 AL QAEDA TERRORISTS THAN WITH A SINGLE AMERICAN"

This sign was prominently displayed in the window of a business in Philadelphia. You are probably outraged at the thought of such an inflammatory statement. One would think that anti-hate groups from all across the country would be marching on this business... and that the National Guard might have to be called to keep the angry crowds back. But, perhaps in these stressful times one might be tempted to let the proprietors simply make their statement. We are a society that holds Freedom of Speech as perhaps our greatest liberty. And, after all, it is just a sign. You might ask what kind of business would dare post such a sign?

Answer: a funeral home.

(Who said morticians had no sense of humor?)

Important Dates in the History of Rowan County, to 1972:

1773 – Record of surveyors from Pennsylvania viewing Triplett Creek.

1776 – (approx.) First settlement at Farmers.

1856 – Rowan County formed from Fleming and Morgan Counties.

1863 – One minor battle of Civil War fought at Triplett Creek near Bluestone.

1869 – Morehead incorporated.

1870 – Elliottville settled by Squire and James Hogge, called Hoggetown.

1880 – Courthouse burned.

1883 – First newspaper published in Rowan County, called Mountain Scorcher.

1887 – Rowan County War.

1887 – Frank Button and his mother arrive in Morehead. Morehead Normal School founded.

1899 – Courthouse rebuilt.

1900 – Morehead Normal School placed under control of Christian Woman's Board of Missions.

1907 – Clearfield Lumber Company founded.

1911 – First City Councilmen elected.

1911 – Moonlight Schools founded.

1917 – Haldeman Brick Yard constructed, employed 300 men.

1921 – First public high school.

1923 – Morehead Normal School becomes Morehead State Normal School.

1924 – Main Street paved.

1925 – Lee Clay established.

1926 – Water plant built.

1926 – MSNS became Morehead State Normal School and Teachers College; was admitted to membership in Kentucky Association of Colleges.

1930 – Title again changed—this time to Morehead State Teachers College.

1930 – Year of drought—water was turned on only 4 hours a day.

1931 – Kentucky Utilities bought franchise for lighting system from the city.

1931 – Ordinance for Volunteer Fire Department passed.

1931 – Stop lights installed.

1934 – Franchise sold for Kentucky State Telephone Company.

1935 – Gas franchise sold.

1939 – Flood.

1946 – Peoples Hotel on Railroad Street burned.

1946 – M.S.T.C. lost accreditation because of political interference in academics.

1948 – Board of Regents appointed. College reaccredited and name changed to Morehead State College.

1950 – Morehead Utility Plant Board established.

1963 – St. Claire Medical Center completed.

1966 – MSC became Morehead State University.

1972 – Morehead State University celebrates 50th anniversary.

Freestone/Bluestone Post Office

On March 26, 1883, Application Form 1004 was sent from Washington to Mr. Henry F. Martin in care of the Postmaster of Mt. Sterling. On April 9, Henry F. Martin, proposed Postmaster, and J. Howard, Postmaster of Mt. Sterling, signed Form 1004 to establish a post office to be named

Freestone. It would be on Route #20029 from Gregoryville to Mt. Sterling. The mail was carried six days a week by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company and the new post office would be directly on that route. The post office would be about 50 yards south of the Freestone railroad station, with the population being supplied by mail from this office being at least 500.

J. Howard, the Postmaster of Mt. Sterling, added the following notation at the bottom of the form: "As Freestone will doubtless be an important manufacturing place, Freestone Post Office will gratify the people. JH" On April 16, 1883, Henry F. Martin was appointed Postmaster.

On July 12, 1897, Henry D. Myers sent a petition to move the post office $\frac{1}{4}$ mile east. Cogswell Post Office was the nearest post office not on the route, about 7 miles south. The nearest railroad station was Rockville (a flag station)—250 feet in a direct line north and 900 feet in a westerly direction. The population served was now 300. This form was signed by Henry D. Myers as proposed Postmaster and L. P'Simer, Postmaster of Morehead. On July 28, 1897, Henry D. Myers was appointed Postmaster.

On December 17, 1914, John W. Jones assumed charged. On April 17, 1920, the post office's name was changed to Bluestone and John W. Jones was confirmed as Postmaster. His commission was signed and mailed on April 27, 1920. On May 10, 1920, Postmaster Jones sent the location report to the Topography Branch in Washington. The name of the post office was Bluestone, but the town, village, or site of the post office and the railroad station was also known as Rockville. The post office building was on the north side the railroad, 125 yards from the tracks. The name of the nearest post office not on the route was Hilda. Morehead was 6 miles east and Farmers was about $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles west. The Licking River was $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles east and East Fork of the Triplett Creek was $\frac{1}{4}$ mile north.

On September 26, 1939, Postmaster John W. Jones sent another location form to the division of Topography in Washington. It stated that the nearest county was Bath by Road #60, two miles north; the nearest highway was 30 feet north of the post office; the nearest railroad station was Bluestone and C & O was the name of the railroad. The shortest air distance from the tracks was 300 feet. East Fork of Triplett Creek was 600 feet south; North Fork of Triplett Creek was 1569 feet northwest. Morehead was 6 miles east, Farmers was 3 miles west, Sharkey was 8 miles northwest, and Cogswell was 7 miles south. The mail was supplied by railroad from Bluestone.

John W. Jones retired as Postmaster on June 30, 1955, and Mrs. Pruda Ward assumed charge.

She was appointed Acting Postmaster on July 22, 1955; her permanent appointment was confirmed August 12, 1955. Her commission was signed and mailed September 8, 1955. She resigned January 5, 1960, and Betty J. Coldiron assumed charge. She was appointed Acting Postmaster on January 8, 1960.

The Bluestone Post Office was discontinued as of August 31, 1960, and mail was sent to Morehead.

The Story of a Soldier

The soldier is a nobody,
You hear some people say,
He is an outcast to the world
And always in the way.

We admit there are some bad ones
In the Army and the Marines,
But you find that most of them
The most worthy ever seen.

Most people condemn a soldier,
When he takes a drink or two,
But does a soldier condemn you
When you take a few.

Now don't scorn the soldier
But clasp him by the hand,
For the uniform he wears
Means protection for your land.

The government picks us soldiers
From counties far and wide,
So treat us as your equal,
Good buddies side by side.

When a soldier goes to war
Your cheer him on his way,
You'd say he was a hero
If in his grave he lay.

But the hardest battle of a soldier
Is in the time of peace,
When people scorn and mock him
And treat him like a beast.

With these few words I close Sir,
I hope I don't offend.
But when you meet a soldier,
Please treat him as a friend.

---Pfc. Elbert Cyrus, L9251910
224th Ord. Auto. Maint. Det.
APO 719 C/O San Francisco, Calif.

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1897-1898 Rowan County, KY

School Census - District 3

SILOAM

Parent/Guardian Name - Child's name, sex-age, birthday

Robert Blair

Joseph Blair, m-19, Feb. 24, 1879

Lihu Blair, m-16, Sep. 27, 1881

Samuel Blair, m-13, June 29, 1884

Sarah Blair, f-8, Feb. 21, 1890

Stephen Blair, m-10, May 21, 1887

Charles Poston, Sr.

Samuel Poston, m-12, Sep. 27, 1885

Edgar Poston, m-11, March 10, 1887

Martha Poston, f-9, July 24, 1888

Mary Poston, f-7, May 17, 1890

Maud Poston, f-6, March 15, 1892

John Adkins

James S. Adkins, m-18, Nov. 7, 1879

Walter Adkins, m-16, Sep. 27, 1881

Virgil Adkins, f-13 Feb. 18, 1885

Rollie Adkins, m-11, March 21, 1887

Amanda Adkins, f-9, Jan. 1, 1889

Mrs. Margeret Staggs

Susan Staggs, f-16, March 2, 1882

James A. Staggs, m-13, Oct. 13, 1884

Maggie M. Staggs, f-6, June 16, 1892

John Foster

Mrs. Elizabeth Foster, f-18, Jan. 5, 1880

Charles Poston, Jr.

Cleveland Poston, m-14, June 15, 1883

Geo. W. Davis

Leroy G. Davis, m-17, Oct. 27, 1880

Oliver N. Davis, m-15, Oct. 4, 1882

Allen L. Davis, m-12, June 19, 1885

Fred G. Davis, m-9, June 6, 1888

Robert [R.L.] Burns

Ollie Burns, m-9, May 20, 1888

John Burns, m-6, Oct. 14, 1890

William Burns, Sr.

Ora L. McBride, m-18, Aug. 7, 1879

Abraham Staggs

Mrs. Mary Staggs, f-15(married) Sep.21, 1882

Isaac [I.J.] Calvert

Lida Calvert, f-14, April 15, 1883

Myrtle Calvert, f-12, Jan. 17, 1886

Benjamin L. Calvert, m-8, May 16, 1889

George Thornsbery

Lewis Gayhart, m-18, Jan. 16, 1889

Preston Raybourn

Aggie Raybourn, f-9, May 9, 1889

Ray Raybourn, m-6, July 15, 1891

E. W. Cassity

Sallie Cassity, f-15, July 2, 1882

Mary S. Cassity, f-12, Dec. 12, 1885

Claude Cassity, m-9, Sep. 14, 1888

Ollie Cassity, m-7, Dec. 24, 1890

Jno. [John] W. Basford

Charlie Basford, m-17, Dec. 1, 1880

Minnie Basford, f-15, March 15, 1882

Jim Basford, m-12, Nov. 9, 1885

May Basford, f-10, Jan. 20, 1888

Blanche Basford, f-8, Jan. 7, 1890

Mrs. Mahala Basford

Edward Thornsbery, m-18, June 20, 1879

Dudley McCarty

Henry Meddus, m-13, May 26, 1884

Martha McCarty, f-11, June 14, 1886

Martin V. Hughes

Pearly E. Hughes, f-6, Sep. 5, 1891

C. B. Purnell

Mary E. Purnell, f-12, June 6, 1885

Bernie Purnell, m-10, March 1, 1888

Thomas H. Purnell, m-8, Jan. 13, 1890

Clifford W. Purnell, m-6, May 15, 1891

J. T. Harry

Julia Harry, f-10, May 8, 1887

Minnie D. Harry, f-8, June 27, 1889

Stella M. Harry, f-7, March 20, 1891

J. J. Cassity

Lena Rawlings, f-15, Dec. 30, 1882

Willie Rawlings, m-12, Jan. 9, 1886

Rosa Cassity, f-9, April 8, 1888

Effie Cassity, f-8, March 22, 1882

David Basford

Fred Basford, m-16, March 23, 1882

Dele Basford, m-13, June 2, 1884

Sarah E. Basford, f-10, Jan. 16, 1888

Bert Basford, m-7, April 16, 1890

J. R. Phelps

Mary Purvis, f-18, April 16, 1879

Joseph Purvis, m-16, May 14, 1881

Lelia Purvis, f-13, Nov. 2, 1884

Richard Phelps, m-10, June 24, 1887

Isaac T. Phelps, m-7, May 17, 1890

Wallace [W.W.] Lyon

Rebecca Lyttleton, f-17, Oct. 6, 1880

*Post Office Addresses - Freestone & Morehead

Information Needed

Tony and Chuck Netherly have refinished All Season's Flowers and Gifts are researching the history of their building. This is a worthwhile project for the community! If you have any pictures or stories, please feel free to stop in and talk with them—their address is 134 E. Main and their phone number is (606) 784-4933.

The building was once Dr. Marsh's (?) office and is located between the Morehead National Bank (formerly the site of the old Lane Funeral Home) and the US Bank (formerly People's Bank). Across the street is the First Baptist Church, Martin's Department Store, C. Roger Lewis Real Estate (formerly the site of the old Chumley's Shoe Store), and the old McBrayer's Ben Franklin Store (now defunct).

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If anyone has any information on the following questions about the Allie Young Law Building, please feel free to contact the Historical Society at PO Box 60, Morehead, KY 40351. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated!

1. Who built the Allie Young law office and when?
2. Did a lawyer named Salisbury have the building, or first house maybe, on the courthouse square?
3. What dates did Mrs. Buelah Stewart occupy the building as a dressmaker?
4. What were the dates of occupation of the building by Bo's Barber Shop?
5. Did anyone else occupy the building and, if so, when?

A Glossary for Researchers

Here is a list of terms and definitions of terms one may find confusing in doing genealogical research:

- **Bounty Land Warrant**—A right to obtain land, a specific number of acres of unallocated public land, granted for military service.
- **Chain**—See measurements.
- **Chattel**—Personal property which can include animate as well as inanimate properties.
- **Codicil**—Addition to a will.
- **Collateral Ancestor**—Belong to the same ancestral stock but not in direct line of descent; opposed to lineal such as aunts, uncles, and cousins.
- **Common Ancestor**—Ancestor shared by two people.
- **Consanguinity**—Blood relation.
- **Conveyance**—See deed.
- **Declaration of Intention**—First paper, sworn to and filed in court, by an alien stating that he wants to become a citizen.
- **Deed**—A document under seal which, when delivered, transfers a present interest in property.
- **Deposition**—A testifying or testimony taken down in writing under oath of affirmation in reply to oral testimony of a witness.
- **Devise**—Gift of real property by will.
- **Double Dating**—A system of double dating used in England and America from 1582-1752 because it was not clear as to whether the year commenced on January 1 or March 25.
- **Dower**—Legal right or share which a wife acquired by marriage in the real estate of her husband, allotted to her after his death.
- **Escheat**—The reversion of property to the state when there are no qualified heirs.
- **Estate**—All property and debts belonging to a person.
- **Et Al**—Latin for "and others."
- **Et Ux**—Latin for "and wife."
- **Et Uxor**—And his wife. Sometimes written simply "EtUx."
- **Fee**—An estate of inheritance in land, belonging either fee simple or fee tail. An estate in land and held of a feudal lord on condition of the performing of certain services.
- **Fee Simple**—An absolute ownership without restriction.
- **Fee Tail**—An estate of inheritance limited to lineal descendant heirs of a person to whom it was granted.
- **Free Hold**—An estate in fee simple, in fee tail, or for life.
- **Furlong**—See measurements.
- **Gazetteer**—A geographical dictionary; a book giving names and descriptions of places in alphabetical order.
- **Holographic Will**—On written entirely in the testator's own handwriting.
- **Huguenot**—A French Protestant in the 16th and 17th centuries. One of the reformed or Calvinist communion who were driven by the thousands

into exile in England, Holland, Germany, and America.

- Indenture—Today it means a contract in two or more copies. Originally made in two parts by cutting or tearing single sheet across the middle in a jagged line so the two parts may be later matched.
- Intestate—One who dies without a will or dying without a will.
- Issue—Offspring; children; lineal descendants of a common ancestor.
- Lineage—Ancestry; direct descent from a specific ancestor.
- Lineal—Consisting of or being in a direct line of ancestry of descendants; descended in a direct line.
- Link—See measurements.
- Lis Pendens—Pending court action; usually applies to land title claims.
- Measurements—Link: 7.92 inches; Chain: 100 links or 66 feet; Furlong: 1000 links or 660 feet; Rod: 5 ½ yards to 8 yards, depending on locality; Acre: 43,560 square feet or 160 square rods; Perch: a measure of length, equal to 5 ½ yards (one rod), or a measure of area, equal to 30 ¼ square yards; Pole: one rod in linear measure or one square rod in square measure; Rood: a measure of length varying locally from 5 ½ to 8 yards (one rod), or a measure of area usually equal to ¼ acre (40 square rods).
- Messuage—A dwelling house, its outbuildings and surrounding land.
- Metes and Bounds—Property described by natural boundaries, such as 3 notches in a white oak tree, etc.
- Mister—In early times, a title of respect given only to those who held important civil offices or were of gentle blood.
- Necrology—Listing or record of persons who have died recently.
- Nee—Used to identify a woman's maiden name; born with the surname of.
- Nuncupative (sometimes incorrectly spelled as "noncupative") Will—One declared or dictated to witnesses by the testator, who was/is usually a person in the last sickness, sudden illness, or military.
- Perch—See measurements.
- Pole—See measurements.

- Poll—List or record of persons, especially for taxing or voting.
- Progenitor—A direct ancestor.
- Progeny—Descendants of a common ancestor; issue.
- Proximo—In the following month, in the month after the present one.
- Quitclaim—A deed conveying the interest of the party at that time.
- Relict Widow—Surviving spouse when one has died, husband or wife.
- Rod—See measurements.
- Rood—See measurements.
- Sic—Latin meaning thus; copied exactly as the original reads. Often suggests a mistake or surprise in the original.
- Testamentary—Pertaining to a will.
- Testate—A person who dies leaving a valid will.
- Testator—A person who makes a valid will before his death.
- Ultimo—In the month before this one.
- Verbatim—Word for word.
- Ward—Chiefly the division of a city for election purposes.
- WPA Historical Records Survey—A program undertaken by the US Government in 1935-1936 in which 8 inventories were compiled of historical material.
- Yeoman—A servant, an attendant or subordinate official in a royal household; a subordinate of a sheriff; an independent farmer.

Computer Corner: The Stewarts of Knox, Knott and Rowan Counties of Kentucky

A very interesting site for historical information on Rowan County (as well as some on Knox and Knott Counties) is the Alexander Stewart and descendants website at <http://www.kentuckystewarts.com/index.html>, maintained by Louie M. Stewart. There are many links for a wealth of historical information and photographs about Rowan County, including a short history on the formation of the county, the text of the legislative act which founded the county in 1856. Some of the other topics covered in the Morehead & Rowan County section are: the Rowan County War, the Tolliver-Martin Feud, the text of the "Rowan County Fight" ballad, 1933 Rowan County election dispute, Clearfield Lumber Company, Lee Clay

Products Company lawsuit, Haldeman labor strike, James Still's obituary, an article on Dr. C. Louise Caudill, and many other subjects.

There are links to genealogies of the Stewart and associated families. Some notable Stewart descendants were Frances Jones Mills, who had a long career in Kentucky politics and government; Jacob E. Littleton, the famous entertainer and circus performer who was 7 feet, 7 inches tall; Verna Johnson, who married Congressman Carl D. Perkins; and author Albert Stewart, who received the Appalachian Treasure award from Morehead State University in 1995. Cora Wilson Stewart's second husband was Alexander Thomas Stewart, a descendant of Alexander Stewart. The site has a biography of Mrs. Stewart and shows some of her historic photographs.

The Stewart family website is well-worth exploring. It will keep you reading and exploring links for hours.

One of those links from the Stewart family home page is for Donna Hardin's site at <http://www.geocities.com/oldkentuckyphotos/index.html>. She has many historic Rowan County photographs on this site, most of which can be accessed by a surname index. Most of the photographs have information included, but there is one section of unidentified photos that Ms. Hardin would like help with in identifying.

Rodbourn Post Office

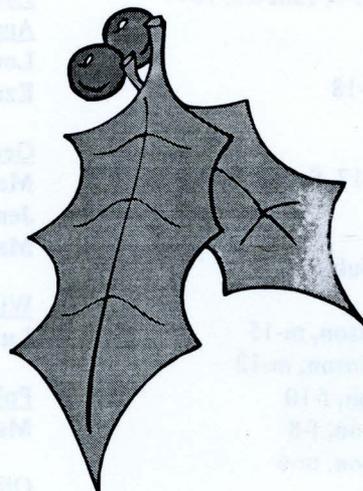
In May of 1888, Location Form No. 1011 was sent to Amos S. Hixson in care of W.H. Baldwin of Cincinnati, Ohio. It was for the purpose of establishing a post office in Rowan County, to be called Rodbourn. The proposed post office would be located on the route from Lexington, Kentucky, to Huntington, West Virginia. The mail was carried six times per week both ways by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company. The new post office would be directly on this route. Morehead was the nearest post office on the route, being two miles west, and Eadston was the nearest post office on the route to the east—four miles away. The nearest post office not on the route was Elliottville, about eight miles on a southeasterly direction. Rodbourn Post Office would be ten to eleven miles east of the Licking River and Triplett Creek was 1/16 mile in a northerly direction.

The post office would be situated 300 feet on the north side of the railroad tracks. The flag station was called Martins Switch and was within 400 feet of the new post office.

This was not a village, but it was estimated 200 people would be served by the Rodbourn Post Office.

Form No. 1011 was signed on June 12, 1888 by Amos S. Hixson and witnessed by William L. Parker, Morehead, Ky. Mr. Amos S. Hixson was appointed Postmaster on July 3, 1888. Other Postmasters for Rodbourn were Henry G. Vincill, appointed February 17, 1894; Walter W. Reynolds, appointed December 19, 1895; Otis E. Reckard, appointed March 3, 1899; Lewis W. Dillon, appointed December 11, 1901; and Michael T. Dillon, appointed December 3, 1909.

Rodbourn Post Office was discontinued effective January 31, 1922, and mail was sent to Eadston.



*May your holiday be
bright with promise,
warm with love, and
blessed with joy.*

Thank you to the contributors to this issue: Willow Leach, Avanelle Eldridge, and Betty Sharp, and to Fred Brown of American Office Supply/White Crow Enterprises for printing the newsletter.

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1897-1898 Rowan County, KY

School Census - District 40

RODBURN

Parent/Guardian Name - Child's name, sex-age, birthday

Thomas Conley

Henry Conley, m-18, March 6, 1879

James Conley, m-18, May 7, 1882

Taylor Davis

John Davis, m-16

Burton Davis, m-14

Mollie Davis, f-10

Henry C. Harris

William F. Harris, m-16, Sep. 22, 1881

Lida T. Harris, f-12, May 24, 1885

Lizzie M. Harris, f-10, May 3, 1881

Edwin C. Harris, m-8, June 15, 1889

Mary A. Harris, f-6, June 26, 1891

James Nolen

Georgia Nolen, f-18

Fred Dewitt

Mattie Dewitt, f-17, Sep. 1, 1880

Charlie M. How

Mary How, f-8, July 7, 1891

Frank Robinson

Warren S. Robinson, m-15

William W. Robinson, m-12

Dona N. Robinson, f-10

Laura A. Robinson, f-8

Labon F. Robinson, m-6

Cornelius H. Huffman

Minnie Carter, f-19

Gertrude Huffman, f-12

Ben. Perry

Willis Perry, m-15

Lizzie Perry, f-10

John Kelley

Marinda A. Kelley, f-16, married

Austin Kelley

Bill Kelley, m-19

Jennie Steagall

Catherine Steagall

Willie Steagall, m-16

Martha Steagall, f-12

Hiram Davis

Berthna M. Davis

Hughey A. Davis, m19

David Sparks

Mary Nicholas, f-17

Mary Stacy

John W. Stacy, m-6, Dec. 12, 1891

Jeff Lyons

Cora M. Lyons, f-11

Elizabeth J. Lyons, f-13

Henry Lawson

Mark Lawson, m-16

Billy Lawson, m-13

Francis Steagall

Archie Steagall, m-15

Sibby Steagall, f-10

Serrilda Steagall, f-7

Flennie Pelfrey

Charlie N. Pelfrey, m-18, Mch. 25, 1880

Luella Pelfrey, f-16, Mch. 18, 1882

John M. Lane

Annie Lane

Louis C. Lane, m-13, Mch 1, 1880

Ezra T. Lane, m-7, Sep. 3, 1890

George Steagall

Mary L. Steagall, f-19

Jennie Steagall, f-15

Martha E. Steagall, f-12

William Parker

Luly Parker, f-6

Polly Carter

Marinda A. Carter, f-15

Oliver Tyree

Nannie Tyree, f-16

Sarrah Tyree, f-11

John T. Ratliff

Herbert Ratliff, m-12

Katie G. Ratliff, f-10

James A. Henderson

Cora J. Henderson, f-10, Sep 19, 1888

Minnie B. Henderson, f-8

Jessie F. Henderson, m-6

William H. Jackson

Lura M. Jackson, f-8, Nov. 17, 1890

George W. Carroll

George A. Carroll, m-18, Mar 20, 1880

Rosa T. Carroll, f-16, May 13, 1882

Alfred Carroll, m-14, Mar. 2, 1884

Hattie J. Carroll, f-12, Mar 20, 1886

Minnie M. Carroll, f-10, June 20, 1888

Sophia Whitaker

Sally Whitaker, f-14, April 16, 1884

James N. Carroll

Cinda Carroll

John Carroll, m-17, Aug. 18, 1881

Silas Carroll, m-15, Sep. 8, 1883

Nancy Carroll, f-12, June 24, 1886

Mary Carroll, f-10, Dec. 19, 1888

Carrie Carroll, f-6, March 21, 1892

Alexander Jones

Elizabeth Jones

Gypsy B. Jones, f-16, June 11, 1882

Benjamin Jones, m-14, July 10, 1884

Bidel M. Jones, f-11, May 6, 1887

John P. Jones, m-9, June 26, 1889

Waytasee Jones, f-6, Mar. 21, 1892

Bill Kempleton

Bill Kenpleton, m-18 married

Sarah Kenpleton, f-18 married

John N. Ward.

Enoch C. Ward, m-16

Stephen Ward, m-13

Lilly B. Ward, f-11

Francis H. Lewis

Agnes F. Lewis

James M. Yearley, m-16, Jul 4, 1881

Samuel S. Yearley, m-14, Nov 22, 1883

Hiram M. Yearley, m-12, Feb. 24, 1886

Grant Yearley

Martha J. Yearley

Luty B. Yearley, f-10, Mar 10, 1888

Dosa Yearley, f-9, April 14, 1889

Nancy J. Tackett

Hiram Tackett, m-16, Apr. 14, 1882

Jack Tackett, m-11, Oct. 22, 1886

William T. Tackett, m-11, Feb. 22, 1887

(Son of Mary Tackett)

Johnson Hatfield

Sarah Hatfield

James Hatfield, m-13, Nov. 11, 1884

Dollie Hatfield, f-11, Nov. 29, 1886

Robert Hatfield, m-10, June 29, 1888

William Wheatley

Martha Wheatley

William L. Wheatley, m-19, Oct. 13, 1878

Ora B. Wheatley, f-13, Aug. 20, 1884

Charles J. Wheatley, m-11, May 23, 1886

Allen F. Wheatley, m-9, May 22, 1888

John Ellis

John Ellis, m-18

*Post Office Addresses - Rodbourn,
Kentucky

December Meeting

Danny Blevins, Jr., spoke about the Hickory Point Fire Tower at the December 7, 2006, meeting. He gave an update to the work that has been done and what they plan for the future of the tower. The land and tower is the property of the Route 377 Fire Department and they plan to make the tower open for public use.



After his talk, President Gary Lewis presented Danny and the Route 377 Fire Department with a plaque for outstanding community service for the 2006 year.

Sesquicentennial Parade



On December 8, 2006, at 1:00 p.m., Rowan County celebrated its Sesquicentennial with a parade. The air was brisk, with clear skies, but the many floats and entries were enjoyed by hundreds of spectators who lined Main Street. Later that day, Morehead held its annual Hometown Holiday evening, with many stores along Main Street being open and providing free music and hospitality to customers and visitors.



Old Courthouse Square Update

The old Rowan County Board of Education building on the courthouse square will be shared by the Veterans Foundation and the Historical Society. The veterans will have an office and possibly a military museum in connection with the Veterans Wall in Freedom Park. The Historical Society has plans for an office also, and a place for storage and/or a work place. The old education building is a WPA building and it need to be preserved as part of our county's heritage. This seems to be a great way to do it!

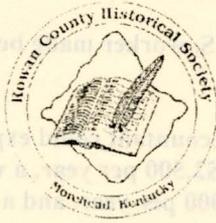


The Historical Society's Old Superintendent's Office Building Committee toured the facility and discussed the sharing arrangement with

FOR ALL THOSE BORN BEFORE 45

Consider the changes we have witnessed. We were born before television, before penicillin, before polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, plastic, contact lenses, frisbees and the pill. We were before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams and ball point pens; before panty-hose, dishwashers, clothes dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip-dry clothes, and before man walked on the moon. We got married FIRST and then lived together. In our time...closets were for clothes, not for coming out of! Bunnies were small rabbits; and rabbits were not Volkswagens. "Designer Jeans" were scheming girls called Jean or Jeanne, and having a meaningful relationship meant getting along well with our cousins and we thought "fast food" was what you ate during Lent. We were before House Husbands, gay rights, computer dating, dual careers and computer marriages. We were before day-care centers, group therapy and nursing homes. We never heard of FM radios, tape decks, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, word-processors, yogurt and guys wearing earrings. For us, timesharing meant togetherness not computers or condominiums; a chip meant a piece of wood, hardware meant hardware, and software wasn't a word! In 1940 "Made in Japan" meant junk, and the term making-out meant how you did on your exam. Pizzas, McDonalds and instant coffee were unheard of. We hit the scene when there were 5 cents and 10 cents stores, where you bought things for 5 and 10 cents! For a nickel you could buy a cone, ride the streetcar, make a phone call, buy a pepsi, mail a letter or send two postcards. You could buy a chevy coupe for \$600.00 but who could afford one! A pity too, because gas was 11 cents a gallon. In our day, grass was mowed, coke was a cold drink and pot was something you cooked in. Rock music was Grandma's lullaby and aids were helpers in the principal's office. We made do with what we had; and we were the last generation that was so dumb as to think that you needed a husband to have a baby!!!

No wonder this land we live in is so confused.... And now we are on the threshold of DECADE OF DESTINY.



PAST AND PRESENT

Rowan County Historical Society Newsletter

June 2004

Meeting Notes

We had a surprise guest at our April 1, 2004 meeting, which was rather appropriate for the day. Magician Mark Sparkman entertained us with magic and his deft sleight of hand. He recruited some members of the audience to assist him in several of his tricks. It was a very amazing performance for all of us!

At our May 6 meeting, our guests were Nan Wells, Bob Grey, Glenda Ruggles, Margaret Morris, Jean Cline, and Ruth and Danny Blevins. They reminisced about the 1956 Centennial Celebration. Some of our guests had taken part in those festivities. These recollections were most entertaining and informative. We hope our Sesquicentennial in 2006 will also provide pleasant memories in the future.

Resources for RCHS Collections

Two historical items have been purchased by member Betty Sharp for our collection. The first item is an old train pass bearing the inscription No. 026 for the Morehead and North Fork Railroad, dated December 13, 1913, good until December 31, 1914. The second item is a genuine engraving titled Kentucky—the Martin-Tolliver Vendetta, Morehead, Rowan County. It is from a photo by J.C. Junker and shows a scene of Main Street, a scene from the battle, and a scene of the old courthouse area. It is a 117-year-old engraving, not a reproduction.

Juanita Blair donated the 2-volume set of reference books Maryland Records: Colonial, Revolutionary, County, and Church from original sources, by Gaius Marcus Brumbaugh, to the Historical Society in memory of Mabel Reynolds. These books are greatly appreciated and will be treasured for many years to come. Thank you, Juanita, for your thoughtful gift.

Genealogy Club

In March 2004, members Kay Schafer, Missy Jent, and Avanelle Eldridge traveled to Frankfort to the Kentucky Archives and the History Center for family research. It seems to have been a productive visit.

On April 8, 2004, members Betty Sharp, Kay Schafer, and Willow Leach attended the Genealogy Workshop held at the History Center in Frankfort. Ron Bryant, Kentucky History and Genealogy Specialist, gave a lecture on migration routes to Kentucky, sharing information on how to track the paths of early settlers. Everyone received a booklet of maps illustrating the routes.



Willow Leach, Kay Schafer, and Betty Sharp.

Plan now to attend the Rowan County Historical Society's Seventh Annual Genealogy Workshop on Saturday, August 7, 2004, at the Rowan County Public Library, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Native American research will be the main topic of discussion. If you have done any research on this elusive topic on your own, please feel free to bring your work to share.

19th Annual Hayes Crossing/Haldeman Community Reunion

The 19th Annual Hayes Crossing/Haldeman Community Reunion will be held July 30-21, 2004 at the Hayes Crossing/Haldeman Volunteer Fire Department. There will be a social gathering July 30th at the Fire Department from 6 to 9 p.m.

The yearly event will serve as a fund raiser for the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fire Department. They will be selling food and drinks during the Saturday event, plus some histories of the Haldeman/Hayes Community from 1606-2002 and picture postcards of the Red School and Fire Department. There will also be a parade Saturday morning and prizes will be given for the best float or entry.

"Lily May Ledford, Coon Creek Girl"

Members of the Rowan County Historical Society recently enjoyed a performance of "Lily May Ledford, Coon Creek Girl" at the Rowan County Public Library. The program was performed by Sandy Harmon, and was sponsored by the Kentucky Humanities Council, Kentucky Chautauqua, and the Library. Members enjoyed the outstanding and somewhat humorous performance along with close to 30 others in the audience.



Glenda Ruggles, Kendell Reed, Willow Leach, Sandy Harmon ("Lily May"), Avanelle Eldridge, Linda Lowe, Missy Jent, Kay Schafer, and Cathy Leach. Others in attendance, but not in the photo were Jean Cline and Merrill Lowe.

Looking Back to 1904—One Hundred Years Ago

What a difference a century makes! Here are some of the U.S. statistics for 1904:

The average life expectancy in the U.S. was 47 years.

Only 14 percent of the homes in the U.S. had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.

A three-minute call from Denver to New York City cost eleven dollars.

There were only 8,000 cars in the U.S., and only 144 miles of paved roads

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, and Tennessee were each more heavily populated than California.

With a mere 1.4 million residents, California was only the 21st most populous state in the Union.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.

The average wage in the U.S. was 22 cents an hour.

The average U.S. worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95 percent of all births in the U.S. took place at home.

Ninety percent of all U.S. physicians had no college education. Instead, they attended medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and by the government as "substandard."

Sugar cost four cents a pound. Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.

Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.

Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

Canada passed a law prohibiting poor people from entering the country for any reason.

The five leading causes of death in the U.S. were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza
2. Tuberculosis
3. Diarrhea
4. Heart disease
5. Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars. Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Hawaii, and Alaska hadn't been admitted to the Union yet.

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was 30.

Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented.

There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

Two of 10 U.S. adults couldn't read or write.

Only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated high school.

Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at corner drugstores.

According to one pharmacist, "Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the

stomach and bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health."

Eighteen percent of households in the U.S. had at least one full-time servant or domestic.

There were only about 230 reported murders in the entire U.S.

Receipt for Dropsy (from Dr. J.B. Cox in the year 1900)

Roots

Black Cohash
Yellow Sassaaparilla
Elder
Dewberry Brier
Spice Wood
Sassafras
Male Shoemake

Barks

Wild Cherrie
Dogwood
Cucumber
Yellow Poplar

A large double hand full of each, wash and clean all, put to gather in ten gallons of water and boiled down to a gallon and strained, put in a pitcher and sit all night and pour off next morning, do not shake up. Pore out till it turns gray then through out, put one quart of Brandy or Rye Whiskey in three quarts of the medicine and drink three drams a day before eating.

Put one ounce of carbnet of iron in one quart of apple vinegar. Take a dram three times a day after eating.

Strange-sounding Names for Ailments (continued from the previous issue)

Lung sickness – Tuberculosis
Lying in – Time of delivery of an infant
Malignant sore throat – Diphtheria
Mania – Insanity
Marasmus – Progressive wasting away of body, like malnutrition
Membranous croup – Diphtheria
Meningitis – Inflammations of the brain or spinal cord
Metritis – Inflammations of uterus or purulent vaginal discharge
Miasma – Poisonous vapors thought to infest the air
Milk fever – Disease from drinking contaminated milk,

like undulant fever or brucellosis
Milk leg – Post partum thrombophlebitis
Milk sickness – Disease from milk of cattle which had eaten poisonous weeds
Mormal – Gangrene
Morphew – Scurvy blisters on the body
Mortification – Gangrene of the necrotic tissue
Myelitis – Inflammation of heart muscles
Necrosis – Mortification of bones or tissue
Nephrosis – Kidney degeneration
Nephritis – Inflammation of kidneys
Nervous prostration – Extreme exhaustion from inability to control physical and mental activities
Nostalgia – Homesickness
Palsy – Paralysis or uncontrollable movement of controlled muscles. It was listed as "Cause of Death"
Paroxysm – Convulsion
Pemphigus – Skin disease of watery blisters
Pericarditis – Inflammation of heart
Peripneumonia – Inflammation of lungs
Peritonitis – Inflammation of the abdominal area
Petechial fever – Fever characterized by skin spotting
Phthiriasis – Lice infestation
Phthisis – Chronic wasting away or a name for tuberculosis
Plague – An acute febrile highly infectious disease with a high fatality rate
Pleurisy – Any pain in the chest area with each breath
Podagra – Gout
Poliomyelitis – Polio
Potter's asthma – Fibroid phthisis
Pott's disease – Tuberculosis of spine
Puerperal exhaustion – Death due to childbirth
Puerperal fever – elevated temperature after giving birth to an infant
Puking fever – Milk sickness
Putrid fever – Diphtheria
Quinsy – Tonsillitis
Remitting fever – Malaria
Rheumatism – Any disorder associated with pain in joints
Rickets – Disease of skeletal system
Rose cold – Hay fever or nasal symptoms of an allergy
Rotanny fever – (Child's disease)???
Rubeola – German measles
Sanguineous crust – Scab
Scarlatina – Scarlet fever
Scarlet fever – A disease characterized by red rash
Scarlet rash – Roseola
Sciatica – Rheumatism in the hips
Scirrhous – Cancerous tumors
Scotomy – Dizziness, nausea and dimness of sight
Scrivener's palsy – Writer's cramp
Screws – Rheumatism
Scrofula – Tuberculosis of neck lymph glands.
Progresses slowly with abscesses and pustules develop.
Young person's disease, possible chicken pox.

Scumpox – Skin disease, impetigo
 Scurvy – Lack of vitamin C. Symptoms of weakness, spongy gums and hemorrhages under skin
 Septicemia – Blood poisoning
 Shakes – Delirium tremens
 Shaking – Chills, ague
 Shingles – Viral disease with skin blisters
 Ship fever – Typhus
 Siriasis – Inflammation of the brain due to sun exposure
 Sloes – Milk sickness
 Small pox – Contagious disease with fever and blisters
 Softening of brain – Result of stroke or hemorrhage in the brain, with an end result of the tissue softening in that area
 Sore throat distemper – Diphtheria or quinsy
 Spanish influenza – Epidemic influenza
 Spasms – Sudden involuntary contraction of muscle or group of muscles, like a convulsion
 Spina bifida – Deformity of spine
 Spotted fever – Either typhus or meningitis
 Sprue – Tropical disease characterized by intestinal disorders and sore throat
 St. Anthony's fire – Also erysipelas, but named so because of affected skin areas are bright red in appearance
 St. Vitus dance – Ceaseless occurrence of rapid complex jerking movements performed involuntarily
 Stomatitis – Inflammation of the mouth
 Stranger's fever – Yellow fever
 Strangery – Rupture
 Sudor anglicus – Sweating sickness
 Summer complaint – Diarrhea, usually in infants caused by spoiled milk
 Sunstroke – Uncontrolled elevation of body temp due to environmental heat. Lack of sodium in the body is a predisposing cause
 (to be continued)

Munson Post Office

On November 26, 1887, Mr. Fantly Muse received Form 1011, in care of the Postmaster of Eadston, for the establishment of a post office to be called Auburn or Arlington but it was changed to Munson. The post office, not being on a route, would be a "special office." Mail would be supplied from Pine Springs—the nearest office—five miles northeast. Eadston was 6 miles southeast at one end of the route; there was no post office on the other side of the route. The name of the nearest creek was Clearfork Triplett, one-fourth mile west. It was six miles from the C&O Railroad and 18 miles from the Licking River. This

was not a village, but the population to be supplied was 200.

On December 15, 1887, this from was signed by F.R. Muse as proposed Postmaster, and J.H. Shumate, Postmaster of Eadston.

Postmasters of Munson and their dates of appointment:

Fantly A. Muse—February 25, 1888

Hiram D. Lyttleton—December 26, 1889

Henry L. Muse—July 8, 1897

Rosa E. Mullen—July 1, 1912

The Munson Post Office was discontinued as of November 30, 1914 and mail was sent to Cranston.

1898 Rowan County, Kentucky School Census - District 26 MUNSON

Parent/Guardian Name – Child's name, sex-age, birthday

Allen Hall

Bertha A. Hall, f-17, July 11, 1880

Willie T. Hall, m-16, April 20, 1882

Adrain D. Hall, m-12, September 14, 1885

Fantly Littleton

Annie V. Littleton, f-6, July 26, 1891

Henderson Mullins

Ella Mullins, f-18, July 31, 1879

Della Mullins, f-11, May 19, 1886

Robert Littleton

Carrie Littleton, f-18, January 10, 1880

Ivy B. Littleton, f-11, May 29, 1887

John R. Littleton

Arthur S. Littleton, m-16, May 22, 1882

Lafe Blanton

Lee Blanton, f-6, MAY 30, 1892

George L. Sparks

Mary L. Sparks, f-6, March 23, 1892

Hiram Galbrith

Edney D. Galbrith, f-12, February 18, 1886

Walter S. Galbrith, m-11, July 11, 1887

Earl Galbrith, m-6, February 13, 1892

John Thomas

Stella Thomas, f-15, October 5, 1882

Minnie R. Thomas, f-10, September 26, 1888

Annie L. Thomas, f-10, September 26, 1888

Eddie Thomas, m-7, February 25, 1881 [This is wrong but not sure if it should be 1891 or the age is 17.]

Dosson M. Dillon

Cleavy E. Dillon, m-14, July 23, 1884
Rosco Dillon, m-11, February 17, 1887
Clary B. Dillon, f-6, November 18, 1891

D.M. Mullens

Bessie E. Mullens, f-18, January 8, 1879
married

James A. Littleton

Jeffrey B. Littleton, m-19, January 8, 1878
Elvy C. Littleton, m-17, November 16, 1880
Nellie A. Littleton, f-13, July 29, 1885
James W. Littleton, m-9, September 15, 1888
John A. Littleton, m-6, June 7, 1892

Robert Sellars

Daniel Sellars, m-11, November 8, 1887
Bessie Sellars, f-10, March 14, 1888
Mary Sellars, f-8, March 12, 1890
Della Sellars, f-6, January 28, 1892

John L. Waltz

Charley Waltz, m-19, March 26, 1879
Fred Waltz, m-17, May 8, 1881
Dora Waltz, f-14, February 21, 1884
Russell L. Waltz, m-10, September 13, 1887
Ben H. Waltz, m-8, September 24, 1889

Alex Curtis

Ida Curtis, f-18, May 23, 1880
Jimmie Curtis, m-13, March 22, 1885
John Curtis, m-11, June 20, 1887
Julie Curtis, f-13, October 13, 1885
Mary Curtis, f-10, March 15, 1888
Zovan Curtis, m-9, May 25, 1889

Joseph A. Littleton

Edgar Littleton, m-18, April 20, 1880
Isabelle Littleton, f-16, February 10, 1882
Lottie R. Littleton, f-14, June 30, 1884
Fany Littleton, f-11, March 14, 1887
Ida Littleton, f-18, July 11, 1889
Ettie Littleton, f-8, July 11, 1889

Homer Heflin

Lillie Heflin, f-17, June 24, 1881

Millard Hall

Clealy A. Hall, f-9, January 15, 1889
Thomas P. Hall, m-7, February 2, 1891

Hiram D. Littleton

Willie L. Littleton, m-18, July 10, 1879

Clida B. Littleton, f-17, May 6, 1881
Lizzie Littleton, f-12, February 12, 1885

Davis Franklin

Edgar Franklin, m-17, February 7, 1881
James Franklin, m-13, July 19, 1885
D Franklin, m-11, December 2, 1887
Claud Franklin, m-8, November 30, 1890

Three Gates of Gold

Let every thought thy lips would utter pass three gates of gold,
But, if through these it fails to pass, then let it not be told;
An o'er each gate in silver letters written thou wilt find:
Above the first one, "Is it true?" the second, "Is it kind?"
And "Is it necessary?" o'er the third one and the last.
Then guard thy thought, let none escape, save those these gates have passed!

Here is another version:

If you are tempted to reveal,
A tale someone to you has told
About another... make it pass,
Before you speak make it pass,
Three Gates of Gold.

Three narrow gates...
First, is it true?
Then is it necessary?
In your mind give truthful answer.
And last and narrowest... Is it kind??

And if to reach your lips at last,
It passes through these gateways three,
Then you may tell the tale... no fear,
What the result of speech may be.

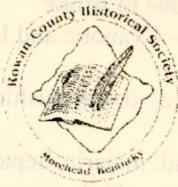
—Anonymous

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## PAST AND PRESENT

Rowan County Historical  
Society Newsletter  
March 2004

### IN MEMORIAM



#### Mabel Orene Carr Reynolds

May 4, 1922—February 24, 2004  
Charter member, past president, loyal  
and beloved member of the Rowan  
County Historical Society and  
Genealogy Club.  
She will be remembered.

#### MABEL ORENE CARR REYNOLDS 1922-2004

(Comments by Helen Surmont)

Since the death of charter member and Past President Mabel Reynolds the most repeated question from Historical Society members has been "What do we do now?" It's a logical question since she was such a forceful influence in all of the organizations she participated in.

When asked to write a tribute to Mabel, I thought of the oral history I did on her in the fall of 2002 at her house in the woods on Hunters Lane. At that time she talked about her lifelong passion for art which is reflected on the walls of her home in her watercolors of flowers, barns, outhouses, as well as portraits of family members.

She also recalled her marriage proposal from Paul J. Reynolds, her husband of 60 years. She was working at the Morehead Post Office as a temporary substitute under Postmaster Claude Clayton when she received a letter of proposal from Paul J. in a blue envelope, the color he always used when he wrote to her. They married in 1943 and had four children, including one daughter who died of heart complications in 1958. They later had four granddaughters and three great-grandsons.

She wasn't just a member of any organization but instead she was a leader in a quiet and unselfish way. A week before last month's Historical Society Board meeting, she made a list of 17 ways and means for raising money to support the society's projects. I hope we can now pursue some of her ideas with the same determination that she had.

Mabel told me she wasn't in the public very much and didn't know many people. But she was involved in many organizations within the county and our lives were all touched by her friendship. Her death stunned and continues to be felt by the entire community. She had hundreds of friends, all who miss her very much.

I know I do.

## Tentative Schedule for 2004

(subject to change)

- March 4 – Business meeting; plans for sesquicentennial
- April 1 – Plans incomplete
- May 6 – Round table discussion: a group of older citizens to celebrate the “good old days”
- June 3 – Presentation of a collection of Dean Tant’s original hats and materials; presentation of the flag.
- July 1 – Veterans’ program; possibly a visit from Grayson’s ROTC
- August 5 – Regular business meeting; finalize preparations for genealogy workshop
- August 21 – Workshop. The theme is Indian Heritage; John Paul and Debbie Fannin will discuss their findings. Refreshments will be served.
- September 3 – Carolyn Franzini, storyteller, will be our guest.
- October 7 – Fire Prevention Month; update on the restoration of the fire tower by Danny Blevins, Jr.
- November 1 – Nominations of officers for 2005
- December 2 – Election of 2005 officers; Community Service Award; Christmas party.

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Congratulations to Bill and Betty Sharp on the birth of their first grandchild, Dylan Jeffery Perry, born February 14, 2004. He weighed 7 lbs, 3 oz and was 20 inches long. The proud parents are Jeffery and Debbie Sharp Perry.

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Ruth and Danny Blevins and Helen Surmont received recognition awards for their dedication to the restoration of the Old Courthouse and the Allie Young Law Office. There is much more to be done and spring is nearly here. Consider this a call for volunteers!

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### Disease Chart

Early Kentucky had numerous diseases but few effective treatments and fewer real doctors. Many death certificates and other records list what, to us, are strange-sounding names for illnesses and/or cause of death. This list may help to identify some of the ailments.

- Ablepsy – Blindness
- Ague – Malarial fever
- American plague – Yellow fever
- Anasarca – Generalized massive edema
- Aphonia – Laryngitis
- Aphtha – The infant disease “thrush”

- Apoplexy – Paralysis due to stroke
- Asphyxia/Asphicsia – Cyanotic and lack of oxygen
- Atrophy – Wasting away or diminishing in size
- Bad blood – Syphilis
- Bilious fever – Typhoid, malaria, hepatitis or elevated temperature and bile emesis
- Biliousness – Jaundice associated with liver disease
- Black plague or death – Bubonic plague
- Black fever – Acute infection with high temperature and dark red skin lesions and high mortality rate
- Black pox – Black small pox
- Black vomit – Vomiting old black blood due to ulcers or yellow fever
- Blackwater fever – Dark urine associated with high temperature
- Bladder in throat – Diphtheria (seen on death certificates)
- Blood poisoning – Bacterial infection; septicemia
- Bloody flux – Bloody stools
- Bloody sweat – Sweating sickness
- Bone shave – Sciatica
- Brain fever – Meningitis
- Breakbone – Dengue fever
- Bright’s disease – Chronic inflammatory disease of kidneys
- Bronze John – Yellow fever
- Bule – Boil, tumor or swelling
- Cachexy – Malnutrition
- Cacogastric – Upset stomach
- Cacospysy – Irregular pulse
- Caduceus – Subject to falling sickness or epilepsy
- Camp fever – Typhus; aka Camp diarrhea
- Canine madness – Rabies; hydrophobia
- Canker – Ulceration of mouth or lips or herpes simplex
- Catalepsy – Seizures; trances
- Catarrhal – Nose and throat discharge from cold or allergy
- Cerebritis – Inflammation of cerebrum or lead poisoning
- Chilblain – Swelling of extremities caused by exposure to cold
- Child bed fever – Infection following the birth of a child
- Chin cough – Whooping cough
- Chlorosis – Iron deficiency anemia
- Cholera – Acute severe contagious diarrhea with intestinal lining sloughing
- Cholera morbus – Characterized by nausea, vomiting, abdominal cramps, elevated temperature, etc. Could be appendicitis
- Cholecystitis – Inflammation of the gall bladder
- Cholelithiasis – Gall stones
- Chorea – Disease characterized by convulsions, contortions and dancing
- Cold plague – Ague which is characterized by chills
- Colic – An abdominal pain and cramping
- Congestive chills – Malaria

**Congestion** – Any collection of fluid in an organ, like the lungs

**Congestive chills** – Malaria with diarrhea

**Congestive fever** – Malaria

**Consumption** – Tuberculosis

**Corruption** – Infection

**Coryza** – A cold

**Costiveness** – Constipation

**Cramp colic** – Appendicitis

**Crop sickness** – Overextended stomach

**Croup** – Laryngitis, diphtheria, or strep throat

**Cyanosis** – Dark skin color from lack of oxygen in blood

**Cynanche** – Diseases of throat

**Cystitis** – Inflammation of the bladder

**Day fever** – Fever lasting one day; sweating sickness

**Debility** – Lack of movement or staying in bed

**Decrepitude** – Feebleness due to old age

**Delirium tremens** – Hallucinations due to alcoholism

**Dengue** – Infectious fever endemic to East Africa

**Dentition** – Cutting teeth

**Deplumation** – Tumor of the eyelids which causes hair loss

**Devil's grip** – Pleurisy/bronchitis

**Diary fever** – A fever that last one day

**Diphtheria** – Contagious disease of the throat

**Distemper** – Usually animal disease with malaise, discharge from nose and throat, anorexia

**Dock fever** – Yellow fever

**Dropsy** – Edema (swelling), often caused by kidney or heart disease

**Dropsy of the brain** – Encephalitis

**Dry bellyache** – Lead poisoning

**Dyscrasy** – An abnormal body condition

**Dysentery** – Inflammation of colon with frequent passage of mucous and blood

**Dysorexy** – Reduced appetite

**Dyspepsia** – Indigestion and heartburn. Heart attack symptoms

**Dysury** – Difficulty in urination

**Eclampsy** – Symptoms of epilepsy, convulsions during labor

**Ecstasy** – A form of catalepsy characterized by loss of reason

**Edema** – Nephrosis: swelling of tissues

**Edema of lungs** – Congestive heart failure, a form of dropsy

**Eel thing** – Erysipelas

**Elephantiasis** – A form of leprosy

**Encephalitis** – Swelling of brain: aka sleeping sickness

**Enteric fever** – Typhoid fever

**Enterocolitis** – Inflammation of the intestines

**Enteritis** – Inflammation of the bowels

**Epitaxis** – Nose bleed

**Erysipelas** – Contagious skin disease, due to Streptococci with vesicular and bulbous lesions

**Extravasted blood** – Rupture of a blood vessel

**Falling sickness** – Epilepsy

**Fatty liver** – Cirrhosis of liver

**Fits** – Sudden attack or seizure of muscle activity

**Flux** – An excessive flow or discharge of fluid like hemorrhage or diarrhea

**Flux of humour** – Circulation

**French pox** – Syphilis

**Gathering** – A collection of pus

**Glandular fever** – Mononucleosis

**Great pox** – Syphilis

**Green fever/sickness** – Anemia

**Grippe/grip** – Influenza-like symptoms

**Grocer's itch** – Skin disease cause by mites in sugar or flour

**Heart sickness** – Condition caused by loss of salt from body

**Heat stroke** – Body temperature elevates because of surrounding environment temperature and body does not perspire to reduce temperature. Coma and death result if not reversed.

**Hectical complaint** – Recurrent fever

**Hematemesis** – Vomiting blood

**Hematuria** – Bloody urine

**Hemiplegy** – Paralysis of one side of body

**Hip gout** – Osteomyelitis

**Horrors** – Delirium tremens

**Hydrocephalus** – Enlarged head, water on the brain

**Hydropericardium** – Heart dropsy

**Hydrophobia** – Rabies

**Hydrothorax** – Dropsy in chest

**Hypertrophic** – Enlargement of organ, like the heart

**Impetigo** – Contagious skin disease characterized by pustules

**Inanition** – Physical condition resulting from lack of food

**Infantile paralysis** – Polio

**Intestinal colic** – Abdominal pain due to improper diet

**Jail fever** – Typhus

**Jaundice** – Condition caused by blockage of intestines

**King's evil** – Tuberculosis of neck and lymph glands

**Kruchhusten** – Whooping cough

**Lagrippe** – Influenza

**Lockjaw** – Tetanus or infectious disease affecting the muscles of the neck and jaw. Untreated, it is fatal in 8 days.

**Long sickness** – Tuberculosis

**Lues disease** – Syphilis

**Lues venera** – Venereal disease

**Lumbago** – Back pain

(to be continued)

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**Riddle: What is the difference between Goldilocks and a Genealogist?**

**Answer: A Genealogist is interested in forebears.**

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## Fraleay Post Office

On June 22, 1887, location papers were sent to John M. Cornett, in care of Postmaster Thos. M. Dehart of Ordinary, Elliott County, Ky. The post office was to be named Spruce, but the name was changed to Fraley. It would not be on the route to Ordinary, but would be on the same road. The new post office would be located on or near Route 20561, which was the route from Newfoundland to Ordinary. The mail is carried one day a week; the contractor's name is A.H. Murry.

A route will have to be established from Ordinary in Elliott County to Elliottville in Rowan County. John M. Cornett wrote and signed a note at the bottom of the form: "The mail only comes to Ordinary and returns to Newfoundland. We want the route continued from Ordinary to Elliottville, Rowan County, Ky. via Spruce in Rowan County." The route would be six miles east of Ordinary and four miles west of Elliottville and the travel time would increase by 10 miles one way. The nearest post office not on the route is The Ridge, five miles south. The nearest creek is Laurel Creek, one mile north. The Licking River is 10 miles to the east. The nearest railroad is the Lexington and Big Sandy. The Fraley post office will be to the south of Enterprise—the nearest railroad station. The nearest flag station is Soldier, which is seven miles away. The nearest station where trains made regular stops was Gates, eight miles away. Mail will be supplied from Morehead station and Leon station. This will be a country post office, not in a village. The population to be served will be 300.

This form was signed July 7, 1887, by John M. Cornett, proposed Postmaster, and Thos. M. Dehart, Postmaster of Ordinary, Elliott County, Ky.

The Postmasters of Fraley and their dates of appointment were:

John M. Cornett – January 26, 1888  
Benjamin F. McGill – October 17, 1893  
Mary E. Day – July 16, 1895  
Elizabeth Cornett – September 6, 1895  
Hannah Slone – May 23, 1902  
Obanion K. Tabor – August 1, 1902  
Wm. M. Wagner – December 26, 1902  
Wm. McMillen – October 3, 1911

The Fraley Post Office was discontinued December 31, 1913, and mail was sent to the Sideway Post Office.

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When someone asks you, "A penny for your thoughts," and you put your two cents in, what happens to the other penny?

## 1897-1898 Rowan County School Census Tabor Hill

Names listed are 6 to 20 years of age.

Parent/Guardian name, Child's name, Sex, Date of birth

### B.L. Tabor

Chas. W. Taylor, M, December 26, 1878  
O.K. Tabor, M, May 14, 1881  
Dewitt T. Tabor, M, June 2, 1883  
Mary M. Tabor, F, May 1, 1885  
Myrtle C. Tabor, F, February 28, 1887  
Hattie B. Tabor, F, June 25, 1889  
Boon L. Tabor, M, May 29, 1891

### Samuel J. Porter

Ira C. Porter, M, July 2, 1886  
Cella B. Porter, M, October 9, 1888  
Lona B. Porter, M, November 11, 1891

### Arminta Parker

Cora Parker, F, April 7 1892

### Elza Day

Gracie A. Day, F, February 1, 1884  
Emerion G. Day, M, January 13, 1886  
Nellie M. Day, F, September 6, 1888  
Alta Day, F, January 15, 1891  
Herbert Day, M, April 15, 1891  
(signed Eliza Day)

### Walter S. Fouch

George Fouch, M, September 10, 1878  
Arizona Fouch, F, September 5, 1880  
James A. Fouch, M, August 30, 1883  
Nevada Fouch, F, February 18, 1887  
Maudie Fouch, F, September 6, 1890

### Alonzo G. Fouch

Emerson Fouch, M, December 5, 1891

### James Bryant

Berty Fraley, F, February 4, 1881  
Lesly Bryant, M, May 4, 1889

### Jessee Pettit

Jessee Pettit, M, January 10, 1880  
Hettie J. Pettit, F, January 20, 1880 (married)  
(their address was listed as Fraley, Ky.)

### William Conley

Robert Conley, M, August 18, 1877  
Cora E. Conley, F, February 27, 1880

### Clarinda Mart

Lydia M. Mart, F, December 27, 1882  
Eora(?) Mart, M, July 11, 1884  
Rosania Mart, F, January 8, 1888  
Elizabeth J. Mart, F, April 14, 1890



## PAST AND PRESENT

### Rowan County Historical Society Newsletter March 2005

#### Tentative Schedule for 2005

- March 3 – Cub Scouts; Sandy Knipp & friends  
April 7 – Tom Biebighauser, a wildlife biologist at  
the Daniel Boone National Forest  
May 5 – John Ernst to speak on folk medicine  
June 2 – Ollie Barker, a prospective outing  
July 7 – A tour of the cabin of Ruth and Danny  
Blevins  
August 4 – Planning for the workshop on or about  
August 20  
September 1 – Work on our upcoming history  
book  
October 6 – Continue work on our upcoming  
history book  
November 3 – Fire Prevention Month;  
nominations of officers for 2006  
December 1 – Election of officers; Christmas  
Party

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#### WANTED

#### YOUR REUNION INFORMATION FOR DOCUMENTATION

The Rowan County Historical Society needs your family reunion information. Facts that are being recorded are the surnames involved, the reunion date and location, historical background or family stories and any other information related to the reunion.

This information will be recorded in a collection for the Rowan County Historical Society to share during the 2006 Sesquicentennial ceremonies. Please send your information to:  
The Rowan Co. Historical Society-“REUNIONS”  
P.O. Box 60  
Morehead, KY 40351.

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#### Reunions

**Tolliver Reunion**  
Carl D. Perkins Community Center  
Route 32/Flemingsburg Rd.  
Morehead, KY 40351  
June 24-25, 2005

Although this reunion is for all Tolliver/Toliver/Taliaferro families, most of the people who attend are descendants of Revolutionary War soldier John Tolliver (1760-1863) and his wife Tabitha Howell (1765-1845) from North Carolina. Last year's reunion drew 200 people from 18 states. Here's the schedule:

Friday, June 24--7:00 p.m. Informal visiting and musical talent show

Saturday, June 25--9:00 a.m. Registration, information exchange, more entertainment, presentations on the Tolliver DNA project, the Tolliver family's involvement in the Rowan County War, plans for Morehead and Rowan County's Sesquicentennial in 2006, pot luck lunch; afternoon self-conducted tours of family cemeteries and feud sites.

Sunday, June 26--2:00 p.m. Dedication ceremony at Morehead's Old Town Cemetery (Locust Avenue, between 4th and 5th Streets, at the rear of MSU's Reed Hall and the Catholic Church).

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#### February Meeting

On February 3, 2005, the Rowan County Historical Society met with Keith Steele of Turner Publishing to discuss our next history book. The book will be a compilation of family histories and stories of area residents. Turner Publishing of Paducah, Kentucky, published the Historical Society's previous book, "A Pictorial History of Rowan County." For more information about submitting your family history, please call Missy Jent at 606-784-8089, Willow Leach at 606-784-8146, or write the Historical Society at P.O. Box 60, Morehead, KY 40351.



Front: Willow Leach, Kay Schafer, Jean Cline, Betty Sharp, Ruth Blevins, Missy Jent, Avanelle Eldridge, Ethel Jones, and Gary Lewis.  
Back: Carmelita Evans, Danny Blevins, and Keith Steele.

### March Meeting

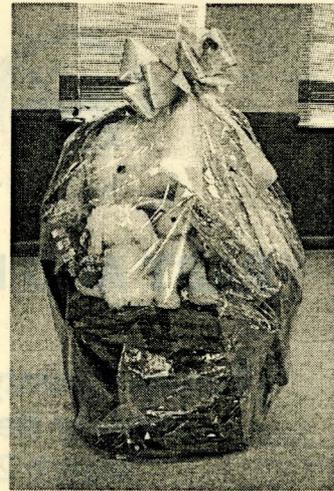
After a business meeting at the Board of Education Building on March 3, 2005, we were entertained by Sandy Knipp, Don Rigsby, and Jesse Wells with an enjoyable program of traditional music. Sandy talked about how the old Irish and Scots music has evolved into today's bluegrass music.



Sandy Knipp, Don Rigsby, & Jesse Wells

### Chili/Hot Dog Supper

On March 5, the Historical Society hosted a chili and hot dog supper and silent auction at Rodburn Elementary School as a fundraiser for the family history book which is to be published in time for the Sesquicentennial in 2006. One of the items contributed for the auction was a homemade Easter basket, made by Danny and Ruth Blevins and filled with many items donated by members of the Chili Supper planning committee.



The basket contributed by Ruth and Danny Blevins was overflowing with goodies!



The supper was a very successful venture and everyone seemed to enjoy the food and have a good time.

A list of donors without whose contributions the chili and hot dog supper would have not been possible:

- A. Baldwin & Associates – Clock
- Amy Blevins – Mary Kay products
- Ann's Hair and Body Studio – Gift certificate
- Anonymous Donor (Flea Market) – Knife and magnet; picture; shirt
- Atkinson Florist – Candle
- Appalachian Goldsmith Co. – Necklace
- Artist's Corner – Acrylic paints
- Amanda Barnet – Framed photograph
- Jessica Barnett – Framed photograph
- Melinda Barnett – Framed photograph
- Battson Drug – Candle
- Betty Sharp – Soup spoons
- Downtown BP – Case of soft drinks
- City Nails – Cash donation
- Big & Small Lots – 2 bird houses
- Cobbler's Cottage – Desk set
- Country At Heart – Spring wreath
- Certified – 2 cases of soft drinks
- Citizen's Bank – Coins
- Coffee Tree Books – 2 books
- Creative Touch Florist – Thermometer
- Danny Blevins Sr. & RCHS – Grapevine Easter basket

Danny Blevins Sr. – Wreath; 3-foot grapevine tree  
 Dee Biebighauser – 8 hours of wallpapering  
 Discounted Surplus -- Tent  
 Dow Blevins (Lay's) – Potato chips  
 E-Campus Bookstore – Long sleeve t-shirt  
 Electric Beach – Leather purse  
 Ethel Jones – Pie plate  
 Expressions Salon – Candle  
 Exxon – 4 cases of soft drinks  
 Farmers Mercantile – 2 pairs of boots  
 Food Lion – 2 cans of kidney beans  
 Gary Lewis – 2 Civil War books  
 Great Viking Bowling Center – Gift certificate  
 Hair Expressions – Hair spray and foam  
 Helen Williams – Napkins and cash donation  
 Holbrook Embroidery – Apron  
 Heiner's – Light bread and hot dog buns  
 Helen Surmont – Climbing Your Family Tree  
 Kentucky Folk Art Center – 2 books  
 Judy Hall Caudill – Landscape painting; small saw  
 blade  
     painting & stand  
 Kay Schafer – Portable CD player & John Denver CD  
 Kroger – Gift certificate  
 L.A. Nails – Cash donation  
 Mary's Hair Fashions – 5 tanning bed visits  
 McDonald's – Cups  
 Lowe's – Black & Decker cordless drill  
 Media One – 3 DVD movies  
 Melissa Jent – Frog statue  
 Movie Warehouse – Gift certificate  
 Caudill Grocery, Cranston Road – 4 cases of soft drinks  
 Occasion's Gift Shop – Vase  
 Papa John's – 2 gift certificates  
 Penn Station Subways – Gift certificates  
 Pine Grove Art Gallery – Old Courthouse print  
 Reno's Roadhouse – Gift certificates  
 Root-A-Baker's – Gift certificate  
 Roshella Waddell – Purse and wallet  
 Sam Goody's – Compact disc  
 Samuels Jewelers – Jewelry cleaner  
 Sheer Obsessions – Gift certificate  
 Shoe Sensation – American Eagle pants  
 Slone's – 10 packages of hot dogs  
 Stamper's Paint & Wallpaper – Gift certificate  
 Uniform Shop – Scrubs shirt and pants  
 Varsity Eagle – JanSport back pack  
 Wal-Mart – Gift certificate  
 Wendy's – Crackers for 200 people  
 Whitaker Bank – Coins  
 White's Ready Mart – Case of soft drinks  
 White Crow Comics/ American Office Supply – 3 action  
     figurines

If we have left out any names, we humbly  
 apologize. On behalf of the Historical Society, we  
 heartily and sincerely thank you.

– Missy Jent, President and the Book Committee

### Rowan County Family History Book to be Published

The Rowan County Historical Society has begun  
 compiling materials and historical photographs for  
 the publication of a family history book of Rowan  
 County, Kentucky. The book will contain general  
 history, including communities, industry,  
 landmarks, businesses, early agriculture, early  
 transportation, schools, churches, photos, maps, etc.  
 Also included will be hundreds of family  
 biographies, thus making this book the first  
 comprehensive general history ever attempted in  
 Rowan County. As such, the book will contain  
 never before published photographs of the above  
 mentioned topics.

Each family in Rowan County will be invited to  
 write about their family and submit photos (free of  
 charge) for inclusion in the book. Brochures  
 containing details as to how each family can be  
 represented are now available. The hardbound  
 volume will be a large, 8 ½ x 11 inch, library quality  
 edition, bound in a rich leatherette cover with a  
 gold seal depicting the heritage of Rowan County.  
 Projected deadline for submitting a family  
 biography is April 30, 2005. Residents (past and  
 present) of Rowan County are encouraged to  
 participate in this historic family history book  
 which will commemorate Rowan County's  
 Sesquicentennial occurring in 2006.

Turner Publishing Company of Paducah,  
 Kentucky, will publish the book. County residents  
 will be assisted throughout the project by Keith  
 Steele, Turner Publishing consultant.

Initial members of the book committee are:  
 Missy Jent, Willow Leach, Avanelle Eldridge, Betty  
 Sharp, Gary Lewis, Ruth Blevins, Danny Blevins,  
 and Ethel Jones. Additional information about the  
 project can be obtained by contacting Missy Jent,  
 (606) 784-8098, or writing the Rowan County  
 Historical Society, P.O. Box 60, Morehead, KY  
 40351.

### Christy Post Office

Form 1011 (Location Paper) was signed on  
 January 30, 1899 by Malissie F. Bradley as  
 proposed postmaster and W.W. Reynolds,  
 Postmaster of Rodbourn, to establish a post office  
 to be called Christy. The new post office would be  
 on Route 29188, being the route from Morehead to  
 Elliottsville, where the mail was carried six times  
 per week. It would be located 2 ½ miles northwest  
 of Rodbourn. Elliottsville was six miles east;  
 Morehead was 4 miles west. It was 12 miles east of  
 the Licking River and would be on the north side  
 directly on the nearest creek called

Christy Creek. The nearest railroad was the Chesapeake & Ohio. The population to be supplied was 50.

Malissie Bradley was appointed Postmaster on April 5, 1899. On April 12, 1900, Hiram H. Stamper, proposed Postmaster, signed Form 1019 to move the post office one mile east. This was directly on the route. The name of the nearest post office not on the route was Mizpah—two miles northeast. This was not a village but the population to be supplied was 200. Stamper was appointed Postmaster on April 27, 1900.

Other Postmasters and their dates of appointment:

Anna B. Lands – February 3, 1903. There was a notice in the Postal Bulletin on March 4, 1904, and again April 16, 1907, about her appointment.

Ollie R. Parks – December 8, 1916. Ollie Parks signed a form to request a change of the post office site on January 1, 1917. The nearest creek was Christy Creek—40 yards east. The nearest post office on the route was Vale—two miles east. Morehead was 5 miles west. The nearest post office not on the route was Rodbourn—3 miles west. The post office was 30 yards south of the railroad tracks. Rodbourn was the name of the closest railroad station.

More Postmasters and their dates of appointment:

Mirt Richardson – June 30, 1917

Van Hogge – October 16, 1920

Charles W. Tyree – July 13, 1923

Van Hogge again assumed charge as

Acting Postmaster on September 3, 1923. He was confirmed as Postmaster on October 18, 1923. His commission was signed and mailed on October 31, 1923.

The Christy post office was discontinued August 19, 1941, effective August 31, 1941, and mail was routed to Morehead.

### Old Occupations Chart

(continued from December 2004 newsletter)

Ealdorman—An official of the shire courts who acted as the King's deputy taking payment from the profits of the court

Earer—Plowman

Earth Stopper—One who plugs up animal holes

Egg Factor/Eggler—Egg or poultry dealer

Ellerman/Elliman—One who sold oil used for lamps

Elymaker—Oilman

Embosser—One who molded or carved designs that were raised above the surface of the material

Engineman—Employed at a mine to be in charge of the machinery used to crush the ore

Ensign—Commissioned officer in the navy

Enumerator—One who collected information for the

census from the householder and recorded it  
Equerry—Officer of the royal household usually responsible for the horses

Eremit—Hermit

Erite—Heretic

Esquire—One who attended a knight, which later became a title for a man of standing in society

Ewe Herd—Shepherd

Exchequer—Revenue collector

Exciseman—Excise tax collector

Eye—One who made eyes in needles used for sewing; sometimes called a Holer

Faber—Artisan or workman

Factor—Agent, commission merchant; one who acts or transacts business for another; Scottish steward or bailiff of an estate

Farrier—A blacksmith, one who shoes horses

Faulkner—Falconer

Fell Monger—One who removes hair or wool from hides in preparation for leather making

Fletcher—One who made bows and arrows

Fuller—One who fulls cloth; one who shrinks and thickens woolen by moistening, heating, and pressing; one who cleans and finishes cloth

Gaoler—A keeper of the gaol (jail), a jailer

Glazier—Window glassman

Hacker—Maker of hoes

Hatcheler—One who combed out or carded flax

Haymonger—Dealer in hay

Higgler—Itinerant peddler

Hiller—Roof tiler

Hind—A farm laborer

Holster—A groom who took care of horses, often at an inn

Hooker—Reaper

Hooper—One who made hoops for casks and barrel

Huckster—Sold small wares

Husbandman—A farmer who cultivates the land

Jagger—Fish peddler

Journeyman—One who had served his apprenticeship and mastered his craft, not bound to serve a master, but hired by the day

Joyner/Joiner—A skilled carpenter

Keeler—Bargeman

Kempster—Wool comber

Lardner—Keeper of the cupboard

Lavender—Washer woman

Leæder—Leather maker

Leech—Physician

Longshoreman—Stevadore

Lorner—Maker of horse gear

Malender—Farmer

Malster—Brewer

Manciple—Steward

Mason—Bricklayer

Mintmaster—One who issued local currency

Monger—Seller of goods (ale, fish)

Muleskinner—Teamster

Neatherder—Herded cows

Ordinary Keeper—Innkeeper with fixed prices

Pattern Maker—A maker of a clog shod with an iron ring. A clog was a wooden pole with a pattern cut in the end.

**BRADLEY SCHOOL**  
**1906-1907**  
**ROWAN COUNTY, KY**  
**SCHOOL CENSUS - DISTRICT 44**

Parent/Guardian, child's name, sex-age, birthday

**William Ferrand**

Jerry Ferrand, m-6, Mar. 29, 1900

**James Ruggles**

Geo. Ruggles, m-17, June 9, 1888

Alf Ruggles, m-16, Mar. 1890

Berney Ruggles, m-13, May 1892

**Amanda Fisher**

Lizzie Fisher, f-7, 1899

Alford Lands, m-6, Mar. 14, 1900

**Chas. Puckett**

Layfette Puckett, m-14

Zena Puckett, f-10

**Madison Messer**

Robert Messer, m-17, May 3, 1889

Willie Messer, m-15, Jan. 3, 1891

Jane Messer, m-12, Oct. 18, 1894

Mary Messer, f-9, June 8, 1897

**George Templeton**

Arvel Templeton, f-7, Aug. 23, 1899

Fleming Templeman, m-9, April 13, 1897

**Chas. Ratliff**

Howard Ratcliff, m-8, Jan. 30, 1898

George Ratcliff, m-14, Aug. 24, 1892

Fred Ratcliff, m-12, April 22, 1893

**Wesley Roberts**

Auther Roberts, m-10, Dec. 15, 1895

Morgan Roberts, m-17, Nov. 7, 1889

Margrette Roberts, m-14, Dec. 25, 1891

Mary Roberts, f-13, June 12, 1893

Sarah D. Roberts, f-11, March 6, 1895

**John Bradley**

Chas. Bradley, f-9, July 9, 1897

Luke Bradley, m-19, Oct. 9, 1886

Alford Bradley, m-16, July 10, 1889

**Chas. Ratcliff**

Isaac Ratcliff, m-8, Mar. 18, 1897

**Oliver Parker**

Oscar Parker, m-8, Jan. 24, 1898

**James Moore**

Lora Moore, m-7, Aug. 25, 1892

Molissa Moore, m-18, May 12, 1887

Luada Moore, m-16, Feb. 4, 1890

Berta Moore, f-10, May 18, 1896

Ina Moore, f-7, Nov. 1898

**Simon Boyd**

Bertha Boyd, f-6, Oct. 15, 1900

Lewis Branham, f-15, May 17, 1891

John Branham, m-18

Farley Boyd, m-14

Bosa Boyd, m-9

**Perry Manning**

Annie Manning, f-16, May 12, 1890

Galemah Manning, f-13, Dec. 17, 1892

**Jas. Brooks**

Thomas Brooks, m-20, Jan. 20, 1886

Fannie Brooks, f-7, Mar. 16, 1896

Louana Brooks, f-9, June 9, 1896

**Grant Earley**

Dora Earley, f-16, March 27, 1890

Annie Earley, f-13, May 13, 1892

Ida Earley, f-11, June 16, 1894

Samuel Earley, m-9, June 12, 1896

John Earley, m-7, June 7, 1898

Thomas Earley, m-6, June 11, 1900

**William Patten**

Arvel Patton, m-9, Nov. 11, 1897

Ira Patton, m-8, June 19, 1898

**O.A. Maxey**

Ethel Maxey, f-12, Feb. 6, 1893

Ollie Maxey, m-13, Aug. 3, 1893

Frank Maxey, m-11, Sep. 30, 1895

**Franklin Lewis**

Chas. Earley, m-13, Sep. 17, 1893

Wm. McKinley Lewis, m-6, Nov. 7, 1900

Myrtie Lewis, f-7, Aug. 25, 1898

**Wm. Ferrand**

Tannie Ferrand, f-15, Aug. 29, 1890

Mattie Ferrand, f-12, Jan. 13, 1894

Ned Ferrand, m-15, Mar. 11, 1891

Jas. Ferrand, m-9, Jan. 5, 1897

Maude Ferrand, f-11, Oct. 17, 1895

\*Note: Some discrepancies appeared on the original document: between spellings of surnames of parent & child; between age of child & birthday; between sex of child & the given name. No post office was given for parent address; no parent signature.

Peregrinator—Itinerant wanderer  
 Parker—A wig maker  
 Pettifogger—A shyster lawyer  
 Pigman—Crockery dealer  
 Plumber—One who applied sheet leading for roofing  
 and set lead frames for plain or stained glass  
 windows  
 Porter—Door keeper  
 Puddler—Wrought iron worker  
 Quarrier—Quarry worker  
 Rigger—Hoist tackler worker  
 Ripper—Seller of fish  
 Roper—Maker of ropes or nets  
 Saddler—One who make, repairs or sells saddles or  
 other furnishings for horses  
 Sawbones—Physicians  
 Schumacker—One who saws; carpenter  
 Scribler—Shoemaker  
 Scrivener—Professional or public copyist or writer;  
 notary public  
 Scrutiner—Election judge  
 Shrieve—Sheriff  
 Slater—Roofer  
 Shopseller—Seller of ready-made clothes in a slop shop  
 Snobsat/Snob—One who repairs shoes  
 Sorter—Tailor  
 Spinster—Woman who spins or an unmarried woman  
 Spurrer—Maker of spurs  
 Squire—Country gentleman; farm owner; justice of the  
 peace  
 Stuff Gown or Stuff Gownsmen—Junior barrister  
 Supercargo—Officer on merchant ship who is in charge  
 of cargo and the commercial concerns of the ship  
 Tanner—One who tans (cures) animal hides into  
 leather  
 Tapley—One who puts the tap in the ale cask  
 Tasker—Reaper  
 Teamster—One who drives a team for hauling  
 Thatcher—Roofer  
 Tide Waiter—Customs inspector  
 Tinker—An itinerant tin pot and pan seller and  
 repairman  
 Tipstaff—Policeman  
 Travers—Toll bridge collector  
 Tucker—Cleaner of cloth goods  
 Turner—Person who turns wood on a lathe into  
 spindles  
 Victualer—A tavern keeper, or one who provides an  
 army, navy or ship with food supplies  
 Vulcan—Blacksmith  
 Wagoner—Teamster not for hire  
 Wainwright—Wagon maker  
 Waiter—Customs officer or tide waiter; one who waits  
 on the tide to collect duty on goods brought in  
 Waterman—Boatman who plies for hire  
 Webster—Operator of looms  
 Wharfinger—Owner of a wharf  
 Wheelwright—One who made or repaired wheels,  
 wheeled carriages, etc.  
 Whitesmith—Tinsmith; worker of iron who finishes or  
 polishes the work  
 Whitewing—Street sweeper  
 Whitster—Bleacher of cloth  
 Wright—Workman, especially a construction worker

Yardman—rail road yard worker  
 Yatman—gate keeper  
 Yeoman—Farmer who owns his own land  
 Zincographer—designer who etched in relief a pattern  
 on zinc plates used for printing  
 Zoographer—Describes and classifies animals

If you would like to read more definitions of old  
 occupations, there are several sites on the World Wide  
 Web. Here is a good one:  
<http://cpcug.org/user/jlacombe/terms.html>

## Humour

Cooking? Cleaning? I'd Rather Do Genealogy!

They think that I should cook and clean, and be a model  
wife.

I tell them it's more interesting to study Grandpa's life.  
They simply do not understand why I hate to go to  
bed....

I'd rather do two hundred years of research work  
instead.

Why waste the time we have on earth just snoring and  
asleep

When we can learn of ancestors that sailed upon the  
deep?

We have priests, Rabbis, lawmen, soldiers, more than  
just a few.

And yes, there's many scoundrels, and a bootlegger or  
two.

How can a person find this life an awful drudge or bore  
When we can live the lives of all those folks who came  
before?

A hundred years from now, of course, no one will ever  
know

Whether I did laundry, but they'll see our Tree and  
glow...

'Cause their dear old granny left for them, for all  
posterity,

Not clean hankies and the like, but a finished family  
tree.

My home may be untidy, 'cause I've better things to  
do...

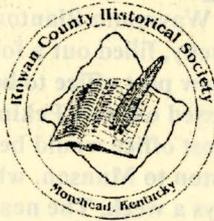
Checking all the records to provide us with a clue.  
This old granny's pulling roots and branches out with  
glee,

Her clothes ain't hanging out to dry: she's hung up on  
The Tree!

....Mel Oshins

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## PAST AND PRESENT

### Rowan County Historical Society Newsletter

June 2005

#### Anderson and Stevens in Sesquicentennial Projects

Dr. Michael Anderson, Pastor of the Morehead United Pentecostal Church, will be the contact person of Pioneer Sunday in 2006.

Every church in Rowan County will be encouraged to participate in the Rowan County History Celebration of 1856-2006 which will run all year long. Churches are invited to have All Days meetings with Dinner on the Ground sometime during 2006. Men are encouraged to wear work clothes, overalls, and work shoes; women are encouraged to wear long dresses, aprons, and bonnets.

We encourage all pastors who want to participate to contact Dr. Anderson at 784-9982 or write United Pentecostal Church, 1020 North Tolliver, Morehead, Ky., 40351.

Mr. Tom Stevens of Christy Creek (784-7139) will be in charge of Farming and old farming equipment displays in Rowan County. He will be working with farmers, 4-H, FFA, Home Economics Extension Office, and other farm organizations and clubs. Displays are being planned in Morehead and around the county. All persons interested in these displays, please contact him.

A calendar is being prepared for the activities which will be going on during 2006.

Lloyd Dean, Chairman  
Sesquicentennial 1856-2006  
150 Years of Progress

#### RCPL Sponsors Program on KY Women

Genie K. Potter, from the Kentucky Humanities Council, was the featured speaker on May 26, 2005, at the Rowan County Public Library. Her lecture, based on her book Kentucky Women, included stories of women who over came adversity to achieve their goals. It was a most enjoyable program. Historical Society members who were in attendance were Kay Crim, Carmie Evans, Willow Leach, Avanelle Eldridge, and Helen Surmont.



From left to right: Kay Crim, Emma Ingle (mother of RCPL Director Helen Williams), Willow Leach, Avanelle Eldridge, Genie Potter, Carmie Evans, Helen Surmont.

#### Genealogical Workshop Being Planned

Our annual Genealogical Workshop will be held on Saturday, August 20, 2005, at the Rowan County Public Library, beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ending when we are finished! Registration is at 9:00 a.m. The workshop is free of charge.

Our guest speaker will be Ms. Sandi Fraley, a Winchester, KY, genealogist whose business title is self-explanatory: "Ancestors' Soup." One may visit her website at <http://www.ancestorsoup.com/> for lots of good information.

#### Meeting Notes

After a short business meeting at the April 7, 2005, meeting, Tom Biebighauser, wildlife biologist at the Daniel Boone National Forest, showed slides and spoke about the importance of maintaining and protecting wetlands. He has received many awards for his accomplishments.

Ernest M. Tucker, professor of history at Ashland Community and Technical College, was our guest at the May 5 meeting. He has interviewed Eastern Kentuckians and collected wonderfully humorous stories about how they lived and worked and took care of their families and livestock just about two generations ago. He also brought along a collection of old tools to show how things really have changed. His presentation was very entertaining and informative.

#### Cemeteries

The Cemetery Committee met with the Morehead Fiscal Court to determine which cemeteries were abandoned and what help might be obtained from the Rowan County Detention Center. In the past, this has been a successful project thanks to the detention inmates, Jailer Tim Bryant, Judge Clyde Thomas, and the magistrates. But there is more to be done, so please continue to support the cemetery committee in their efforts!

By the way, have you been by Town Cemetery, which is behind Morehead State University's Reed Hall? The

Masonic Lodge has "adopted" it and they have completed the restoration and beautification of this historic old cemetery. There will be a public dedication ceremony on Sunday, June 26, at 2 p. m., and members of the Historical Society are encouraged to attend. The program will last only about 30 minutes, but if the weather is good, folks may want to linger a while and visit.

### Family History Book

The new deadline for inclusion in the history book is June 30, 2005. So hurry and send in your family history and picture!

### The Cost of Freedom

On July 4, 1776, Congress adopted the final draft of the Declaration of Independence. Fifty-six members signed the document. Most members signed on August 2, 1776; the rest on a later date.

The night before the Declaration of Independence was adopted, John Adams of Massachusetts wrote his wife, "I am well aware of the toil and blood and treasure it will cost us to maintain this Declaration."

His 55 co-signers were equally aware of the danger and prepared to pay the price. Pay they did:

Richard Stockton of New Jersey was betrayed, dragged from his bed and thrown into prison by the enemy. He died prematurely at 51, broken in health by his mistreatment in prison.

Lyman Hall and George Walton of Georgia suffered confiscation of property and imprisonment, respectively.

William Whipple of New Hampshire had his leg shattered by a cannonball at the Battle of Rhode Island. A few months later with a wooden leg, he was back in Congress.

John Morton of Pennsylvania died eight months after signing the Declaration, ostracized by relatives and friends.

John Hart of New Jersey was driven from the bedside of his dying wife, his 13 children were scattered, his 400-acre farm was destroyed by fire and he was forced (at age 65) to live as a fugitive for a year and a half.

Francis Lewis of New York had his home ransacked and burned. But far worse, his wife was taken prisoner and locked in a squalid jail. As a result of harsh treatment, she died within two years.

Yes, the cost of freedom always runs high.

--from Christopher News Notes

[For more on the Declaration of Independence and biographies of its signers, consult your library or visit this website: <http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/>]

### Pekin Post Office

On May 1, 1891, Waymann Blanton, Postmaster at Pine Springs, Kentucky, filled out a form for the establishment of a new post office to be called Dallas. Dallas was later crossed out and Pekin was inserted in its place. The new post office would be 1 ½ miles from the route from Eadston to Munson, where the mail was then carried two days a week. The nearest existing post offices were Pine Springs, 3 ½ miles west, and Triplett, 4 ½ miles east. Eadston Post Office and the railroad were 7 miles in a southerly direction. The name of the railroad was given as NN&MV (Newport News and Mississippi Valley Rail Road).

The population to be served was 75 to 100. Triplett Creek was 100 yards on the west side. An accompanying diagram to the form said the area to be supplied was entirely settled and there was no other post office near Pine Springs or Pictersville [spelling hard to decipher; possibly could be Putersville or Peetersville]. Under the diagram of the area was written: "You can see it will be 1 ½ miles to Dallas from the line where the route goes. The 2 trips each day will make a distance of 6 miles further which the carrier can easily make the same day as he returns to Eadston at 2 o'clock now. The route you see starts at Eadston and goes to Triplett thence to Dallas thence to Pine Springs thence to Munson thence back to Pine Springs and up to Dallas thence to Triplett and on to Eadston. Let us hear from you about this soon."

The form was signed on May 1, 1891 by John G. Evans as proposed Postmaster and Waymann Blanton, Postmaster of Pine Springs. On May 27, 1891, John G. Evans began as Postmaster. Annie Plank became Postmaster on March 17, 1892. The post office was discontinued July 15, 1892.

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Remember me in the family tree--
My name, my days, my strife;
Then I'll ride upon the wings of time
And live an endless life.

Linda Goetsch

(<http://www.grillyourgranny.com/>)

Thank you to the contributors to this issue: Willow Leach, Lloyd Dean, Betty Sharp, Avanelle Eldridge, J.D. Reeder, Helen Surmont, and to Fred Brown of American Office Supply/White Crow Comics for printing the newsletter.

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Rowan County Historical Society

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1897-1898 Rowan County, KY  
School Census - District 34  
Island Fork

Post Office Address of Parents/Guardians - Triplett, KY

Key:

Parent/Guardian Name

Child's name, sex-age, birthday

Charley Dailey

Lenora Dailey, f-16, July 12, 1881 (married)

James H. Dailey

Anna Ellington, f-9, Oct. 3, 1888

James Easton

Charlotte B. Easton, f-14, April 14, 1883

Elmer C. Cornett, m-8, Oct. 19, 1889

James A. Cornett, m-6, Aug. 1, 1891

James Riley

Georgia Riley, m-16, Mch. 9, 1882

Mary B. Riley, f-11, Jan. 9, 1887

Richard Lewis

Edward Lewis, m-10, Jan. 3, 1888

Elizabeth Lewis, f-10, Jan. 3, 1888

Malissa Lewis, f-7, Aug. 1, 1890

Granvill Butler

Benjamin S. Butler, m-9, Mch. 21, 1889

William G. Butler, m-6, May 4, 1892

Sarah E. Butler

Sarah A. Henderson, f-16, May 26, 1881

Jacob Hilterbrand

William H. Hilterbrand, m-13, Oct. 5, 1884

Bertha A. Hilterbrand, f-11, May 11, 1886

James W. Hilterbrand, m-8, May 1889

Harvey E. Hilterbrand, m-6, Oct. 27, 1891

Walter Easton

Laury Easton, f-18, July 15, 1880 (married)

John E. McCane

Rosetta McCane, f-18, July 10, 1879

James McCane

Scott McCane, m-18, May 20, 1879

Charley McCane, m-14, Feb. 14, 1884

Amanda McCane, f-12, Mch. 9, 1886

Grover C. McCane, m-9, July 6, 1888

Daniel Fraley

Louisa J. Fraley, f-17, Aug. 2, 1880

Jennie F. Fraley, f-15, Sep. 14, 1882

Jacob Fraley, m-13, Aug. 1884

Harvey B. Fraley, m-11, 1887

John F. Fraley, m-9, 1889

Nannie L. Fraley, f-6, Feb. 17, 1892

William W. Hyatt

Wallace F. Hyatt, m-12, Sept. 1885

Thomas F. Hyatt, m-10, Mch. 2, 1888

Richard M. Hyatt, m-6, Aug. 20, 1891

Minnie B. Flinn

Elizabeth Flinn, f-9, Mch. 30, 1889

Elisha Butler

Andrew Butler, m-11, June 7, 1886

James P. Butler, m-9, Oct. 25, 1888

William H. Butler, m-7, Jan. 27, 1891

Jasper Eulette

Robin F. Eulette, m-16, Sept. 23, 1881

Harriet E. Eulette, f-13, Mch. 15, 1885

Robert L. Ham

Leroy Voughn, m-14, Mch. 13, 1884

Adaline Stacy

Flora Stacy, f-14, Aug. 14, 1883

May Stacy, f-9, Mch. 2, 1889

James E. Hall

Ina P. Hall, f-7, Feb. 5, 1891

Samuel R. Ham

Eadna A. Ham, f-18, Feb. 14, 1880

Elizabeth L. Ham, f-15, Aug. 26, 1882

Henderson Whisman

Millard F. Whisman, m-17, June 14, 1880

Mary L. Whisman, f-13, Apr. 23, 1885

Henry F. Whisman, m-9, June 6, 1888

George W. Ham

Bessie M. Ham, f-19, Aug. 4, 1878

Nannie R. Ham, f-17, Jan. 17, 1881

Joseph W. Ham, m-14, Sept. 22, 1883

Bertie G. Ham, f-11, July 15, 1886

Henry C. Ham

Myrtie E. Ham, f-15, Oct. 15, 1882

William L. Ham, m-14, Feb. 19, 1884

Lyddia M. Ham, f-12, April 9, 1886

Effie G. Ham, f-8, July 29, 1889

David L. Ham, m-6, Oct. 4, 1891

1897-1898 Rowan County, KY  
School Census - District 34  
ROCK FORK

Post Office Addresses of Parents/Guardians – Muses Mills & Plumers Landing, KY

Key:

Parent/Guardian Name

*Child's name, sex-age, birthday*

Susan Ball

**William Ball, Jr.**, m-17, Oct. 4, 1880

**Martha Ball**, f-16, June 12, 1882

Robert Humphries

**Jessee Humphries**, m-17, April 17, 1881

**John Humphries**, m-13, April 13, 1885

**Willie Humphries**, m-13, April 13, 1885

**Vina Humphries**, f-10, Mch. 16, 1888

**George Humphries**, m-6, June 19, 1892

James Ham

**Frank Ham**, m-19, Feb. 29, 1879

**Louie Carter**, f-15, May 15, 1883

**Amanda Ham**, f-14, May 14, 1884

**Stella Carter**, f-8, Dec. 8, 1889

Solomon W. Ham

**John Sexton**, m-12, Sept. 22, 1885

Sarah E. Roberts

**Ivy Roberts**, f-18, Oct. 23, 1879

**Chasley Roberts**, m-16, July 5, 1882

**Manni Roberts**, f-15, Mch. 25, 1883

**Thomas Roberts**, m-12, Jan. 2, 1886

**Elmer Roberts**, m-10, Oct. 26, 1887

**Curtis Roberts**, m-10, May 8, 1889

**Claud Roberts**, m-8, Mch. 3, 1890

**Ollie Roberts**, m-6, Feb. 26, 1892

James F. Roberts

**John Roberts**, m-11, Mch. 3, 1887

**Emmit Roberts**, m-9, Oct. 1, 1888

**Morton Roberts**, m-7, Dec. 21, 1890

John P. Ham

**Cora F. Ham**, f-13, June 19, 1885

**Annie Ham**, f-10, Mch. 14, 1888

Christopher C. Ham

**Aamos C. Ham**, m-12, May 17, 1886

**Melvin L. Ham**, m-9, Aug. 7, 1888

**Minnie L. Ham**, f-6, Oct. 28, 1891

Theadora Humphries

**Rosa Humphries**, f-9, Oct. 3, 1888

Smith P. Ham

**Otha Roys**, m-12, April 20, 1886

William Cox

**John Cox**, m-10, July 19, 1887

**Gorden Cox**, m-10, Jan. 10, 1888

**Benjamin Cox**, m-6, Sept. 10, 1891

William Carpenter

**Mason Carpenter**, m-12, Dec. 12, 1885

Troy M. Roberts

**Americus Roberts**, m-17, Jan. 17, 1881

**William Roberts**, m-15, Jan. 11, 1883

**Martha Roberts**, f-13, Jan. 22, 1885

**Hiram Roberts**, m-11, Jan. 17, 1887

**Syntha Roberts**, f-8, Dec. 19, 1889

**Addie Roberts**, f-6, Dec. 9, 1891

Lor Hiatt

**Annie Hiatt**, f-17, Sept. 10, 1880

**Floid Hiatt**, m-16, April 13, 1882

**Florance Hiatt**, f-14, Nov. 29, 1883

**Rosa E. Hiatt**, f-12, Aug. 7, 1885

**William E. Hiatt**, m-11, Mch. 17, 1887

**Minnie A. Hiatt**, f-9, Oct. 27, 1888

**Sarah E. Hiatt**, f-7, Mch 16, 1891

William M. Ball, Sr.

**Dawson Wyatt**, m-16, Feb. 28, 1882

**Tilburn Wyatt**, m-11, April 12, 1887

William McDonnell

**Walter McDonell**, m-10, July 14, 1887

**Floyd McDonell**, m-9, Jan. 11, 1889

**Jesse McDonell**, m-8, April 18, 1890

**Annie McDonell**, f-6, Sep. 19, 1891

David McRoberts

**Barbra McRoberts**, f-18, Aug. 29, 1879

**Willie McRoberts**, m-17, Mch. 10, 1881

**Abigal McRoberts**, m-15, Jan. 22, 1880

**Callie McRoberts**, f-13, Mch. 31, 1885

**Juda McRoberts**, f-11, May 6, 1887

**Fidella McRoberts**, f-8, Sep. 30, 1889

**Boon McRoberts**, m-6, Apr. 22, 1892

Mike Plank

**Annie Lee Plank**, f-10, Aug. 18, 1887

**Mary Plank**, f-?, Nov. 17, 1891



## PAST AND PRESENT

### Rowan County Historical Society Newsletter

September 2005

#### Family History Book Announcement

Let's make this the best family history book in the state, so please be sure to send in your family biographies before the deadline of September 20, 2005. You get to submit 500 words and a picture for free! How can you possibly pass up this deal? And don't forget to ask about the Memorial Pages—you may get a discount!

You can drop the biographies off at the Rowan County Public Library or mail them to P.O. Box 60, Morehead, KY 40351.

#### Past News Items from the Big Sandy News, abstracted by Cora Meek

Tuesday, February 16, 1882:

Rowan Co. News (Bristow) – W.T. NICKELL was shot and killed by LEANDER TOLLIVER. It seems the two young men met at a party at the house of MASTON COX in Elliott County, Saturday night, and the difficulty arose about midnight. He was a son of CAPT. GREEN NICKELL and was aged 23 years. He leaves a wife and 3 small children.

Both Green Nickell and his wife were confined to bed by illness before the killing. MRS. GREEN T. NICKELL, mother of WILLAIM T. NICKELL, deceased, is lying dangerously ill at her home in Bristow, from effects of the sudden and tragic death of her son. Squire NICKELL, the husband, is also confined to bed. W.P. WARD and family, of Bristow, left the first of last week for Kansas, their future home.

Rowan Co. (Morehead) – On Wednesday of last week the mail was brought by rail on the evening train, east bound, the first time such an occurrence ever took place, dating a new era in postal service in the history of Morehead and Rowan County.

Rowan Co. – On Monday last at the regular term of the county court, administrative papers

were granted to his widow, MRS. ELIZABETH CAUDEL, on the estate of ELDER HENRY C. CAUPELL, deceased. Died: MRS. NANCY WILSON, at the home of her nephew-by-marriage, D.L. PHELPS, SR., on Tuesday, Jan. 31, 1882, in the 83<sup>rd</sup> year of her age.

#### July Meeting Notes

Our July 9, 2005, meeting was held in the form of a field trip to the home of members Danny and Ruth Blevins to tour their log cabin. The cabin was built by Danny to house the antiques and keepsakes they have collected. We also viewed the renovation progress of the Route 377 Volunteer Fire Department at the Hickory Flats Fire Tower. We visited the 'camp house' and Danny Blevins, Jr., explained what some of the instruments were and how they were used to locate a fire. Some of the braver members of the group climbed to the top of the tower and took pictures. We later returned to the Blevins' home for a picnic in the shade—with lots of good food and lots of good talk. A big "Thank you!" to Ruth and Danny for a most enjoyable day.



Hickory Flat Forest Fire Lookout Tower on North Fork of Cranston.

#### Genealogy Workshop

The Eighth Annual Genealogy Workshop was held on Saturday, August 20, 2005, at the Rowan County Public Library, with an excellent turnout. The welcome was given by member Carmelita Evans and member Kay Schafer introduced our guest speaker, professional genealogist Sandi Fraley. She appeared in period costume and her topic was "Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Building Bridges Over Brick Walls." With her

partner, Kellie Scott, Ms. Fraley has had many years of experience researching genealogy. An information packet was passed out to attendees and she took us through the important steps in finding our families. After a question and answer session, lunch was served, and then there were opportunities to check our own resources and exchange information.



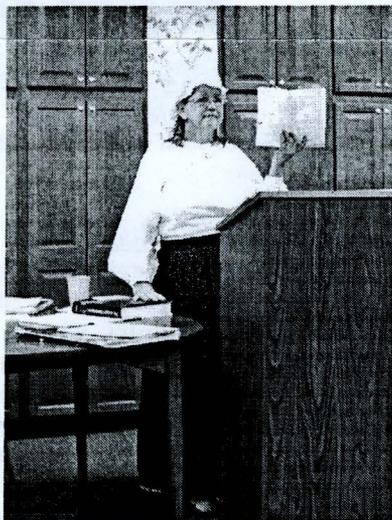
Sandi Fraley



Carmelita Evans welcomes the group.



Kay Shafer welcomes Sandi Fraley.



Sandi Fraley spoke while wearing period costume.

### Ramey Post Office

A form for the proposed location of a new post office was signed September 10, 1901, by John H. Ramey, proposed Postmaster, and Thomas Razor, Postmaster of Moore's Ferry. The new post office was to be called Ramey, serving a population of 500. This post office would not be on a route so it would be a special office. Mail would be supplied from Farmers, Kentucky. The name of the nearest post office on one side was Colfax, three miles west. Moore's Ferry was four miles south and Farmers was 4 ½ miles in a northern direction. Licking River was ¼ mile north. The Ramey post office site was on the bank of Three Lick Creek, on the east side. The nearest railroad was the C&O.

Other postmasters and their dates of appointment:

William F. Prater, December 29, 1903

Clara A. Prater, March 11, 1907

On July 31, 1908, Hattie A. Harrett [sp., initial letter is illegible] sent Form A-19 to change the post office site 7 ½ miles west. The nearest mail route to the proposed site was Star Route 29173 from Ramey to Farmers, where mail was carried three times a week. The C&O Railroad was 4 ½ miles south and Farmers was the station 4 ½ miles to the southeast. Salt Lick in Bath County was 5 miles southwest. Freestone was 6 ½ miles southeast. Moore's Ferry was 3 miles southwest. The total population to be served was 154.

On November 18, 1909, Charles W. Clay sent Form 1019 to move Ramey Post Office to a new site. The new location was 1 3/8 miles northeast. The nearest mail route was Star Route 30172 from Ramey to Farmers, where mail was carried three times a week. The C&O Railroad and Farmers station was 6 miles to the southeast. Moore's Ferry

was three miles southwest. The Licking River was one mile west. There was no village but population to be supplied was 125.

Charles W. Clay resigned on May 13, 1832, and the post office was discontinued on June 22, 1932, effective June 30. Mail was thereafter sent to Farmers.

### Tombstone Initials and Their Meanings

**ALOH:** American Legion of Honor  
**BPOE:** Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks  
**CSA:** Confederate States Army  
**DAR:** Daughters of the American Revolution  
**F&AM:** Free and Accepted Masons  
**FOE:** Fraternal Order of Eagles  
**GAR:** Grand Army of the Republic  
**IOKP:** Independent Order of Knights Pythias  
**IOOF:** Independent Order of Odd Fellows  
**IWW:** Industrial Workers of the World  
**KGL:** Knight Grand Legion  
**K of C:** Knights of Columbus  
**KM:** Knights of Malta (Masonic)  
**K of P:** Knights of Pythias  
**KGE:** Knights of Golden Eagle  
**KKK:** Knights of Ku-Klux-Klan  
**KT:** Knights Templars (Masonic)  
**LOM:** Loyal Order of the M.O.O.S.E.  
**MWA:** Modern Woodmen of America  
**OES:** Order of the Eastern Star  
**SR:** Scottish Rite (Masonic)  
**RAM:** Royal Arch Masons  
**SCV:** Sons of the Confederate Veterans  
**SAR:** Sons of the American Revolution  
**SV:** Sons of Veterans  
**UCV:** United Confederate Veterans  
**UDV:** United Daughters of the Confederacy  
**VFW:** Veterans of Foreign Wars  
**WOW:** Woodsmen of the World

A longer list of tombstone initials and their meanings may be found on the Internet at:  
<http://www.obitcentral.com/cemsearch/initials.htm>

### Tombstone Symbols and Their Meanings

**Anchor/Ships:** Hope or seafaring profession  
**Angel Trumpeting:** Resurrection  
**Angel Weeping:** Grief and mourning  
**Arches:** Victory in death  
**Bird, Flying:** Resurrection  
**Book:** Representation of a holy book, i.e., the Bible  
**Broken Column:** Loss of head of family  
**Broken Ring:** Family circle severed  
**Cherub:** Angelic  
**Columns and Doors:** Heavenly entrance  
**Cross:** Emblem of faith

**Crown:** Glory of life after death  
**Cup or Chalice:** The sacraments  
**Drapes:** Mourning; mortality  
**Full Bloom Rose:** Prime of life  
**Hand, Pointing Up:** Pathway to heaven; heavenly reward  
**Hands, Clasped:** The good-byes said at death  
**Handshakes:** Farewell  
**Heart:** Love; love of God; abode of the soul; mortality  
**Ivy:** Friendship and immortality  
**Lamb:** Innocence  
**Laurel:** Fame or victory  
**Oak Leaves and Acorn:** Maturity, ripe old age  
**Open Book/Bible:** Deceased teacher, minister, etc.  
**Portals:** Passageway to eternal journey  
**Rosebud:** Deceased infant or child  
**Scythe:** Death; the divine harvest  
**Skull/Crossed Bones:** Death  
**Sun Rising:** Renewed life  
**Urn with Wreath or Crepe:** Mourning  
**Wheat Strands or Sheaves:** The divine harvest  
**Winged Face:** Effigy of the deceased soul; the soul in flight  
**Wreath:** Victory

More interesting symbols and their meanings may be found on the Internet at:  
<http://members.aol.com/TombView/symbol2.html>

### Equestrian Statues as Monuments

If a statue of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle.  
If the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died as a result of wounds received in battle.  
If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

Thank you to the contributors to this issue: Willow Leach, Betty Sharp, Avanelle Eldridge. Thank you, also, White Crow Comics for printing the newsletter.

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**1897-1898 Rowan County, KY
School Census - District 8
Bull Fork**

Parent/Guardian Name - Child's name, sex-age, birthday

W. A. McKenzie

O. J. McKenzie, m-16, Aug. 18, 1881

Clarra McKenzie, f-12, May 21, 1885

Lee Phipps

Rinda Phipps, f-17

Owen Markwell

Landy Markwell, m-19, Sept. 19, 1878

Do Markwell, m-18, Dec. 11, 1879

T. G. Markwell, f-16, April 6, 1882

Sarah Markwell, f-13, July 13, 1884

Rosey Markwell, f-11, March 20, 1887

J. H. Markwell, m-9, April 8, 1889

Henry Cooper

Lucy Landcaster, f-11, Sept. 20, 1887

Landy Markwell

Thomas McClain, m-16, Feb. 19, 1882

William L. Markwell, m-11, Aug. 4, 1887

Florance Markwell, f-10, Dec. 22, 1888

Mollie Markwell, f-6, Jan. 19, 1892

Lee Kid

Birdy Kid, m-7, Feb. 7, 1890

Rosy Kid, f-6, May 3, 1891

Nelson Rice

Charlie Phipps, m-13

Rosy Phipps, f-6

Wm. S. Swim

Ollie Swim, m-10

Willie Swim, m-7, Oct. 17, 1890

I. P. Martin

Sarah Martin, f-12, Sept. 27, 1886

Misty Martin, f-9, Sept. 13, 1889

R. I. Nickell

Dela Nickell, f-14

Thomas Lewis

Pet Lewis, f-19, Dec. 31, 1878

W. S. Swim

Mary Swim, f-16, Oct. 16, 1882

Samuel Swim, m-15, Jan. 10, 1883

Lilly Swim, f-13, Jan. 13, 1885

George Swim

Otie Swim, f-6, July 13, 1891

C. W. Bailey

Annie Bailey, f-9, Feb. 17, 1889

Olie Bailey, f-7, Sept. 16 1890

J. T. Moody

Lydia Moody, f-12, Aug. 15, 1886

Laura Moody, m-9, Nov. 28, 1889

Arsetty Moody, f-6, Oct. 21, 1892

B. B. Adkins

J. T. Adkins, m-17, Nov. 18, 1880

Harvey Adkins, m-16, Aug. 22, 1882

J. C. Adkins, m-13, May 17, 1885

S. G. Adkins, f-11, June 3, 1887

V. M. Adkins, f-8, April 24, 1890

Toney Flanery

Martha Flanery, f-19, Sept. 15, 1879

John Adkins, m-15, Dec. 20, 1881

P. R. Gilkerson

Berrie Gilkerson, f-10, Nov. 17, 1887

John Gilkerson, m-7, Oct. 29, 1890

Isaac Ward

Johnie Ward, m-10, April 10, 1888

M. Warren

Maud Warren, f-16, Dec. 26, 1882

Miney Warren, f-14, June 5, 1884

Virgie Warren, f-12, April 27, 1886

Noah Warren, m-10, Nov. 18, 1888

Homer Warren, m-7, June 20, 1890

George Hiatt

Nannie Hiatt, f-18 July 18, 1880

William T. Hall

Noah Hall, m-16, July 14, 1881

Glory M. Hall, f-13, April 22, 1885

Worley Hall, m-10, July 21, 1887

Laury Hall, f-8, Oct. 30, 1889

Grant Ramey

Nolie Ramey, f-13, March 30, 1885

Custer Ramey, m-7, July 20, 1890

Wandill Ramey, f-6, April 7, 1892

Lon Foster

Alby Foster, m-18, Aug. 5, 1879

Amanda Foster, f-16, April 5, 1882

Matison Foster, m-12, Sept. 2, 1885

Henry Foster, m-10, April 12, 1888

Maggie Foster, f-7, June 12, 1891

**Post Office Addresses - Freestone & Morehead*



PAST AND PRESENT

Rowan County Historical Society Newsletter
December 2005

Two Important Notices:

Due to a change in membership policies, all dues will be due every year by January 31. A dues reminder will be in the December newsletter. Please mail your dues to:

Rowan County Historical Society

P.O. Box 60

Morehead, KY 40351

This will ensure an accurate membership list and help keep the Historical Society running smoothly.

Due to the impending postage increase, the Society will be emailing all newsletters to members with email addresses. Please send us your current email address and you will be able to enjoy your newsletters in color, while knowing that you are saving the Society money and saving many trees. Please send your email address with your dues payment, or email it to scoholhart@yahoo.com

September News

The Historical Society set up a booth at the Harvest Festival at the Kroger Center September 16 and 17. It was quite successful with members Missy Jent, Cathy Leach, Ruth & Danny Blevins, Kay Schafer, Cindy Leach and Willow Leach participating. Danny is well-known for his grapevine trees and he made and donated one to be raffled off on Saturday evening. Bill Hamilton was the lucky winner, shown below with Missy and the tree.



Ruth & Danny Blevins, Willow Leach



Cathy Leach, Missy Jent, Willow Leach



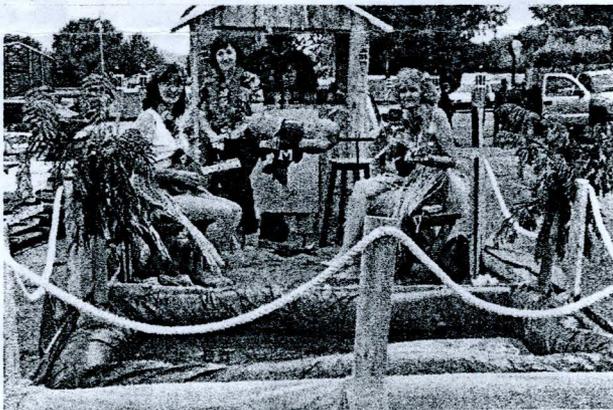
Cindy Leach, Cathy Leach, Missy Jent



Missy and Grapevine Tree Winner Bill Hamilton at the Harvest Festival

October News

On 13 October 2005, the Society joined the Morehead State University's Homecoming parade celebration. The float was entered in the community competition group. Their theme was appropriately entitled "Aloha Eagles", in keeping with the parade rules. Many thanks are due to the members who designed, constructed and rode the float, Missy Jent, Danny & Ruth Blevins, Kay Schafer, Heather Jent, Darla Blevins and Nora Nicholson. Member Betty Sharp joined them onboard. We are very pleased to announce that the float won second place with \$500 as the prize. All proceeds will go toward publishing our family history book.



Missy Jent, Kay Schafer, Danny Blevins, Ruth Blevins on the MSU Homecoming parade float.



"Hula Girls" on Float – Nora Nicholson, Heather Jent, Darla Blevins

November News

The main business of the November 3, 2005 meeting was the appointing of the nominating committee for the

2006 officers. Carmileta Evans, Cathy Leach and Kay Schafer made up the committee.

Officers for 2006 are:

Missy Jent – President
Ruth Blevins – Vice President
Carmileta Evans – Secretary/Membership Chair
Gary Lewis – Treasurer
Linda Lowe & Willow Leach –
Historians/Newsletter
Cindy Leach – Publicity Chair
Betty Sharp & James Bell – Board Members

The Rowan County Public Library hosted a book signing and program on the Civil War in Kentucky on November 14. Rowan County Historical Society Past President Gary Lewis enjoyed the program and chatted afterwards with Charles Bogart, presenter and coauthor of the book The Civil War in Kentucky, produced by Back Home in Kentucky Magazine.



Charles Bogart and Gary Lewis

December News

Our annual Christmas party was held at the December 1, 2005 meeting. The party was a little early, but nevertheless, we had a very enjoyable get together with beautiful decorations, due in part to the Rowan County Public Library who is gracious enough to let us have their meeting/community room throughout the year. We had a brisk ornament exchange and lots of tasty food. Everyone had a great time visiting with each other and with several guests who also attended.



**1910 ROWAN COUNTY, KY
SCHOOL CENSUS - DISTRICT 12**

LICK FORK SCHOOL

(Post Office Address of Parent - Not listed)

Parent/Guardian, *child's name, birthday, sex-age*

J. W. Gregory

Carmy A. Gregory, 10 Nov 1898, f-11
Sarah L. Gregory, 26 July 1900, f-9
Dowy [Dora] E. Gregory, 23 Sep 1902, f-7

Taylor Gregory

Goda M. Gregory, 22 March 1901, f-9
Alma L. Gregory, 24 June 1902, f-7
Mary L. Gregory, 27 Feb 1904, f-6

Robert Foster

Luther Foster, 5 Jan 1895, m-15

Elic Wallace

Haley Wallace, 12 Jun 1893, f-16

Josh Wallace

John H. Wallace, 18 Nov 1902, m-7

Aaron Wallace

Mandy L. Wallace, 17 May 1901, f-8
Henry T. Wallace, 11 Nov 1903, m-6

Mose Wallace

A. J. Wallace, 8 March 1903, m-7

Ben Spencer

Willie Spencer, 29 Apr 1904, m-6

Imis Spencer

Jason H. Spencer, 22 Aug 1903, m-7

W. H. Jones

Walter Jones, 24 July 1902, m-8
Robert Jones, 20 Apr 1903, m-7

D. K. Jones

Emily Jones, 26 Jan 1891, f-19
Elizabeth Jones, 23 March 1892, f-18
Garcy Jones, 1 May 1896, m-14
Bessie Jones, 14 Apr 1899, f-11

Joseph Ham

Herman Ham, 13 June 1893, m-16
Marion Ham, 23 Oct 1896, m-13
Gary L. Ham, 18 July 1899, m-10

Arthur Gregory

Mary A. Gregory, 21 Nov 1891, f-19

Lewis Hoskins

Noah Hoskins, 16 Dec 1893, m-16
Rilla Hoskins, 24 Oct 1899, f-10

Sam Hoskins

Jim L. Hoskins, 13 June 1902, m-7
Chester H. Hoskins, 11 Jan 1904, m-6

George Gregory

Willis Gregory, 13 Nov 1895, m-14
Elijah Gregory, 7 March 1895, m-12
Osa Gregory, 21 June 1900, f-9
Corbet Gregory, 15 Dec 1902, m-7

Joseph Gregory

Truby Gregory, 11 Apr 1895, m-15
Purrie Gregory, 1 June 1898, f-12
Ely Gregory, 10 Oct 1894, m-15

Jack Turrell

John B. Alfrey, 18 June 1893, m-16
Andrew J. Alfrey, 21 Apr 1895, m-15
Joseph C. Turrell, 9 Dec 1898, m-11
Asy L. Turrell, 1 Feb 1902, m-8

Frank Phillips

Willie Merida, 5 May 1897, m-13

Presley Manier

Cessie M. Manier, 27 March 1899, f-11
Mat W. Manier, 14 May 1900, m-10
Noah Manier, 22 June 1902, m-8

Willie A. Haney

Ugena Haney, 4 Aug 1895, f-15

Pelfrey Post Office

A new post office, to be called Upper Lick, was proposed, but the name was later changed to Pelfrey. The post office building would be located seven miles east of the Licking River, and would be 150 feet from the north side of Upper Lick Fork, which was the nearest creek. The name of the nearest post office not on the route was Crix, which was five miles northeast. The post office would be seven miles from the east side of the C&O Railroad tracks; the station was at Morehead. The total population to be supplied with mail was 85. The mail could be supplied from Morehead or Clearfield by the star route carrier.

The form to create the new post office was signed by Mary Terrell as proposed Postmaster on March 23, 1931, and was mailed at Clearfield, where Mr. Asa Terrell was Postmaster. On February 2, 1932, Mrs. Mary Terrell was confirmed as Postmaster. Her commission was signed and mailed February 12, 1932, and she assumed charge on March 1, 1932.

The post office was discontinued on December 14, 1932, effective December 31, 1932, and mail was sent to Clearfield.

On March 7, 1936, Asa Terrell sent Form 1051 to re-establish the Pelfrey Post Office. The name of the nearest creek was Upper Lick Fork and the post office building would be located 75 feet on the west side of it. The nearest post office on the same route was Craney, five miles east. Terrell was confirmed September 22, 1936. His commission was signed and mailed October 6, 1936, and he assumed charge October 22, 1936.

Asa Terrell resigned as Postmaster and Columbus Terrell was confirmed as Postmaster on December 3, 1938. His commission was signed and mailed January 12, 1939. He assumed charge January 17, 1939.

The post office was discontinued July 5, 1951, to become effective July 15, 1951, and the mail was sent to Clearfield.

Military Record Requests:
Standard Form SF-180

1. How to Obtain Standard Form 180 (SF-180), Request Pertaining to Military Records

There are several ways to obtain an SF-180. You can:

Download and print a copy of the SF-180 in PDF format. You need access to a printer and the Adobe Acrobat Reader software (see link at the bottom of the page). The form is a total of 3 pages. The SF-180 is formatted for letter size paper (8.5" x 11"). If your printer cannot accommodate this, select "shrink to fit" when the Adobe Acrobat Reader "Print" dialog box

appears. This is also a fillable version of the SF-180. It will allow you to type the needed information into the form using your keyboard. You will still need to print, sign and mail the form. Otherwise, it works the same as stated above

<http://www.archives.gov/research/order/standard-form-180.pdf>

Order the form to be faxed to you from the National Archives and Records Administration's Fax-on-Demand System

<http://www.archives.gov/publications/ordering/fax.html>

Call the Fax-on-Demand System at (301) 837-0990 from a fax machine, using the handset. Follow the voice instructions, and request document number 2255. There is no charge for this service except for any long distance telephone charges you may incur.

Contact us to order the form through the mail.

Write to The National Personnel Records Center
9700 Page Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63132

You may also be able to obtain the SF-180:
>From Federal Information Centers
>From local Veterans Administration offices
>From veterans service organizations

The SF 180 may be photocopied as needed. Please submit a separate SF 180 for each individual whose records are being requested.

2. Write a Letter to Request Records

If you are not able to obtain SF-180, you may still submit a request for military records. Requests must contain enough information to identify the record among the more than 70 million on file at NPRC (MPR). Certain basic information is needed to locate military service records. This information includes:

- The veteran's complete name used while in service
- Service number or social security number
- Branch of service
- Dates of service
- Date and place of birth may also be helpful, especially if the service number is not known
- If the request pertains to a record that may have been involved in the 1973 fire, also include:
- Place of discharge
- Last unit of assignment
- Place of entry into the service, if known.

While this information is not required, it is extremely helpful to NPRC staff in understanding and fulfilling your request: The purpose or reason for your request, such as applying for veterans benefits, preparing to retire, or researching your personal military history. Any deadlines related to your request. We will do our best to meet any priorities. For example, you may be applying for a VA-guaranteed Home Loan and need to provide proof of military service by a specific date. Any other specific information, documents or records you require from your Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) besides your Report of Separation (DD Form 214). Please submit a separate request (either SF 180 or letter) for each individual whose records are being requested.

Some old weather predictions to be aware of:

Ice in November brings mud in December.

Light or white frosts are always followed by wet weather, either the same day or three days after.

At Christmas meadows green, at Easter covered with frost.

Many stars in winter indicate frost.

If there is no snow in January, there will be in March and April.

January's first three days foretell the weather of the first three months.

If the temperature is below freezing and the barometer falls two or three tenths of an inch, expect a thaw.

It takes three cloudy days to bring heavy snow.

A bright clear Candlemas (Groundhog Day) means a late spring.

On Thursday at three, look out and you will see what Friday will be.

The dews of April and May make August and September gay.

Rain on Easter, rain for seven days.

Dandelion blossoms close before rain.

If flowers stay open at night the next day will be wet.

A little holiday humor...

"'Twas the Night Before Christmas" - For Genealogists

"'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even my spouse.
The dining room table with clutter was spread
With pedigree charts and with letters which said:

"Too bad about the data for which you wrote,
It sank in a storm on an ill-fated boat."
Stacks of old copies of wills and of such
Were proof that my work had become much too much.

Our children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugarplums danced in their heads.
And I at my table was ready to drop
From work on my album with photos to crop.

Christmas was here, and of such was my lot
That presents and goodies and toys I'd forgot.
Had I not been so busy with grandparents' wills,
I'd not have forgotten to shop for such thrills.

While others had bought gifts that would bring
Christmas cheer,
I'd spent time researching those birthdates and years.
While I was thus musing about my sad plight,
A strange noise on the lawn gave me such a fright.

Away to the window I flew in a flash,
Tore open the drapes and I yanked up the sash.
When what to my nearsighted eyes should appear,
But an overstuffed sleigh and eight small reindeer.

Up to the housetop the reindeer they flew
With a sleigh full of toys, and ol' Santa Claus, too.
And then in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of thirty-two hoofs.

The TV antenna was no match for their horns,
And look at my roof, with hoof-prints adorned!
As I drew in my head, and bumped it on the sash,
Down the cold chimney fell Santa - KEE-RASH!

Dear Santa had come from the roof in a wreck
And tracked soot on the carpet! I could just wring his neck!

Spotting my face, good old Santa could see
I had no Christmas spirit, you'd have to agree.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work
And filled all the stockings. (I felt like a jerk).
Here was Santa who'd brought us such gladness and
joy;
When I'd been too busy for even one toy.

He spied my research on the table all spread.
"A genealogist!" he cried. (My face was all red).
"Tonight I've met many like you," Santa grinned,
As he pulled from his sack a large book he had
penned.

I gazed with amazement - the cover, it read:
"Genealogy Lines For Which You Have Plead."
"I know what it's like as a genealogy bug,"
He said as he gave me a great Santa hug.

"While the elves make the sleigh full of toys I now
carry,
I do some research in the North Pole Library!
A special treat I am thus able to bring
To genealogy folks who can't find a thing."

"Now off you go to your bed for a rest -
I'll clean up the house of this genealogy mess."
As I climbed up the stairs full of gladness and glee,
I looked back at Santa who'd brought much to me.

While settling in bed, I heard Santa's clear whistle
To his team, which then rose like the down of a
thistle.
And I heard him exclaim as he flew out of sight,
"Family history is fun! Merry Christmas! Good night!"

The Twelve Pains of a Historical Society Christmas

*On the First Day of Christmas, Prez Missy Gave to Me....
One Big Headache.*

*On the Second Day of Christmas, Prez Missy Gave to
Me.... Two Unapproving Board Members.*

*On the Third Day of Christmas, Prez Missy Gave to
Me.... Three Cabinets in the Library.*

*On the Fourth Day of Christmas, Prez Missy Gave to
Me.... Four Obituary Requests to Answer.*

*On the Fifth Day of Christmas, Prez Missy Gave to
Me.... Five Screaming Officers.*

*On the Sixth Day of Christmas, Prez Missy Gave to
Me.... Six Chili Suppers.*

*On the Seventh Day of Christmas, Prez Missy Gave to
Me.... Seven Cemetery Books.*

*On the Eighth Day of Christmas, Prez Missy Gave to
Me.... Eight Stacks of Biographies.*

*On the Ninth Day of Christmas, Prez Missy Gave to
Me.... Nine Programs to Plan.*

*On the Tenth Day of Christmas, Prez Missy Gave to
Me.... Ten Lost Members.*

*On the Eleventh Day of Christmas, Prez Missy Gave to
Me.... Eleven Sesquicentennial Events.*

*On the Twelfth Day of Christmas, Missy Gave to Me.... A
Stern Look and Said "Settle Down!"*

*Seasons Greetings and Best Wishes for a
Happy New Year!*



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Rowan County Historical Society members: the following is a gathering of facts that will be used to develop a walking tour thru downtown Morehead in conjunction with the Morehead Tomorrow revitalization effort. Could you please take a look at what has been gathered here and give me your best thoughts? I want to neither include something that is incorrect, nor leave something out that is of interest. It is also possible that some of you know of other stops that should be included. Please feel free to contact me with any changes. Fred Brown, 210 Morehead Plaza, (606) 784-5040.

### A Walk thru Morehead History

1. We begin our journey at the Kentucky Folk Art Museum, which stands at the end of South Wilson Avenue on First Street. South Wilson was once known as Fairbanks Avenue. Francis Marion Tolliver erected the Morehead Wholesale Grocery in 1904. The company soon had a thriving trade throughout Carter, Rowan, Bath and Elliott Counties. F.M.'s son Bert ran the family business for many years after his father's passing in the 1930's. It was later sold at auction to Bill Richardson on the day that the last scheduled freight train came thru Morehead. The Richardson family ran the business for several years until failing health forced another sale. The last buyer was Morehead State University, whose efforts resulted in the building's restoration and conversion into a Museum known worldwide. This is the first of many Morehead buildings with a connection to the Rowan County War, or Tolliver-Martin Feud. F.M.'s brother, Craig Tolliver, lead the Tolliver faction, and lost his life in a massive shootout on this very street in 1887.

Across the tracks from the front of the Wholesale Grocery is the original site of the Hargis Graveyard, one of Morehead's oldest. A good portion of the tombstones disappeared into a box car one night, allegedly so that the C&O might put in a siding.....

2. The next building to the east of the Folk Art Museum is the Freight Station Liquor store. The railroad reached Morehead by 1883, and this building served as the headquarters for all traffic, both freight and passenger. The earliest photos that we have of Morehead's first commercial district show the station nearly the same as it is today. The only notable change is the removal of the freight dock on the south side of the building to allow access to a drive up window. A large freight dock used to connect the Freight Station with the Wholesale Grocery, and extend some distance down the length of the Grocery. In many ways the Freight Station was the hub of Morehead for half a century. It figures prominently in the Tolliver Martin Feud, and it is a fair guess that a close examination would reveal more than one bullet hole in its structure.

3. Directly across the First Street between the Folk Art Center and the Freight Station stands the Bluestone Block. The bluestone industry was thriving in Rowan County by 1898, and an old photo that shows this building also includes the Wholesale Grocery (1904) and the Gault House (replaced 1915) but the exact date of construction of this building has yet to be ferreted out. The current structure served as the home of the Caudill-Blair Wholesale in the 1920's. Caudill-Blair was one of the hardest hit businesses in the June, 1927, flood, suffering loses of over twelve thousand dollars. The building later housed Big Store Furniture, Big Store

Rail road in Morehead  
Nov  
By 1881  
Warehouse  
addition built  
in 1922

ORIGINAL OFFICERS F.M. TOLLIVER, PRES. H.B. TOLLIVER GEN. MANAGER  
J.N. 1934  
OWNERS  
W.P.R.E.  
F.M.  
TOLLIVER  
C.G. CLAYTON  
D.B. CAUDILL

Clothing, PK's Appliances and WMOR Radio.

4. The passenger depot, completed in 1909, today houses the Morehead-Rowan County Economic Development offices, Tourism and Chamber of Commerce. Towards the end of the railroad's tenure in Morehead, this depot handled both freight and passengers. (The freight station was rented for storage by Barker's Big Store Furniture for many years.) This building would probably have been a parking lot today were it not for the tremendous efforts of Tom Calvert, former Economic Development Director, in finding funding for its restoration.

5. Continuing east on First Street, we eventually come to new Bridge Street. On the corner of Bridge Street and Main stands the Truman Dehner law office, formerly the residence of Norman Wells. Wells stands out as one of Morehead's true "characters". A Spanish-American war veteran, he lived to be well over a hundred. His home, constructed of brick brought over the Appalachians from Virginia, is the oldest brick home remaining in Morehead. *Built while he was Sheriff 1918-1922*

6. Directly across Main Street from the Wells' home is the old Courthouse square, which was donated to the county, according to legend, by Isabel (Abby) Oxley. (No deed has been found to confirm this.) The first courthouse was burned during the Civil War. The second was removed so that the current old Courthouse itself, constructed in 1899, could be built. It originally had a bell tower on its southwest corner. The doughboy statue was finished in 1929. The Courthouse currently houses numerous clubs' headquarters, and desperately needs to be renovated and put to a use that would encourage visitation.

7. To the rear of the Courthouse is the old County Jail, which seems to be a WPA era construction. The county currently uses the structure for storage. *The KY National Guard Camped on the Courthouse for several weeks during the Tolliver Martin Feud 1924-1927*

8. On the western back side of the square stands the old Superintendents's office. The Board of Education attempted an auction of the site several years ago which had to be canceled when the county attorney pointed out to them that the county still owned the land, and the original agreement was only for the Board to have the use of the land as long as the building was being used by the Board. Possession being nine tenths of the law, the Board promptly found another use for the building, and there the matter sets.

9. Directly across from the Courthouse on the western side of University Boulevard sits a small frame build that currently belongs to the University. It's last function was to house Bo's Barbershop. Before that it served as the Hogge law office, and before that as the law office of Allie Young. Research conducted by Gary Lewis in the court records leads one to believe that this is the same building that Taylor Young, Allie's father, originally had constructed on the Courthouse Square. Taylor was forced to remove this building, his law office, from the Square, probably by concerned attorneys in competition with him for clientele. Taylor Young and son Allie both served as attorney's during the Tolliver-Martin Feud. Allie later became a politician known throughout the state, and was a major factor in the location and funding of Morehead State College. David Daniels has applied for a grant to stabilize the building, and I have worked up text for an historical marker.

*Also was  
Jim Clay  
Law office  
1950s*

10. The next building south from the law office on University Boulevard is commonly called the Cozy Building. It occupies the site where the old Gault House stood (a prominent Feud building) and was constructed in 1915 by J.F. Knapp. One of only two buildings in the world of its kind, it is entirely constructed of <sup>sawn</sup> bluestone bricks, over 15,000 in all. The front of the building has had some alteration. It serves as another interesting benchmark, as the high water mark of the '39 flood was one of the front steps. The building has housed many businesses over the years, but the most famous <sup>WERE</sup> are Battson Drug, and the Cozy Theatre. <sup>203 MILLERS THE WREN</sup> Like many of the other buildings in this tour, it suffers from neglect. The neglect is due in a large part to the changes that have put Morehead shoppers in cars and off their feet. Lacking parking, the building has suffered from a lack of successful tenants.

11. Proceeding west on main several blocks, we find the former post office, now the Morehead City Hall. The building was a WPA construction, and a portion of what made it special, a mural and several stone emblems on the front, were removed and incorporated into the design of the new post office on West First Street.

12. Our circular tour concludes with a visit to the building that now houses the Food Stamp office, at the corner of Main and South Wilson. The age of the building is not known, but photographs show that it housed Pierce Blair's store in approximately 1909. Newspaper accounts state that Blair opened a store on the corner of Main and Fairbanks in March of 1916. Blair had considerable dealings with the Morehead and North Fork Railroad, a beloved local short line which ceased operation in 1973. One of M&NF's old steam engines, Number 12, remains in storage at Clearfield, a possible tourist attraction for anyone with the funds to obtain and move it.

The Folk Art Center should now be a mere block away for our tourists.

the Veteran's Foundation. Left to right: Ruth Blevins, Jimmy Jackson, Danny Blevins, Gary Lewis, Carmie Evans, Betty Sharp.



Gary Lewis, Betty Sharp, Danny Blevins, Jimmy Jackson, Ruth Blevins, Carmie Evans.

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### Preventing Identity Theft Does Not Mean Hiding Your Ancestors

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Does your genealogical information on the Internet pose a security risk for the so-called identify theft problem? The simple answer is no. While we all need to be cautious about revealing too much personal information about ourselves and our living family members on the Internet (and elsewhere) the most common sources of identity theft are those we encounter in our daily lives.

In a recent New York Times article by John Leland, it is noted that this crime often begins at home with more half of the victims revealing that the ID thief was a family member, a friend, a neighbor or an in-home employee.

Some genealogists mistakenly believe that if thieves learn their birthdate and their mother's maiden name it poses a risk. It does not. The ID thieves need such key pieces of information as your Social Security and driver's license numbers to obtain credit, merchandise and services in your name or to gain access to your bank account, credit accounts, utilities records and other sources of personal information. If you still use your mother's maiden name as a password at your bank or financial institution, change it.

How do thieves get information? According to Identify Theft Resource Center (<http://www.idthefcenter.org/>)

--They go through your trashcan, looking for straight cut or unshredded papers.

--They steal your mail or your wallet.

--They listen in on conversations you have in public.

--They trick you into giving them the information over the telephone or by e-mail.

--They buy the information either on the Internet or from someone who might have stolen it.

--They steal it from a loan or credit application form you filled out or from the files at a hospital, bank, school or business that you deal with.

--They may have obtained it from dumpsters outside of such companies.

--They get it from your computer, especially those without firewalls.

--In about half of the cases they are a friend or relative or someone who works for you who has access to your personal information.

Be on the alert for unsolicited electronic mail messages in which your Social Security Number and other personal information are requested. Many report having received e-mail messages that appear to be from their ISP (Internet Service Provider), for example AOL, or from a U.S. government agency like the Internal Revenue Service. The message typically states that the company or agency is updating its records and that it needs certain information from you, such as Social Security number. NEVER respond to such messages. Even though they appear to be official, these messages and/or websites are a scam. No reputable company or government agency sends unsolicited e-mail messages to individuals in which sensitive personal data is sought in this manner.

What about the SSDI (Social Security Death Index)?

Social Security numbers are never re-used, so when a person dies, their number is no longer usable by living persons because it is attached to the deceased person. A major way of preventing identify fraud is by methodically running financial, credit, payment and other applications against the Social Security Administration's Death Master File (known commercially as the SSDI) -- thus the financial community, insurance companies,



## PAST AND PRESENT

### Rowan County Historical Society Newsletter March 2007

#### President's Letter

Dear RCHS Members,

We're already off to a good start for 2007 with programs and projects. The officers and board members met at least four times in January and February to set our program schedule for our regular monthly meeting on the first Thursday. We have a selection of interesting topics and excellent speakers and presenters. The program dates and topics are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

The most exciting project this year will be moving into our new home at the Old Superintendent Building on the Courthouse Square. We have signed a 20 year lease with the Rowan County Fiscal Court as a joint tenant with the Rowan Veterans Foundation Inc. Use of the building will be a joint decision of the Veterans Foundation and the Historical Society. Each organization will have their main office on the main floor.

The other project which has been many years in the making is the restoration of the Allie Young Law Office. On February 9 the deed from MSU to the Rowan Fiscal Court was recorded. A lease agreement for the Historical Society and the Fiscal Court is being drafted. Our efforts to restore the building will resume this summer.

At our March 1st meeting we voted to change the bylaws of the Historical Society to make them compliant with the requirements to attain our 501c3 tax exempt status. The application is very detailed and has taken many hours to complete. The approval process may also be lengthy. We hope to have the application submitted before the April meeting.

One last item to address: The family history book is to be completed this summer. The publisher said we should have the proof very soon. The book is long overdue but the end is in sight. We will inform you as we receive information.

Please attend as often as you can and participate when possible.

Gary Lewis, President

#### Rowan County Historical Society Officers



#### 2007 Board of Directors:

l-r: Harry Mayhew - Board Member, Willow Leach - Board Member, Carmileta Evans - Treasurer, Gary Lewis - President, Kay Schafer - Secretary, Betty Sharp - Vice President, and Ruth Blevins - Historian.

(submitted by Betty Sharp)

#### Leading the Way

As we enter into our 30th year, the Historical Society is proud to recognize the eight individuals that have led the way by volunteering their time and talents serving as president of the organization.

Elections are held yearly in November with offices taking effect in December. Below is a timeline of the main calendar year(s) each individual served as president:

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| 1977-1984 | Lloyd Dean       |
| 1985      | Harry Mayhew     |
| 1986      | Tom Stevens, Jr. |
| 1987-1990 | Raymond Hall *   |
| 1991-1992 | Tom Stevens, Jr. |
| 1993      | Lloyd Dean       |
| 1994-1995 | Harry Mayhew     |
| 1996-1998 | Gary Lewis       |
| 1999      | Mabel Reynolds * |
| 2000-2001 | Helen Surmont    |
| 2002      | Lloyd Dean       |
| 2003-2004 | Gary Lewis       |
| 2005-2006 | Missy Jent       |
| 2007      | Gary Lewis       |

\* Deceased

#### RCHS Website

The Rowan County Historical Society now has a new web site. The URL is <<http://rchistoricalociety.tripod.com>>. Be sure to check it out. There are photos to look at and several categories to

browse. Thanks go to Priscilla Gotsick for all her hard work on the new website!

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### 2007 Programs

*The Historical Society meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month, usually at the Rowan County Public Library. At 6:00 p.m. is the business meeting followed by the program at 7:00 p.m. The following are the planned programs for 2007. \*Topics or speakers are subject to change.*

March 1\* – Don Flatt

(Judge Allie Young: The Morehead Manipulator or the Sage of Morehead)

\*meet at the Rowan Co. Board of Education

April 5 – Greg Bausch

(St. Claire Medical Center)

May 3 – Ruth Porter (100 yrs. old) & Glena Waddell (94yrs. old)

(Sisters-in-law: Changes in Our Lifetime)

June 7 – David Shaltas

(Sons of the Confederate Veterans)

July 5 – Bob Christian

(Native Americans)

Aug. 2 – James Johnson

(Railroad History)

Sept. 6 – Roundtable

(Discussion of Rowan County)

Oct. 4 – Rowan County Fire Chiefs

(Fire Safety)

Nov. 1 – Claude Meade

(Rowan County Veterans)

Dec. 6 – Election of Officers, Annual Award Presentation, Christmas Party

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### REMINISCENCES

Written by Harry C. Mayhew

Lloyd Dean was the Charter President of the Rowan County Historical Society, which was organized April 1, 1977. He served as President with distinction from 1977-84. I had the honor of serving as Vice-President prior to serving as President 1984-85. Each of us later served as President again.

We started our programming in 1984 with a program on January 19<sup>th</sup> when Grace Crosthwaite, a long-time teacher of the Rowan County Schools, spoke to members of the Historical Society and was presented with an Annual Award for outstanding contribution to local history. In

May of that year, Mrs. George Bradley presented a program on "The Volunteer Reading Program in Rowan County." In September, Dr. Jack Whidden, Professor of Physics at Morehead State University, presented a program titled "Charles Messier: A Look at the Fall Sky through the Eyes of a Comet Hunter." In November of 1984, a number of individuals were presented Annual Awards from the Historical Society including Jim Nickell, County Judge Executive of Rowan County. Also receiving Awards were Juanita Blair and Fred Brown for Days of Anger – Days of Tears. MSU Television, Channel 12 received an Award for its series "Our Appalachia."

In 1985, the Historical Society focused on Agriculture in Rowan County. Tom Stevens, Jr., a member of the Rowan county Farm Bureau who was elected president of the Historical Society in 1985, led a panel discussion on that topic at the March meeting. At the December 1985 meeting, a number of individuals were recognized with Annual Awards from the Historical Society including Christine Barker, Bob Bishop, Dorothy Holbrook, George T. Young, and Jean Hill.

I was honored with an Annual Award from the Historical Society for dedication and service to the organization at the December 1986 meeting. Also recognized with Annual Awards for outstanding contributions that year included Dr. Jack Ellis, minister and retired Morehead State University Librarian, for his years of dedication to upgrading and expanding the MSU Library; Sandy Knipp, Principal of Haldeman Elementary School who was recognized for his work in the Haldeman Reunion and his interest in promoting traditional country music; Dr. Stuart Sprague, MSU Professor of History, recognized for his publications; and Doug Adams, Joyce Lemaster, and Lucretia Stetler recognized for their presentations all over Kentucky on Jesse Stuart. Lloyd Dean, founding president of the Historical Society, was speaker at the December 9, 1986 meeting with the topic, "In Retrospect and In Prospect."

The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration was held April 4, 2002 at the Rowan County School Board. The Historical Society presented Certificates of Appreciation to the organization's Past Presidents: Lloyd Dean, Harry C. Mayhew, Tom Stevens, Jr. Raymond Hall, Gary Lewis, Mabel Reynolds, and Helen Surmont. Senator Walter Blevins and the Kentucky Senate also recognized the past presidents.

The following proclamation was issued March 21, 2002 by Clyde A. Thomas, County Judge Executive of Rowan County, KY and by Brad Collins, Mayor of Morehead: Whereas the RCHS, Inc. will be celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 4 April 2002, and, Whereas the following have served as its Presidents over the past twenty-five years, Lloyd Dean, Harry Mayhew, Tom Stevens, Jr. Gary Lewis, Mabel Reynolds, Helen Surmont, and Raymond Hall, and, Whereas on behalf of its former charter members and a host of other members over the years, and, Whereas there have been many projects completed such as the Cemetery Project, Pictorial History of Rowan County, restoring the old courthouse, Genealogy projects and many others, and, Whereas the Rowan County Historical Society is looking forward to and planning its activities for

the next twenty-five years, and, Whereas many volunteers over the years have helped make the society a strong organization, in Rowan County and Kentucky, and We as Judge Executive of Rowan County and Mayor of Morehead, issue this Proclamation and proclaim April 4<sup>th</sup> as Rowan County Historical Society Day in the area.

Lloyd Dean compiled a history of the Rowan County Historical Society, 1977-2002, for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. The publication is in the Rowan County Historical Society Collection in the Kentucky Room of the Rowan County Public Library.

Meetings and programs are held the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Rowan County Public Library unless scheduled elsewhere.

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### Franklin Cemetery

~ by Betty Sharp

The Franklin Cemetery, located on Dry Creek Road, was established in 1872 upon the death of property owner David C. Caudill. Also buried there some twenty years later was his wife Roseanne Christian Caudill. The Caudill property was later given to James & Mary Jane Caudill Franklin.

The cemetery is about an acre in size and contains approximately 68 graves. One of the many unmarked graves located in the cemetery is that of B.G. (Buford) Weaver, who owned a large plantation on Weaver Ridge.



The Rowan County Cemetery Preservation Board has used special funding, obtained from a state cemetery grant, to make many needed improvements to the Franklin Cemetery. Some of the changes made included: large trees cut down, overgrown sections cleared, debris hauled away, sunken graves filled in, and small growth removed. Then the entire cemetery lot was enclosed with a chain link fence. A large farm gate was installed for easy entrance. Hopefully, this spring grass can be sewn, a sign will be installed, and road improvements are made. It is hoped that, in the future, descendants of those buried there will help keep the cemetery in its present shape or that some volunteer group will help maintain the cemetery.

### “Waiting for the First Train”

Written by Ethel J. Jones

The first train to come through Morehead was in 1881. For one family, it was an exciting time waiting to see that first train come down the newly built tracks so near to their home. One humorous story about this event, involving young children Jeff (Jefferson Davis) and Sarah (Sarah Francis “Fannie”) Smedley, has been passed down for years through the family.

Four-year-old Jeff Smedley had heard his folks talking about a train that was to come through Morehead on that strange looking road that had been built by so many workers. Not knowing or having any idea what a train looked like, much less how it might sound, he anxiously waited for that train to come. While waiting, Jeff decided that since he had to take care of his baby sister Fannie, they could entertain themselves by sliding down the steep bank at Brady Curve (west of town). After all, he was within calling distance of his mother’s voice. As she went about her housework, she too was waiting to see the train. She would have a grand view of it since her house sat on the knoll (now location of Caudill Cemetery) overlooking the railroad.

Jeff soon grew tired of sliding down the bank and of having to take care of baby Fannie. Time seemed to pass ever so slowly, and it didn’t look like that train would ever come by. All of a sudden a tremendous loud noise fell on Jeff’s ears, and at about the same time a “monster” appeared on the newly laid tracks. It let out a loud whistle (the train was at the 519 Crossing), and steam engulfed the monster as black smoke belched from its smokestack. Jeff’s little heart almost failed him. Dragging baby Fannie up that bank sure slowed a boy down while trying to make his escape to the safety of his mother’s arms and that old double log house that he called home. His mother, Mary Eliza (Ellington) Smedley, said that Jeff almost tore his toenails off getting up that bank and as far away as he could from that train.

\*Notes: This story was told by my mother many times to us children, since this was my parents’ way of entertaining us while we spent our evenings sitting around the fireplace or on the front porch in warm weather. (This was many years before radio or television ever came along.) We laughed every time we heard it retold. Even today, I still laugh thinking about it or when retelling the story.

I never learned if the “double log house” was a two-story house or two log houses connected by a “dogtrot” that was so common back in that time period.

Able Caudill bought the Brady Curve property in 1914 and started the Caudill Family Cemetery there.

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### Newway Post Office

Submitted by Avanelle Eldridge

On April 2, 1919, Henry C. Caudill sent a form for the location of a proposed post office to the Division of

**Postmaster Appointments.** The new post office would be called Newway. The form arrived in Washington on April 7, 1919.

There was no town or village where the new post office would be located. It would be 20 miles east of the Licking River and the nearest creek was Clear Fork of North Fork, which was 60 yards to the east. The nearest post office was Cranston—three miles southeast. The nearest post office on the other side was Waltz, which was 4 miles northeast. The nearest post office not on the route was Muses Mills—6 miles west. The Newway Post Office would be ten miles west of the C&O Railroad at Gates.

The mail could be supplied by carrier on the star route from Cranston to Gates. It would return to Gates. It could return in the evening by Munson to Cranston instead of retracing itself to Cranston. This would be an increase of about one mile. The population to be supplied by this post office would be 100.

Henry C. Caudill was appointed Postmaster August 22, 1919. The Newway Post Office was discontinued effective December 31, 1925, and mail was sent to Waltz.

### Old Board of Education Building Lease

~ Photos submitted by Gary Lewis



Bob Christian, Judge Executive Jim Nickell, Gary Lewis

On February 23, a 20-year Lease Agreement was signed with Judge Executive Jim Nickell and the fiscal court for the use of the old Rowan County School Superintendent's Office. The Rowan County Historical Society will share office space with the Veterans Foundation in the old building to the northeast of the Old Courthouse, which has been renovated and is now the Rowan County Arts Center. The building will be used for offices and meeting rooms and for a place to permanently display historical items and documents for public viewing.



Rear: Danny Blevins, Carmelita Evans, Judge Nickell, Lois L. Hawkins.  
Front row: Gary Lewis, Willow Leach, Ruth Blevins, Missy Jent, Bob Christian, Terry Leon.

### Foothills Quilt Trail

~ by Betty Sharp

The Rowan County Foothills Quilt Trail Committee ended 2006 with the placement of 30 quilt squares on barns and other structures throughout the county (27 are 8'x8' and 3 are 4'x4').

A barn owned by Clyde and Wilda Mays at 10565 Brown Ridge Rd. was the recipient of the 8'x8' Quilt Square No. 21 thanks to an anonymous donor. Billy & Carmelita Evans and Grayson RECC employees Kyle Clevenger, Billy Ray Wilson, and Dave Holbrook hung the frame and quilt block panels there on September 15, 2006.



The "Improved Nine-Patch" barn quilt square is based on an actual quilt that Wilda Mays made herself about 1997. The pattern was given to her by a friend in Morgan Co., Ky. It was an old pattern that Mrs. Mays really liked because she thought the colors blended well together. It's mainly mulberry and off-white with little pink flowers. Fifty-six squares make up the real quilt that is set up on unbleached muslin. It was tedious work for Wilda to make each square in the quilt, but since she like it so well she kept working at it until the quilt was finally finished.



Following the installation of a quilt square on their barn, Clyde & Wilda Mays proudly display the actual quilt that was used as the inspiration for their barn quilt square.

**The Rowan County Arts Center Opening**  
 ~ Rowan County Arts Center Press Release

The new Rowan County Arts Center at 205 East Main Street, Morehead, KY will open at noon on Wednesday, March 14, 2007 with regular hours. Several years of planning and work by many citizens of Morehead were required in order to restore the old Rowan County Courthouse for public use as an Arts Center.



Funding for this huge project was obtained from grants from the Lucille Caudill Little Foundation and Morehead Tomorrow as well as other sources. The Arts Center is governed by the Rowan County Arts Promotion Foundation whose mission is "to create or sponsor the creation of a community-based educational center for the facilitation of the arts, with an expressed goal to foster diverse creativity and to develop an appreciation for all the creative and performing arts, through an inclusive program of instruction, performance and display, as well as to maintain and preserve relevant historical memorabilia and records for the conservation of Rowan County's heritage." The Rowan County Arts Center will feature rotating, juried art exhibits by regional artists that will be free for public viewing. Artist's studios with artists at work will be open for public viewing also at no charge. Performances by the Lexington Children's Theater and the Morehead Theatre Guild are scheduled; board meetings, family reunions and weddings have also been booked. Space for workshops and classes or other community events may be reserved. Artwork currently exhibited at the Arts Center was accepted from Rowan County artists: Rhonda Logan Bailey, Christine Barker, Jenny Bell, Carolyn Boyd, Linda Brewer, David Brown, Scott Clevenger, Dixon Ferrell, Priscilla Gotsick, Sandra Gullett, Donna Lemley Jordan, Linda Lowe, Carolyn Miller, Joe Sartor, and Nancy Sartor.

The Arts Center will be open daily with no admittance fee (though donations will be gratefully accepted) Tuesday through Saturday, 12- 6 p.m., Sunday, 2-5 p.m., and closed on Mondays. To book an event or rent studio space at the Rowan County Arts Center, call J. D. Reeder at 606-784-5669.

# 1908-1909 Rowan County, KY School Census

Sub District #9

## GLENWOOD

Key: Parent/Guardian Name  
Child's name, sex-age, birthday

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### George Bailey

George L. Bailey, m-15, Dec. 7, 1893  
Mary Bailey, f-13, Sept. 12, 1895  
Ethel Bailey, f-11, Nov. 29, 1897  
Jas. Bailey, m-9, Mar. 29, 1900  
William Bailey, m-7, May 7, 1902

### Z. T. Eden

Effie Eden, f-15, Mar. 19, 1894  
Flora Eden, f-13, Mar. 4, 1896  
Bessie Eden, f-6, Nov. 28, 1903

### George Eden

Carrell Eden, f-18, Sept. 25, 1891  
Everett Eden, m-13, Dec. 22, 1894  
Pearl Eden, f-11, May 13, 1897  
Nannie Eden, f-7, Nov. 10, 1899

### Henry Turner

Mable Turner, f-13, Dec. 15, 1895  
Maude Turner, f-9, Nov. 20, 1899

### W.W. Fitzpatrick

Bessie Fitzpatrick, f-17, Apr. 29, 1891

### Andy Eden

Ada Eden, f-11, July 10, 1898  
Sherman Eden, m-8, Jan. 13, 1901  
Ethel Eden, f-6, Jan. 23, 1903

### Jas. Eden

Myrtle Eden, f-16, Aug. 20, 1892  
David Eden, m-14, Aug. 10, 1894  
John Eden, m-13, Sept. 12, 1895  
Stella Eden, f-6, Nov. 29, 1903

### Charley White

Earney White, f-10, Feb. 12, 1890\*  
Ray White, m-7, May 2, 1902

### Cyntha Sergent

John Sergent, m-18, Oct. 30, 1890  
Ed Sergent, m-15, Aug. 12, 1893  
Everett Sergent, m-13, July 12, 1895

### Bess Dyer

Lora Dyer, f-16, June 10, 1893  
Ethel Dyer, f-7, Aug. 14, 1902

### Davis Turner

John Hicks, m-17, July 15, 1891

### W. S. Gifford

Erl Gifford, m-13, Aug. 28, 1895  
Corall Gifford, m-10, Aug. 24, 1898

### Davis Turner

Ethel Adkins, f-12, 1897

### J. D. Bair

Laura Bair, f-15, Apr. 2, 1894  
Jas. Bair, m-13, Oct. 20, 1895  
Virgie Bair, f-9, Aug. 26, 1899

### Dan Underwood

Rene Underwood, f-9, July 11, 1890

### E. S. Turner

Lenard Hall, m-19, July 11, 1890  
Davie Turner, f-19, Aug. 31, 1890  
Russell Turner, m-14, July 20, 1895  
Harlan Turner, m-11, July 7, 1898  
Sherman Turner, m-9, Oct. 30, 1900

Notes: Some discrepancies appeared on the original document between age of child & birthday; No post office address was given for parent; no parent signature.

\*Earney White's name is Erna & she was born in 1899.

--Submitted by Betty Sharp

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Thank you to the contributors to this issue: Betty Sharp, Avanelle Eldridge, Gary Lewis, Ethel Jones, and Harry Mayhew.

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## PAST AND PRESENT

Rowan County Historical Society  
*Newsletter*  
 June/September/December 2009

### Officers for 2009:

President – Gary Lewis  
 Vice-President – Betty Sharp  
 Secretary – Jimmie A. Jackson  
 Treasurer – Carmie Evans  
 Historian – Ruth Blevins  
 Newsletter – Linda Lowe  
 Board Members – Kay Schafer (2nd term & Willow Leach (1st term)

### Memorial Day Parade, May 25, 2009

A float sponsored by the Rowan County Historical Society, honoring the 200th birthday of President Abraham Lincoln and staffed by many Blevins family members, was the first place winner in the Memorial Day Parade on Main Street, Morehead, Ky., on May 25, 2009. The third place winner was the float sponsored by the 8th Kentucky Infantry/Living Historians 8th Kentucky Infantry C.S.A. & U.S. living Historians.



1st place float: Rowan County Historical Society



Participants in the winning float, left to right: Lee Blevins (Mr. Lincoln), Kayla Blevins, Neenah Caudill, Summar Oakley, Brittany Blevins, Tyler Blevins, Ruth Blevins (Mrs. Lincoln); Children: Arlie Blevins, Brooke Blevins, Christopher Oakley, Tucker Blevins, Jazlyn Oakley (photo taken after the parade).



3rd place float: 8th Kentucky Infantry/Living Historians 8th Kentucky Infantry C.S.A. & U.S. living Historians. Sandy Jackson is shown holding a parasol – the day was drizzly.



**Living History Days at the Old Courthouse: June 5-7, 2009**

~~ *Jimmie A. Jackson*



The Citizens of Morehead and Rowan County received what could only be explained as a taste of history from the past. The Rowan County Historical Society, Morehead Tourism

and the 8th Kentucky Infantry C.S.A. & U.S. living Historians presented a complete weekend of fun and learning. On Saturday at 12:00 President Lincoln and Mary Todd Lincoln arrived to speak to the people of Morehead. After the President spoke he went to Ford's Theater where he was later assassinated. The assassin was run down by a loyal union Calvary Soldier played by Rick Waltz. John Wilkes Booth, the assassin (played by Lonnie Rigdon), was soon shot and paid the ultimate price for the death of our president.



After Lincoln spoke the Mountain Strings dulcimer players (above) gave a great performance with President Lincoln playing along to "Dixie" on his mouth harp. After the beautiful music we went up stairs in the courthouse to hear a great speech on Lincoln and the Speeds by Historian Bryan Bush who did a wonderful presentation and related a lot of important items from history.



Later that evening Sandy Jackson prepared dinner for the re-enactors and then came story telling time. We presented the stories of the past about the Profitt brothers

and others to around 20 children and their families. The next morning we had Rev. Lloyd Dean and his wife come to hold church service for the camp. The weekend was a great event and we hope to continue with more things next year.

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### June Meeting

Following the business meeting on June 4, the members walked over to the Rowan County Arts Center for a guided tour by Jimmie Jackson of the Civil War Art Show.



Among those attending: Gary Lewis, Danny Blevins, Ruth Blevins, Willow Leach, Jimmy Jackson, Ethel Jones, Betty Sharp, and Carmileta Evans.

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### Civil War art show at the Rowan County Art Center

~~ *Jimmie A. Jackson*

The 8th Kentucky Infantry C.S.A. & U.S. Living Historians Civil war art show open house was a great success. The art show opened at the Rowan County Arts Center (formerly the old Rowan County courthouse) on July 1st with the open house on Saturday July 4th at 1:00 in the afternoon. The art that is on display is a collection of both reproduction and original artifacts from the early to late 1800s. There was a presentation at 2:00 to a few families that have the honor of having ancestors that served in the war they are, Ethel Jones, Ruth Blevins, Burl Hogg, and Gary Lewis which received pins, Confederate flags and a photo of their ancestor's monument and of the ancestor.



There were refreshments inside the art center and on the open fire outside where there was a camp set up on the front of the courthouse. There were home cooked beans and corn bread. The guests were greeted by Sandy Jackson who wore her period ball gown and Danielle York, her daughter. Captain Jimmie Jackson explained the different works of art inside the center with First Sergeant Lonnie Rigdon keeping close watch on the camp in the front and making sure that the guests received a warm welcome. This was definitely a reception fit for General Grant and General Lee. Captain Jackson wore a Union Uniform with Sergeant Rigdon wearing a Confederate Uniform. Special guest Rick Waltz dressed in civilian period clothing there was a wide variety of dress represented.

The art was on display for the month of July. To become a member of the 8th Kentucky Infantry contact Jimmie Jackson by phone at 606-783-9857 or 606-783-1926 or email at [jajmechanic@yahoo.com](mailto:jajmechanic@yahoo.com).

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## 2009 Annual Genealogy Workshop

The Rowan County Historical Society conducted a genealogy workshop on Saturday, August 15 at the Rowan County Public Library. Registration and sharing of information was from 9:00 to 10:00. The session was open to anyone interested in searching their family, whether new or experienced.

From 10:00 to 11:30 Gary Lewis presented a session about Native American Ancestry. Many family traditions claim that "Great Great Grandmother was a full blooded Cherokee Indian." Much of our Native American heritage was lost because of the poor treatment of the Indians during the early settlement of our country. We wished to explore and explain the process of using DNA as a tool to help verify our Native American heritage. We need to establish a listing of our family "legends" as well as the proven Native American Ancestors in order to preserve that heritage. Our intent is to create a forum which will meet on a regular basis to share our research efforts.

Another presentation was conducted by Helen Williams, Director and Librarian for the Rowan County Public Library. She discussed the genealogy/history room at the new library which is under construction and scheduled for completion in 2010. The new facility will be equipped to secure and preserve the publications and resources which we use for genealogy and history research. We are very excited to help select new materials for the new research room.

We invite and encourage anyone interested in the projects of the Rowan County Historical Society to come join us and participate. Please call Gary Lewis at 606-784-6341 if you have any questions.



Pictured are those attending the 2009 Genealogy Workshop: Seated l-r, Kay Schafer, Irene Elam, Avanelle Eldridge, Helen

Surmont, and Ethel Jones. Standing l-r, Danny Blevins, Ruth Blevins, Larry Wilson, Gary Lewis, Carmileta Evans, Willow Leach, and Betty Sharp.

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## September Meeting



A discussion of Elliottville history was led by Claude and Marlene Turner at the September 3, 2009, meeting. The following information about the discussion was provided by Marlene Turner:

Elliottville (better known as Hogtown by the local people) was ably represented by Mrs. Jean (Elmer) Lewis, Mrs. Margaret (Hardy) Jones, Mrs. Merrill (Atlee) Lowe, Linda Lowe and Claude and Marlene Turner at the Historical Society meeting on September 3, 2009.

First, it was noted that the Hogtown name is in honor of an early settler Squire Hogge (1847-1930) who lies in peace in the cemetery on the hill behind the Elliottville School.

An aerial photo taken in the 1940s of the community was shown. It was pointed out that every structure in the photo, except the school, has been changed. The small, frame, white Baptist Church, which was started as a mission church in 1942 by Buell Kazee, is now a modern red brick building with Pastor Tim Rhodes and an average Sunday attendance of over two hundred.

Stores operated then by D. Allen Black and Curt Lewis are no longer in existence. A grocery store/filling station then operated by Charlie Roe has been supplanted by a much larger store under the operation of Mark Johnson. Two sons of Charlie Roe still live in the community--Eldon, who operated the store for some time, and Noah.

The two-story frame residence of D. A. Black, bought by Curt Lewis, has been replaced by a stone residence now occupied by Claude and Marlene (Lewis) Turner.

Further down KY 32 (toward Morehead), which in earlier days followed Christy Creek before it became a gravel road and then was paved in the late 1930s, may be the oldest home continuously occupied by the same family. It was the home of Judge I. E. Pelfrey, (1884-1967); updated and remodeled, it is now occupied by his daughter Margaret Jones. Margaret showed a schoolbook used by her father when he taught in the Moonlight School in Morehead. She also had a postcard advertising the family's boarding house.

Sud Turner (1825-1913) brought his family from Johnson County shortly after the Civil War, bought property at the intersection of KY 32 and the CCC Trail, which is still occupied by the Turner family. Similarly, Isaac Lewis (1846-1923) came from Morgan County in the early 1870s, bought a farm on the CCC Trail where he reared five children and later moved to a small house in Hogtown which was torn down to make room for the church expansion. William W. several stores-- Jim Miles & John B. Fraley, Charley Ward, Warren Alderson and Sud Turner-- a saloon or two, a town marshal, a school, a post office and a Masonic Lodge which sat on the right-hand side of Williams Branch Road and burned in the late 1930s. Industry consisted mainly of lumbering and farming. Electricity came to the community about the time the road was paved--late 1930s.

Charlie Ward, the first postmaster, in 1876 Williams (1848-1940) was an early settler who reportedly bought his land from the Indians, settled on what is now named Williams Branch Road, reared nine children, and started the Williams Cemetery.

Hogtown was a thriving community in the late 1800s with registered the community as Bristo. No one remembers why, and no one remembers why it was later named Elliottville.

The post office was located in the D. Allen Black store in the 1940s. Lucy Lewis was acting postmistress for a short time after Curt bought the property. Maxine Lambert then became postmistress in a building on the premises now occupied by the Fire Department. A tiny building across the road from Margaret Jones' home was used as the

post office for several years and manned by Irene (Turner) Linville.

School buildings, located on the same premises as now, were frame buildings, which were replaced by a modern stone structure built by the WPA around 1937. Some of the early teachers were John Bailey, Mabel Hackney, Orville Carter, John Caudill, Marie Lewis and Grace Lewis. Some one-room rural schools were consolidated at Elliottville, where grades one through ten were taught. Dorothy Turner walked to Ditney every day when she taught school there. Margaret Jones also taught in a couple of these one-room schools. In January 1994 the Elliottville School closed its doors and students were bused to a new school at Rodburn. Class photos of 1946 students in grades 3rd & 4th (Jewel Mabry McBrayer, teacher), 7th & 8th (Irene James, teacher) and 9th (Thelma Stidam, teacher) were shown.

Many of these students were direct descendants of early settlers with surnames Adkins, Carter, James, Porter, Fultz, Christian, Roe, Mabry, Moore, Royse, Harris, Templeman, Parker, Stamper, Brown, Kissinger, Pennington, Fouch, Jones, Fraley, Turner, Butcher, Caudill, Williams, Lewis, Dehart, Johnson and Thomas, to name a few.



Stories of growing up in the Elliottville area were shared by Jean Mabry Lewis, Merrill Jones Lowe, Margaret Pelfrey Jones, Linda Lowe, Claude Turner, and Marlene Lewis Turner.



Margaret Jones brought this 1919 Moonlight School guide to show the group.



Jean Mabry Lewis and Merrill Jones Lowe look at a class picture from 1946-1947.

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### October Meeting

After a short business meeting at the Historical Society's headquarters in the Old Superintendent's Office, the group drove over to the Space Technology Center at Morehead State University for a tour of the new building and a show in its planetarium.



Pictured are Gary Lewis, Betty Stewart, Tom and Alex Stewart, Bill Sharp, Betty Sharp, Avanelle Eldridge, Linda Lowe, Ruth Blevins, Brooke Blevins, Danny Blevins, Willow Leach, Harry Mayhew, Lloyd Dean and Irene Elam.

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### November Meeting

The November 5 meeting featured a roundtable discussion of the Korean War. Guests were Korean War veterans Tom Stevens, Jr., Wilburn Baldrige, Gerald McDaniel, and Jack C. L. Smith (shown in the following photo).



During a break in the program, Irene Elam looks over information and memorabilia in a display about the Korean War. (In center, Willow Leach talks with Sissy Lewis.)

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### Korean War Era Project

The Korean War Era Project is still ongoing and will continue actively through Memorial Day of 2010. Just over 300 names have been received for veterans of this era with Rowan County connections. A page in four large notebooks has been created for each name submitted. Various materials have already been obtained and filed for many of the veterans. General information sheets, obituaries, photos in uniform and as civilians, copies of discharge papers, newspaper articles, and pictures of deceased veterans' military stones have been the main items received. It is the project's goal to have something representative for each veteran in the scrapbooks. This will be a challenge as there are many names still without anything on their page. Many deceased Korean War era veterans are buried in about fifty local cemeteries. Pictures of their military stone and/or monument are desired if anyone can

help. Lee Cemetery and many in Brown Cemetery have already been photographed. About twenty veterans are known to be buried in out-of-county or out-of state cemeteries. Contact Betty Sharp at 784-4387 or <bbsharp08@windstream.net> if you can help in any way with this project.

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### Rowan County Public Library Christmas Crafts Day

Several members of the Historical Society participated in the Rowan County Public Library Christmas Crafts program on Saturday, November 14.



Pictured are Sandy and Jimmie Jackson, Willow Leach, Dylan Perry and Betty Sharp.



Dylan really loved the cupcakes!

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### December Meeting

The December 3 meeting of the Historical Society was the annual Christmas party and election of officers. The 2010 officers are as follows:

President – Gary Lewis  
Vice President – Betty Sharp  
Secretary – Jimmie Jackson  
Treasurer – Carmileta Evans  
Historian – Ruth Blevins  
Newsletter – Linda Lowe  
Board Members: (2yr. term)  
Willow Leach – 2nd year  
Harry Mayhew – 1st year

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### Mountain Baseball

~~ *Willow Mink Leach*

Our part of the mountains of eastern Kentucky in the early 1930's was not a dull place to live. Times were very hard, and after family and working (if one was lucky enough to have a job), the most important activity, except for drinking and fighting which was an all-in-one activity, was Baseball with a capital B.

Almost every town or community from Wayland to McDowell to Van Lear had a team made up of coal miners, farmers, railroad workers, hobos (local regulars) or the unemployed.

On Sunday afternoons families attended a game somewhere to root for their favorite team. Most of these games were played "for blood" and sometimes a little real blood was actually spilled during or after a game. I never saw a gun, but occasionally a knife flashed in the sun.

How do I know about Mountain Baseball?

I was young, but I do remember my father, Charles Everett Mink playing first base of the Dinwood-Stephens Branch team, my uncle Harry Martin was pitcher for Allen, another uncle Lee Hinkle was short stop for Drift, three Branham cousins played for Wayland, ad infinitum.

The good old days of baseball are long gone but I can still hear the crack of the bat and the yells from the spectators.

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### A Very Special Playground Built By Our Father

~~ *Ruth Ann (Skaggs) Blevins*

When my little sister Brenda, my big brother Bud, and I were little back in 1947 through 1953, we lived on Little Perry, near

Haldeman with our parents Loranza D. and Nola (Parker) Skaggs. Our father built playground equipment for us children. We didn't have lots of money, but my father had a good imagination and he was also very creative. He used things that he had in his workshop. The merry-go-round was built out of an old car axel. He welded the frame and put wooden seats all around it so we could sit on the merry-go-round. He greased the axel, and, boy, did that make it go around and around really fast!

I remember several times when I would go around on the merry-go-round one too many times, I would make myself dizzy and sick. Although I would make myself sick it was so much fun. As soon as I recovered I was back on the merry-go-round for another spin. It didn't seem to bother my brother and sister. They could spin as fast and as long as they wanted without getting sick.

He made us bars out of old metal pipes. We could do somersaults forward and backward on the bars. We called that "skinning a cat". A teeter-totter was made out of a big heavy board attached to an in-ground post. We would recite little rhymes as we went up and down, such as "Teeter-totter bread and water" and "Up and down and around the town."

He made for my brother Bud a wooden airplane from old lumber attached it to a wooden frame. He stretched a long cable down the hill from one tree at the top of the hill to another tree down a small hollow between the hills, and attached the airplane to the cable with pulleys. On the lower tree a car tire was attached to soften the sudden landing of the airplane. It was really exciting to pilot that airplane down the cable.

He built swings out of old tires attached to a rope on the limb of a big tree. He also built chain swings with wooden bottoms. Splitting a hickory tree attaching a board at the bottom made my most favorite swing. The swing was big enough for my sister and me both to sit on it and swing. A chain on a big sycamore hooked the swing to a large limb. We would swing and sing on a bright sunny day for hours.

Recycling was not a word we knew of back then, but I guess that would be what you would call it today. If you have an imagination you can always be entertained and you will never run out of fun things to do.

**Boredom will never be a word in your vocabulary.**

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*School Census*  
**1897-1898 Rowan County, KY –**  
**Slab Camp, District 31**  
 ~~ transcribed by *Avanelle Eldridge*

Parent/Guardian, Child's Name (Sex), Age, Date of Birth, Married, Address

**Samuel Pettit**

Bettie Pettit (F), 18, Apr. 21, 1879, Married, Deboard, Ky.

**Morgan Baldrige**

Pegy Baldrige (F), 18, Oct. 1, 1880, Deboard, Ky.

Mary Baldrige (F), 16, Nov. 22, 1882, Deboard, Ky.

Della Baldrige (F), 10, Nov. 1, 1888, Deboard, Ky.

Tommy (M), 7, Feb. 29, 1891, Deboard, Ky.

Enlo [Enola/Nola], (F), 7, Feb. 29, 1891, Deboard, Ky.

Alex (M), 12, Sept. 20, 1886, Deboard, Ky.

**James Toliver**

May Toliver (F), 14, May 11, 1884, Deboard, Ky.

Leonard Toliver (M), 8, Aug. 17, 1890, Deboard, Ky.

Linnie Toliver (F), 6, Feb. 8, 1892, Deboard, Ky.

**John Brown**

Marion Brown (F), Feb. 16, 1888, Wagner, Ky.

**James McLain [McClain]**

Ceony [Ceona] (F), 15, June 13, 1883, Deboard, Ky.

Luster McLain (M), 11, Apr. 11, 1887, Deboard, Ky.

Milia [Millia] McLain (F), 7, Jan. 29, 1891, Deboard, Ky.

**John M. Hall**

Powell Hall (M), 17, June 2, 1881, Deboard, Ky.

Elizabeth Hall (F), 15, Dec. 23, 1883, Deboard, Ky.

Isaac Hall (M), 14, Dec. 20, 1884, Deboard, Ky.

Chessy Hall (M), June 10, 1886, Deboard, Ky.

**Nathan Riddle**

John W. Riddle (M), 14, Apr. 19, 1883, Deboard, Ky.

Ruth Riddle (F), 12, Apr. 10, 1886, Deboard, Ky.

**William Bowman**

Ida Bowman (F), 16, Dec. 22, 1882, Deboard, Ky.

Birty Bowman (F), 15, Mar. 24, 1883, Deboard, Ky.

Charley Bowman (M), 14, Dec. 20, 1884, Deboard, Ky.

Bettie Bowman (F), 11, Jan. 23, 1887, Deboard, Ky.

Willis Bowman (M), 9, Feb. 17, 1889, Deboard, Ky.

Stella Bowman (F), 7, Nov. 30, 1890, Deboard, Ky.

**Frank Jones**

Willie E. Jones (M), 6, Feb. 1, 1892, Deboard, Ky.

**W. O. Reeves**

Merica Reeves (F), 12, June 5, 1886, Deboard, Ky.

Andy Reeves (M), 11, June 20, 1888, Deboard, Ky.

Nettie B. Reeves (F), 6, May 19, 1892, Deboard, Ky.

**Marion McLain**

Lizzie McLain (F), 18, Sept. 22, 1880, Deboard, Ky.

**Frank Prather [Eli Franklin Prather]**

Float [Flotina] F. Prather (F), 15, Feb. 16, 1883, Deboard, Ky.

Blain Prather (F), 13, Mar. 28, 1885, Deboard, Ky.

Willie N. Prather (M), 11, Oct. 17, 1887, Deboard, Ky.

Adella Prather (F), 8, Jan. 16, 1890, Deboard, Ky.

**Mary C. Hall**

Wiley V. Hall (M), 19, Sept. 18, 1898 [i.e., 1878], Deboard, Ky.

Amanda S. Hall (F), 16, May 9, 1882, Deboard, Ky.

Nettie M. Hall (F), 13, Feb. 12, 1885, Deboard, Ky.

Ida B. Hall (F), 11, July 21, 1887, Deboard, Ky.

**James Riddle**

James Riddle (M), 19, Sept. 19, 1878, Deboard, Ky.

**Julie A. Perry**

Alice Whitt (F), 6, Oct. 16, 1891, Deboard, Ky.

**Cyrus Perry**

James F. Perry (M), 19, Aug. 9, 1878, Blairs Mills, Ky.

David Perry (M), 18, Dec. 5, 1879, Blairs Mills, Ky.

**Comodore [Commodore] Riddle**

Amanda Riddle (F), 15, Sept. 2, 1883, Deboard, Ky.

Mollie Riddle (F), 12, Sept. 2, 1885, Deboard, Ky.

John Riddle (M), 9, Oct. 6, 1888, Deboard, Ky.

Mirty [Mirtle] Riddle (F), 6, Oct. 4, 1891, Deboard, Ky.

**Leander Crofford [Crawford]**

Mary J. Crofford (F), 18, Apr. 4, 1880, Deboard, Ky.

Clay Crofford (M), 7, Sept. 7, 1890, Deboard, Ky.

**John Baldrige**

William Baldrige (M), 17, Oct. 28, 1881, Deboard, Ky.

**Charley Toliver**

Charley Toliver (M), 17, Mar. 17, 1881, Deboard, Ky.

**John Riddle**

Amanda Riddle (F), 18, Nov. 17, 1879, Deboard, Ky.

Janie Riddle (F), 17, Apr. 17, 1881, Deboard, Ky.

Willie Riddle (M), 15, Mar. 12, 1883, Deboard, Ky.

Vesta Riddle (F), 9, June 29, 1889, Deboard, Ky.

Allie Riddle (M), 12, Sept. 29, 1885, Deboard, Ky.

Ollie Riddle (M), 7, Apr. 11, 1981, Deboard, Ky.

**David Hammond**

David Hammond (M), 19, May 11, 1879, Deboard, Ky.

**Samuel M. Hall**

Willie C. Hall (M), 9, Dec. 8, 1888, Deboard, Ky.

Oscar S. Hall (M), 7, June 2, 1891, Deboard, Ky.

Note from the editor: Many of these names can be found in Teri Pettit's genealogy pages on the Internet at [http://tpetit.best.vwh.net/family/petit/FG\\_IDX/SUR.htm](http://tpetit.best.vwh.net/family/petit/FG_IDX/SUR.htm). Notations in square brackets beside names above are partially gleaned from these pages, or other sources on the Internet. However, the dates of birth given in Teri Pettit's files do not always agree with the ones given in the school census.



**From Art Stewart's Photo Collection**  
*CLEARFIELD TABERNACLE CHURCH AUGUST 31, 1952*

These three photos were taken at a church dedication on August 31, 1952. Some of the people in the photos are:

- Homer Gregory
- Jim Edd
- B.W. Moore
- Roy Kissick
- Ralph Hilman
- Curt Hutchinson
- Clay Lewis
- James Hall
- Leroy Hill
- Herman Brown

*DEE PSLPHERY (GUITAR)*  
*LLOYD PSLPHERY*  
*JEWEL MOORE*  
*RAY MOORE*

If you know which church this was and can identify the people in the photographs, please notify Cindy Leach at the Rowan County Public Library, at (606) 784-7137; Fax: (606)784-3917; email: cleach@rowancountylibrary.org.

**Two Christmas Memories by Willow Leach**

*An Un-Merry Christmas*

I was seven years old and a new student at the Blackey Consolidated School in 1934. I was chosen to say a "piece" in the all-school

Christmas program. I was so proud! The night before the program, I became very ill – whooping cough! It wasn't bad enough that I was sick and that I missed the program, but two days later the doctor diagnosed –mumps!

So I celebrated Christmas sitting up in bed “whooping” like a gagging goose and holding my swollen jaws, trying very hard to not feel sorry for myself.

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### *Christmas 1936*

Many years ago, my father was confined to St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia, for several months because of a broken back. It was quite a distance for us, but we visited as often as we could.

One of the Sisters asked if I would like to visit the children's ward so she took me upstairs, on my first elevator ride! The Sisters took me regularly when we were there to visit. I played with the little ones, read to some of them, and met a special friend in an iron lung. We adjusted her mirror so that we could see each other and visit.

It was Christmas and the Sisters had a little party for the children and presented each with candy and a small artificial Christmas tree. We had a lovely time. When I went back to Daddy's room, one of the Sisters followed ma and said “You forgot something” and she handed me a box of candy and a little tree just like the other children.

I cherished that little tree until it literally fell apart, remembering the weeks I spent there. Although names have been forgotten, it was a special sharing time for me in the children's ward at St. Mary's Hospital.

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### Can You Help Richard Deavers?

Richard L. Deavers of Central City, Ky., is researching the old Lenora National Bank of Morehead, which opened on February 3, 1905 and closed on May 9, 1906. The president of the bank was W.W. Utterback, the vice president was L.P. Morgan, and the cashier was Luke P.V. Williams. Mr. Deavers also collects old paper money and has searched for over 20 years for a \$10 or \$20 bill that was issued by the Lenora Bank of Morehead.

Below is a scan of what the \$10 bill would look like.



If you have any information on this bank, any of the bank's officers or their surviving relatives, or specimens of the notes to sell, Mr. Deavers would like to hear from you. You can reach him at FAX 1-270-754-1805, or email him at [r\\_deavers\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:r_deavers_2000@yahoo.com). His mailing address is: Richard L. Deavers, 223 Reservoir Avenue, Central City, KY 42330.

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Editor: Linda Lowe. My sincere apologies for the lateness and consolidation of three issues for 2009 into one. After wrestling with a balky and slow computer for most of the year, I now have access to a computer that runs Word 2003 and is much easier to use. Barring any unforeseen events next year, the next issue should be on schedule in March 2010.

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for a Happy and Healthy 2010!*

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