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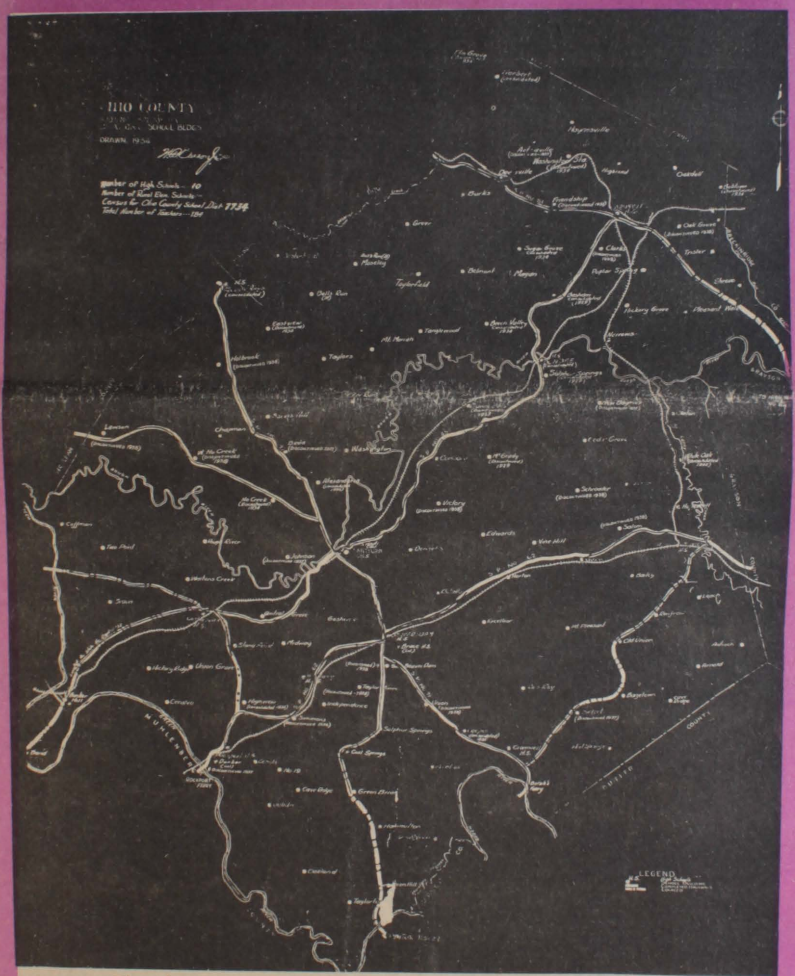


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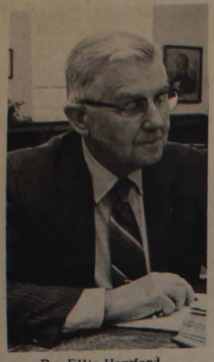
# School days in two of Ohio County's one-room schools recalled

Editor's Note: The following two stories were contributed to the Centennial Edition by Dr. Ellis F. Hartford, a native of Fordsville, who is a retired Professor at the University of Kentucky. He still resides in Lexington, and he was one of the authors chosen to contribute to the Bi-Centennial Bookshelf with his story of the "Ye olde common Schools in Kentucky." The second was contributed by Laura Render Taylor, 1519 - Ashwood Avenue, Nashville, at the request of a student of Dr. Hartford's at UK some years ago. The student was Bill Wireman, who is now an educator in Florida. The first was told Dr. Hartford by his mother about the Washington Station school in the north end of the county.



Dr. Ellis Hartford

## By Attella Ford Hartford

I started to school the first Monday in September, 1886, at Washington Station School, three miles west of Fordsville in Ohio County, Kentucky. My sister, Alverda, and my brother, William Preston Ford, both started their schooling there in September, 1882. At that time, my own father, the Reverend William Fain Ford, a Methodist minister, taught the school--his last year to teach. He had previously taught at Greer's schoolhouse, west of Ralph's Chapel. He taught at least four years in Ohio County and held a first class certificate after examination at Hartford. He also taught a subscription school at Pellville (before coming to Ohio County) while he was pastor there.

The Washington Station School was built about 1880 as it was new when my father taught there. "Uncle Jack" Burdette gave the land for the new schoolhouse which replaced an old school which stood nearly one-half mile north-east on the ridge below Uncle Felix's white oak forest--near the Royal boundary line where the old road bed still showed plain even when you could remember. It was commonly reported that the name of the school and the neighborhing Methodist church came from a fur trading post or station on the west fork of Adams Creek but further downstream from the schoolhouse site. Tradition had it that the "Station" was financed or somehow related to Washington.

There were about fifty-odd pupils, maybe sixty, some even "grown" boys and girls. When my father taught there he had several "day scholars" (past age of twenty who paid tuition or rate of 5¢ per day, $1.00 a month). This was the usual subscription school rate. Ages of pupils ranged from 6 to 20 years then. There was no grades and scholars were put in readers and in arithmetic classes according to how they got along in their studies.

I walked to school a scant one-half mile by dirt road and through the adjacent fields when roads were too muddy. Our school term was five months, twenty weeks long. The day began at 8 a. m. and ended at 4 p. m. We had fifteen minute recess at 10 and 3 and an hour at noon.

There were three trustees, one elected each year in an election at the schoolhouse in April, I believe. One year there was a contest over the teacher. Trustee John Bellamy wanted George P. Kelly; Clint Lanham wanted to employ Miss Ida Smith; the third trustee was going out and took no part. The two trustees got on their horses and carried a paper around to the patrons and let the people decide by signing under the name of one of the applicants. Miss Ida got the school. One trustee was chairman and all were expected to sign reports and the like. There was no County School Board then. I believe that L. P. Loney was the county superintendent then. Another one was a Mr Rogers-brother to Miss Mae who taught my own children in later years at Fordsville.

Sometimes the school elections were pretty hot. The candidates would have someone "electioneer for them ahead of time. Often promises were made to teacher applicants long before the election. The year before we left the farm there was a squabble over the teacher. Two trustees, Mr B. and Mr W., fixed it up to let a local man, Mr C., have the school. That was unpopular with many patrons who wanted Miss Ida Smith to come back. Miss Ida came to see about the school and would not believe they would treat her so. However, mother saw Mr W. and Mr C. cut through the field behind her house (leaving the "big road"- and go to see Mr B and suspected they were up to some trick. When the deal was known there was trouble, grumbling and plans to have another school.

George and Sam C. (brothers) set up a "private school" in the former's home. Sam had three children, George had five to attend; another neighbor family, the Curtis', sent three sons; and there were others. In all, there were more than a dozen, maybe fifteen. Consequently, the regular common school and Mr C had few pupils and these dropped off until he often found himself alone. He would stay a certain time and go home.

The private school at the C.-home did not go off as well as hoped. The teacher was an older lady, Mrs M., a Free Methodist preacher who wore steel gray clothes and a black hat, but professed to be very scholarly. Little Joe Curtis who had been off to Highway to school taught grammar. But, the lady teacher turned out to have a very poor background for teaching. Children were not learning and some parents became angry. Kate C. accidentally knocked something off the table, and was made to crawl under the table and stay until she and her brother Joe, left for home in high dudgeon. Their parents kept them out and the "private school" soon came to an end. The two families moved to Fordsville and sent their children to school there until they later moved to Clinton County and finally off to Texas.

The schoolhouse was probably 32' by 24', painted white, with two windows on each side and one door at each end. A rostrum five feet wide occupied the entire north end. An old pot-bellied stove stood in the exact center of the room, bed by local coal. Sometimes it was red hot and roared noisily when the draft was left open. Long homemade seats with desks built on the back occupied both sides of the room. Everything was made of dressed poplar in those days. Two wide writing desks were fastened to the rostrum. Recitation benches

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HIGHLAND SCHOOL -- 1909 which was located near Wesley Chapel church is still standing on the Dewey Hobbs farm near Fordsville. Persons identified by Wilbur Keown, Fordsville, front row, left to right, Grace Perry, Effie Howard, Rose Newton, Beulah Huff, Nora Howard, Eunice Wright, Lee Newton, Everett Vetteto, Wilbur Keown, Earl Murphy, second row, Mrs Gabe Kirk, Nannie Kirk, Merle Cooper, Mamie Keown, ——, Ida Mae Keown, Clina Veteto, Katherine Huff, Myrtle Hobbs, Gilbert Kirk, Ellis Keown, Earl Peckenpaugh, Raymond Stewart, Wilbur Wells, Willie Stewart, Everett Keown, Homer Hobbs, Jess Keown, Willie Clark, teacher.


## A Reading from God's Word

Before anything else existed, there was Christ, with God. He has always been alive and is himself God. He created everything there is-nothing exists that he did not make. Eternal life is in him, and this life gives light to all mankind. His life is the light that shines through the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.

God sent John the Baptist as a witness to the fact that Jesus Christ is the true Light. John himself was not the Light; he was only a witness to identify it. Later on, the one who is the true Light arrived to shine on everyone coming into the world.

But although he made the world, the world didn't recognize him when he came. Even in his own land and among his own people, the Jews, he was not accepted. Only a few would welcome and receive him. But to all who received him, he gave the right to become children of God. All they needed to do was trust him to save them. All those who believe this are reborn! -- not from human passion or plan, but from the will of God.

And Christ became a human being and lived here on earth among us and was full of loving forgiveness and truth. And some of us have seen his glory - the glory of the only Son of the heavenly Father..

John pointed him out to the people, telling the crowds, "This is the one I was talking about when I said, 'Someone is coming who is greater by far than I am - for he existed long before I did!'" We have all benefited from the rich blessings he brought to us -- blessing upon blessing heaped upon us! For Moses gave us only the Law with its rigid demands and merciless justice, while Jesus Christ brought us loving forgiveness as well.

The Gospel of John - 1:1-17
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# Ohio County Ministerial Association

# School days at Washington Station

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were built all around the rostrum. The whole north end was painted black for the blackboard. The teacher had a little table on the rostrum and a split bottom chair. A tray for chalk was built below the blackboard. We had chalk and used pieces of old felt hats for erasers. There was no globe then or even a map. (Miss Ida Smith had a skeleton which her doctor uncle had given her-loose bones kept in a box-all were there save one which had gotten lost.) There was no library books. Teachers did not read the Bible in school then.

## Older Boy Built Fire

Teachers usually hired an older boy to come early and build the fire. Big girls were expected to sweep the school room in turn at the noon hour. Coal was kept in a coalhouse and kindling was supplied by the teacher. The encircling woods made this a simple matter. Water was carried from the nearest house (Burdette's) about 200 yards away. Two older boys would go after water and then pass the bucket around. All drank from same cup but the water not drunk was thrown out before the next one was served.

Teachers owned hand bells or rapped on the weatherboarding to call books until pupils collected money and bought a bell which was fastened in a belfry over the north end of the building. A hand rope was brought down through the ceiling.

My first teacher was Ben Lee Kelley-probably thirty years old-a local man. The next one Alec Barrett, from Whitesville, a young man, who married the second year. My third and fourth year the teacher was Miss Ida Mae Smith from No Creek near Hartford, who later moved to Owensboro. Miss Flora Stum (aged 22) was my last teacher at Washington. She boarded with our family for $2 per week as had Miss Ida.

Teachers tried to dress neatly and look attractive. My two women teachers wore dresses according to the styles, using "whitening," wore hats or white bonnets to school, usually high button shoes, often carried parasols against the sun. The men teachers wore white shirts mostly, with ties, and coats. I do not remember shirt sleeves except when they played with the boys at recess. The men usually parted their hair on the side and were clean shaven. Of course, older men often had moustaches. The women teachers did their hair up on knots (or bun) and sometimes they had bangs and used hairpins. Women carried watches often pinned or fastened to their belt. Men carried pocket watches. Miss Flora often talked about the "midnight oil." Sometimes she put names of pupils on the board with them they had studied at home.

I do not recall any of these teachers keeping switches in the school but they went to get them and used them when it was necessary.

Teachers were paid somewhat in accordance with number of pupils they had. I remember hearing one teacher started at $19 a month but do not remember what my teachers were paid. The teachers of subscription schools were paid 50 per day per pupil. One such teacher, Miss Rena Wooster, wanted to board with my family. Mother saw she would get only $10 or $12 a month so she let her board as pay for my tuition and she helped some about the house.

Only one of my early teachers was well-educated, for even that day. They went to common school until 18, took the examination; got a certificate and began teaching. Some were considered better "scholars" than others. Miss Ida Smith spent some time in old Hartford College and had studied higher arithmetic and other branches. Miss Stum had gone to her brother's school at Fordsville. Teachers were supposed to go to institutes each summer at Hartford. I never heard of one doing any special reading or study except to work on "higher arithmethic" problems or "mental arithmetic" or practice penmanship.

## K-broken letter

All four teachers liked the children and did all they could to help them learn. I do not remember much about my first teacher-he taught me my letters and I got to read that year but was sick and missed a lot. I do remember he called "K" the broken-backed letter and "L" the long letter. We learned the letters, to spell a little from the book, and to count that first year. I was a little bit afraid of both the men teachers. The first one hardly said anything to me. Mr Barrett was nice but all of us little girls were almost afraid or shy with him. We would stop playing and say "Yes" and "No" when he came up. Miss Ida and Miss Flora were both very sweet and we all liked them.

Teachers were expected to go to church and to observe very strict standards of conduct. Most trustees were active church members and they expected the teacher to have high moral character. Occasionally the teacher would take all the pupils who wished to go to hear one sermon during the annual revival in the church across the road but this was only the custom of the neighborhood.

Our teachers were often invited to visit the families and spend the night in the homes of the scholars. Teachers were always accorded respect in the homes of the people, only preachers were more highly regarded. The family fixed lunch and the teacher would eat with the children next day, usually at the teacher's table. The teachers who boarded with us ate lunches with us.

We had reading-spelling-counting the first year. I learned to write (cursive) in the third year. Primary arithmetic began in the third year. Primary grammar and primary geography began the next year. We had no history until we were using the McGuffey Sixth Reader. History, civil government, and physiology came years later after I was in other schools. Sometimes pupils were given an "Elecution" course after they had gone through all the McGuffey readers. Our geography, grammar, arithmetic, physiology, and history studies were carried on in "advanced" classes and pupils studied these for years, going over them each year. Ray's arithmetic, McGuffey's readers and spellers, Harvey's grammars, and the New Eclectic geography books, were our school books. (Steele's physiology, Peterman's civil government, and Barnes' history were used later.) The text books were changed my second year and I remember Father collected all our old books and traded them in on new sets of texts for the three of us.

## First Tablets

The first tablets we had were in the third or fourth year. My father bought them in Fordsville. Soon, most of the children got tablets. We had copybooks by that time, too. At first, teachers set "copy" for the children to practice and imitate. All children had slates for arithmetic. The wooden frames were often carved with initials and marked up. The vulgar habit of erasure by use of "spit" was distressing to teachers who urged pupils to bring pieces of cloth. Some even had little pieces of sponge attached to a string. Some slates were double.

Classes were called up to the rostrum and sat on the recitation benches and rose to recite, read, or go to the board as scholars were called by name. Spelling classes often stood up in a straight line and pupils took turns spelling words pronounced by the teacher. Words missed were spelled by the next scholar who moved up by going past the pupil who lost. Each day the "head" of the line moved to the foot and started up again. "Head marks" were kept and winners were given prizes each month. On other occasions we wrote spelling lists on the board upon dictation by the teacher. Usually we had two reading and two spelling lessons daily, one in arithmetic and penmanship drill at the writing desks. (The homemade desks were not wide enough or suitable for good writing practice.)

Teachers heard twenty-odd classes a day or more from ten minutes to half an hour for "advanced" subjects. There was absolutely no music in the schools except a few songs for an "entertainment" upon special occasions (Christmas). Poems were frequently read in McGuffey and occasionally assigned for memory work. Every child knew or recognized "Try, Try Again" and "I Live for Those Who Love Me." Abler and advanced pupils learned longer poems which were used as "recitation's for the "entertainments." "Curfew Shall Not Ring Tonight," "Forty Years Ago" and various other declamatory favorites come to mind.

We had no examinations for promotion as compared to schools nowadays. When we had visitors, the teacher would exam-

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# School days at Washington Station as told by pupil in 1886

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ine the class to show how we were learning or ask the trustee or other visitor to "examine" the pupils. Usually he called mostly upon pupils who would make the best showings. There were no examinations, marks, report cards, in those days. We knew when we learned something, the teacher knew, so did the other scholars.

Considering all my early school studies, I think that I liked geography best. My favorite book was McGuffey's Fifth Reader.

Clothing was simple and much the same for all children. The little girls wore gingham and calico dresses in warm weather and wool when it turned cold. The boys usually wore an older suit; usually the family bought a suit in the spring and it was used for Sunday until school, then it was worn out for school use. We had cloaks and overcoats but no suitable raincoats and no overshoes. Boys wore brogans mostly but there were copper-toed boots for a few. The girls' shoes were high, usually buttoned on the side. Snow and rain usually meant wet feet at least and there would be a ring of children about the hot stove drying shoes, stockings and garments. This raised the unmistakable odor that damp wool socks and feet are wont to produce.

Books and lunches were carried to school every day, the former in a book sack made of cloth or an occasional book strap, the latter in a basket or small bucket or pail. Dinner buckets were common weapons of defense especially by little girls when tormented by mischievous boys. Boys carried marbles, toys, and Barlow knives in their pockets, and maybe a red bandana handkerchief. The girls carried none of the usual articles now common to pupils.

There were few cliques as I think of the term now. The children of the two C. families "stuck together" when they needed to but they fought among themselves. Nannie Dee and Kate C. were my best friends in those days. The "little girls" (Nannie D., Kate, and I) often felt a grievance against the older girls (my sister Alverda and Kate's sister Nettie) caused by attempts to "boss" us too much or to exclude us. The boys did the usual teasing and bullying that was expected and some even got into fights both on the way and at school. There were no serious battles that I can recall but the teachers frequently used the paddle or switch for fighting. I do think some of the parents took a strong stand against fighting among the children – strong churchgoers like the C. families and my own parents.

There was some competition I think for "headmarks" and the simple prizes given now and then for this distinction. However, there were few such artificial incentives in our school days. Teachers were more likely to give a book or some such prize for perfect attendance. We did not compete for marks, there were none in those days. We might try to do well if our teachers bragged on us a little but that was about all you could call competition among pupils.

## Nicknames

I do not recall many nicknames used in my school days, certainly it was not common. Use of nicknames was not wide-spread among our parents, being reserved briefly for persons with some distinctive feature (such as "Shorty," "Slim," "Crip," or "Fatty") and who were not of the "better class" families. Nicknames were not used in the casual pattern of today and would probably have been construed as "making fun" of a pupil. Our teachers were usually given to formal address, older pupils were "Miss" or "Mr" and younger ones were called by their given names.

Strangely enough children came to school with handicaps and idiosyncrasies that would surely excite comment today. The half-witted boy of a tenant came whenever he liked although he learned nothing, we had an epileptic pupil once and children with speech impediments were common. We did "mock" the latter sometimes, especially when we "played school" at home.

A typical day sounds rather monotonous to tell of it now. We gathered early, took our pails and books inside and played outside until "books" time. Then we started having recitations alternated with study (while others recited) until mid-morning recess at 10. There were no opening exercises save the first day. We played fifteen minutes and went back to "books" until noon. If the day were hot, the teacher would have the water bucket "passed" by two big boys. If it was cold, she or an older pupil would "fire up" now and then. The only other break was to raise your hand and get "excused" to go outside, a saunter to the outdoor privy in the edge of the woods. This privilege was less popular in bad weather and the trips were noticeably shorter then. By twelve o'clock most of us were tired of school and hungry. The children hastily ate "dinner" and played the rest of the hour. The afternoon was much like the morning.

Studying was not inaudible although you were expected to make as little noise as possible. (My own mother's school at Ralph's in the 1850's was a "blab school" but none of mine were.) If you encountered an unfamiliar word, you placed an index finger under it and strolled up to the teacher who pronounced it and (if she knew and felt like it) might even define it for you. We had little homework assigned in those days except spelling lessons. However, we carried books home regularly, partly to protect and keep them.

Discipline varied with the teacher. I cannot recall any really severe or harsh teacher although the men teachers were firm and formal. My women teachers were usually so much admired and liked that I would do anything to please them but they had more trouble with the boys. Mr Kelly and Mr Barrett whipped when they thought it needed but the women teachers used the switch less often. Miss Ida might use the ruler across the open hands of a larger boy. "Staying in" after school was used.

## Rules Posted

The "rules" of the school were sometimes posted on the door but discipline was not as strict as some stories I've heard about old-time schools. Poor work by pupils might mean "standing in the corner" or writing the lesson over and over or the loss of playtime.

STAGE OF OLD Fordsville school in 1903. Photo courtesy Mrs Leafa Matthews.

I don't think I was ever teacher's "pet" or one that was "picked on." Sometimes these terms were "thrown up" to scholars by others but there was not much of this as I remember in those days.

The walk to school was short, some half mile or so and led down the "big road" past our neighbor's meadow and orchard, his big old white house, across one small stream and a larger "branch," past the church and on to the playground. In the summer the school was dusty; in winter it was mud. Barefooted we minded the dust little but we hated the mud and snow. Sometimes we would take a path through the grassy fields to avoid the muddy road but that meant braving the hazards of mules, bulls, and sheep in the pasture. On very rainy days, our father would come for us with horses and we would ride home, one behind and one before him on one steed, another behind "Miss Ida" on the other.

We girls played "house" in the woods, made dolls and furniture. The older girls were the "mothers" and we were their "children." Now and then, we played "Ante-over," Sugar-loaf-Town, Drop-the-Handkerchief, and Dare-base. The boys played "townball," fox-and-hounds, marbles, leap frog and running games. There was no play equipment of any sort. Balls and bats were homemade.

We had few other amusements. In later years, we had spelling matches on Friday afternoons. We had no debating or literary society but these were known in "town schools" I attended as a teenager. We never visited other schools. On rare occasions, there might be an "entertainment" for the patrons. Children recited "pieces" and sang simple songs to the accompaniment of knocking knees and palpitating hearts. I still remember some of my "pieces."

Visitors were few, except for the trustees who might drop in several times. Always the "visitor" was asked to say something to the scholars, and many accepted the invitation. The superintendent usually came each fall, tied his horse and buggy to the hickory tree and stayed an hour or so. One of our trustees, himself illiterate, always made a speech to the boys, never mentioned us girls. I can repeat it now almost verbatim. It invariably went like this:

"Now let me tell you little boys–you must study hard and learn as much as you can–learn to read, and write and 'figger' –you're shore goin' to need that when you get big and have to tend to your business. I know what I'm talking about–here I am, can't do nothin'–everybody in the country knows more about Tom W.'s business than he does himself. So do as I tell you, study hard."

Teachers "treated" with stick candy at Christmas and on "last day of school." I have heard of the practice of "locking the teacher out" by older boys until he promised to "treat" but this never happened in our school. The truth is that our parents kept down any obstreperous behavior by the pupils, most children being under fairly close control of their families.

We never talked about "lunch," it was dinner. We carried what would be considered a heavy dinner, plain country food but plenty of it. We had meat usually, often fried chicken, boiled eggs, a baked sweet or Irish potato, a jelly sandwich, corn-on-the cob or some vegetable in a jar, and a piece of pie, (custard, pumpkin, apple or fried half-moon), or cake. We drank water from the common gourd or dipper. We sat on the grass or out under the trees in good weather to eat, at our seats in bad weather. The great sugar tree in front had high projecting roots above the ground which were favorite places to eat dinner. Scraps and bones were thrown to the hungry dogs that accompanied their owners to school and hung about during "dinner." During books they slept under the schoolhouse floor, emerging only at playtime to share the fun and to howl at the sound of the school bell. Occasionally, a dogfight under the floor or on the yard would cause great excitement and even antogonism amount the partisan owners.

## Rainy Days

Rainy days were dreaded as there was little to do. The girls and little boys were expected to stay inside and there was no means of amusement. The big

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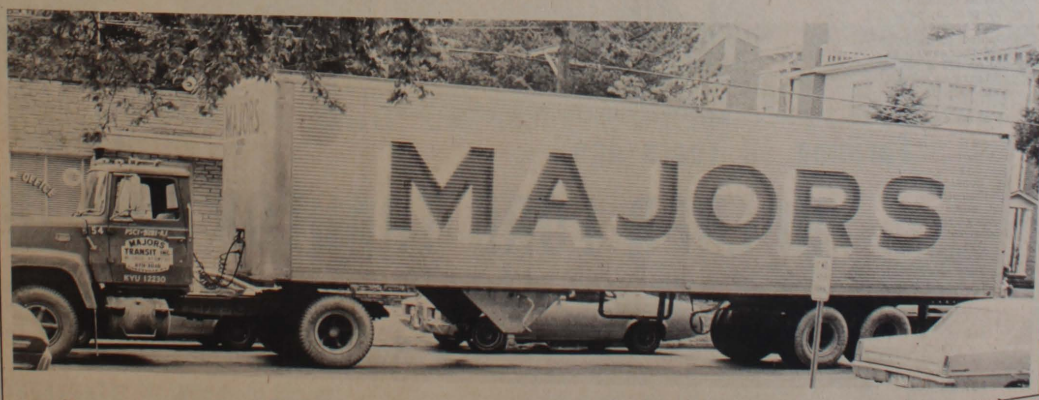


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# Schultztown school named for area families who were farmers

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The school I first attended was called the Schultztown school because so many by the name of Schultz were farmers there in that community. It was located in Ohio County, about eight miles from Cromwell, Kentucky, where the people in that community did their trading and voted.

As well as I remember there were about thirty scholars, as all in school were called, their ages ranging from four years to twenty years. There were no grades and the school was one of the many such among the Ohio County school districts. The distance from our home to school was about a mile. The length of the term was partially dependent on the teachers' pay. The length of day was from, I'll say, 7:30 to 4:30, in summer longer.

As long as we lived in that community two of the three trustees were my father, W. B. Render, and Mr D. H. Barnes. I never heard them speak of a Superintendent but a School Commissioner, W. T. Gregory, who lived at Hartford.

The school house was a one room building, weather boarded outside and ceiled inside, no paint. The seating was arranged for partial comfort of the pupils, I was only four years when I started and my feet reached the floor, but there were no desks except for the "big boys and girls." There were no other furnishings except teacher's desk and chair, and no teaching equipment whatever.

The building was heated by a big open fire place where logs were burned.

Our drinking water was secured from a spring, which had no protection of any kind. The water was carried to the house by two boys and was passed from pupil to pupil.

There was no school bell. When it was time to take up books in the morning, noon, or recesses the teacher had a club which he banged on the outside of the building. Every pupil heard and came running. Woe if he didn't! No tardiness.

There were no library books. The teacher was my uncle, James Scott, who was very tall, slender, and neat. His suit was made of home-spun woolen and I am sure the suit was woven and made by his sisters. His wife, my mother's sister, had died a number of years before.

The subjects studied were the three R's and some science, geography, and history. There was a long bench at the front called the recitation bench. The teacher called the classes as he wanted them to recite and the pupils went to this bench where they recited.

There were classes for each subject studied without regard to age, all who were able mentally to understand the subject could be in that class. I couldn't tell the number of classes.

The recitations were conducted by the question-answer process, except arithmetic which seemed to be the most important subject. If one could cipher all his problems he was doing well, even best of all. But I think reading most important.

There was no music, and poems were memorized and said on Friday afternoon, but not every week. All had copybooks and slates and scratchy slate pencils. We never had marks or grades.

I suppose spelling and reading were our favorite subjects for the more we read the better we read and could be promoted to another reader. That is how we were classified--a first reader pupil, a second reader pupil, etc., except we were called scholars instead of pupils.

The dress of pupils was simple, I imagine or perhaps know that no girl had more than three dresses, one for school from which she changed into, an at-home play or work dress when she returned home from school. Then she had a dress for Sunday very much like the one worn to school. Her dresses were all starched clean and fresh every Monday. In very cold weather we wore linsey-woolsey woven and made by our mothers. All were clean every day.

We wore stockings knitted by our mothers who carded, spun and knitted by hand. Our fathers

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## School Days at Washington

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boys might go outside to play if the rain was not too hard. On rainy days, the pupils were likely to open the dinner basket at recess and have some "refreshments." These were often marked by grease spots on the floor and desks but few minded. Sometimes we played tick-tack-toe on our slates.

"Big snows" meant snowball fights, and the building of snowmen in the yard. Sometimes my father took us to school in a sleigh and this was a real thrill. The team trotted briskly up and down hills and we skimmed along like birds. Some boys brought home-made sleds to school and we had much fun on the hillside below our school.

Of course, our wraps were soon soaked, or feet got wet, and our mothers feared pneumonia but we liked to sleigh ride.

New pupils were a rarity and were not given much of a welcome. This was due to our own shyness rather than any unkindness. Nevertheless, we stared and it took time before the new scholar felt comfortable.

New teachers were subjects of much conversation and speculation before school started. Parents would discuss whether they were "strict" and warn the children to mind. Sometimes, there were efforts to "try out" the new teacher but these were not too evident in our school. Nearly all parents firmly backed the teacher's discipline and there was little trouble.

We had many common sayings and phrases, some that fitted certain occasions: "Try, Try, Again"; "A stitch in time saves nine"; "Honesty is best policy"; "Least said soonest mended"; and others gleaned from McGuffey's readers and our copybooks. Some of our games were played to lines we chanted or sang like "Ring-Around-the-Rosy" or "London Bridge," and we chanted various rhymes when we jumped the rope. Often a grapevine served in place of a rope.

Many of the lessons, especially the "morals" presented by the stories of our readers have remained with me for life. And that has been a good many years, nearly 76 in fact. Most of us liked the old common school and found it a pleasing part of our country "raising." Now the old Washington Station School and the neighboring church have both disappeared but I like to think back and remember so much from those happy days of childhood.

March 13, 1956

EXCELSIOR SCHOOL near Sandefur's Crossing. Picture made around 1890. Miss Sophia Davison, teacher; Back row, Denham Leach, Orin Leach, Bertie Barnard, Garfield Barnard, Charlie Barnard, Ronnie Leach, James Sandefur; second row, Shell Patton, ————, Nealy Barnard, Charlie Barnard, Zettie Sandefur, Annie Taylor, ———, Laura G. Leach, Mary (Gober) Taylor, Maggie Oldham; third row (from back) Bell Patton, Janie Moseley, ————, Ada Leach, Susan McSherry, Bob Barnard; first row, Leslie Leach, Thornton Parton and Herbert Patton.

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# History of Ohio County's Public schools tells story of proud people

By Harry D. Tinsley

The history of Ohio County's public education system tells a story of proud people who first wanted schools and then better schools, but who didn't always get them for a number of reasons.

Once Ohio County started a school system, it made progress, but there were setbacks because of the Civil War, political bickering, and plain indifference on the part of elected county officials and others among the state's leaders.

So says Dr. Ellis F. Hartford, a native of Fordsville, University of Kentucky professor of education and former UK vice president for the Community College System, who is writing a two-volume history of education in Kentucky.

Ohio County's educational history probably began with the teaching of "the three R's" by some pioneer housewife in the "stations" where the first settlers lived to protect themselves against the marauding redskins. It is recorded that the first teacher at Ford Harrod was

Harry D. Tinsley

such an educated gentlewoman and it is likely that such instruction by some of the women-folk at this county's forts, Barnett's and Hartford, were the earliest Ohio County instances of an effort to "teach the young idea how to shoot" intellectually as well as flintlock wisely.

The first school established in Hartford and probably the first in the county was in the summer of 1792 and was held in a rough log cabin. The town and county were then sparsely settled and the scholars few and far between.

The first school teacher of which tradition speaks was James Shanks, the father of Q. C. Shanks, according to Harrison D. Taylor.

## Academy system

The first effort at education which affected Ohio County was the old academy system which had been inherited from Virginia. The Virginia legislature chartered two academies while Kentucky was still a part of that state – Transylvania at Lexington and Salem at Bardstown. By 1800 it was planned to have one academy in each of the then-existing counties.

"Each county was given 6000 acres of land to use for a school. The Hartford Academy, established around 1805 (according to deed to lot) was the result of that effort. In 1820, another legislative act was passed naming a new set of trustees and authorizing them to enter "6,000 acres which must be located west of the Tennessee River. What became of the acreage is not known.

The county court records at Hartford yielded a three-and-a-half page record of action by the Ohio County Court which proceeded to lay out the county into school districts "agreeably to" an act of the 1821 legislature.

Historians have noted that Kentucky General Assembly passed permissive legislature in 1830 giving counties the power to organize school districts and levy taxes but nothing happened.

The succession of the Academy trustees were kept up until 1839 when the property was sold. This was presumably after and as a result of the third act of the general assembly, which vested the property of the Academy in the "Hartford Seminary" which probably was built not later than 1839. That building, a one-story brick of two large class rooms and a hall, still stands on Center Street.

Hartford Seminary was succeeded in 1880 by Hartford College, which, along with West Kentucky Seminary, founded at Beaver Dam, in 1892, furnished the teachers qualified to assume the role of teaching in the rural schools.

An excellent epitome of the development of Ohio County's public school system is contained in a letter written in August 1911 by W. G. Stewart, of Rosine, at that time one of the county's oldest teachers, addressed to the Teachers' Institute, then convening in Hartford. Prof. Stewart wrote:

"Public schools in Ohio County were organized in 1850. Prior to that date there were very few schools of any kind in rural districts and there was a large per cent of illiteracy in the county. In 1850 a law went into effect to lay the county off into school districts and to elect trustees in each district.

"The Fiscal court elected Harrison Taylor school commissioner. He had the county districted and trustees elected in all of districts and there were schools taught in most of them, in some of them by very poorly qualified teachers and most of them in old dilapidated houses, but it was the best that could be done. There was not much change in the school system until 1870. At that time the school laws were improved and the per capita was raised from 35 cents to nearly $2.00, the school term lengthened from three months to five months. The standard of qualification of the teacher was raised; the improvement put new life into our school system. In the year 1870 the first Institute convened in Hartford. Mr Frank Gregory was Commissioner and Prof. Townsend instructor.

"In 1882 the per capita fell to 85 cents. I do not know the cause. But since then, it has been gradually increasing."

Mr Stewart closes his report by saying "I have not kept pace with the schools since 1901, but I suppose they have made a more rapid advancement in the last decade than they did in my 40 years as a teacher."

In 1908 Ohio county was redistricted into six educational districts, with 110 proposed subdistricts, which was a reduction of eleven.

Among the schools which to be consolidated and not appearing on the map on the front cover were Barnett's Creek and Bartlett's (Union Grove) which when consolidated became Taylor, Crane Pond, Sourwood, Reynolds, Jones (later became Odell and still later moved to Oaks and became Oaksdell), Poplar Grove and Gum Springs (made Poplar Springs of the two), Loyd, Jingo, alias McGrady, Duff, Wilson (maybe later Fairview), No. 107, Byers, Daugherty, Vine Grove and Hickory (near John Iler's) were consolidated and made Rob Roy, Maxey, Williams (in McHenry area), Elmwood, Upper Point and Lower Point (made Two Point) and Hunter school which was to be consolidated with Bend. Beech Valley and Tanglewood were consolidated in 1936 making Adaburg school. Also Oklahoma was north of Horse Branch. There was also a Jimtown school located at that coal mining community near Point Pleasant.

The schools were constantly changing names and locations, many being named in honor of the donor of land, one instance was the creating of Taylor school from Barnett's Creek and Union (Bartlett).

Among the early schools which were abandoned when the districts were made smaller were White Oak west of Beda, when Beda, Sarvis Hill and Chapman were created; Statler and Beech Point, making Victory; Jessesburg, built on land of Jesse Ashby, Jr., when Centertown school was established.

The well-known educator for many years, the late Prof. Henry Leach, writing in 1911, while County School Superintendent, for another special edition, that time The Hartford Republican, stated:

"The county schools, as they are generally termed, include all the schools of Ohio County, including the graded schools –six in number– in the cities, and are in charge of a County Superintendent.

"The schools in this county are

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## Schultztown School named

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grew the sheep from which the wool came.

We carried our dinners to school in a big basket. And I mean dinner not a lunch.

There were no cliques. There were woods nearby and we younger girls built for ourselves our playhouse, making tables of rocks and sticks and bark. We made our chairs of rocks and covered them with moss. These were just large enough for our dolls which were about this size and made from a stick. We made dresses for them of leaves and flowers, and a head of a wad of moss.

We had competition in spelling but not for prizes. It was a prize enough if we won. The teacher had no "pets" or "pick-ons."

Our teacher treated us to stick candy at Christmas time.

We were always glad to have a new pupil come to school. But when I think of it now I don't see how they stood it, our staring and not saying a word to them.

We all disliked having a teacher leave, but at once loved our new teacher. That comes from home-training.

The only entertainments we had were on Fridays when every one was supposed to say a speech, recite a poem. Then the parents were invited.

Uncle Jim was a strict disciplinarian, but good and fair and every one loved him.

I am 82 years of age now, so it has been 78 years since I attended this school. The next year a Miss Zem Morgan was my teacher. The next year I entered school at Hartford, Kentucky, at the age of six and continued there till I graduated from college. In 1926, I graduated from the University of Kentucky.

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# Country School Days Long Ago

By Jessie Patton Porter

I would like to share a few of the happy times I experienced at a country school starting in the year of 1926.

This happy time started for me at Ricketts school located about three miles east of Beaver Dam, Kentucky. On a warm July morning which would be first day of the new school year, I would start down the dusty road walking toward that white one-room school house. I wouldn't walk far until some children would come across the field then I would have company, this would continue until by the time we reached the top of the big hill where the school stood there would be nearly a dozen of us.

We were all glad to see one another and everyone talked trying to tell what we had been doing since we had seen one another. When we stepped in the door of the school house, there was a nice clean floor, two rows of benches, the kind that were large enough for two to sit on. In the center of the room was a big tall coal stove. At the front of the room was a large blackboard with a few new erasers and some long sticks of white chalk. Then there was the teacher's table and chair which sometimes had a switch laid across one end. Also there was a long bench that would hold six or seven children and this is where each class came to recite their lessons.

Just inside the door was a little table where the water bucket and dipper was placed. Everyone had to bring their own glass. Our water was supplied from a well on the farm of Melvin Stewart. At eight, each morning the teacher would ring the bell that hung on a tall pole just outside the door. Here the boys would line up on one side of the door and the girls on the other. When everyone was in line the girls would march in and take their seats on one side of the house and the boys on the other. When everyone was settled in their seats the teacher would take a Bible and read several verses from it. Then we would sing a song from those yellow back school songbooks, which I am sure a lot of people will remember. We got a fifteen minute recess in the morning and afternoon and a hour for dinner.

There was one teacher for the eight grades, the subjects that were taught were spelling, reading, arithmetic, history, language, health, and geography. The games that we played were townball, hopscotch, dropping the handkerchief, marbles, fox and dog, pitching horse shoes and washers.

The teachers who taught at this school during these years were Mrs Iva Lee, Mrs Dona Hennings, Miss Etta Black (Taylor), Miss Isabella Barnard (Stewart) and

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## Stories of Good Old Days

# 1918 Bald Knob correspondent tells about a watermelon patch

I was writing Bald Knob News for the Hartford Republican in 1918 as Miss Connie Sandefur near Cromwell. At that time our address was Route 3, Beaver Dam.

Several years later the address was changed to Route 1, Cromwell.

I got a lot of pleasure from this paper through all these years.

Some funny incidences occurred in 1918. During World War I in July, my father, E. P. Sandefur planted a large watermelon patch.

The results--all those melons were all so hard to cut. Imagine his amazement when he found they were all citrons.

In writing the Bald Knob news at that time at the end, I added that Mr Sandefur was so amazed and couldn't account for it. I said "dad--Do You suppose Kaiser Bill had anything to do with that. I'll never forget the amazed look he gave me. The editor at that time wrote a little attention getter about the melons. We had so many people tell us they read it.

I always look forward now to receiving your paper.

Mrs Connie A. Leach

## Tells story

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one hundred and twenty-six in number, five of which are colored, in charge of one-hundred and forty-nine teachers, and the improvement in the schools has been very marked within the last few years.

"Many of the pupils, both white and colored, are receiving common school diplomas, which entitles them to a high school education.

"Within the last three years, under the new school law, twenty-seven new school buidings have been erected to take place of old ones; over fifty have been repaired and remodeled, some of practically rebuilt. The repairing and remodeling and rebuilding is going on all the time."

The discontinuance of the rural schools began around 1934 and within a decade or so they were institutions of the past.


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# Country school days

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Miss Clarice Daniel (Tatum). All of our time wasn't spent with a book in our hand. Sometimes you would see a note being slipped across the room to the opposite sex. It was o.k. if the teacher didn't see this taking place but if she did, she got the note instead of the one it was intended for. Then before we had pencil trimmers we depended on pocket knives for getting our pencils trimmed. We had to raise our hand to get permission to cross the room and some boy of our choice to trim our pencil. Sometimes this would take longer than the teacher thought was necessary.

About the month of August or September was time for an ice cream supper, we always had a large crowd and a big time. There were pie suppers too, the girls would bake pies and take to the school which was on a Saturday night. The boy that bought a pie got to eat it with the girl that brought it. Most of the time somehow the boy seemed to find out which girl and pie went together.

You remember we once had school fairs? About a week or two before the fair, Ricketts was a busy place, practicing, running all different kind of races and making posters and etc. We always decorated a wagon for the parade. Here I would like to say that all of Ohio County Schools had pretty floats. We always went to Edgar Barnard's or Cecil Barnard's to decorate the wagon. We always had a good time doing this, the mothers and older sisters had a job too, as they would make paper flowers for the decorations and paper hats for the children to wear.

By the time all these events were over and we were settled back down to studying it was time to start copying poems, songs and parts for plays because Christmas was getting close. These plays were practiced until nearly everyone knew the other children's parts too. They day before the play, big sheets were brought from different homes to decorate the stage and a big tree was decorated with tinsel and gifts. The teacher would give us a sack of treat with an apple, orange, banana, and some candy in it. Then the big day with our hearts beating fast we were all ready to put on our play, sing our songs and recite the poems for our parents and friends. It really made us feel good when they cheered so loud. As I think back I wonder if we were as good as they tried to make us feel. After being home for a few days for Christmas we would come back to school all excited about what Santa had brought us during that time. During those years sometimes it was small but whatever it was we were proud of it. At least we had a lot of love in our home. By this time of the year it was pretty cold. Even if the big stove was red hot the room was cold so this was a time when we would pull the benches up around the stove and would study and have our classes there. Sometimes there would be only six or seven there especially if it was real cold. Every month there would be a written test on each subject to help us get a grade on our grade cards.

Can you read these names and know you were one of the children that attended school at old Ricketts during those years? Black, Daniel, Moore, Wedding, Griffin, Stevens, Patton, Porter, Barnard, Fulton, Phelps, Taylor, Bowlds, Westerfield, Burden, Rock, Smith, Whiteman, Thomas, Howard, Royal, York, Finley, Arbuckle, St. Clair, and Whittaker.

The last of February school was dismissed for the next five months. We were happy in one way and a little sad in another. For most of us it meant a summer of work on the farm. I imagine what I have said about this school pretty well describes most of the schools of by gone years. There was a Ricketts School many years before 1926 and several years after 1934 but I don't believe their memories could be any happier ones than I have. The building burned a few years ago but its memories linger on and on.

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thoroughly enjoyed every day of my 23 years as a teacher.

You have no idea how much comfort The Ohio County News is to me. If it is a day late, I get a let down feeling. I read it from Kiver to Kiver. The News, brings joy, laughter and sadness when I read of those I loved and knew so well.

Miss Helen

# Teacher recalls school days in classroom in Hartford

By Helen Duke

My one wish is some day to come back to Hartford to live my last few years. To me, Kentucky is the garden spot of the world and Hartford is the rose.

When I looked back at this picture of the 1935 fifth and sixth grade children, now in their early or late 40s, families of their own, scattered north, east, south and west, I really feel my age.

How many are deceased, I do not know--William Smith Martin, Everett Taylor Ellis, Jewel Farmer.

Aren't they sweet, good looking, innocent? They were lovely to me.

This was the year Jim was born. I was trying my best to keep it a secret from the class.

About two weeks before school was out when I came into the room, from the lunch hour, everyone had been talking. As I entered the room, there was silence, you could have heard a pin drop. I was looked over. I usually wore loose smocks. John Oldham jumped up and said, "Miss Helen when we go out at recess to play ball, I'll take a chair for you to sit in." "Why?" I asked "are you so considerate, gallant and thoughtful?"

John replied, "We don't want you to get tired -- you are going to have a baby." I found out my little red headed Lillian Foster was told by her mother at noon when she went home for lunch.

I laughed and told the children I was going to have a baby boy in September. September 10th, Jim came to Alfred and me after nine years of marriage. Then in 11 years, 1946, Martha was born. In 1949 Alfred was taken from us.

When I look at this group, I see doctors, dentists, mothers, fathers. Many have high professional jobs. There are professors. They all have made well of themselves. I was 28 years old.

I wish I had written a book on my teaching experiences. I


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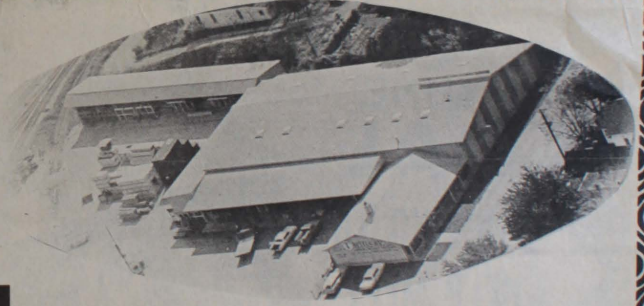

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# History of Coal in Ohio County Kentucky (1870-1953)

By M. David Orrahood

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Ohio county, one of the principal coal counties of the Western Kentucky Coal Fields, has nearly 600 square miles or an area of 380,000 acres. Number 9 and some number 11 coal, of moderately high sulfur content, has been mined commercially since 1870 in the vicinity of Rockport, Kentucky, in the west, and near Deanefield, Kentucky, in the east.

The county's western border hugs some 50 miles of navigable water of the Green River, whose coal production has poured from the Mud River mine, the Paradise mine, and the Airdrie mine in Muhlenberg county since 1820 to 1836 to the present. Both the river and some 83 miles of railroads transported some 436,000 tons of coal in 1900 to rank Ohio county, the third highest in the State. Three railroads in the south moved coal from such familiar places as Beaver Dam, McHenry, Centertown, Horton, Echols, Rockport, Simmons, Broadway, and Hartford, Kentucky. The railroads were the L&NRR, the ICRR, and the Midland Railroad. The Midland RR is now a small spur of the ICRR extending from Centertown, Kentucky to Madisonville, Kentucky, by way of Midland, Kentucky, in Muhlenberg county. In the east, the Owensboro spur of the ICRR moved coal from Whitesville, Fordsville, and Deanefield, Kentucky. Until 1953, most shipments moved to market by rail, but now, the Green River carries millions of tons of Ohio county coal through three locks and dams to the Ohio River.

Agnes Harralson, the prominent Muhlenberg county historian, remains the major authority on the Ohio county coal history. Most readers should approach the history on records pertaining to specific mines at designated locations. In this approach, the mining camp of McHenry stands out as the predominant coal producing site in the county.

## McHenry

The Central Coal and Iron Company of Central City, Kentucky, established the Render mine, at McHenry after 1870. The principals were T. Coleman du Pont, president, Hywel Davies general manager, and Simon Jones, mine foreman. The pick, the drill, and the shovel were used in the thousands to mine the coal, which brought an amazing sixty-four cents a ton. In 1898, the introduction of electricity to the whole area prompted the use of five cutting machines at the mine to produce 62,383 tons of coal.

The wealthy T. Coleman du Pont, the operator of the Render mine, was the son of Antoine Biderman du Pont and later heir to the fortunes of the E. I. duPont de Nemours and Company. He studied at Urbana College in Ohio and then at M.I.T. in Boston, after which he worked at Central City, Kentucky, and at the Render mine, in Ohio county. The Render operation remained independent of the du Pont Power Company. Young du Pont was a mule driver, blacksmith, and miner, finally becoming superintendent and vice-president. He left the area in 1893 and became associated with Tom L. Johnson and Arthur Moxham at Louisville, Kentucky, in steel and railway operations. In 1902, he proceeded to Wilmington, Delaware, affiliated himself with du Pont's interests, and later directed the company's fortunes, the largest chemical company in the world. Mrs Harralson recorded five mines as owned by du Pont. They were the McHenry, the Echols, the Galena, the Stroud, and the Central mine, of which the first two resided in Ohio county. The McHenry mine, as designated by Harralson, was not the Render mine at McHenry, according to the State Inspector of Mines in 1898.

In 1873, the Duncans established the McHenry Coal Company, and they operated the McHenry and Echols mines, the former 6 miles, the latter about two miles from Rockport, Kentucky. The mines produced nearly 114,000 tons of coal, or nearly a third of the county's production in 1900. The McHenry mine sloped 200 feet to the coal, which was located 60 to 100 feet below the surface. Five electrical machines cut the walls by the "room and pillar method" of coal mining. The town of McHenry resided on the property of the coal company, although most of the residents owned their own property. Nearly 400 inhabitants built a Presbyterian Church, an Odd Fellow Lodge, and a grade school. The Echols mine used a cross entry which was 1,000 to 1,200 feet, with 125 to 150 working places. Charles W. Taylor, superintendent, managed both mines.

The fortunes of the many "Scots" of this region resided in the hands of Andrew Duncan, the father, and his son, William Graham Duncan, I, slated as the "King of Coal of Muhlenberg County," by Otto Rothert, the Kentucky historian. Arriving in America from Scotland at Hollytown in Airshire, the Duncans with other Scotsmen produced coal at Airdrie, later at Paradise, and still later at Aberdeen, Kentucky. Selling off the Aberdeen properties, along the Green River in nearby Butler county, the Duncans formed a partnership with the colorful Henry D. McHenry to operate the McHenry Coal Company, in 1873. In 1898, the Duncans sold the McHenry operations to the Central Iron and Coal Company, the same company which is mentioned above. William G. Duncan, the son, moved on his own to Muhlenberg county to establish one of the State's most successful companies. "The King of Coal" died in Greenville, Kentucky on June 10 1929.

Congressman Henry D. McHenry, who is cited above as a partner of the Duncans, had convinced Collis P. Huntington, the great railroad builder and financier, that a railroad through Beaver Dam, Kentucky would insure coal for the efficient and economical managements of all his large locomotives. Thus the old 1869 Elizabethtown and Paducah Railroad, the fondest dream of Kentuckian Samuel B. Thomas, was consolidated into the Chesapeake, Ohio, and Southwestern Railroad in 1881. As McDowell A. Fogle, the beloved Ohio county editor and historian, has presented the development of the ICRR from the foregoing, the story moves to the continuing fortunes of coal at McHenry.

In 1898, the Duncans transferred their interests to the Central Coal and Iron Company of du Pont origin. The new company continued to furnish coal to the ICRR, as McHenry had envisioned, to World War I. Stewart, Early, and Small, three former employees, assumed control of the company, but sold their interest to the Holt Brothers, after the war, for a reportedly $140,000. Holt Brothers continued operating the declining company, then sold their interest to Rogers Brothers Coal Company of Greenville, Kentucky. In 1939, the Rogers Brothers closed operations for the time.

Other mines which have operated at McHenry, have received attention in the numerous reports of the Kentucky Geological Survey and the State Inspector of Mines, since about 1890. These include the Williams mine of the Beaver Dam Coal Company, the Huff mine of the Hancock and Harvey Coal Company, the Huff mine of the Salsburg and Evans Coal Company; the Old Render mine of the Shawnee Coal Company; and the McHenry mine of the Williams Coal Company. As the succession of names indicate, the interlocking relations of a company often proves confusing. At any rate, the depression brought an end of any meaningful coal production in the south of the county until after 1953. Then the rise of increasing energy requirements, the arrival of the conglomerates with huge amounts of capital, and the improvements made in the locks and dams on the Green River, all conspired to produce the millions of tons of production now oozing from the rich land-locked reserves.

## Rockport Centertown

One of the enterprizing proprietors of coal in Ohio county resided at Rockport, Kentucky. Harrison Lafayette Tucker organized the Rockport Coal Company in the spring of 1909 and was reelected president during his reign until the 1930's. The company started with $50,000 of capital which had increased to ten times that amount by 1924.

The company operated two mines with a total capacity of 2,000 tons a day of number nine coal. Mine number 1 was located at Rockport, on the ICRR, and mine number 2 was located at Centertown, Kentucky, on the L&NRR. The mines were well equipped with modern-day mining machinery, and such items, as a shaker screen, picking tables, and loading booms, according to the inspection reports of the time. Tucker operated the mines with assistance of R. C. Reid, vice president, and John T. May, secretary and treasurer. The sales outlet maintained officers in Central City, Kentucky as the Crown Coal Company.

Mine operator Tucker, who had as unusual background in coal as any other Kentuckian, was born in Union county, Tennessee. Before service at Rockport, Kentucky, he had worked in every position in the coal mine as was available. In addition, he sold Morgan Gardner cutting machines, and he figured prominently in the organization of mines in other Kentucky counties. After his contributions to the organization of the Western Kentucky Coal Operators Association in 1918, Tucker served as secretary and treasurer. In the "year and a day strike" of 1924, he played a prominent role.

After World War I, the coal production in the United States reached a peak which was not surpassed until the present. Coal also sold at its high of $4.50 a ton. In 1924, Tucker reported mine run coal at $1.50 a ton, and a 60 per cent of capacity in District 23 of our area. In the face of stiff union demands, he reopened his Centertown mine at the 1917 scale. In effect, his efforts broke the Jacksonville Agreement and forestalled union activities in Ohio county until 1932.

Janice Kaye Smith, a reporter for the Ohio County Times on August 22, 1968, reported on the history of Centertown, Kentucky. She noted that Centerville, as it was then called, started receiving supplies about 1860 over dusty, muddy, or snowy roads which were negotiated by oxen. Actually two localities constituted the town, one called Boling City near the properties of Mrs Net Brown, Mrs Grace Wallace, and Mrs Myrtle Calvert; the other, called Tucker Town, near the vicinity of Mrs Nannie Wallace's home. At least six residents and a blacksmith shop existed in the original town site. Evansville, Indiana steamers, which docked at Ceralvo, Kentucky, on the Green River, were reported as bringing supplies in 1900. Leading merchants were Rowe and Martin; and Morehead, Jones and Company. L. C. Braum and Company sold drugs; and W. A. Rowe was a dealer in saddlery. The record indicated no significant amounts of coal ever being shipped out of Centertown by boat.

Six other mines resided in the Rockport-Centertown area. They were the Blue Diamond mine of the Blue Diamond Mining Company; the Echols mine of the Kentucky Coke Company; the Kershaw mine of the Kershaw Coal Company; the Morrison mine of the Morrison Coal Company of Birmingham, Alabama; the Cates mine of the Peacock Mining Company of Louisville, Kentucky; and the Tichenor mine of the Tichenor Coal Company. Harralson also reported that the Holt Brothers operated a mine in Centertown in 1916.

## Beaver Dam

Nolan Finn, a former employee of the Beaver Dam Coal Company and now with the Beaver Dam Medical Clinic, worked as a loader in the old mines around Beaver Dam. His humorous account of brattices, which shunted air through the mines; his knowledgeable memory of the spacious farms of the company used to breed and care for the large mules who hauled the coal; and his intimate association with accidents in the mine has served to document the more personal aspects of coal mining. In 1929, at the time of Finn's labors in the mine, the Inspector of Mines reported a total of 195 deaths in the State, a record that has not been surpassed.

The company that Finn worked for operated the Sackett mine at McHenry, the Black Cat mine at McHenry, and the Taylor mine at Beaver Dam, where "Windy," as he was called, worked. In acquiring the Beaver Dam properties, the Beaver Dam Coal Company, received lands which had been in operation some as early as 1900. The Taylor mine

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## Stories of Good Old Days

# Bettie was World War II veteran: inducted 1943

By Miss Ruth Barnes

I guess the most unusual experience that I ever had was that I raised and owned the only dog that went in service from Ohio County in World War II.

She was a full-stock German Shepherd female dog named Bettie. She served until they gave her an honorable discharge and said she was then considered surplus. The Army told me I could reclaim her if I cared to do so. I did and when she got to Beaver Dam tires were rationed as well as gasoline. She was due to arrive in Beaver Dam on Saturday but did not arrive until Sunday afternoon.

Buck Myers had gas and went to meet the train and bring her to me. I wondered how she would act when she got back. I took her out of the cage myself. Bettie was chained and she licked my face from chin to forehead before I could say scat, smelled my feet and did likewise to a neighbor.

Many persons were waiting in my yard to see how Bettie would react, but that was it as far as she was concerned. She would only eat and drink just what I gave her and what she saw me place down for her. The little dog that I had when she left and when she returned could have a portion of her eats, but no other dog dared try snitch a bite. She was still my dog only, for so long as she lived.

Newspaper accounts were as follows:

"Bettie, a German Police dog, which was loaned the United States Army by Miss Ruth Barnes of Cromwell, on April 14, 1943, has been honorably discharged and arrived at the home of her mistress Sunday afternoon, July 31. Miss Barnes is to receive an account of the dog's service record later.

"Not only outsiders but Ohio Countians as well should be interested in knowing that Miss Ruth Barnes, of Cromwell, who loaned Bettie, a German Police dog to the U. S. Army, has received an honorable discharge from the "K-9 Section" for her dog. Bettie was discharged on July 28, this year, and sent home following more than a year of faithful service to her country as a war dog. She was inducted May 1, 1943. The discharge, issued by the Quartermaster Corps, has been framed by Miss Barnes, as has a certificate of appreciation to her from the War Department, which states: "Appreciation is expressed for your patriotic action in donating your dog, Bettie, for use in connection with the Armed Forces of the United States." The papers are from the office of the Quartermaster General in Washington."

# Barn-raising in the early 1900's

By John R. Cooper

Not long after his marriage my brother Morris located as a share-cropper on a farm around two miles from our father's place. It was probably on the Will Greer farm. Jasper or Mittie would know.

The time came that he needed a barn on the place, for the various uses a barn is useful for. Probably mostly to hang tobacco in. So, a barn-raising was planned. In this case it was really a combination of log-rolling and barn-raising, for the trees had to be cut down, trimmed, sawed into logs, and hauled or dragged to the barn-site.

The neighbors were notified of the impending event, invited, assembled, -- entire families. The men were needed to handle the trees, logs and barn, the women to do the cooking, and the children--well, just to play. They couldn't be left alone at home, of course.

These events were important for social and economic reasons. Community get-togethers. Hard work and neighborly assembling for the men, a saving of money he didn't have, for the host, for the women the opportunity to talk and laugh, exchange ideas, recipes, over-the-fence gossip--anything that goes on when a goodly number of women get together.

So, the trees were felled, trimmed, hauled or dragged, sawed into logs, and a barn was built. As simple as that. A man needed a barn, he invited his neighbors in, and they built him a barn. There were a lot of fringe benefits attached, as well.

But that noon meal! That was something to lift the spirit, increase the weight, result in nightmares from the overload. But what a meal! Something was boiled in an iron kettle some twenty-to-twenty-four inches across the top. A whole hog or sheep would be too big. Maybe a ham or two. Whatever it was, with potatoes cooked brown along with the meat, it was a scrumptious meal.

Since I was too young and small to work, my job was to play, but the thing that lingers largest in memory is the mid-day feast.

Those days, while they were the "good old days," and stressed fellowship and cooperation and community unity, while they were great days to be alive in, still, I believe I am not one of the cult who would like to return to them.

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property, for example, was the early subject of an interesting and long account pertaining to a fault in the entry. This caused a high-rise, or hillock, then a precipitous dip, into a water pit. The configuration was the vegetation caused an absorption of oxygen, so that, several workers died immediately on entering the chamber. An unusual occurrence, the regular type of deaths results from an excess of the deadly methane gas, or from the fumes of carbon monoxide, which result from incompletely oxygenated gas in mine explosions or fires.

## Simmons Broadway

As Highway 62 proceeds from Rockport to Beaver Dam, Kentucky, the driver notices a number of crumbled and broken down tipples and entries. One such accumulation resides at Simmons, Kentucky, the site of the old Broadway Coal Mining Company. Holding a population of 100 during the coal-boom, the town was named for William W. Simmons who operated the complex and also held interests in the Broadway Coal and Ice Company at Memphis, Tennessee. Simmons entered the trade in 1898, and he was born in Courtland, Alabama.

For the community of Simmons and other relations which defies any intelligent consolidation today, a map by Agnes Harralson, as furnished to the author, has provided meaningful insight to the relations of the coal field.

After leaving Rockport, Harralson documented Echols and Simmons. Next, she listed the New Render mine, near the old home of Dick Render and Muldie Render, whose families owned the land here. Next, she noted the site of Frogtown, near Basehart Store. The McHenry mine, its tipple, and its chute, appeared on the left side of the ICRR, as one faced toward Beaver Dam, east. Then came the ICRR Depot, and next the Beaver Dam Road which progressed to the Taylor mine, south. The same road proceeded north to a collection of mine houses called, Ten Spot. Then a spur of the ICRR reached north to the Williams mines. Next in succession came the Cemetery of Render, where members of the early coal mining community are buried, including relatives of Phil Harris, the musical comedy star and husband of Alice Faye. The last point documented by Harralson was the community of Emporia, later called Mercer. In the map, she also listed the homes of prominent operators, the doctors, and homes of miners.

Off Highway 269, south of Beaver Dam, Kentucky, the Highview Mining Company operated a mine at Prentiss, on Slaty Creek of the Green River. Coal from this mine reached the trade by way of Cromwell, Kentucky on the Green River. This mine and the Patterson mine of the Williams Coal Company, also at Cromwell, represented two of the very few mines using river barges to ship coal. North on Highway 231, at Hartford, Kentucky, the Bishop mine, and a Peabody mine, not the Peabody Coal Company of St. Louis, operated mines at one time during the coal boom. Further north and east, coal was mined at Whitesville, Deanefield, and Fordsville. Guy Deane of Owensboro established much of the operation at Deanefield, which was named after him. The Ellis mine of the Jericho Coal Company at Deanefield and the Cummins and Day Coal Company operated mines in this area after 1910. With the increasing energy need of the 1970's again facing the United States, particular interest is again focusing on all the Ohio coal reserves. In the south, the major companies have started an extensive underground and stripping operation.

# We peeled cornstalks

By John R. Cooper

The corn-stalk-pith rage hit the neighborhood somewhere early in the century. "Everybody was doing it." The information was that the pith of cornstalks was in demand at shipyards, to be used in caulking seams in ships. Every home that owned or controlled a cornfield became overnight a small factory. Many of the families thought, no doubt, that riches would come their way in a hurry.

The stalks would be stripped of blades, tops lopped off, joints chopped out, and the resulting sections brought into the house, ready to be peeled.

As anybody who knows a cornstalk knows the pith is very light, feathery light, and a housefull of the stuff an Abe Shapiro could have toted, if able to get hold of it. Consequently it took a lot of peeling, a lot of work, a lot of cut fingers ( or did they wear gloves or finger guards?), a lot of hauling, a lot of a lot to amass a load for market - plus a lot of disappointment, a lot of faded rainbows.

The rage didn't last long. The "get-rich-quick" balloon leaked and collapsed. Did all the seams of all the ships get caulked, even those not yet built? Or was it too much work for too little pay?

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## Stories of Good Old Days

# Country Doctor: the late Dr. Oscar Allen

By Mrs. Robert Snodgrass

The country doctor I best remember is Dr. Oscar Allen. When I was a child in Butler County, he lived at Cromwell. He rode far and near to visit anyone who called him. I've seen him riding horseback in some of the coldest March weather when the snow was blowing so hard he could hardly see his way. He made house calls to many people, I'm sure, for which he never received any pay. This did not matter to him; he always saw to their needs.

His second mode of travel was the motorcycle. He didn't use that long, for times were changing too fast. He had the first automobile I ever saw. He parked it near our house one day, and I really looked it over. Talk about a creature from Mars! It would not look any stranger to a child today than Dr. Allen's shiny Dodge looked that day to me!

In those days of the automobile, they could only be used in dry weather because of road conditions. So there was still plenty of horseback riding to do. Dr. Allen rode horseback during the first flu epidemic in 1918, caring tirelessly for dozens of patients, but never taking flu himself. People were dying so fast during this epidemic that there was hardly enough well people to bury the dead.

He worked hard to get the first high school at Cromwell. Many years later, he was instrumental in the building of the Ohio County Hospital. Dr. Allen was a Christian gentleman. He lived to see three of his grandsons become doctors. This is one of his finest tributes.

He died this spring, and "was buried in a good old age." I thought of an old phrase to apply to him: "Old Doctors never die; they just fade away." Dr. Oscar Allen will not even do this; he will live on in memory of those who knew and loved him.

# McHenry as I remember during boyhood

By Boots Faught

I was born and reared at McHenry and being a native of that town, I can recall many incidences that happened there.

I went to my first school, the little green school house and then on to the skating rink and on to Central Park High School. I remember McHenry as a very lively coal mining town which had five coal mines, two theatres, four restaurants, a candy factory, foundry, clothing stores, six churches, a large railroad yard, two fine baseball clubs and a good basketball team for girls and boys. Seven passenger trains, two local trains that supplied the town with anything needed, from food, clothing, hardware, furniture, mining supplies, farming needs to drugs. You could buy a coffin as they were called in those days.

As many as 50 trains came through McHenry each day. The town had three barber shops, two pool parlors, two dance halls, two drug stores, a machine shop. Each Coal Company had its own town name such as Mercer town, Upper Render, Williams Mine, Lower Render and Frogtown. But everyone got their mail at one post office. After Render's post office closed the post office was located near the center of the town which was about a mile each way.

Sometimes you had to stand in line as long as an hour to get mail.

At McHenry some of the largest old time picnics ever known, were held. In the large grove at Williams Mines, thousands of persons would come by train, wagon, buggies and a few automobiles. There would be brass bands, string bands, and old fashioned saw dust square dances.

The two baseball teams played teams from Louisville, Paducah, Owensboro, and other neighboring towns and states. McHenry boasted of having the best two ball clubs in many miles. The teams were called the Majestics and the Grays. Some of the players on both teams are still living. Majestic players included Oscar Reed; Walter Watson, Willie Maddox, Marshall Barnes, Noah Phelps, Sr. and perhaps Buzz Rogers. Some of the Grays, a younger team, included Darrell Ashby, Willard Beasley, Jim Leach, John Craddock, Boots Faught, Roy Maddox and Jack Reynolds.

McHenry boasted of one of the finest string bands from Western Kentucky. To play on radio, the Faught entertainers had to travel as far as Hopkinsville or Evansville to broadcast.

McHenry had a large number of soldiers in World War I. Several of these men were killed in action.

Back then, there were no good roads from McHenry to anywhere. Owensboro was an all-day trip by auto or train. In the latter 1900s McHenry had large carnivals, circuses, traveling vaudeville shows and many other kinds of entertainment. To the best of my memory, McHenry was at its best from 1917-18 to 1924 when the coal mines were all working. In one of the best years, McHenry had about 3,000 persons.

McHenry can be called the hometown of some famous persons, Dr. Oscar Allen, Phil Harris, Ray Chapman, Thad Wilkerson, Shelby Atchison, John Blackburn and Dr. Willard Lake.

Drs. Lake and Allen had offices in the Beaver Dam Coal Company store, now Allen Lumber Company, and by paying $2.50 per month, you could have a doctor visit your home on a sick call daily but never pay over $2.50 a month.

McHenry had the reputation of being a rather wild or tough town, but only had one town marshal who would lock you up in the town's jail. The jail was made of railroad ties and almost escape proof. There was no law against drinking or gambling except when the sheriff was in town.

McHenry could best be described as a Western town except you would see the coal miners with dinner pails and carbide lamps on their heads rather than cowboys. I remember seeing those lights before daybreak going in all directions and you would know it was time to start to the mines for your daily bread. If you were too old to work and didn't have anything saved, the undertaker would see that you made it to Render graveyard, where many of the old coal miners checked in their picks and shovels never to use them again.

# Memories of Christmases past treasured

By Irene C. Newman

My memories of Christmases long past are such treasured and happy ones. They are centered around the Hartford Methodist church where every Christmas there was a huge tree--gaily decorated with the usual-- but also with the wonderful toys that hung among the branches. -- There were dolls and dolls and all kinds of toys of that era. There was also much speculation among us (the children) as to whose name would be called for the various gifts.

It was the custom there that many parents brought all or the greatest part of their children's gifts and placed them on the tree to be distributed by Santa after the program. One snowy Christmas eve, (we always had "white Christmas" in my childhood), I was so carried away with Santa that I was determined to wait in front of the church, when he would be leaving and give him a fond farewell until next year. As we lived just across the street from the church that seemed easy to manage.

My kind and patient father waited with me out in the snowy street for what seemed hours but no Santa came out to get his reindeer together and take off. Finally we decided that some way or somehow, he had played a trick on us and slipped out some magical way.

It took me a few years to figure that one out.

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# A box supper 55 years ago

By John R. Cooper

A Fordsville P.T.A., needing some funds (as always, of course), put on around 1910 a box supper (my wife says "put on" is the right expression) in the auditorium of the old schoolhouse.

Box suppers were popular social and money-raising events in those days. These were social, financial and courting affairs. A box supper meant a situation in which boxes were auctioned off to the highest bidders. Not just boxes, however, empty boxes, but boxes filled with eats, good eats. scrumptuous eats, substantial, full-meal-for-two eats, such like as fried chicken, baked ham, stuffed eggs, pickles, potato salad, pie and/or cake. I don't remember what we used for drinks.

So somebody, and I think it may have been the P.T.A., "put on" a box supper.

The successful bidder on each box earned the privilege of sharing its contents with the lady who brought it. A married man would usually be expected to bid high for his wife's box, and a young, single man would go his financial limit rather than let some other upstart get his girl's box. That situation was all to the good, of course, for the financial gain of the promoters.

One "Russ" Cooper was deeply in love with Emma Johnson at the time. He was teaching the third and fourth grades in the school and boarding at the Commercial Hotel, his father's house, to the rear of the schoolhouse, having burned, leaving the Cooper (Jim) family homeless.

Not long before time for the box supper, Russ stationed himself on the veranda (or long front porch) of the hotel. From that vantage point he hoped to see Emma go by on her way to the supper, and carrying her box where it could be seen. Russ needed to be able to identify her box when put up for sale, for he HAD to buy that special box. She passed by, carrying yellow Arrow collar box.

Auction time arrived. In due time a yellow Arrow collar box was put up for sale. Russ bid it in. BUT it was not Emma's box!

In due time another yellow Arrow collar box was held up for bids. Russ bought it. BUT it was not Emma's box!

A third yellow Arrow collar box was held high for bids. Russ bid it in. That was Emma's box!

Boxes sold, bidding over, it was time to eat.

Russ collected his two married women and the attractive teenage girl and we, the foursome, dined sumptuously. Russ doesn't exactly remember how he managed to handle (or stomach) his three full-meal shares, but somehow it must have been done.

Eating finished, it was time to break up the party. It was Russ' fond expectation that he had more or less earned the privilege of walking home with Emma. After she had gone to get coat or hat or other personal effects, and was not in sight, Russ began to look for her. Not finding her in the auditorium, he hurried down the steps and to the front entrance, from where he saw her--walking

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## Stories of Good Old Days

# We wove a rag carpet

By John Russell Cooper

The wide poplar planks of the living room, bed-room, "parlor" floor were bare. Cold to bare feet in winter and cracks admitting chilly air. We needed a carpet.

Grandfather Samuel Keown, who lived about a quarter mile across a field, had a hand-made loom, old even then and cumbersome.

Dad borrowed the loom. It was toted piece-by-piece or possibly by road-wagon from one house to the other and re-assembled in the back of the room between two beds. Ready for business!

But for a rag carpet rags were needed. For months a campaign had been going on, collecting suitable rags from the neighbors. Even a family as poor as the Cooper family didn't have rags enough for a carpet.

These rags were scissored or torn into one-inch strips, sewed together end-to-end, and wound into six-inch balls. Loom ready, rags ready, all set!

The operation of the loom was intriguing, if not too long continued at one stretch. The weaving process involved three fairly simple movements: depressing a foot pedal, resulted in two planes of cords intersecting, forming two angles ( ). The shuttle with rag strips wrapped around it, was pushed laterally through the angle away from the growing carpet. Horizontal "ram" then jammed the strip of cloth into position. Another amateur might approve the description; an expert would be amused. I consulted an encyclopedia for a technical description and quickly backed off, when I ran into stunners like "heald, heddle, dobby, harness, warp-beam, whip-roll, etc." That is not important, anyhow. The important thing was that WE HAD A CARPET.

That was a good place to stop, but I want to put in one more

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# Memories include first train ride

By Mrs. Ollie Fulkerson

I was born and raised near West Providence. While visiting my aunt and uncle, Mr and Mrs T. M. Iler, who were operating a hotel in Rockport, my aunt took me for my first train ride to Central City and back.

I think at that time the train ran from Louisville to Paducah.

At that time Rockport had a bridge keeper named Applegate. He would take me and his niece out to the center of the bridge while he turned the bridge straight up and down Green River for the tall steamboats to pass.

Then he would turn the bridge back to the original place -- an exciting miracle for me.

Another enjoyable event was Uncle Iler's Nephew, Cleve had a candy shop in the hotel and he would give me coconut bon bon candy every day. It is still my favorite candy. Cleve Iler, later was well-known in Hartford and Louisville.

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# Hartford—a railroad center

Editor's Note: The following article was written by the late Ernest Woodward, Louisville, formerly of Hartford, for the Louisville and Nashville railroad company, July 24, 1964.

## By Ernest Woodward

It will come as a surprise to most people that Hartford was once the chief office and center of operation for a railroad system, in which millions of dollars were invested, including a telegraph system, which railroad and telegraph system extended from Elmitch near Fordsville, where it connected with the old L. H. & St. L. Ry. down to Madisonville in Hopkins County.

The official name was Madisonville, Hartford & Eastern R. R. Co. commonly called the M, H, & E, and it was of first class construction.

It owned a 50 foot right-of-way, and had a road bed or embankment 20 feet wide, with first class bridges across both Green River and Rough Creek near Dundee, which bridges cost materially more than a million dollars; and it built good depots at its various stations, including a nice depot at Hartford, which is still in use, but of course not as a railroad depot.

As usually occurs in the beginning, the people of Hartford welcomed the coming of the railroad; Rowan Holbrook, I believe was its first President; Glenn & Simmerman were attorneys for it, and the engineer in charge of its construction was Mr Geo. W. Flagin, who brought to Hartford as assistant engineers, or rod men, a half dozen young engineers, one of whom was named Cooper, from Nashville, and he married Miss Hattie Barnett who still lives in Nashville, Mr Weagin, of Minnesota, was engineer in charge of construction for the contractor; and they imported a hundred negroes from the deep south, and about 50 Hungarian laborers, only one of whom could speak any English, and he was difficult to understand, but all of them soon learned to count American money and they sent most of that back to Hungary in the form of postal money orders.

Of course after we local people got the road located, and paying a big part of county expense in the form of taxes, our welcome to the R. R. changed into greed; and we raised its taxes, and rendered big verdicts against it, without much regard to the evidence, and did not recognize that we might kill the R. R. goose that laid the golden eggs.

No man living knows why this first-class railroad was built through Ohio and Hopkins Counties at a cost of many millions of dollars.

Only Mr Milton Smith, president of the L&N RR, ever knew why it was built. The traffic that originated in the poor country through which it operated, was not enough to pay the salaries of the depot agents, or to pay interest on one tenth of the money spent for its construction.

But President Smith knew why

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# We wove a carpet

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thought: As I remember, no dyeing was done. The raw colors were put in on a "first come, first served" basis. The resulting motley of colors must have been something to behold, when spread over the floor. BUT, let me repeat, we had a carpet!

# A box supper 55 years ago

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away with Paul Tilford in full charge.

That was it. That was all. It had not been a fully successful party for Russ!

There had been another interesting and more amusing happening at the box supper. Edgar Wedding was a well-known youngster, good-natured, the butt of a lot of good-humored kidding. He worked at the local bakery, which was run by Coppage and Strother. Edgar was a poor boy, even as others were.

That night he had one solitary, lonesome quarter in his pocket.

As one box after another went up for auction, Edgar would bid his quarter. He probably bid his quarter on 25 or 30 boxes. Finally, near the close, as the supply ran low and bidding interest waned, he got his box for a quarter.

# Up and down a storied lane

## By John R. Cooper

Editor's Note: The story below is an excerpt from a book manuscript being prepared for the Bi-Centennial Bookshelf of Kentucky entitled "Out from These Hills". Mr Cooper is a native of Fordsville and resides in Nashville, Tennessee. He has graciously furnished several stories for this edition.

That neighborhood lane was an arena of activity. Always things were taking place along its stretch. It was the track for a ragged urchin's padding feet, dust spurting between his bare toes, as he propelled and guided along a metal barrel-hoop, using for motor an eight-inch arc of wooden barrel-hoop nailed to a two-foot stick. His mop of tousled, reddish curls added color to the action.

As he urged his hoop along, fleeting glimpses of the small life he was passing caught his eye. An odd-looking object to the right slowed him down, a dung-beetle pushing backward with elevated hind legs a marble-shaped bill of dry cowdung. The hoopster paused to take in the show.

Would some nature lover, even of the humble dung-beetle, crave more of the lowly creature? Locally a tumblebug, aptly enough. A lamellicorn beetle of the general Alphodius, Bolbocerus, Copris, Geotrupes, Phaneus et al. kinds!! Your choice, but it was thought the reader might want to know. The tumblebug lays its eggs in a ball cut out from a ball of cowdung, a marvelous job of sculpturing. The dung serves as incubator when rolled into the cylindrical hole previously dug for it. The bug pushes erratically, instinctively the ball of dung, pushes awkwardly, grotesquely, backward toward a hole in the ground which it is not able to see. It is not known at what stage of the procedure the eggs are implanted. It appears doubtful that the egg-layer would sit on the ball down in the hole. The dung provides adequate heat for germination.

"And the band played on!"

As the hoopster moved on in his drive, another and more familiar sight pulled him aside, a symmetrical conical depression in the loose dirt--the mouth of a doodle-bug's trap. "Trap?" Just that. By stooping low and leaning close, the accepted procedure, the curious investigator could chant into the depression words of this portent: "Doodle-bug, doodlebug, your house's on fire!" On hearing this dire alarm, the simple householder was expected to emerge from, or to appear at, the opening, sticking its ugly head outside. It appears doubtful that the doodlebug could know the meaning of the words of warning, not knowing too much about fire and its effective action on loose dirt. In all probability the mere impact of sound or wind on the mouth of the depression would be sufficient to urge the creature to the surface to find out what it was all about. Be that as it may, the question occurs—Would some curious soul like to know more about the doodlebug?

Well, firstly, it is not a doodlebug, but an ant lion. Not necessarily ferocious, save to creatures of its own cultural level. All species of ant lion belong to the family Myrmeleontidae, in the order Neuoptera. This order includes also lacewings and dobsonflies.

The winged parent, of which the "Doodlebug" is the larvae form, lays its egg in the ground, where it hatches into the squatbodied, flat-headed, burrowing larva. This larva builds a trap for unwary ants. (It might seem that the ant may not be, after all, the safest mentor for the sluggard.) By flicking its head the larva throws sand (or dirt) out of the pit. When the luckless ant falls into the pit, the ant lion bombards it with debris. Once the prey has dropped to the bottom of the pit, the long jaws of the captor seize it, and a poisonous fluid is injected to end its struggles. The fluid is also a digestive juice, turning the victim's internal organs into a liquid which is sucked through the jaws of the lion. The empty shell of the ant is flicked out of the pit, which is then made ready for the next visitor--and victim.

The boy feeling his curiosity couldn't, of course, note all these goings-on from his point of view. All he could see was the ugly head of the alarmed "doodle-bug," when the false fire alarm urged it to the surface. The scientific details are provided for the reader who might want to get technical.

Plodding along the lane from the West one late afternoon, an odd-looking object moves into view. A man. More than just a man with an ordinary sort of burden, but one all-humped-over from the size and weight of the bale balanced over his back. Grotesque. His appearance brought to mind the tumblebug at work, although this combination was moving forward. Abe Shapiro, itinerant peddler, making his periodical rounds. Abe's size, as noted when free of his encumbrance, emphasized the imbalance between the load and its toter. He was short and pudgy and walked with a mild waddle. Abe was always welcome and welcomed into the rural households, a rare diversion from normal monotony. His wares spread out over the floor were entrancing, particularly the colorful fabrics aimed at feminine foibles. Fascinators (light head-scarfs) fascinated ( why not?) the women and girls -- handkerchiefs, sashes, hosiery, bracelets, necklaces, earrings, lockets, on through the repertoire of women's vanities. When late in reaching a given home, a planned time-schedule, probably, items of merchandise were traded for a night's food and lodging. A considered estimate would suggest that Abe didn't allow himself the short end of these deals.

Abe prospered. The hoofing changed to a one-horse wagon, the wagon to a drygoods store in town, Fordsville, a typically crowded, get-through-if-you-can store in the traditional thinking of the day. He acquired a wife, a smallish, alert Jewess. They were well-to-do, respected citizens. Then a devastating fire wiped out the main business section of the town, taking his store and home, the latter an apartment over the store. Apparently it meant financial ruin for the couple, for they disappeared from the local scene.

## Another figure

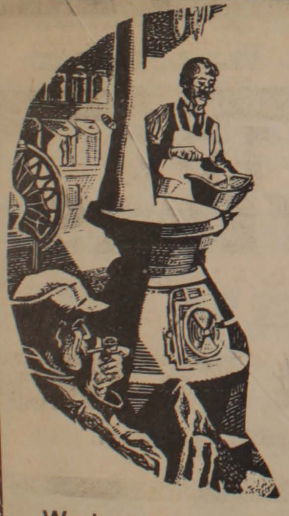
Another figure at another time trudged slowly, perhaps laboriously along the dusty lane. "Aunt Mary" Keown came into view. She was making her regular annual trip to visit with her more-or-less-close relatives. It might have been suspected, too, that her income, or lack of same, had something to do with her annual pilgrimage. But "Aunt Mary" was always welcome, although she didn't make ALL the homes, as Abe did. Her guttural, gravelly voice, low, monotonic, not unmusical voice, rumbles yet in the rear of memory, as she sat hunched over at the left corner of the open fireplace, near the perennial church, right elbow on knee to support the cob-pipe hand. Between puffs from the burning crumbled twist, talking, talking, re-living the long past and flavoring it with current gossip, Aunt Mary was unforgettable.

Even the hearth crickets soon got used to her and kept chirping away in their hide-away places in the crevices of the fieldstone hearth, daring to venture forth here and there to creep about in the warmth.

What if errant tobacco crumbs from her pipe may have found their way through the damp towel folded about the dasher and on down into the sour milk? Never noticed, no harm was done, and a fine old woman found physical fulfillment and companionship to enrich a lonely way of life.

Yet another traveler came down the lane. For, after all, it was a public thoroughfare which its wayfarers were fully entitled to use.

This time "Uncle Crit" Truman strode along. With slow, measured, stately strides the tall, dignified, silver-haired, impressive-looking gentleman advanced. He was on HIS annual mooching rounds to HIS not-so-close relatives, nor were they relatives except through the ties that bound Civil War veterans in comradeship. Unmarried and without dependents, receiving a small war pension, with few and small needs, his trips around the circuit made life easier for him financially. He was probably not as welcome as Aunt Mary and surely not as interesting as Abe. It might not be entirely fair to him to suggest that most of the families he visited more or less tolerated him. Dad Cooper was certainly glad when he showed up. Both were active in G.A.R. work. It is doubtful that any group of men have stronger ties to bind them in fellowship than men who have served in the same way.

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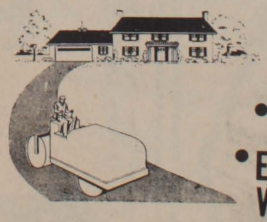

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SURPRISE BIRTHDAY dinner given in 1912 for Mrs Virginia Smiley who was 22 years old when the picture was taken. Those in attendance are front, left, Lovelace Basham, Ira Basham, Willie Aldridge, Rosie Hinton, Ella Northern, Girtie Smith, Merry Smith, Goline Smith, Alvah Sutherland, Era Sutherland, Sammie Smiley and Edd Basham; second row, Jess Smiley, Janie Smith, Etheline Smith, Bessie Jackson, Anie Sutherland, Noah Jollie, Nora Miller, Amies Smiley, Hubert Sutherland, Marvin Bishop Smiley; third row, left, Samuel Marclis Smiley, Ela Jackson, Iva Loyd, Ella Sutherland, Willie Loyd, Laddie Loyd, Virginia Smiley, Wilford Smith, Jasper Loyd; 4th row, left, Alvin Crow, Hester Smith, Provie Sutherland, Lon Miller, Goldie Miller, Clarence Tucker, Lois Tucker, Finis Sutherland, Bertha Miller, Bettie Sutherland and Laura Loyd, Katie Howard, Bennie Loyd, Ellie Loyd, Sallie Basham, and Ellen Smith.

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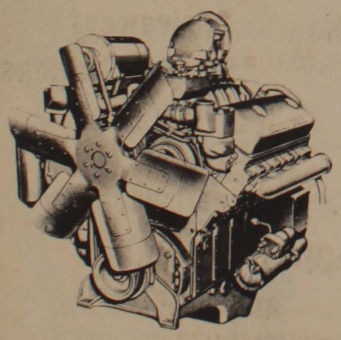

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## Families

At the beginning of the human race the individual family was the unit. Families, tracing back through an outstanding forebear, often found it desirable to group themselves into clans and tribes, with the blood and spirit of their ancestor as the bond holding them together, and challenging them to common objective or endeavor. This "bond of union" between descendants of a common ancestor, is still quite strong in the human heart. We consequently find many people believing that "blood is thicker than water", and going to great lengths to establish their relationship to an outstanding individual with superior qualities or accomplishments. Blood does count, and "blood will tell."

The world does not always promptly and properly estimate or evaluate its citizens. It often happens that a noble man or noble woman of the highest order is not fully recognized and honored until long after his or her death. Thus the crowning of many heroes is often deferred.

In examining the old county records we find many names of early citizens who are now lost sight of and have passed from the memory of the past generations. In fact, much of the early population was of a very migratory, transient character. It is amusing to look over the delinquent list returned by the sheriff in early days. "Gone to Logan County," "Gone to Nelson County," "Gone to Post Vincent," "Gone to New Orleans," "Gone to Spanish Dominion," and various other places, known and unknown today, followed the names of numerous delinquents.

The Bairds, Browns, Hoovers, Rowans, Showns and Statlers were from Pennsylvania; the Condits, Lindleys and Tichenors from New Jersey; the Ranneys from Massachusetts; the Addingtons, Ambroses, Barnards, Barnes, Beans, Bennetts, Bentons, Crowe, Griffiths, Hockers, Iglehearts, Leaches, Millers, Mortons, Stevenses, Wallaces, Weddings, and Woodwards from Maryland; the Ashbys, Bells, Chinns, Daniels, Dukes, Ellises, Fields, Haynes, Hendersons, Newtons, Maddoxes, Mays, Taylors, Tinsleys, Thomases and Walkers from Virginia; the Carsons, Blacks, Howards, Owens and Webbs from North Carolina.

Besides these there are many other names quite familiar, but the state from which they came cannot be determined. Among them are the McFarlands, Handleys, Faiths, Glenns, Hustons, Rhoadses, Rileys, Shanks, Shultzes, Williams and others.

There are many other names whose descendants still constitute the bone and sinew of our present citizens and who are perpetuating the good qualities of their ancestors. The names of many of these early pioneers are now given, also, as far as can be ascertained, the state from which they came.

## Thomas Smith

Among the early settlers of Ohio County it appears there were two with the name, Thomas Smith. Recorded in Deed Book A, page 355-dated 1805 Thomas Smith bought 300 acres of land on Sulphur Creek from Benjamin Fowler. In Deed Book E, page 155 - dated 1820 Thomas Smith bought 223 acres on Caney Creek, cash in hand, from Gabriel Jackson. In 1826 there is an appraisement of the estate of one Thomas Smith, evidently, the one that we find there in 1804.

It is known that our ancestor, Thomas Smith, lived on Caney Creek and was living in 1841 when on April 24 of that year he deeded the same 223 acres on Caney Creek to two of his sons, Lewis L., and Robert H. Smith. Then on June 24, 1841 he bought 354 acres on Caney Creek from John L. May. This was his last land transaction and he died intestate.

Tradition has it that our Thomas Smith and wife, "Vicy", the former Miss Melcenia Victoria Weeks, and their children migrated from Virginia to Ohio County, Kentucky before 1820 bringing with them their slaves, live stock and a small metal chest filled with gold currency for purchase of land and necessities. This chest is still in possession of a descendant.

It is believed that the Smith family resided in Fauquier County, Virginia. In 1783 Thomas Smith and wife, Elizabeth, probably parents of the younger Thomas Smith, leased land in that county to Phillip Cooksey. Evidently, they lived not far from the Maryland-Virginia state line. Before the marriage of James Cooksey, son of Phillip and Mary Cooksey, and Elizabeth, the eldest daughter of Thomas and "Vicy" Smith, she shopped in Baltimore for her trousseau. The white silk dress and bridal veil were handmade in that city. The story goes that very soon after the wedding they set off on horseback with the family for Kentucky and settled in Ohio County where they spent the remainder of their life.

The Smith Graveyard where many of the family are buried is located on the old homestead a distance back of the house across a railroad track. In 1960 the burial plot was well fenced and fairly clean. The monuments were standing, many of them were sandstones and probably a number of graves unmarked.

Thomas Smith and Melcenia Victoria Weeks were married in the late 1790's according to the ages of their children, all born in Virginia except the youngest son, Robert H., born 1818 in Kentucky.

Children were:

1. John Smith born ca 1798; drowned in Green river at Cromwell-1829-while rescuing his eldest son; married May 20, 1820 Elizabeth Stewart, Ohio County.

2. Elizabeth Smith born Jan. 12, 1800; died Feb. 17, 1880; buried in Cooksey-Smith Cemetery at Dan, Ohio County.
Married 1st-James Cooksey ca 1817 in Virginia.
Married 2nd-Perry Iler Feb. 11, 1831 Ohio County.
Married 3rd-John Railey Sept. 27, 1843 Ohio County.

3. James Smith born ca 1803; died 1829 unmarried. Settlement of Estate Nov. 1829 Thomas Smith, Admr.

4. Sarah Ann Smith born ca 1806. (One Sarah Ann Smith married John Mitchell - Aug. 15, 1831 Ohio County.)

5. Mary Ann "Minnie" Smith born 1810; died Jan. 9, 1896; married Walker Daniel-Aug. 22, 1825 Ohio County.

6. Lewis L. Smith born ca 1813; died ———; married Eliza Tilford Feb. 4, 1832 Ohio County.

7. Maria Margaret Smith born ca 1816; died ———; married ca 1834 - Garrison Hoover (as 2nd wife), son of George Hoover and Elizabeth (Garrison) Hoover.

8. Robert H. Smith born May 23, 1818; died March 23, 1881; buried in Cooksey-Smith Cemetery at Dan, Ohio County. Married Nov. 27, 1854 - Margaret Ross born Feb. 17, 1814; died March 17, 1896, daughter of John Ross of Pa.

Children of John Smith and Elizabeth Stewart:

1. Granville Smith born 1822; served in Civil War and lived to be 94 years old. 1st wife was Martha (?) - 2nd wife was Susan (?)

2. Jenette Ann Smith born ca 1824; married Jonathan Mitchell Sept. 9, 1840, Ohio Co. Children in 1850 Census: Amanda - age 6 yrs. - Almedia - age 4 Yrs. - Judith 1 yr.

3. William James Smith born Sept. 28, 1825 Ohio Co.; died Aug. 30, 1906 McLean Co. Married May 4, 1848 Mahala Margaret Stewart born Oct. 15, 1829; died Feb. 20, 1894, daughter of Carter S. Stewart and Lydia B. (Malin) Stewart. Buried at Stewart Family Graveyard near Liberty United Methodist Church, Ohio County. Wm. James and Mahala Smith moved to the Guffie Community, McLean County ca 1874 where they bought the James H. Hancock farm and lived until death.
They had 3 sons:
-William Wayne Smith born June 24, 1850; died Dec. 28, 1898; married Jan. 19, 1875 Lucy T. Robinson, Falls of Rough, Grayson County, daughter of Elijah N. Robinson and Letitia (Davison) Robinson. Lucy was born Feb. 7, 1853, Grayson Co.; died Nov. 24, 1935, at Guffie, McLean Co.
-Carter Worth Smith born Aug. 30, 1952; died Nov. 27, 1944; married Dec. 2, 1877 Sallie Ann Leachman born May 10, 1862; died Nov. 8, 1923, daughter of William Parker Leachman and Susan Elizabeth (Moseley) Leachman, McLean Co.
-John Lewis Smith born July 30, 1852; died Sept. 7, 1924; married Nov. 4, 1886 Ara Lytle born June 26, 1867; died Sept. 4, 1939, daughter of Julius Lytle and Minerva (Moseley) Lytle, McLean Co.

4. Eliza Smith born July 24, 1829; died Aug. 1901; buried in Christian Family Graveyard Ohio Co.

After the death of John Smith-1829-the widow, Elizabeth Stewart Smith married Sept. 26, 1833 Walter Christian.
Issue:
-Samuel Meritt Christian born May 11, 1834; married Oct. 23, 1856 Phoebe E. Tilford, daughter of Andrew Tilford and Elizabeth (Daniel) Tilford, Ohio Co.
-Charles Valentine Christian born June 19, 1836; died Dec. 16, 1917; married March 20, 1859 Mary E. White born March 11, 1841; died Oct. 24, 1922, daughter of Walker White and Julia A. (Mitchell) White, buried at Cane Run Church Cemetery.
-Sarah Elizabeth Christian born Dec. 18, 1841; died May 11, 1928; married 1st-Jobe Daniel; 2nd-June 9, 1874 James Axton.

Children of Elizabeth Smith and 1st husband, James Cooksey:

1. John Cooksey died young - unmarried.

2. Victoria Ann Cooksey married July 27, 1840 Nicholas P. Earp Ohio Co. They moved west. Among their children was Wyatt Earp.

3. Margaret Maria Cooksey married March 3, 1843 James Tilford, son of Andrew Tilford and Elizabeth (Daniel) Tilford.

4. James Cooksey born March 20, 1828; died 5, 1896; married Aug. 21, 1856 Sarah Bell Parks born 1830; died Apr. 22, 1879 buried at Cooksey-Smith Cemetery. James Cooksey, Sr. was deceased in 1828 - his children shared in estate of his father, Phillip Cooksey, Fauquier Co., Va., deceased 1836.

Children of Elizabeth Smith and 2nd husband, Perry Iler:

1. Dully Bell Iler born Dec. 5, 1834; died May 27, 1912; married Jesse Park born July 16, 1826; died Dec. 12, 1879 - both buried at Cooksey-Smith Graveyard.

2. Robert T. Iler born 1837; married Sarah Mary Sharp.
Perry Iler deceased by June 24, 1837, date of Estate Settlement, Ohio Co.

Children of Mary Ann "Minnie" Smith and Walker Daniel: Ref: 1850 Census Daviess Co., Ky. District #1 - Dwelling # 887

1. Elizabeth - age 21 yrs. (b. ca 1829)
2. John - age 18 yrs. (b. ca 1832)
3. Thomas - age 14 yrs. (b. ca 1836)
4. Mary - age 10 yrs. (b. ca 1840)
5. Robert age - 7 yrs (b. ca 1843)
6. Calvin age - 3 yrs (b. ca 1847)
Margaret age - 1/2 yr. (b. Mar. 1850).

# 3 - Thomas Daniel - Soldier of Civil War - 17th Ky. Inf. Co. B Buried in Smith Family Graveyard

# 7 - Robert H. Daniel - born Mar. 14, 1843; died Sept. 12, 1899. Wife - Corilla (Mitchell) Daniel - born Oct. 5, 1850; died Oct. 26, 1939. Buried in Smith Family Graveyard.

Children of Lewis L. and Eliza (Tilford) Smith. Ref: 1850 Census Ohio Co., Ky. District # 1 - Dwelling # 510

1. Thomas Smith age-18 yrs. (B. ca 1832)
2. Louisa Smith age - 14 years (b. ca 1836) - m. Edward Ford Jan 19, 1876
3. Mariah Smith age -12 yrs. (b. ca 1838) - m. John E. Ross Nov. 5, 1862
4. John Smith age - 10 yrs. (b. ca 1840) - m. Maria J. Petty Feb. 10, 1876
5. James Smith age - 8 yrs. (b. ca 1842)
6. Robert Smith age - 2 yrs. (b. ca 1848).

Children of Maria Margaret Smith and Garrison Hoover: Ref: 1850 Census - Ohio Co., Ky. District # 1 - Dwelling # 513

1. John Hoover age - 15 yrs.
2. Massie Hoover (m) age - 13 yrs.
3. George Hoover age - 9 yrs.
4. Lewis S. Hoover age - 4 yrs.
5. Garrison Hoover age - 1/2 yr.
6. Margaret Hoover (twins) age 1/2 yr.

#1-John Hoover - born 1835; died 1919 - Buried in Cooksey-Smith Graveyard. Wife-Martha Hester (Felix) Hoover - born 1836; died 1924 - buried by husband. Married Dec. 23, 1856 Ohio Co.

#4-Lewis Smith Hoover born May 1, 1847; died Feb. 25, 1933 Wife-Ruth E. (Ford) Hoover born Feb. 18, 1852; died Nov. 5, 1931. Both buried in Cane Run Church Cem. (Parents of late Dr. L. J. Hoover)

#5-Garrison Hoover born Feb. 1, 1850; died Sept. 20, 1900. Wife-Mary F. (Miller) Hoover born Feb. 14, 1855; died May 24, 1908. Both buried in Smith Family Graveyard.

Child of Robert H. Smith and Margaret (Ross) Smith:

1. Susan Victoria Smith born Sept. 22, 1857; died 1943. Husband - Kit Carson Byers born 1865; died 1932 - son of Wm. Spurrier Byers. Both buried in Cooksey-Smith Graveyard.


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By Harry D. Tinsley

THE ABOVE PHOTO is of William Hardin Roach and his wife, Rebecca (Greer) Roach and some of their 16 children. Mr Roach, born in ——— was the son of Cornelius Roach, Sr. and his wife, the former Elizabeth Wade, who emigrated from Amherst, Va., circa 1825. Upon arriving in Ohio County he purchased several thousand acres of land lying between Rough River and South Panther Creek. Mr Roach built his home upon this land near where Sugar Grove Baptist Church now stands and there reared a family of nine children. In the year 1877 Hardin Roach and family located near Masonville, Daviess County.

## Roach-Kelly Family

Mary Frances Kelley – 1840-1895

Mary Frances Kelley was the daughter of John P. Burks and his second wife, Eliza D. Roach, the latter being a daughter of Cornelius Roach, Sr. John P. Burks' first wife was Judith Tinsley, daughter of Banister Tinsley, died 1828 and Mildred Tinsley, 1777-1866, Judith and her father having died in Bedford County, Va., while the latter died at Beda, Ohio County, Ky.

Mary F. Burks married Philander Roach Kelley, who was County Attorney of Ohio County, 1867-1871.

Children of P. R. and M. F.: Charles A. Kelley md. Alice Ralph.

Winright (Quent) Kelley born 1873 md. Ada Howard.

Norval Kelley md. Hettie Birkhead.

Alonzo P. Kelley md. Laura Fuqua.

Ben Lee Kelley.

Elizabeth Eliza Kelley md. P. L. White.

Emma Lee Kelley md. George Bellamy.

Iva Kelley died young.

John Wesley Kelley died young.

Mary F. Kelley was a direct descendant, through her father, John P. Burks, of the noted Indian Chief Powhatan, father of Pocahontas, of legendary fame. Cleopatra, youngest sister of Pocahontas married Chief Opechancanough who succeeded her father at his death in 1618 and they became the parents of the Celebrated Beauty Princess Nicketti and her descendants are many in Virginia and Kentucky.

Mrs Kelley was a great granddaughter, seven generations removed.

The above photo made circa 1897 depicts Winright (Quent) Kelley and his wife, the former Ada Howard (daughter of Wm. F. and Juanna (Burks) Howard, the latter being the daughter of Wesley and Sarah Westerfield Burks. Wesley was the son of John P. Burks and his first wife, Judith Tinsley) and two of their seven children, namely Alva Howard Kelley and Frances Kelley.

Mr Kelley who was born in 1873, in Ohio County where he spent his entire life, was in the timber business many years. He died in 1913 at his home near Fordsville.

The photos and information accompanying them were supplied by Col. M. J. Kelley, formerly of Pittstown, N. J., but now of Owensboro, Ky. Mr Kelley is a son of Mr and Mrs Winright Kelley.

WINRIGHT (QUENT) KELLEY and his wife, Ada (Howard) Kelley holding their children, Alva Howard Kelley and Frances Kelley.

The Kelleys were life long residents of Ohio County. Mr Kelley was a great-grandson of Senator James Winright Flanagan, of Texas, (see sketch below), also a grandson of the Rev. Benjamin Kelley who gathered and constituted the Fordsville Baptist Church in 1814 and who served as their pastor until his death in 1826. He was also a nephew of the Rev. David Jerrell Kelley, who in addition to succeeding his father as pastor of the Fordsville Church, was the third pastor of the Beaver Dam Baptist and also served the Walton's Creek Baptist Church for a time.

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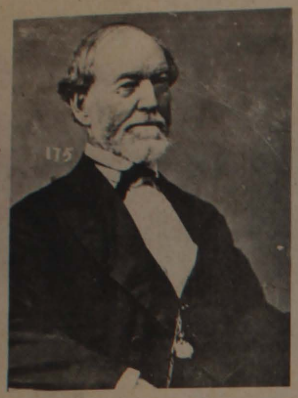

"FLANAGAN, JAMES WINRIGHT, Lawyer, Born in Gordonsville, Virginia, September 5th, 1805. In 1814 his parents removed to Kentucky where he received a limited education, engaged in mercantile permits and was Justice of the Peace for twelve years. He was a member of the Circuit Court of Breckinridge County from 1833 to 1843 when he removed to Henderson, Rusk County, Texas, where he was the first to sell merchandise. He also became interested in cotton planting. He was a member of the State House of Representatives in 1851 and 1853 and of the State Senate in 1855 and 1856. In 1857 he was the Presidential Elector and a delegate to the Peace Congress in 1861. He was a member of the State Constitutional Conventions of 1866 and 1868. In 1869 he was elected to Congress for the State at large and in that year he also held the office of Lieutenant Governor. He was elected to the United States Senate as a Republican 1870 to 1878, and was a member of the committee on Mines and Mining, and Post offices, and Chairman of the Committees on Education and Labor."

While a member of the State (Texas) Constitutional Convention, Mr Flanagan, in collaboration with his son, Governor Webster Flanagan, wrote the state Constitution that stands today. Governor Flanagan had also served as Lieutenant Governor.

Senator Flanagan's family settled in Ohio County near Fordsville when they came from Virginia, however they shortly removed to Cloverport, Breckinridge County.

## Black Family

ROBERT BLACK was born in 1774, in Caswell (now Person) County, North Carolina and emigrated to Mercer County, Kentucky before 1800.

He married January 15-16, 1797, Mercer County, Kentucky, Mrs Lucy (Rice) Willis, born 1767, in North Carolina (probably Caswell County), daughter of Nathan and Lavinia Rice, who also came from Caswell County, N. C., settling in Mercer County but Nathan Rice died in Muhlenberg County, Ky., 1816-17. Mrs Robert Black was the widow of John Willis whom she married June 13, 1785, Lincoln County and drowned 1795, Mercer County.

Robert Black bought land on Adam's Fork Creek, Ohio County, Kentucky, in March 1807 from John and Margaret McCreery.

Robert Black died in 1850, Ohio County and his wife, 1840-1850.

Children:
John Willis born March 3, 1801, Mercer (or Ohio) County, Ky.
Lucinda born 1803, married November 29, 1822, William Groves. (No other information).
Nathan Rice born February 27, 1805.
Henry born 1807.
Jesse Lewis born 1809, Ohio County, Ky.

Copied from information in Willis Family Folder, Historical Society Library, Frankfort, Ky., and records of the Bible of David and James Watson Willis, contributed by Mrs Mary H. Dean, Gen. Evan Shelby Chapter D.A.R., Owensboro, Ky.

John Willis Black married Mary "Polly" Phillips, born 1811.
Children: Four daughters.
Elizabeth
Martha L. born 1835.
Mary
Nancy
Data from Adelia Garrett which came from her grandfather, James D. Craig.

Nathan Rice Black married 1838, Nancy J. Willis, born 1814. He died 1860-1870.
Children: Six.
Mary C. born 1839.
Lucy E. born 1841.
Margaret C. born 1843.
Eliza A. born 1845.
John Henry (?) born 1848, married 1876, Annie G. Kelley.
James W. born 1858, married 1876, Eliza ———.

Henry Black married 1835, Catherine W. Carter, born 1816. He died March 8, 1873.
Children: Six.
Mary F. born 1836.
Marcella A. born 1839.
Artemsa F. born 1842.
Narcisa P. born 1847.
Marina C. born 1858.
Thursia L. born 1861, married 1878, John H. Loyd.
(All born in Kentucky).

JESSE LEWIS BLACK (born 1809, Ohio County, Ky.), married August 1836, Muhlenberg County, Ky., Louisa M. Craig, born 1812, Muhlenberg County, daughter of Garland Dickenson and Letitia (Rice) Craig. They lived in Ohio County on Huff's Branch of South Panther Creek, Ky. She died in 1857 and Mr Black married secondly, December 18, 1860, Owensboro, Daviess County, Ky., Caroline M. Hutchings. He died in 1878, Ohio County.
Children: Six.
Letitia born 1836.
James F. born 1842.
Felix H. born 1844.
Garland D. born August 27, 1847.
Hiram Craig born May 15, 1849.
Jesse H. (by 2nd wife) born 1863.
(All born near Haynesville and Zion Church, Ohio County, Ky.).

James F. Black married 1865 Tobitha ———, born 1846.
Children:
Victoria A. born 1866.
Robert L. born 1867.
Jackson born February 20, 1870.
Susan E. Black born 1870.
(All born in Ohio County).

Felix H. Black married October 26, 1870, Ohio County, Lucinda Thorpe, born 1848, Daviess County, Ky.
Children:
William H. born 1872.
Burr born 1875.
Jessie born 1878.
(All born in Ohio County).

Garland D. Black married December 15, 1881, Hawesville (?), Hancock County, Ky., Mary E. Carlton, daughter of Capt. J. W. Carlton and wife, Antoinette Carlton.
Child:
Nettie Louise born October 30, 1882, Hancock County, Ky.

HIRAM CRAIG BLACK (born May 15, 1849, Ohio County, Ky.) married 1892, Louisa "Lulu" Blanche Cone, born September 28, 1862, Richmond, Wayne County, Ind., daughter of William Hall and Adelia C. (Casad) Cone. He died January 13, 1908 Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio.

She married secondly, Reed G. Stone. She died November 27, 1946, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.
Child:
GARLAND CUZORTE born November 14, 1894, Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio, married August 7, 1919, Columbus, Luna County, N. Mex., Florence Marguerite Biegler, born September 15, 1898, Terre Haute, Vigo County, Ind. Mr Black died January 31, 1951, San Antonio, Texas and rests in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio.
Children: Two.
Garland C. II born February 18, 1921, San Antonio, Texas.
Marrilyn Jean born April 22, 1924, Fort Bliss, Texas, married September 1, 1943 Robert Gray Bagby.

Garland C. Black II married June 1, 1943, Marjorie Barbara Kopff.
Children: Four.
Garland C. III born Sept. 1, 1944.
Nancy Jean born October 10, 1947. Both born in Brooklyn, N. Y.
Patricia Lynn born September 24, 1951, Ft. Belvoir, Va.
James Craig born August 4, 1954, Ft. Monmouth, N. J.

Submitted by LtC Garland C. Black, Jr., U. S. Army (Ret.), North Springfield, Va.

## William Fentress Family

William Fentress Born May 14, 1791. Married Fanny Eckridge, who was born October 16, 1794, on December 2, 1813. William died June 28, 1848.

Children of William and Fanny Fentress–

Samuel Fentress, born Saturday, October 8, 1814. Left home on February 1, 1834 and was never heard from.

George Fentress Born September 13, 1816 and died May 10, 1845.

John Fentress Born Monday, October 5, 1818.

Valentine Fentress Born Tuesday, April 25, 1820.

William Fentress, Jr., Born Sunday, March 16, 1822.

Sarah Elizabeth Fentress Born Saturday, July 2, 1824. Married Remus Whittinghill on January 12, 18 ?.

Elijah Fentress Born Saturday, August 5, 1826. Married Martha Palestine Matthews. Martha was a daughter of Lawson Matthews.

Eliza (likely Elizabeth) Ellen Fentress Born Wednesday, February 11, 1829. Married Joseph C. Matthews November 19, 1846. He was born November 25, 1824. Eliza died April 9, 1904 and Joseph died June 19, 1904. They are buried in Macedonia Cemetery, near Rockvale, Breckinridge County, Ky.

Joseph Fentress Born Wednesday, March 23, 1831 and died June 19, 1904. They are buried July 1, 1833.

Henry E. Fentress Born Saturday, August 17, 1833.

Fanny H. Fentress Born Thursday, November 26, 1835.

Allen Robinson Fentress Born June 22, 1838.

Note: on the page of the old Bible from which this compilation was taken is the name: Jerry Webster, born December 4, 1842, and that of: Mary F. Whittinghill, born January 15, 1845.

## First car ride

By Ethel Allen

I was born in Ohio County on January 30, 1913 and when I reached the age of 14, my uncle came to our house in an old Model T Ford car.

He wanted me to go with him for a ride to a place where he could park at the edge of the water near Hartford and we could fish.

I was so happy I could hardly wait to start. After on our way, I felt as if the car was falling to pieces and made me feel bad.

After three back ups and runs to climb the first hill, I was worse.

When we got on level road, he went so fast I felt even worse.

By the time he got to the water's edge, he stopped two feet in the water. My, by now, I was scared to death because I knew I was going to drown and never get home to tell others never to take their first car ride.

## Hartford

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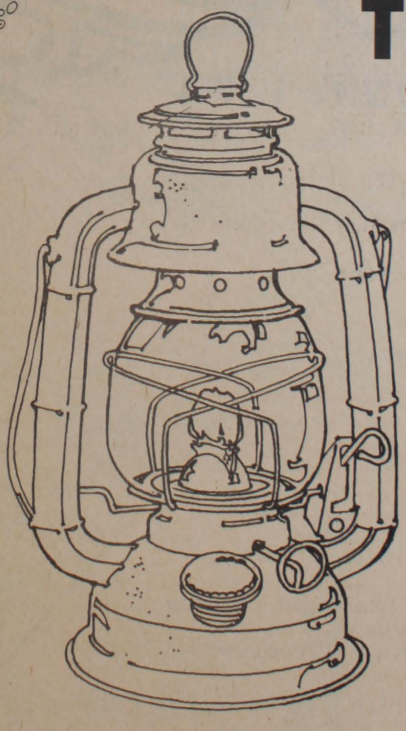

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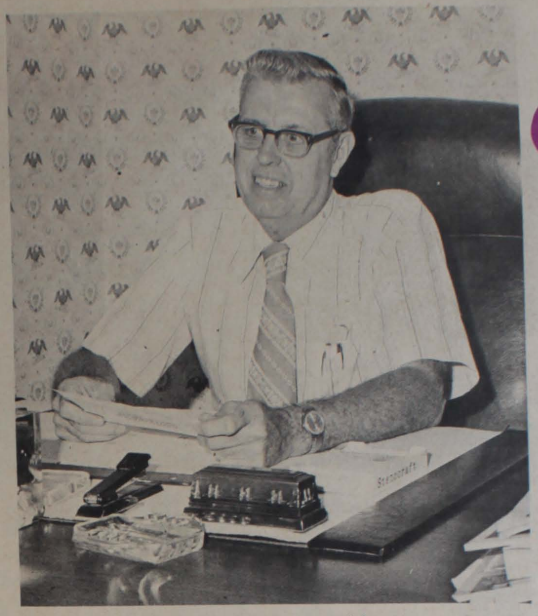

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The present location was moved into November 1, 1971.

Citizens Bank 1914-1974. For 60 years a banking landmark in Hartford. John Crowe Riley organized the First National Bank in Hartford and opened for business May 6, 1901. His son, Rol R Riley, also started to work there as a janitor. The bank was located in the present Ohio County News Building on Center Street. It was later moved to the Commercial Hotel building, which is now Spinks' Pharmacy, and then in 1935 moved to another site on Main Street, formerly the Fair and Company dry goods store. On November 1, 1971, the bank moved to its present location.

The bank was chartered as The First National Bank of Hartford and carried this name until 1914 when the name was changed to Citizens Bank, which it still bears. Larkin Griffin was chosen as the first president and served in that capacity until his death the following year. G. B. Likens was then named president and served until he went to Washington in the early days of World War I.

The bank had 12 depositors when it was established. They were M. T. Likens, merchant at Jingo, G. B. Likens, C. B. B. Felix, J. C. Durett, John C. Riley, Fair and Company, S. H. Seibert, Renfrow and Armendt, A. R. Renfrow and Company, Alvin Rowe, F. M. Hoover and Larkin Griffin. John Crowe Riley was the bank's first cashier and served in that position until the resignation of Mr Likens from the presidency when Mr Riley was elevated to that position which he held until his death in 1935. R. R. Riley served as cashier until his death in January 1953. John C. Riley, Jr., became affiliated with the bank in 1936 and today is its president. George G. Riley, another grandson of John Crowe Riley, is cashier of the bank becoming affiliated with Citizens Bank in 1946.

Citizens Bank joined the Federal Reserve System in 1933.

Directors of Citizens Bank today are: J. C. Riley, George Riley, E. G. Young, Thelma R. Park, Mrs Carolyn Rogers, who is assistant cashier. Total assets are $3,231,839.40.

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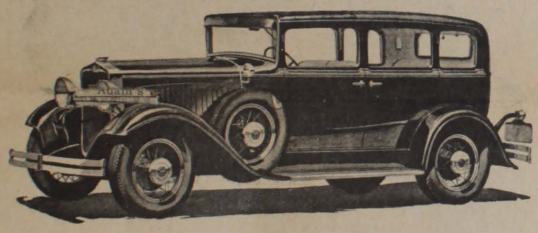

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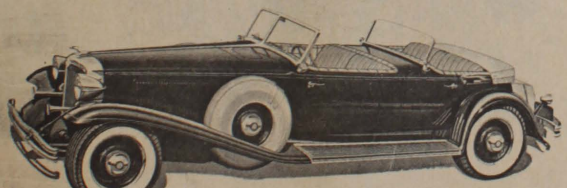

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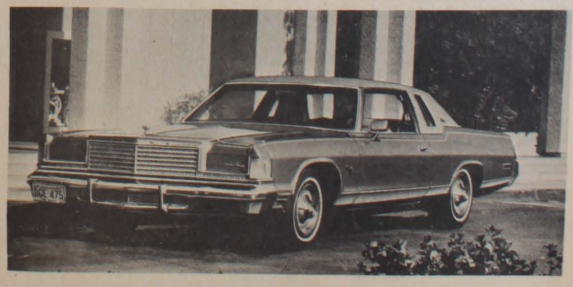

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TIMBERLINE HILLS' first home of western cedar and limestone with cedar shake roofing has been landscaped with gardens outlined with sandrocks. The already growing cedars and other trees lend natural beauty for birdwatching from the sandrock seats.

MRS PHILLIPS straightens the red bows she has used to adorn the front door lights. The lights came from the horse drawn hearse of the late E. E. Birkhead, father of Kenneth Birkhead now deceased, who was in the funeral business in Hartford for many years. Inside the door is the school bell which Ann Pirtle used when she taught school at Sarvis Hill to call her children in from recess.

# Floral designer, engineer husband combine talents to make Timberline Hills a showplace

When Ann Barrass Phillips retired from her flower shop business and moved from the historic family home on Union Street in Hartford, she left behind the unpleasant memories of her life, but she took along with her best the artistic talent which she had so well displayed in the shop to her home she and her husband, O. W. Phillips have designed, furnished, and enjoy every day of their peaceful lives.

Amidst a wooded area and atop the hillside, is the beautiful Western Cedar-Limestone Chalet with thatch roof home in a hoped to be rural subdivision of better homes which the Phillips own known as Timberline Hills. The area is the farm of her late father, Wayne Pirtle on the Livermore road.

Mr and Mrs C. W. Sharp, have already joined the Phillips in a beautiful home in the area.

Phillips, a retired engineer from the Chicago area, too has put his skills into making the home a showplace and an enjoyable home.

He had designed built-in cabinets for television which opens from the living area and also into the master bedroom. He has engineered the stereo, radio and tape speakers and sound system throughout the home, and has used his pocket knife and carpentry tools to make decorative carvings for the home. The living room fireplace has been equipped for cooking much as the fireplace was used in the pioneer homes.

At the holiday season and most any season, Mrs Phillips has put her talent into the beautification of her home which has a stairway leading from the living area to the upstairs bedrooms and balcony from which one can peek through the ceiling-to-floor front window which affords a beautiful wooded scene. The front of the home has been landscaped by the two with gardens and shrubbery. The rear is where vegetable gardening and other plants have taken leisure hours of the couple.

Antiques of late relatives adorn the home and there is another unique decorative note -- The home has no paintings except the oils of Mrs Phillips' sister, Mrs Charlotte Breeden, Sunsites, Arizona.

The walls and woodwork of the exterior are all walnut with bright colors of carpeting and drapes enhanced by murals and heirlooms.

Another unique aspect of Timberline Hills first home was the use of limestone from the [illegible] Hartford Quarry in the home -- perhaps the first home in the area to use the limestone.

Just to further emphasize of beauty of the four-bedroom home is to see many handmade articles of beauty by Mrs Phillips such as floral plaques made from the wood from the "old barn" on the family farm and the decor from "weeds" growing on the farm, including corn shucks, acorns, cocklebur, and the like and her floral arrangements.

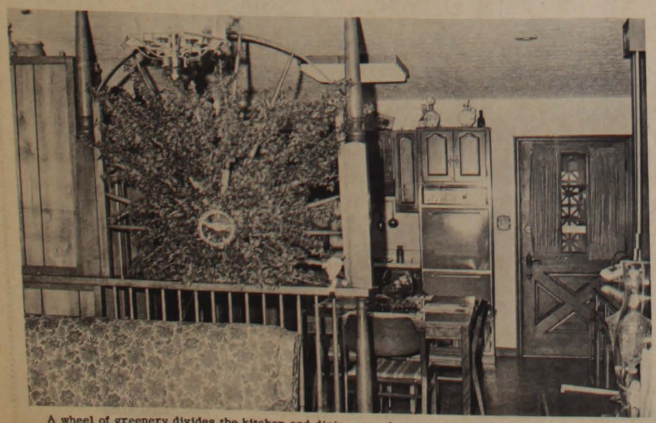
At this yule season when Mrs Phillips' only son, Eddie Wayne Barrass, Mrs Barrass and her only granddaughter are holiday guests the driveway to the home is lined with candles in paper sacks making a beautiful lighted outline to the holiday heaven. From the trees in the yard hang flower pots tied with bows to look like bells, and other holiday decor.

At Timberline Hills, living is peaceful and beautiful for Mr and Mrs O. W. Phillips.

THE STAIRWAY to the second floor and balcony exemplifies the ornate beauty of the home.

By NINA SCHROADER

LIVING ROOM SCENE FROM the balcony overlooking the living area.



A wheel of greenery divides the kitchen and dining area from the living room and stairway.

NO HOLIDAY SETTING IS quite as enjoyable as a fireplace and its beauty. A log mantel with bark still on the lower edge is reminiscent of by-gone homes. A bin from which logs can be stored from the outside and secured when needed for burning is adjacent and above the bin is an oak cock given Ann by Tom Smith.

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# Rough River Ripples

By NINA C. SCHROADER

The climactic day of one year of hard work on the part of myself and my staff has now arrived. The 100 anniversary edition is yours to scrutinize. It is not a perfect publication by any means, there is much, much more to be added about many more people. It seems there is never enough hours in a day, but here 'tis. This is the 100th anniversary edition of The Ohio County News. Many special editions have been published here during the past three or four decades in which much history was published, several books by Ohio County authors have been written. To me, who wanted to be different, it was difficult not to be repetitious. So therefore we decided to take a new swing and let the readers write. They did.

This year has been a busy one, I am tired, I have circles under my eyes, I have been grouchy for the past six months to the staff and my family. But there is one thing for sure, I will not be here for the second hundred years edition of this newspaper.

I have learned a lot during the 11 years at this newspaper. There is no better place to get a thorough education than working with the people. I have learned just how dumb one can be also. Without the help of your fellow workers and faithful ones, it is an impossible task to produce a weekly newspaper, week after week.

In this the 100th year of this newspaper, the State of Kentucky has been observing its 200th anniversary with various celebrations. Books have been published by many authors on the state's historic past, many newspapers have published bicentennial editions, Boonesborough was rebuilt for a celebration, a bicentennial flag was designed and printed, Heritage '74 was the theme for the state fair. People rode bicycles across country, Morgan's raiders tour was reenacted, Nellie Meadows painted the official bicentennial painting depicting all the Kentucky emblems, many fairs, parades and floats relived the historic past in 1974.

In our nation's capitol, Watergate was the disastrous scandal which ended in the resignation of a vice president, Spiro T. Agnew and the President, Richard M. Nixon. The first president not to be elected by the people since George Washington is now serving and it took nearly three months to confirm the appointment of a vice president.

But what will the future of another 100 years hold? Perhaps housing will be modular units, or dome structures and air inflated thus allowing for mobility and the tendency to "throw away." It would be much cheaper to live in homes that can be quickly purchased, moved, dismantled and relocated or sold. Perhaps disposable clothes will be necessary. Houses will not get dirty because dirty air is gone and cities have air purified to keep the dirt from lungs and from houses. Service stations will service houses with all needs and each home will have its own recycling plant.

With population expansion and the need for food for more persons and lack of the necessary elements to grow food, synthetic foods will possibly be used more and producing food by the use of bacteria on both organic and inorganic sources may be a thing of the future. Farm operations will become larger and perhaps more competitive. Computer programmed machinery may do the work that is done with human labor and direction.

There will possibly be no fault divorce, there will be no fault crime, no fault war victims. The fault concept will be the greatest change. There will be no marriages. Parties would register a joint domestic venture. A significant change has taken place in laws governing morality. Behavior among consenting citizens is presumed lawful unless a petition can prove that a particular act has significant anti-social results. Drugs have ceased to be a problem to society as a result of experimentation with awareness expansion. Jails no longer exist and the most severe punishment is administered in hospital through pain centers. Persons who are dead are punished in rare instances. Graveyards have been abandoned as wasteful. Body parts which can be preserved will be and others treated as hair in the barber shop.

Education will take on new dimensions, there will be three groups, ones who want to learn, who will remain on earth, those who do not want to learn which will be placed under water and the third group who are educated by today's method who will be shot into space.

To conserve energy, students will remain at school and sleep in their lockers. Vacation would be solved with students going to school for two weeks and off for one week. Loafing would be solved by electronic desks. If the student does not pay attention the desk would not release him until he takes active interest. Students will only eat twice in two weeks and lunch will only be five minutes, the time required to swallow a food capsule. Sports practice will be no more but hypnosis will give suggestibility and will assure players of their abilities.

You figure out the rest!

# Hunt family reunites in Bi-Centennial year

1774-1974 -- two hundred years since the founding of our Commonwealth of Kentucky. It's an event to be celebrated -- and celebrated it has been -- and will be.

Our opportunity, through the 1974 observances, is to identify and establish Kentucky as the Mid-America focal point for the 1976 National Bicentennial Celebration. It was Kaintuck territory that served as the gateway to the land west of the Alleghenies. It was in Kentucky that the settling of the West began -- coincident with the founding of the new nation. It is in this context that Kentucky's '74-'76 bicentennial programs are being developed.

In connection with our Bicentennial celebrations the Kentucky Chapter Hunt Family Foundation was pleased to be host for the National Hunt Family Foundation meeting last August 11, Old Hebron Church, an original log church restored, in the midst of Kentucky history . . . . was the site for this family reunion, as it has been for the Kentucky Chapter since 1958.

Governor Wendell Ford sent special Bicentennial Greetings to the family and made several members Kentucky Colonels. The Hunt Family was a part of the Kentucky Pioneers (Settling in Muhlenberg and Ohio & Butler Counties soon after Kentucky became a state) . . . a part of the New Frontiers; and if you know Kentucky Hunts you know their pride of this great state is rivaled only by that of native Texans!

At an early hour on Sunday, October 13, 1957, Hunt descendants began arriving at the Methodist Church in the historic southern Kentucky town of Huntsville for the first Hunt Family Reunion. Some 450 persons from seven states attended the first family get-together instigated by Bunnie Baugh, Esther Barr, Edith Bennett, the late Col. Edward M. Manley and Albert E. Hunt. Bobby Anderson of Central City was the master of ceremonies. Manley and Hunt related the part of the early Hunts and their descendants had played in the building of our nation; they told of John Hunt, a Revolutionary War soldier (War Certificate no. 26701; pension record no. S 38043) who came with his wife Charity (Hunt) Hunt in about the year of 1806 with seven sons and three daughters by wagon train through the Cumberland Gap from the Yadkin River territory of Rowan county (now Davidson) North Carolina to a place the Indians called "Land of Tomorrow" to establish residence; They told how the intriguing little town of Huntsville had derived its name from those who had built it – the Hunts.

New cousins by the dozens were met and old acquaintances by the score were renewed that eventful day . . . the beginning of the Hunt Family Reunion.

A few days previous to this, a small group of 13, led by Bert Hunt, had ventured off the pavement back into colorful Kentucky woodlands in search of a meeting house and burial ground given by their ancestor John Hunt in the early 1800s. . . .The sound of silence . . . the severing of a rusty look . . . flickering lamp lights . . . hand hewn benches from another era . . . musty smells, . . . voices raised heavenward in the beautiful hymn "In The Garden" . . . prayers uttered, unexpressed . . . the church of our forefathers . . . the daughter of Hazel Creek Church. . . Awesome Old Hebron, nestled deep in Kentucky splendor, was now ours to preserve and improve.

Through untiring efforts of sweat, blood and tears a committee of men composed of just about every man in the surrounding area of the church, headed by the late Clayton Anderson, Granville Stewart, Cecil Wood, Jeff and Crawford Hunt... OLD HEBRON was restored. (It's next to impossible to remember everyone's name, so please forgive the writer for not mentioning all of them). It's a unique spot for anyone to visit -- in Muhlenberg Co., on Mud River, between Penrod and Huntsville.

The logs were creosoted to withstand the elements then chinked with cement and painted white to accentuate the original timbers; the pews gray with age, a weather beaten roof and the altar have been restored and the grounds once filled with weeds, saw briars, saplings, dead trees, are now cleared; inviting picnic tables grace the shady spot under the stately Oak and Hickory trees in the grove; the once hidden cemetery bears a new look; the graves of John and Charity Hunt now have markers from the DAR; Old Glory welcomes the family and her friends from her shiny new flagpole; an aggregation of blooming flowers adorn the grounds and the one acre of hallowed ground set aside for a meeting house and burial ground more than 150 years ago is a heart-warming sight.

Viewing Old Hebron is not, however, something that the Hunts think of in terms of logs, mortar, windows, stone. . . It is an experience, certainly, and perhaps even a feeling; most of all it is sharing. Its hallowed beauty is resplendent.

Today, 1974, some 18 years later, in addition to this special one acre, approximately 150 adjacent acres have been purchased by the Hunt Foundation in an effort to preserve and restore original properties of the Hunts. A Hunt Family Museum is now in the planning stages as the Foundation strives to restore the area's historical significance.

The Museum Fund was begun last year, money-wise, with a contribution of $100 from Mr and Mrs Roy Baugh of Evansville. As a money raising project the Foundation has for sale Christmas Cards depicting a winter scene of Old Hebron (10 for $1.00), stationery showing a summer scene of Old Hebron (10 for $1.00) and the 8 by 10 pen and ink drawings of the above by Jerry Baugh. To some this museum may still sound like a dream but the writer of this article can remember in the not too distant past nearby TVA at Paradise, a Merle Travis monument at Ebeneezer and Lake Malone were not even in the drawing board stage. So our museum, without tax money or federal sharing, will, if the Lord tarries, be a reality of our family energies in the not too distant future.

Other facets of the annual gatherings of the Hunt Clan the second Sunday in August each year include a lot of singing and Ernest Hunt is always on hand to see that everybody participates. Genealogies and family tales are a part of the day's activities with Bunnie Baugh and Binnie Brown of Drakesboro, Esther Barr of Rochester keeping us informed as to Who's Who and What's What; Those we have loved and lost for awhile are honored in various types of memorial services. Last year, to the memory of the late Colonel Edward M. Manley a monument was unveiled at the entrance to Old Hebron Cemetery. It contains a plaque showing Ed by his Hammond Organ in Hawaii where he entertained with his beautiful touch of the ivories for many years. Bunnie Baugh and Bert Hunt, co-founders with Ed were also given special recognition for their 17 years of service in the Hunt Family Foundation. A Birthday Celebration is always shared with the family, too. Sprightly, buoyant Erdine Hunt Mayhugh who was 102 years young August 9, 1974 has been with us for more than half of these Bicentennial years we're now celebrating. Erdine's eminent love for God, her country, her family is exemplary. Her life is comprehensive – one fashioned by God – one to be patterned after as we younger ones travel toward new frontiers of service.

## Letter To Editor

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to extend sincere congratulations to you on the 100th year of publication of The Ohio County News. Certainly, Ohio Countians have benefited during the past century because of the existence of this newspaper, and its predecessors. Kentucky is in the midst c celebrating her 200th anniversary, and newspapers, such as The Ohio County News, have played a vital role in the development of our great Commonwealth.

Well-informed citizens are necessary to maintain our democracy, and members of the press have a responsibility to present factual information to the public. The stature of the weekly newspaper in Kentucky has not diminished but has been strengthened, for a majority of Kentuckians still depend on the weekly newspaper for local news and feature stories.

Mrs Ford and I join others in expressing our appreciation for your past accomplishments and offer best wishes for continued success in the next one hundred years!

Sincerely,
Wendell Ford

## Jean Leisure to get degree

MURRAY, Ky., Dec. 20 -- A total of 408 students have filed applications for degrees at Murray State University at midyear.

Among the candidates for degrees is Jean E. Leisure of Ohio County.

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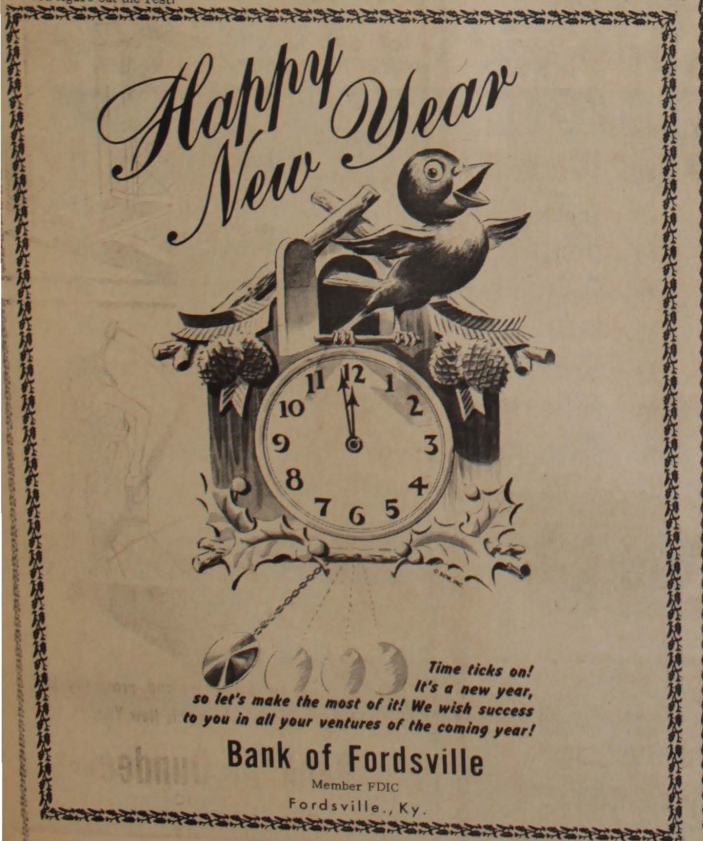

# Daughters of American Revolution observe Golden Anniversary this year

Fort Hartford Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution formally held the 50th anniversary of the organization on June 15, at the home of Mrs Forrest P. Bell.

Officers were installed for a three year term: Miss Kitty Bess Dodson, Mrs Lawrence D. Bartlett, vice regent, Mrs Glendon Stevens, chaplain, Mrs Bennett Kirtley, recording secretary, Mrs Van L. Anderson, corresponding secretary, Mrs George Landrum, treasurer and Mrs Gilce Moore, registrar, Mrs Jerry Bradley, historian, and Mrs Shannon Ford, librarian.

Guests included Mrs A. D. Kirk, a former member, Owensboro, Mrs Robert Moore, Hartford and Mrs George Page, Bowling Green. Mrs Wilson Evans, past Kentucky State Regent, and immediate past Vice President General, Berea, was a special guest and was in charge of the installation of officers and gave a resume of Continental Congress.

Mrs Jerry Bradley gave a history of the organization at the July meeting at the home of her mother, Mrs Bell, which appeared in the Hartford Republican Friday, February 29, 1924.

At the 50th anniversary celebration, Mrs C. A. Gregory presented a cake depicting a colonial lady with a dress of white and gold. Favors and place cards were made by Miss Dodson and Mrs Thelma K. Streeter. Antiques of the colonial period were displayed and the dining room and patio were beautifully decorated with sweet peas and Queen Ann's Lace.

Hartford Republican, Friday, February 29, 1924

The plans of the Daughters of the American Revolution of Hartford, were culminated, February 22, in the organization of a chapter here. The work has been under the direction of Mrs William Rodes, State Regent, Lexington, Ky., and Miss Lettie Marks, as organizing regent, Hartford, with a membership of twelve as follows: Miss Lettie L. Marks, Miss Mary E. Marks, Miss Susan K. Yeiser, Mrs Jessie Rowan Ford Simmerman, Mrs Winnie Davis Simmerman Barnhill, Mrs Bettie Taylor Holbrook, Mrs Debbie Taylor Hunter, Mrs Isabelle Cox Birkhead, Miss Margaret Marks, Hartford, Mrs H. Elizabeth Jackson Kevil Reid, Rockport.

Fort Hartford is the name chosen for this chapter – in memory of the forts which existed were erected here by the early pioneers for the protection of their wives and little ones from the savage Indians. Very little is known of that brave band of men and women who left their homes in distant states to brave the dangers of the wilderness of Kentucky, but in grateful acknowledgment to them and to perpetuate the memory of their heroism and struggles in making this land of ours habitable and safe.

The chapter had the pleasure and honor of the presence of the State Regent, Mrs William Rodes, who had charge of the formal organization, after which she made a very pleasing address in regard to the objects of the society which are: To perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence, by the acquisition and protection of historical spots, and the erection of monuments; by the encouragement of historical research in relation to the Revolution and the publication of its results; by the preservation of documents and relics, and of the records of the individual services of Revolutionary soldiers and patriots, and by the promotion of celebrations of all patriotic anniversaries. To carry out the injunction of Washington in his farewell address to the American people, "to promote, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge," thus developing an enlightened public opinion, and affording to young and old such advantages as shall develop in them the largest capacity for performing the duties of American citizens. To cherish, maintain, and extend the institutions of Americanization, to foster true patriotism and love of country, and to aid in securing for mankind all the blessings of liberty. She then called attention to the fact that the birthday of Fort Hartford Chapter would be the same as that of America's greatest hero–George Washington, and that they might ever find inspiration and encouragement from the life of this great man, who stood for liberty, patriotism and justice.

Any woman is eligible for membership in the society who is not less than eighteen years of age, and who is descended from a man or woman, who, with unfailing loyalty to the cause of American Independence, served as a sailor, or as a soldier or civil officer in one of the several Colonies of States, or in the United Colonies or States, or as a recognized patriot, or rendered material aid thereto; provided the applicant is personally acceptable to the society.

The officers elected were Miss Lettie L. Marks, Regent; Mrs Winnie Davis Simmerman Barnhill, Vice Regent; Miss Margaret Marks, Recording and Corresponding Secretary; Mrs Isabelle Cox Birkhead, treasurer; Miss Susan K. Yeiser, Registrar, Mrs H. Elizabeth Jackson Kevil, Historian. After which they were instructed as to the duties of their offices by Mrs Rodes, State Regent.

Mrs T. R. Barnard, of Island, Ky., member of the Gen. Evan Shelby Chapter, of Owensboro was present.

FORT HARTFORD CHAPTER Daughters of the American Revolution members who attended the September meeting are, seated in front, Mrs W. E. Brown, Mrs Lawrence Bartlett, Mrs Arrell Himes, Mrs Ollivia Doyal, and Mrs C. F. Gregory; second row, Miss Kitty Bess Dodson, Mrs Leamon Lake, Mrs Frances Chinn, Mrs Bennett Kirtley, Mrs Glendon Stevens, Mrs Pam Bradley, Mrs Van L. Anderson, Mrs Albert B. Wiggington, and standing, Mrs Forrest P. Bell, Mrs Myrtle Calvert, Mrs Thelma K. Streeter, Mrs Gilce Moore and Mrs George Landrum.

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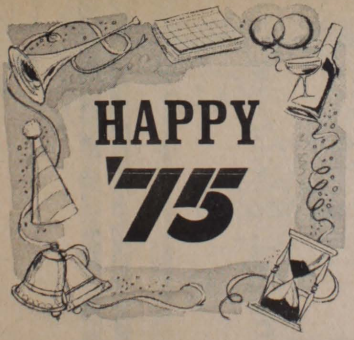


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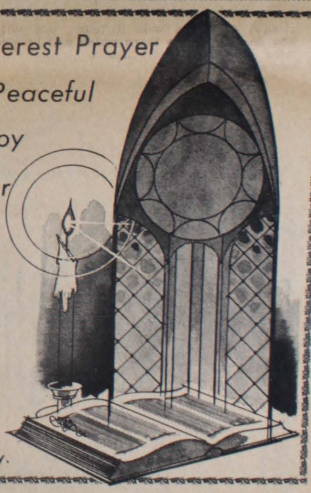

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# "All My Grandchildren"

## Angela Hamilton has 2nd birthday

Angela Dawn Hamilton, 2, celebrated her birthday December 5 at the home of her grandmother, Mrs John Napier and Mr Napier, Beaver Dam. She is the daughter of Mrs June Hamilton, Beaver Dam, and Brent Hamilton, Route 2, Hartford. A party was given Angela.

DANNA VANCE, 1 month, is being presented for her first public photograph. She is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Vance, Route 2, Beaver Dam. Danna has a sister, Kim, and four brothers, Greg, Doug, Mike and Dwight. She was born October 17 at Ohio County Hospital.

Angela Bernice, age 3, and William Duane Hudson, five months, are the children of Mr and Mrs Billy Ray Hudson, Henderson. Grandparents are Mr and Mrs Wilsie Hudson, Beaver Dam, Mr and Mrs Lexie Utley, Jr., Hartford, and Mr and Mrs Elmer C. Hessel, Cincinnati, Ohio. Great-grandparents are Mr and Mrs G. W. White, Horse Branch, Mr and Mrs Cullie Wedding, Hartford and Mr and Mrs Joseph Jerry, Owensboro.

## Wemhoener-Cooper to wed January 4

Mr and Mrs James H. Wemhoener, Fordsville, announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Nancy Jane, to Gregory Neal Cooper, son of Mr and Mrs Neal Cooper, of Hartford. Both are graduates of Ohio County High School and are presently students at Western Kentucky University.

The wedding will be at 2 p. m., Saturday, January 4, 1975, at the Fordsville Baptist Church. No local invitations are being sent. All friends and relatives are invited to attend. Reception will follow at the church.

Mr and Mrs Thomas B. Duke and children, Woodbridge, Virginia, arrived last Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr and Mrs Hugh E. Duke, Sr., Dundee, and brother, Hugh E. Duke, Jr., and family, Hartford. Brad Duke has been a guest of his grandparents since Thanksgiving.

# KFC employees receive awards

Kentucky Fried Chicken employees opened the Christmas season with a party on Monday, December 16.

Following dinner, awards were given Mrs Bonnie Lamb, Hartford, and Mrs Ruby Porter, Route 3, Beaver Dam, for outstanding loyalty to the company since the store's opening in 1972. Dave Davis, Beaver Dam, was awarded a one-year pin.

Employees present were Mrs Porter, Mrs Lamb, Alta Arnold, Elizabeth Howard, Marsha Keith, Becky Oliver, Dave Davis, Kevin Haynes, Becky Lindsey, Steve Wydick and Mr and Mrs Terry Allen.

Invited guests were Gene Phelps, Jerry McConnell, Dennis Oliver, Dennis Howard, James Lamb, Herman Porter, Teresa Clark, Lisa Sullivan, Cathy and Tara Allen.

On December 3, Mr and Mrs Allen were awarded their one-year pins at the Executive Inn, Evansville at the D & K Investment Christmas party for managers. Frankie Avalon entertained at the Evansville party.

## Sheffields have December 15 meet

On December 15, the Sheffield family had an early celebration of the holiday season when E-3 Danniel Kessinger arrived home. Kessinger serves aboard the USS Guadalcanal and is stationed at Philadelphia, Pa.

Attending the get-together at the home of Mrs Ruva Sheffield were E-3 and Mrs Kessinger, Mr and Mrs Lee Spaulding, Owensboro, Jackie Sheffield, Sonya and Troy and Miss Dorothy Dockery, Beaver Dam, Mr and Mrs Edsel Whitten, Kenny and Candy, Mr and Mrs Ben Duvall, Todd, Scott and Christie, Mr and Mrs Bobby Sheffield, Melissa and Richard, Mr and Mrs Keith Whitten, Stephanie and Angela, Mr and Mrs Kevin Whitten, all of Centertown.

## Ezra Farmers to have open house

Mr and Mrs Ezra Farmer, Route 2, Reynolds Station, will celebrate their 50th anniversary on December 29 at their home.

Mr Farmer and the former Miss Commie Howard were married December 24, 1924 in Owensboro.

They have three children and eight grandchildren. The son is Dempsey Farmer, Owensboro, and the daughters are Mrs Virgil Blair, Boonville, Ind., and Mrs Martha Timberg, Lansing, Ill.

Open house will be 2-4 p. m. at the couple's home at Reynolds Station.

## Rest home residents get Christmas gifts

Members of the Dundee Homemakers Club saw to it that over 50 residents of the three Ohio County Rest Homes would have a Christmas gift. These were residents who otherwise might not receive a gift.

The homemakers have also recently helped two families whose house had burned.

Mrs Gordon Quisenberry entertained the club on December 18 at her home. Miss Grace Westerfield presided and Mrs Otis Stevens read the devotional. A momemt of silence in memory of Mrs Mattie Duff, a charter member, was observed.

Twelve members answered roll call by naming a Christmas ornament or one of Santa's reindeer. Two guests were present.

Mrs Cathy Reynolds gave the thought of the month and Mrs Debbie Porter led recreation. The noon lunch was potluck.

Mrs Stevens gave the program on Where does Christmas Happen? with various members assisting. Carols were sung with Mrs Corinne Westerfield leading and Mrs Arnett Williams assisting at the piano.

Misses Grace and Velma Westerfield will be hostesses in January.

## Ernest Pulliams wed 50 years

Mr and Mrs Ernest Pulliam, Fordsville, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with open house Sunday at their home.

Mr Pulliam and the former Miss Allene Matthews were married December 31, 1924 at the home of the Rev. J. P. Carden, Fordsville.

They have four children, Maxie Pulliam, three daughters, Mrs Dortha Boling, Mrs Jackie Hobbs, Mrs Lovee Gunter, all of Fordsville. They also have 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

MRS ROBBIE COPPAGE and her mother, Mrs Randolph Patton, eat marshmallows from a string.

## Prentiss Homemakers have Yule party

The annual Christmas party of the Prentiss Homemakers was held at the home of Mr and Mrs Billy Hillard.

Those attending were Mesdames Tommy Wood, Molloy Shultz, Reed Taylor, Oscar Shepherd, Archie Plummer, Earl Plummer, Gary Jackson, Teddy Chinn, Alton Crowe, Edna Taylor, Oscar Patterson, Hudnall Lamastus, Randolph Patton, Robbie Coppage, Raymond Coy, Jacqueline Flowers and Ray Brown.

Other guests and children attending were Mrs Myrtle Coleman, Mrs Roy Lindsey, Jennifer Lindsey, Scott Lindsey, Walter Wood, Greg Hillard, Robert Allen Coppage, Kelly Jackson and Crystal Brown.

Everyone enjoyed a delicious potluck meal. A Christmas program was presented by several of the members. Gifts were exchanged by matching verses of carols. Games were played after lunch. Mrs Charlotte Coppage and Mrs Wanda Patton won the marshmallow eating contest.

The next meeting will be in January at the home of Mrs Tommy Wood.

Mr and Mrs Wallace Haynes and daughters, Athens, Alabama, arrived Monday and are spending the week with his mother, Mrs Jessie Haynes, and another daughter and family in Hartford.

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# Grand jury returns sixteen indictments

Sixteen indictments were returned by the Ohio County Grand Jury for the December term of court. The grand jury submitted its report on December 20.

Indictments returned: Richard C. Bragg, Kenny Raye Collins and James Willis Howard, storehouse breaking at Dunaway Timber Company; Richard C. Bragg, alias Braxton Bragg, giving false check; Jerome Allen Bargo, storehouse breaking at Young Hardware, also charged with jail breaking; Jackie Phelps, failure to comply; Jesse James Burden, grand larceny, allegedly stole truck from Frank J. Stevens; Lindley Lee Sanders, and Shelby Allen, dwelling house breaking, in connection with a break-in at Charles Black residence; Roger D. Smith, removal of mortgaged property with consent of lienholder; Bonnie Geary, worthless check; Jerry Baize, damaging unlawfully w/o felonious intent; Thomas Michael Wilkerson, operating a motor vehicle without consent of owner; Tony Henderson and Terry Henderson, armed robbery in connection with an incident involving Gonza Stone and O. D. Carden, also charged with malicious shooting and wounding with intent to kill and carrying a concealed deadly weapon; Jimmy Strunk, Beaver Dam, uttering a forged or counterfeit check.

In its report to Circuit Judge Earl F. Martin by foreman Frank Cleveland, the jury noted some inherent defects in the jail. The windows are poorly constructed leaving openings whereby persons can pass articles to prisoners making escape likely. The jury recommended that the fiscal court take action to seal off the windows to the cell areas with steel or concrete and remove the glass from the windows whereby it would be impossible for persons to pass articles.

The jailer was commended for the cleanliness and conditions of the jail. The heatind and air conditioning installation at the courthouse was also investigated and it was felt the court was doing the best possible job in seeing that the contract is carried out.

## Mrs. Bradley entertains DAR

Fort Hartford Chapter, Daughters of American Revolution held its Christmas meeting Saturday afternoon, December 21, in the home of Mrs Jerry Bradley, Twin Hills, Beaver Dam.

Miss Kitty Bess Dodson, Regent, conducted the meeting. Devotional was given by Mrs Glendon Stevens and was followed by Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Mrs Bradley presented Ms. Bobbie Hagerman, teacher of music and student, Greg Phelps, who gave the program. Christmas organ music was rendered by Greg. Ms. Hagerman read Luke 2:1-20.

A buffet table was decorated in keeping with the holiday season. Co-hostess was Mrs Forrest Bell, who was assisted by Miss Dodson and Mrs Thelma K. Streeter. Fourteen members and three visitors were present.

Other guests were Mrs Noah Phelps, Jr. and little Miss Forrest Grace Bradley.

## Fordsville couple observes Anniversary

Mr and Mrs Charlie Allen of Fordsville observed their 54th wedding anniversary Monday, December 23.

The couple were married December 23, 1920 at Simmons. Mrs Allen is a daughter of the late William and Artie Stewart Douglas and Mr Allen's parents are the late J. B. (Buck) and Tobith Autry Allen.

Mr and Mrs Allen are the parents of two daughters, Mrs Russell Willis, Owensboro and Mrs Roy Jett, Valley Station. They have three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Mr and Mrs J. B. Herrin

## Celebrates anniversary

Mr and Mrs J. B. Herrin of Centertown celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary, December 23.

Mr and Mrs Herrin were married at Loyal on December 23, 1937.

The Herrins have two sons, Steve, at home, and Eric of Prestonsburg and a daughter, Mrs Michael Teeter, Via City. They also have four grandchildren.

## Reitz named Brescia chairman

Owensboro, Ky.–John A. Reisz, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Modern Welding Co., Inc., of Owensboro, has been named chairman of the Board of Trustees at Brescia College.

Four new members were also appointed as trustees. They are William Young, president of Field Packing Co. in Owensboro; Kenneth D. Wanamaker, president of Pinkerton Tobacco Co. in Owensboro; Gary Satterwhite, works manager of National-Southwire Aluminum Co. in Hancock County; and John G. Gaither, Sr., certified public accountant with the firm of Gaither, Hortin and Koewler in Evansville.

The Brescia College Board of Trustees met in executive session at 3:30 p. m., Friday, December 20 to approve the new appointments.

Addition of the new members brings the total number of trustees to 33.

# Dan'l's brother, Squire Boone visited in County

Mrs Annie Fuqua, Fordsville, a life-long resident of the area has many historic tales from her father's past which she can relate.

One is about visits of Squire Boone, brother of Daniel Boone to that area. Squire's wife, Aunt Sally Boone, was a cousin of Mrs Fuqua's mother, Mrs Lida Ford Smith. According to Mrs Fuqua, the Squire came to her parents' home on many occasions and sat up all night telling stories of his hunting expeditions.

That was primarily the purpose of his visits to Ohio County -- to hunt. Mrs Smith had told her daughter of his turning a cane bottom chair upside down in the floor and using the back for a lounge. It was also a haircutting time when he came to the Smiths for Squire. Aunt Sally saved the hair and gave it to people for souvenirs. Mrs Fuqua today has a lock of his hair.

A cave just across the Ohio River in Indiana was discovered by Squire Boone and he was buried there in 1856 at his request.

Mrs Fuqua's great, great grandfather and mother Elisha Ford and Sally O'Neal Ford, came from South Carolina to Shelby County, Kentucky and from Shelby County to Northern Ohio County.

Elisha's son, John, 12, drove the carriage while other members of the family came by covered wagon bringing the family's belongings. Elisha came in 1832 to Fordsville because had had heard of the vast timber and game supply in the area. He bought the farm more recently owned by Mr and Mrs Walker Marlow of 180 acres, 100 hogs and two cows for $750 from Rolla Jackson. The property was purchased by Ford at the courthouse door in Hartford.

Several pieces of furniture which Elisha Ford brought with him are still being used by other members of the family. Mrs Fuqua has a chest of drawers and Mrs Marlow once had the corner cupboard.

On their travels to Ohio County, Adeline, the little slave girl became lost. A search found her with her black head stretching above a barrel of soft lye soap. Adeline was removed and taken to a near-by branch for rinsing. Jim Ford, grandfather of Jean Neal Ford, wife of Governor Wendell Ford, related the story that "you never saw the like of soap suds."

Adeline lived at the Ford homeplace until her death after family members had gone. She was buried in the Miles Graveyard on the farm and a headstone marks her grave. Mrs Fuqua has a cameo pin which belonged to the tall skinny negro spinster who died more than 75 years ago.

Many relics of Annie Smith Fuqua's ancestors can be found in her possession including vases which her father bought as a wedding gift for her mother for $2.50. They are on her mantel and have withstood ball playing of eight of Mrs Fuqua's brothers and sisters.

Mrs Fuqua's father, J. T. Smith, Jr., owned a saddle shop in Fordsville and rode horseback to Cloverport and caught a boat to Louisville to buy leather. Mr Smith had a wooden horse in front of his shop to entertain the younger riders. He also allowed them to drive tacks to keep them from the busy areas. That old wooden horse is today living with Mr Smith's son, Herbert Smith, Charleston, Ind.

Mrs Fuqua owns a knife-spoon used during the Civil War by Col, Edwin Forbes. Col. Forbes was a casket builder in the area when the burying boxes were shaped like bodies. Polly, Col. Forbes' wife, had a terrible temper, according to the tale teller and once in a fit of anger, she put the Colonel in one of them.

Demi-Johns, Hi-Daddies, and Lincoln Rockers are among other antiques which also have stories to tell in the Fuqua home on Main Street.

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# School fairs began at Fordsville, an event of great excitement

By John Blackburn

Editor's Note: Mr Blackburn, a columnist for The News is author of two books on the Civil War, "A Hundred Miles, A Hundred Heartbreaks" and "Gray Jackets with Blue Collars."

Much was taking place in the world during the second decade and the first years of the third ten year span of the twentieth century. A great war was fought and the largest ocean liner afloat struck an iceberg and sank in the North Atlantic, taking with it more than fifteen hundred lives. An amendment to the U. S. Constitution, providing for the taxing of incomes, was ratified, as was one permitting the sale of whiskey and beer. During this time also the ill-fated League of Nations was formed.

The people of Fordsville, Ohio County, Kentucky, were well aware of all this and more, and they were as much involved in the world's affairs as any community in the land, but they were also very much involved in happenings that concerned directly Fordsville and vicinity.

Someone unknown, but worthy of acclaim, conceived the idea that the local school should have a fair and the good citizens of Fordsville rose up in unison to endorse the plan! Now, fairs were not new but this was to be a different kind. This would be a fair in which only school children should be participants in displays and in contests. Honors earned not only would bring credit to the individual student but would bring such also to the school represented.

Some have credited Fred Shultz with the great school fair idea. Fred, who became a noted educator, was at Fordsville during some of the very early years of his teaching career. Whether the credit belongs to Mr Shultz or to another, no one at the beginning could have dreamed what results would come of the plan to conduct a school fair.

For several years, in October, the fairs were held at Fordsville, and each year the crowds were larger, the excitement greater, and the parades better.

At the time of the first school fairs there were more than a hundred twenty "one room" schools in Ohio County and though only those near Fordsville participated there were several of them. Names like Sugar Grove, Magan, Clark, Trisler, Shreve, Washington Station, Oaks, Bobtown, Aetnaville, Pleasant Walk, Oak Grove, Gum Springs, Poplar Grove, and others may bring a memory or two to someone, somewhere. Perhaps even a tear or two.

Among the most enthusiastic teachers was Ethel Muffett, who brought her classes from Highland School. This school did well too, both in the contests and in float competition, as well as in support by parents and patrons. In a typical year Highland won the price for having the most non-students registered, the award for having the best float in the parade, and also took first place in several contests, both scholastic and athletic.

One of the boys of Highland School was perhaps typical of the spirit of his school and community. Frank Hobbs won first place in a fifty yard dash and became so excited over his victory that he continued running until he was at his home. Frank just had to tell Mom and she had been unable to attend the events at Fordsville. The fifty yards he had to cover so rapidly to be the winner must have seemed long but Frank kept running for a long way. The distance from the finish line of the race to his home was more than five miles! Hobbs was a good citizen of the Fordsville area for many years and served his country in the military during World War II. He is deceased but his school spirit was of that which creates good citizens. Ethel Muffett married Mallie Midkiff and is now living in retirement in Fordsville where she is very active in church work and in Senior Citizen activities. Mallie died in 1964.

Among the teachers active in the fairs was Mrs Myrtle Armendt. This great lady and great teacher remained both right to her death in 1948.

Another teachers was on the scene and the great success of the fairs was at least to a large extent due to his support and interest. John William O'Dell was an educator who earned great respect and great renown in his chosen profession. The life and career of this man is a great story in itself but here cannot be fully included. But Mr O'Dell believed in the fairs, was very confident of their value in education, and promoted them. He assisted in the planning, the direction, and in the judging. John O'Dell was unique in educational circles for several reasons but one of them was that he had attended both Bowling Green Normal School (now Western Kentucky University) and The University of Kentucky before he graduated from Fordsville High School in 1914! Mr O'Dell died in 1965 but two daughters, Irene O'Dell and Edith O'Dell Freer followed their distinguished father into the teaching profession and both are living in retirement in Fordsville. Mr Albert Freer, husband of Edith, also is a retired educator. Both he and Edith are active in community affairs. Longtime a teacher and now in retirement is John O' Dell's classmate and friend, Mrs Irene Miller Shrewsbury.

A highlight of the school fair was the parade, and what a procession this always was! Weeks of planning and then days of hard work went into preparation of the entries, but everybody knew it was all worth while. Wagons and teams, as well as individual riders and horses, were lavishly dressed in colorful paper and evergreen, with the added beauty of goldenrods gathered plentifully from nearby hills and fields. Bicycles, and even wheelbarrows were used, and they were as colorfully dresses as were others.

Those taking part in the parade – the floats, the riders, the marchers, the band, and others gathered at the school yard, located on the site of the present home of Mrs Edna Graham. At this point the impatient horses, the even more impatient children, and possibly the equally impatient adults organized the order of march.

## Horse Riders

Finally the great moment arrived. The lead horses, ridden by young men such as Roy Litsey, Alton Mason, Orville Cheek and Robert "Bob" Jones would get things moving, first going out of the school yard and onto Main Street, turning then westward down the hill toward the "branch." Three or four of the men riding the first horses carried large American flags and when the waiting youngsters, fifty or more of them, caught sight of Old Glory a great shout rose toward the heavens: "Here they come." The children of course were not shouting in respect to the flag but because its appearance signaled the beginning of the long awaited parade.

Behind the lead horses there followed more horses and behind these were ponies and the riders ranged from old men to very young boys and girls. Some very small children rode the Shetland ponies. Then the band! The air was filled with a martial air and the big bass drum could be heard for miles around. The floats followed and each float was followed by boys and girls from the school the float represented. Dressed prettily in white dresses were the girls, and the boys, their heads erect, sported white shirts with jackets and ties. No one of course was found to be barefoot in the parade.

A typical display in the parade was Highland School with its beautifully decorated float pulled by a team of horses driven by Tom Keown, with both the horses and Mr Keown being appropriately outfitted, and the children following in all their finery and splendor and happiness and joy. Highland won first place.

Several people now living in Fordsville and who remember the parades say that one of the most impressive features was a pair of large beautiful white horses. These horses were often driven in the parades by Jim Mercer. The principal use of the white horses though was that of pulling the hearse of the Ermon Fuqua – Dennis Walker Funeral Home – horses were owned by John H. Smith. Many of the parade bystanders and some of its participants were given their last ride on earth in the splendor of the gorgeous hearse, pulled slowly along by the wonderful and beautiful horses. Both Mr Fuqua and Mr Walker have themselves taken the last ride but long after the old hearse of the school fair days ceased to be used.

In the band were D. J. Miller and Gaylon Hines. The Hines family operated a grocery in Fordsville. Miller became a teacher and school administrator and lived several years in retirement in Murray, Ky. He died in 1967.

## Soldiers paraded

The school fairs were not military in any sense but the old soldiers of the Civil War and The Spanish-American War always took advantage of the opportunity to parade, and they were found marching to the familiar tunes of the band. Sebastian Frank Kessinger, who is said to be the first Union soldier to reach the crest of Mission Ridge in the Civil War fighting at Lookout Mountain, was there as was Edwin "Colonel" Forbes and "Lum" Brown. Forbes is a legend in Fordsville because, among other things, he did much writing and painting. Brown achieved some immortality because he happened to be standing on the front porch of the Fordsville Banking Company, around the turn of the century, when Fordsville photographer John W. Hale snapped a picture of the building. A large framed copy of the picture hangs in the recently remodeled facilities of the Bank of Fordsville. Joel Sapp marched with the others in the parades but he had to salute the flag with his left hand. The right arm had been left at Chickamauga. James Davidson was there and he was as much respected and welcomed as the others in spite of the fact that during the war he had fought with the Confederates. There were many other Civil War veterans around and some Spanish veterans. This war was represented by Robert Canary, a respected man who lived in Fordsville for many years.

Also in the parades, or on the sidelines, were those who would serve later in America's armed forces. Malie Midkiff, Huber Cooper, Preston Burton, Custer Gaines, Simon Smith and Edgar "Judge" Muffett were among those who served in World War I but some of the very young would serve in World War II. Among these were Charles Mason, who was a navyman, and Ossie Rusher. Ossie made the military his career and is now retired.

There were always various organizations, like civic clubs, that were in the parades, and each parade saw a large number of people who just walked along. Bringing up the rear was the duty of large numbers of boys and girls.

The procession moved westward toward town, past the Methodist and Christian Churches to the left and to the slow flowing water in the branch. Most of those who were walking, to protect their "Sunday shoes", moved out of the procession at the branch to cross on the wooden bridge. On up the hill then went the marchers and through the business section of the town, passing John Tinker Smith's Saddle Shop, the post office where either William S. Gaines or Garland Lanham presided, past Robert Miller's Ten Cent Store, Ollie Cobb's Store, the drug store of Dudley Cooper, and past Claud Shown's Butcher Shop. But never to be left out when mention is made of Fordsville's business places is "Sunny Jim Lloyd's Restaurant." Lloyd was a great favorite in town, one reason being that he constantly joked about the food he served. One can almost imagine him now calling to the passing parade: "Come on in to "Sunny Jim's. I didn't expect so many but I'll just add some water to the soup and a little flour to the gravy."

On through town the parade moved, reaching the meeting hall of the Grand Army of The Republic (the Union veterans organization) where it turned left on Ratliff Street for one long block before turning left again to prescent highway No. 69. At that point the parade turned left again for the march back to Main Street where a right turn was made that brought the caravan back to where it had marched in the beginning. This time the parade marched eastward back to the starting point.

## Multitudes of Onlookers

But what would a parade be without the onlookers? And onlookers there were, multitudes of them. Not only did the spectators line the streets on both sides but they crowded the porches of the business houses, even the roofs. On the north side of Main Street was Ollie Wilson's store and a fair day parade found the entire area crowded with men and women, boys and girls, at least thirty of the more adventurous being on the roof. One picture shows a lone figure leaning partly from a third floor window. He is said by some to be Thurman Royal, an employee of the store. The yard and porch of Emma Truman's residence was an excellend location for the viewers.

Everybody on the big day dressed in their finery. Almost every male, even many of the small boys, proudly strutted in coats and ties and always with either a "billed cap" or a hat. The ladies were dressed in their best too. High button shoes were a fashion of the day, with dresses at the level of the shoe tops, and an ideal outfit was a suit-coat of blue serge. Women were coat of blue serve. Women wore hats of course, and they varied


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greatly in style and color, all of them beautiful, and they were made right in Wilson's Store. Here and there can be seen a bonnet, a headgear usually reserved for everyday wear.

The gathering was all good. Here was found the life and spirit of a town. Here was gathered the type of people who were then, and still, the center of this great nation – its moving spirit – its goodness. John Hale, a part of all this himself, recorded an image of those who are mostly now gone, but an image also of a spirit that still lives in the same way in the same place. Fordsville is to this day typical of that which is the heart of America – a community of its people.

John Hale also made a pictorial record of the contests. In one "foot race" by boys is seen Orville Cheek, a good man still living in Fordsville, and who admits he came in second to Gilbert Keown. Gilbert was later in business in Beaver Dam. Also in the race but behind Orville is Hilbert LeGrand who became a railroader.

A spectator at every parade was Harry Robinson, beloved and respected "colored man" as he called himself. Harry served his country in France during World War I and was a favorite in Fordsville right to his death in 1967.

Dudley and Kate Cooper watched from the corner of the bank. The Cooper family founded the institution and it remains to this day a progressive part of the life of Fordsville. Son Huber is Chairman of the Board, Joseph Dudley II is Chief Officer at the bank and Dudley III has recently begun his service there.

Junius Litsey operated a blacksmith shop on Main St., and luckily for the large numbers of wagons and buggies, had a large area for parking. Even an automobile was found there now and then. Junie Litsey Royal, daughter of the good blacksmith, has for many years operated Royals Hardware, which business is on the very spot where Wilson's place stood at the time of the fairs and where so many people gathered to watch the parade.

Dave and Mittie Whittinghill watched the parades, as did Fred Brown and Wilbur and Flora Keown. At that time though Flora was Miss Rusher. All these people are citizens of Fordsville.

The town's physicians were found at the parade unless the arrival of a new baby or some other need for them kept them away. No one enjoyed the fairs more than did Drs. Dan Matthews and James E. Barnhill.

And the clergy! They were there too. One of the respected ministers, serving the Methodist Church, was T. E. Bandy while W. F. Rogers and Walter Greep pastored the Christian Church. At the Baptist Church were J. T. Lewis, N. F. Gabbert and R. L. Blandenburg.

Others who would become career teachers were on hand for the fairs. Stanley Murphy and Abby Whittinghill are both retired and living in Fordsville. Emma Wright was there but she died several years ago.

The newlyweds came to the fair too! In the crowds gathered for the 1914 fair were Virgil A. Matthews and his bride, the former Leafa Hale, daughter of photographer John Hale and Annie Gaines Hale. Virgil, like the other men, wore a suit with white shirt and had on his hat, but unlike most of the others did not wear a tie. Leafa was smartly dressed in her new blue serge coat suit, black high top shoes, and beautiful new hat. Except for the shoes Leafa had made the entire outfit herself. This couple is special to this writer because their second child, Fannie Lee, has been my own wife for thirty-three years. Virgil died in 1953 but Leafa still lives in Fordsville. Across the street from her is sixteen year old granddaughter Neffra Matthews, daughter of son Wellington and his wife Doris. Across town is granddaughter Alice Blackburn Adams and her two children, Susan Adams and John Michael Adams.

Not only were there honeymooners at the fairs but there were also those engaged in that time honored practice that brings about honeymoons. One such couple was Felix Royal and Jessie Lanham and they are still together.

As John Hale moved about snapping pictures his twelve year old son Walter, and Walter's friend, Z. C. Daniel, also were moving. Their moves took them to every booth and display along the streets, to the fruit stands, and to every place where a few people gathered. Both these boys graduated from Fordsville High School in 1921. Walter worked and lived in Paducah, Ky. and died there in 1946. Daniel became an educator and also is deceased.

## Children in fairs

And what about the children who participated in the fairs? What became of them? In some instances we know.

Nina Haynes won a prize for being best in drawing. She now lives in Glasgow, Ky., and is the widow of Freeman Calvert. Glendon Keown won in reading. This may perhaps be in keeping with a later career because Keown is a newspaper editor. He also is a retired military officer. Thelma Wilson, daughter of Ollie, was a victor in reading contests and now lives in Lawrence, Tenn.

Several of the students became preachers and deacons. Arnold Shultz was one of these and is now pastor of a church in Hancock County, Ky. Arnold was one of the charges of Mrs Ethel Midkiff at Highland School. Also a preacher is Leonard Young, and another boy from Highland, Wilbur Keown, is a deacon at Fordsville Baptist Church.

Wayne Richards, who won first prize in a contest for having the best decorated horse in the parade, lived in Fordsville for many years and is now deceased. Paul Walker was a teacher and was the father of Mrs Carol Hunt, present resident of Fordsville. Her husband Bill operates a store on Main Street.

Ruth Mercer was both a student and a teacher during the fair years, one of the schools having her teaching service being Clark. Ruth married W. B. Fisher, also a teacher, and now lives in Dyer, Tenn.

At least two of the boys became physicians. Joseph and Homer Ray, brothers, became M.D.s, and at least two others became doctors of veterinary medicine. They were Clifford Westerfield and Lee Evans.

Ellis Hartford entered the field of education and achieved great prominence, serving many years on the faculty of the University of Kentucky. He is now engaged in the writing of a history of education in Kentucky.

The school fairs became so popular that news of them across the county brought about a move to have a county school fair. This was done and the fair was held at Hartford for many years.

But Fordsville started the fairs and the great times are not forgotten. Orville Cheek has not forgotten. He remembers that he ran down Main Street in races against other boys thinking that nothing else would ever be as important as winning right then. Now he feels he has run a long way in the race of life.

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## We are sorry

Many of the old pictures submitted for publication in this issue were not used because of lack of space. We tried to use one or some of every group submitted but interest and appropriateness of layout played a part in those selected for using. Others will be used in future publications throughout the next year. Thank you for the tremendous response.

T. J. WHITTINGHILL family 65 years ago. Left to right, D. R., H. O., F. T., T. J. (front row), Dexter, Cinderella, Olga, D. D. and Fred Whittinghill.

CHARLES BIRCH BELL FELIX family--front seat are C.B.B. Felix and wife, Nancy Walker Felix; middle row, Susan Felix Hoover, standing, Ernest Young and Bertha Felix Davison; back row, Rollie Felix Carden and Elizabeth Felix Wilson. Photo made about 1870 near Olaton. Photo furnished by Mrs Henry Daniel.

EARLY OHIO COUNTY HOME -- built about 1825 on what was known as the Pirtle farm just off Highway 69 near Hartford. The house still stands but has changed somewhat. It had 3 1/2 inch thick flooring and many of the boards are 12 or 14 inches wide. Lumber for building, according to Mr and Mrs Ebb Wedding, who submitted the picture, and was the homeplace of her folks, was sawed by whip saw. End walls are rock and side walls are wood and plaster and brick. The farm has been owned by persons such as Payne, Carter, Smith, Gray and Utley. Peter Shown built the house. Wallaces owned the home at one time because a Wallace burying ground is near the rock house. There was once a dam in the river and a water wheel to furnish power to run a mill to grind corn and wheat. An early settlement was in that area.

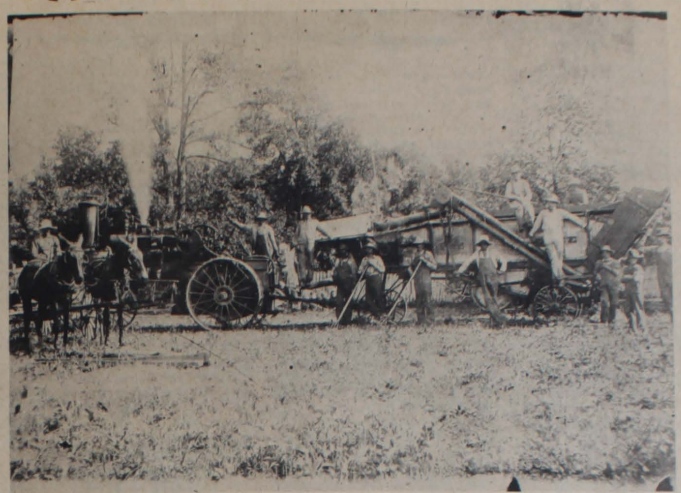
GUS SHARPE FAMILY in May, 1914. Children are James L. Sharpe, born in 1915, now of Route 1, Whitesville, and Opal Fields, born 1913, Elgin, Illinois.

DRUG STORE of James H. Williams, Main Street, Hartford, Kentucky, about 1905. Mr. Williams is on the right with clerk Ernest A. Field to the left.

C. T. AUSTIN, deceased, and Carmon Day, boy, are shown in a by-gone day scene of weed cutting with an old fashion scythe.

# WE WERE

MYRTLE AND ARCHIE HOAGLAND were among the first motorcyclists in Ohio County. Myrtle is owner of Myrtle's Beauty Parlor.



WHEAT THRESHING at Tom Payton's near Olaton in 1907. Persons identified in the picture are Cyrus Sharp, second from left, blowing whistle, Kirk Bean, second man from left with pitchfork. Other persons in the picture are Alva Faught, Mr Payton and son. Mrs Earl Austin submitted photo.

PREACHER JENKINS, Greenbriar. Photo furnished by Mrs W. F. Condit.

LON ASHFORD, a Veteran of World War I in uniform.

*Home of Col. Edwin Forbes near Fordsville, Kentucky. This is the house Col. Forbes prepared near Rockvale, Breckenridge County in 1868 to be erected on his lots at Cloverport that he sold to John Wiesenberg and Remus Pate.*

SCHOOLMATES -- Mrs Mell Oglesby Leach and Mrs Louise Gamble Woodruff, left, are pictured in 1941. They have been good friends since childhood and both presently reside in Ohio County, Mrs Woodruff on Route 3, Hartford, and Mrs Leach in Hartford.

SILAS BELL and Nathan Montgomery are shown at the Mammoth Cave in 1908. Mrs W. F. Condit provided photo. They took a flat boat down Green River. Lee Griffin and Ed Johnson were in the party.

*Street Scene in Fordsville in early 1900s.*

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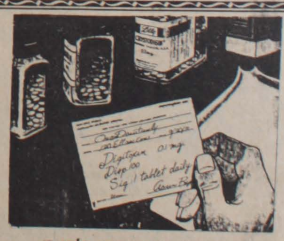
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## Letters to Santa

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I have been a good little girl and I would like you to bring me a put putt, train and a talkin' track and a Mrs. Beasely Doll that talks, and a Dollhouse and a set of dishes and a play oven and sink and a freezer with ice maker, and a Lassie Dog and eny thing else you wont to bring me I love you very much, and bring my Cousin Danna some pampers. I am 3 years old.

My name is Crystal Deen Vance

Dear Santa

I want you to bring me a Barbarbie camper and a play cash Register and a Barbie with some clothes.

My name is Rena Lynn Morgan

I love you by.

P. S. I will see you at the parade, i know all your rain deer names now Dasher, Dancher, prancer, Vixon comet, Cupid, Donner, Blixon.

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. I would like a watch, jewerly box, and lots of clothes. Please bring me lots of fruit and Candy.

Love, Myra Daugherty

Dear Santa,

My name is Tammy and I have been really dood this year I hope you will bring me a bean bag doll, telephone, table, chairs, and lots of fruit and candy.

Love

Tammy Daugherty

Age 8 3rd grade

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is David and I am 3 years old. I would like a big truck, airplane, cars, animals boy doll, and lots of fruit and candy.

I Love you

David Daugherty

P. S. Don't forget my mommy and daddy, brothers and sisters

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy this year. I would like a basketball, Jig Saw, Tool Kit, and lots of Clothes. Please dont forget my other brothers & Sisters and my Mom & Dad.

I Love You,

Timmy Daugherty

Dear Santa,

My name is Kim I'm 6 years old and in the first grade. I can't write to well so I'm letting my sister write this for me. I would like a Kathy Quick Curl doll, pocket camera, Talking picture alphabet phone, music box TV, baby grand piano, cash register, battery powered Snoopy Toothbrush, refrigeator and stove Lots of fruit and candy

Love

Kim Daugherty

Age 6 First Grade

P. S. Don't forget mom, dad, brothers sisters, and friends

Dear Santa

Please bring me a gun & Holster set, a Traction Action bulldozer, a dump truck and a cowboy outfit with a hat. I have been a good boy. And don't forget Kimmy & Kathy.

Brian Scott Dowell

Age 3 1/2

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## Senior Citizens meet Dec. 17

Hartford Senior Citizens Club met at the Hartford Baptist Church, December 17.

Mrs Earl Bishop reported on a quilt sale which netted $65. Rev. W. O. Hanson gave a reading about Tornado at Christmas Time at Covington, Ga. Forrest Faught gave a reading about Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer and Mrs Mildred Phillips, a Christmas poem, "Christmas Insurance on Interest." A memoriam for members, Messrs William Bryant and Earl T. Bishop was given by Miss Mary Rone and two floral tributes in their memory were placed in the dining room.

Dean Gray and Ms. Bobbie Hagerman led the group in Christmas carols.

Thirty-five members and seven visitors were present. Mrs Ruth Herod gave the blessing and a bountiful dinner was served. Visitors were Rev. Hanson, Father Joseph O'Donnell, Mr Gray, Ms Hagerman, Mesdames Laura Rickard, Betty Williams, and Edna Howell, local coordinator, and Mrs Phillips.

The next meeting will be January 14.

## Trooperassigned

Wayne Mayfield, state trooper has been assigned to patrol Ohio County. He started his duties here in the county this week.

Trooper Mayfield and his wife, Elizabeth Faye reside at Masonville.

**Happy New Year**
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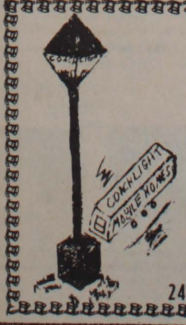
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# Physician practicing for 70 years began at Olaton

Dr. Jess Smith Bean, 96, Elizabethtown, who has been practicing medicine for 70 years and is the oldest practicing doctor in Kentucky began his practice in Olaton and also practiced at Horse Branch, Caneyville, Owensboro and Louisville before going to Vine Grove.

He moved to Elizabethtown in 1944.

Dr. Bean, whose father and grandfather were Ohio County physicians, began practice when there were no offices, just house calls. There were no hospitals and the patient's kitchen was where surgery was performed. Horseback was the only transportation and pay was little, sometimes taking a cow for payment.

Bean graduated from the old hospital College of Medicine in 1904, now the University of Louisville, and received a bachelor of science degree from Hartford College.

Bean who specializes in chronic and nervous diseases and obstetrics was the subject of an associated press story this summer on the anniversary of his 70 years in practice.

Dr. Bean and his late wife, Birdie Harrison, Leitchfield, have one son, Leonard T. Bean, former Elizabethtown mayor, publisher and state representative.

Nowadays and for several years he has seen patients at his home, sometimes two or three a day. When he was 17, he delivered a baby for one of his father's patients and has delivered thousands since and states about 5,000 of them were named for him. In his young days, Bean was an actor and during medical school was an extra at Macauley Theatre, Louisville, appearing in Julius Caesar and Rip Van Winkle.

He was a physician for the Illinois Central Railroad for several years.

—Sketched from original photograph by Bill Conn

**Dr. Bean in 1910 making a call by horseback at Olaton, Kentucky.**

## Barnes re-named to bankers post

Marshall Barnes, president of the Beaver Dam Deposit Bank of Beaver Dam, has been re-elected to a three-year term as Kentucky director of the Independent Bankers Association of America, an association of more than 7,300 independent, community banks in 41 states.

Mr Barnes, whose term begins January 1, 1975, will represent IBAA member banks in his state on the association's executive council.

The IBAA was founded in 1930 to help preserve the type of bank that is owned and operated by the people of the community it serves.

## Highway Dept. employee retires

Frankfort, Ky.--Highway District Engineer A. W. Clements of District 2, Madisonville District Office, announced the retirement of Sheldon D. Arnold of Horse Branch.

Mr Arnold, 62, is retiring after 12 years and three months. He was a heavy equipment operator in Ohio County.

The retirement became effective November 30.

Arnold also served as county road foreman.

## Theodore Watson returns for duty

Marine Gunnery Sergeant Billy S. Watson, son of Mr and Mrs Theodore Watson of Route 1, Horse Branch, returned to the Marine Corps Air Station at Beaufort, S. C., after temporary duty at the Naval Station, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.

During the three-week deployment, he participated in training exercises involving missile firing and ordnance delivery with F-4J "Phanton" jets.

Watson serves with Marine Aircraft Group 31 at Beaufort.

Thomas Tatum of Akron, Ohio, Mr and Mrs Dickie Tatum and daughter, Mickey, Louisville, were in Ohio County Sunday night and Monday for the funeral and interment of their sister and aunt, Mrs Mabel Hill.

## Arnold aboard Independence

Technician Fireman James I. Arnold, son of Mrs Alta I. Arnold of 223 Kirk St., and whose wife, Martha is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Charlie Royal of 3227 Clay St., all of Hartford, visited Naples, Italy, during Thanksgiving week as a crewmember of the 80,000-ton aircraft carrier, USS Independence.

With all good wishes for the NEW YEAR

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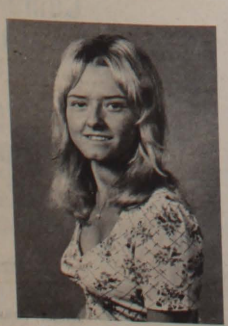

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ROBERT LEACH FAMILY--Robbie and Lori and standing on the back row is Mrs Paula Harry, Campbellsville. Mrs Leach is a teacher at Wayland Alexander school and Mr Leach is a farmer. They reside on Route 1, Hartford, and are members of the Methodist church. He is a member of the Selective Service board and both are members of the Order of Eastern Star.

# Overtime play advances Eagles to second Inv. game

By DICKIE MINK

Jay Ross sparked Ohio County past Butler County with a 77-72 overtime victory in the Grayson County Invitational Tournament December 18.

Ross scored 22 points.

Three of the starters from Ohio County were in double figures but Steve Taylor, who has a five-point per game average scored 8 points and according to Taylor "If I hadn't scored 8 points we would have been beaten by 3" so Taylor is not worrying about the scoring.

Early in the game, it looked like very close ball playing with Ohio County ending up on the bottom side at the end of the first quarter 14-12.

The Eagles were also behind 30-27 at half. At the end of the third the Eagles were one point closer, 40-44 but were still behind.

The Eagles started playing ball in the fourth quarter as Dwight Raymond, a 6, 1 senior tossed in 5 points to bring the Eagles ahead at one time in the fourth with less than one minute remaining, Ohio County tied the score 67-67 and with 28 seconds left had the ball but failed to score.

Butler County grabbed the rebound and called time out with 19 seconds left during the time Ohio County regrouped and when Butler County brought the ball down the floor shot twice but missed both times. After the second shot, 5', 9 junior guard Steve Taylor grabbed a 6'10 rebound to force an overtime. In the three minutes, Ross tossed in 4 out of 10 to lead to a 77-72 win.

# Middle beats Hancock, Grayson Co.

On December 19, Ohio County Middle Eighth grade defeated Hancock County 42-14 making a 5-3 record for the season.

Chuck Martin made nine points and grabbed 19 rebounds. Calloway had 8 points and Terry Robinson 7 points with nine rebounds.

Other scorers and rebounders were Robbie Brown, 6 points, 4 rebounds, Charles Davis, 4 points, 4 rebounds, Mark Coots, 7 rebounds, Ray Goff, 3 points, Joe Hitchell 2, Mark Brackett 2, Ricky Whitely 1.

Middle school defeated Grayson county December 17 at home, 55-41. Mark Brackett scored 14 points, Chuck Martin was second with 13 but had 19 rebounds to his credit. Terry Robinson scored 9 points, had 10 rebounds, Bobby Brown, 7 points, 9 rebounds, Jessie Calloway, 7 points, 1 rebound, Tim Smith, 2, Joe Hitchell 2, and Charles Davis, two points and 4 rebounds.

## Marriage Licenses

George William Boone, 36, truck driver, Fordsville, to Darlene Willoughby, 30, Fordsville.

Thomas Edward Jones, 19, laborer, Route 2, Beaver Dam, to Leisa Gail Hobdy, 16, Centertown.

Carroll Gene Hoops, 40, self employed, Route 1, Beaver Dam, to Shirley Ann Sheffield, 28, Beaver Dam.

Cecil Eugene Bristow, 21, state police, Route 3, Hartford, to Hazel Dean Bowley, 19, Robards.

# Two countians get trooper assignments

FRANKFORT, Ky.--Two Ohio County residents were among 34 new state troopers taking their oath of office Dec. 20 in the Capitol Rotunda after completing 16 weeks of training at the Kentucky State Police Academy.

Charles Nelson Browndl, 24, of Fordsville will begin his duties as a state trooper at the state police post at Henderson.

A 1968 graduate of Ohio County High School, Browndl is a former employe of Kimball Furniture Co. in Fordsville. He is married to the former Marjorie Pogue.

Cecil Eugene Bristow, 22, of Hartford, has been ordered to report for duty with the state police post at Ashland, where he will begin service as a state trooper.

Bristow graduated from Ohio County High School and attended the ITT Business Institute in Evansville, Ind. His parents, Mr and Mrs Cecil Bristow, Jr., live near Hartford.

# Eagles lose to Meade

The Eagles were defeated 75-70 by Meade County in the second round of the Grayson County invitational Friday night. Ohio County was beaten by the same score at the same place on the same night of the week last week by Grayson County.

It was an all-around bad night for Ohio County with a 20-14 first quarter and even worse half time picture with the Eagles down by 14 points. Ohio County played better ball in the third as they closed within 6 of Meade County green wave trailing 59-53.

The final quarter looked as if there was hope for the Eagles but all was lost as the buzzer sounded on 75-70.

# Horse Branch 4-H Events

Horse Branch Junior High 4-H club held its monthly meeting on December 18 with Roger Payton presiding.

Club leaders, Norma Rouse and Kermit Evans, were present. The meeting opened with pledges led by Sheritta Simpson and roll call by Lynn Renfrow.

After the business session, a program was introduced by Teresa Raley. The program followed the Christmas theme and was entitled "Who brings your gifts?"

# Porter wins bank party TV

Beaver Dam Deposit Bank Christmas party prize winners were:

Children - Clifton Burden, Route 2, Beaver Dam, turkey; Mike Lewis, McHenry, 25 Eisenhower dollars; Victor Moss, Beaver Dam, 50 Eisenhower dollars; Miles Maddox, Cromwell, 75 Eisenhower dollars.

Adults--Ida Belle Boling, Beaver Dam, turkey; Chester Taylor, Beaver Dam, turkey; Winston Hicks, Beaver Dam, 25 Eisenhower dollars; Kenneth Chinn, Beaver Dam, 50 Eisenhower dollars; Violet Daugherty, Centertown, 75 Eisenhower dollars; A. J. Porter, Beaver Dam, RCA color TV.

One of the largest crowds ever attended the 30th annual event.

Mr and Mrs Joe Morris, who have been vacationing in Hollandale, Fla. for the past two months arrived Sunday for an extended visit with their mothers, Mesdames Geneva Morris, Hartford, and Mary Boyd and the latter's sister, Mrs Rolly Tichenor, Hartford.

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# PORTRAITS OF OHIO COUNTIANS

MR AND MRS GORDON SOUTHARD, Route 1, Beaver Dam, recently observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary. The couple has two sons, Alvin of Logan, Utah, and Bobbie of Philpot and seven grandchildren. Mr Southard is a retired barber. They are members of the Slaty Creek Baptist church.

MR AND MRS BENNIE MIDKIFF reside on Route 2, Hartford. They have one daughter, Mrs Lyman (Gloria) Hitchcock, Bloomington, Indiana, and two grandchildren, Pamela, 1 and Eric, 7. Mr Midkiff retired from Sinclair Oil Refinery in East Chicago, Indiana. They attend Sugar Grove Baptist Church and recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Mrs Midkiff is a native of Ohio County and the couple returned seven years ago to make Ohio County their home. She is the former Ila Gentry.

MR AND MRS O. D. GILLIM, DUNDEE--Mrs Gillim is the daughter of Mrs Betty Midkiff Morris and the late C. D. (Cap) Morris. Mr Midkiff is the son of the late Marshall E. and Sallie Ann Midkiff Gillim. The couple has two children, James and Damon Gillim, both of Dundee, and two grandchildren. Mr Gillim is a retired worker of the Pledge Oil Company and now farms. They are members of the Friendship church of Christ near Fordsville.

MR AND MRS DALLAS GEARY, Barnes Street, Hartford, and son, Christopher, 3. Mr Geary is employed by Peabody Coal Company. Both are graduates of Ohio County High School and attend East Hartford Baptist Church. Dallas' parents are Mr and Mrs Kenneth Geary, Centertown, and Mrs Geary is a daughter of Mrs Grace Ford, Hartford.

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MR AND MRS DAVID WILSON, Route 1, Beaver Dam, are the parents of seven children, Aubrey, Cave City, Mrs J. B. (Ella) Fourney, Louisville, Mrs Ruby Beals, Gilbertsville, Mrs Margaret Meers, Clarksville, Tenn., Mrs Hollis England, Radcliff, James E. and David G. Wilson, both of Beaver Dam. They have 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Mr Wilson is a veteran, a retired carpenter and coal miner and holds the honor of Kentucky Colonel. They are members of the East Providence Methodist church. They were married September 27, 1919. Mrs Wilson is the former Constance Chinn, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs T. K. Chinn, Cool Springs. He is the son of the late Mr and Mrs A. N. Wilson. Prentiss. Both attended Greenbriar school.

MR AND MRS ROBERT SNODGRASS, Centertown, are parents of three children, Mrs Marvin Ferguson, Beaver Dam, Robert Dois Snodgrass, Centertown, and Mrs Hugh Smaltz, Hartford. They have seven grandchildren and are members of the Centertown Baptist Church. She belongs to Walton's Creek Homemakers and he is a Mason. Mr Snodgrass is self-employed in the coal business and is part-owner of the Professional Care Rest Home, Hartford, and Lakeview Nursing Home, Morgantown.

MR AND MRS MICHAEL D. BROWN, Route 1, Hartford, are presented in this centennial issue. His parents are Mr and Mrs Cecil E. Brown, Route 1, Hartford. Her parents are Mr and Mrs Wavy Frizzell, Beaver Dam. She is employed as secretary at Wayland Alexander School and he works for Peabody Coal Company. Both are members of Hartford United Methodist Church.

GUBSER FAMILY--Karen and her three children are Jennifer, 20 months, Charles Paul, 5, and Jeffrey, 4. They are the wife and children of the late Charles Gubser, Hartford veterinarian. She is a member of Holy Redeemer Catholic church and enjoys her pet dogs and horses. The Gubser family resides on Route 1, Hartford. Photo by Ohio County Studio.

MR AND MRS ROY BARTLETT, Route 1, Hartford, are shown with Melissa Ann, 11, and Kelvin Glen, 9. The children attend Wayland Alexander school. Mr and Mrs Bartlett are both graduates of Hartford High school and attend Second Baptist Church, Hartford. His parents are Mrs Mabel Bartlett, Hartford, and the late Ernest Bartlett. Mary Ann is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Edgar H. Pendley, Morgantown, but originally from McLean County.


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Mrs. Aubrey Newcom
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Mrs Newcom, the Beda correspondent, has reported the happenings of the Ohio County community in which she has lived since the 1920s. She has written for the Beda area since 1950.

She is a member of the Eastern Star, Homemakers, charter member of the Taffy homemakers club, White Shrine, Beulah Cumberland Presbyterian church and secretary of the Sunday School. Mrs Newcom is also past Matron of the Lizzie Ford Chapter, Order of Eastern Star and president of the homemakers club.

Mrs Newcom has 10 children, 27 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren. One son lives in Texas, two sons in England, one daughter in California, two daughters in Ohio and four sons in Kentucky and she travels and visits them as often as she can.

Mrs Newcom is the wife of the late Aubrey Newcom.

Mrs. Verna Edwards
Horse Branch

Mrs Verna Edwards has been a correspondent for the Horse Branch area for five years. She has lived in Horse Branch since 1941.

Mr and Mrs Edwards have four children, Mrs Paul Fulkerson, Hodgenville, Mrs J. E. Sipes, and Charles Edwards, Louisville, Robert Edwards, Richardson, Texas, eight grandchildren.

Her hobby is sewing.

Mrs. Carrie Devine
Rockport

Mrs. E. L. Griffin
Fairview

Mrs E. L. Griffin, one of The News correspondents for the Fairview community, was once a winner of a trip to Cumberland Falls for selling the most subscriptions and has as her life's motto, "Others."

Mrs Griffin and other correspondents were given points for the number of subscriptions they sold. She found it no trouble to earn her trip of three days and three nights.

She enjoys writing the news and thinks The News is a great newspaper.

Mrs Griffin, who is a unit secretary at the Ohio County hospital for nine years enjoys her rewarding work. "I feel if I can make someone else happy or brighter or bring a measure of comfort to them, my life is worth living." She feels everyone should live by the golden rule in order to make the world a better place.

Her hobbies are flowers and gardening and she is a member of the Otha Daniel Homemakers Club.

Mrs Griffin was born and reared on a farm in Ohio County, the daughter of the late Mr and Mrs W. J. Brownd. She has a brother, James Brownd, Griffith, Indiana.

Mrs Griffin is the wife of the Rev. Ernest Griffin, a Baptist minister who is pastor of the Fairview Baptist church. They celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on October 21. They have no children.

Wendell Allen
Rosine
See Railroad Story Elsewhere this issue by Allen

Mrs. Reathel Bartlett
Equality

Mrs. Marion Bell
Matanzas

Mrs. Gus Sharpe
Bell's Run

Carrie Devine, a resident of Rockport, Kentucky, has been the correspondent for her hometown in western Ohio County for a period of two years.

The years before Carrie became the newspaper correspondent were filled with the usual incidences that it takes to make up life – happiness, sadness, joy, and excitement.

She has participated in many and varied activities in her community – and her county. Presently, she is serving in two capacities with the local Parent-Teacher's Association - as vice president and reporter.

Carrie's family consists of four daughters and one son, Another son, Charles, who is now deceased, was her oldest. Charles served as Supervisor of W. M. Ciccelli Manufacturing Company's main office in Louisville.

Phyllis Ann, her second, is married to M. D. (Butch) Hill and the two, with their two sons, live in Henderson. Phyllis is a hairdresser, and her husband is an elementary school principal.

Alice, the next, is the wife of Stanley Mason of Nelson. She is the mother of two sons, and Stanley is employed at TVA in Paradise.

The third daughter, Faith, is employed in the Payroll Department of Thomas Industries in Beaver Dam. She and her husband, Steve Geary, live near Beaver Dam. He is employed by Peabody Coal Company.

Kim, a freshman at Ohio County High School, is a cheerleader for the Eagles.

Howard, a Boy Scout, is a student at Western Elementary School near Rockport.

Carrie's husband, George, Jr., has served for ten years as President of the United Mine Workers Local Union.

Carrie's favorite hobbies are Christian activities, collecting religious poems, planting and tending a garden, canning, and growing flowers.

Actively, she has served in the Rockport Missionary Baptist Church as a teacher of Sunday School, as the president of Women's Missionary Union for three years, and was Ohio County's Associational Prayer chairman for W. M. U.

At the present, the Bible Searchers Class is the age group with which she is working.

Mrs. Marion Spencer
Cromwell

Mrs Marion Spencer has been writing 22 years for The News.

Mrs Spencer has always lived in the Cromwell area and has three children, Wilsie Spencer, Cromwell, Wendell Spencer, Beaver Dam, and Mrs Dorothy Thompson, Cadiz. Her husband died about five years ago.

Mrs Spencer who works in the store of her son enjoys quilting and crocheting.

Mrs. S. C. Myers
Cedar Grove

Mrs. Eva Porter
Centertown

Mrs S. C. Myers has been writing the Cedar Grove news for 18 years and began writing because the previous correspondent moved away.

Mrs Lummie Myers was born at Rosine and has lived all her life on Route 1, Olaton. She and her husband are members of Fairview church.

She enjoys working with The News Staff and writing the news.

Mrs. Earl Bishop
No Creek

She and Mr Myers have eight children: Raymond Myers, Richland, Ind., Mrs Bea Clem, Evansville, Everett Myers, Horse Branch, Delbert Myers, Olaton, Wanda Watson, Narrows, Bonnie French, Fairdale, Anna Stewart, Horse Branch, and James Eddie Myers, Olaton. They have 19 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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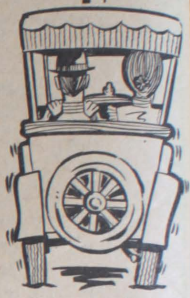

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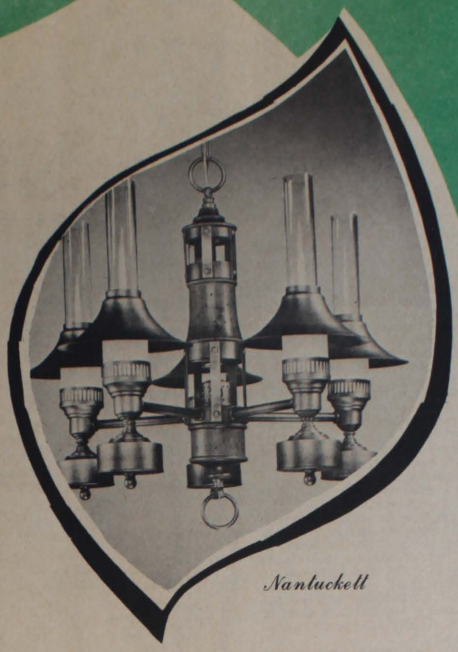

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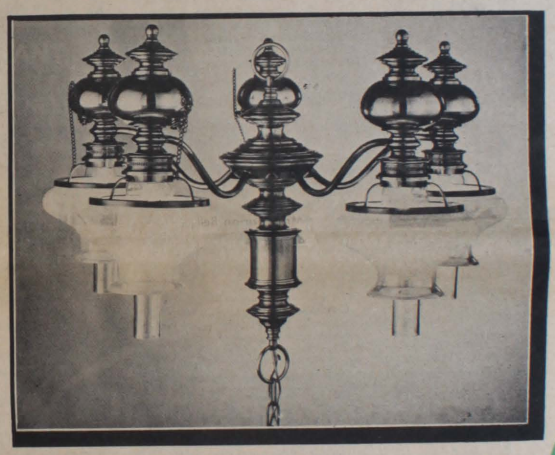

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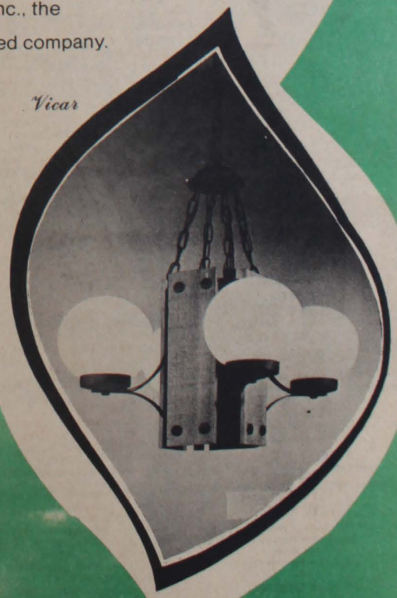

# Obituaries

### ROLLIE ROACH

OWENSBORO -- Rollie Franklin Roach, 79, 1716 Alexander Ave., a Daviess county produce farmer and Christmas tree salesman died Tuesday, December 10 at the Owensboro-Daviess County Hospital of an apparent heart attack.

He was known as "The Christmas Tree King" and had provided a tree for the Goodfellows Club annual Santa Claus Party for needy children for 43 years.

The trees which he sold were grown in Ohio, McLean and Daviess Counties.

He was a native of Ohio County. Roach was first married to Myrtle Jeffries, Ohio County, who died in 1970.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs Jessie B. Riddle Roach, two sons, Harold and Roy L. Roach, Owensboro, two daughters, Mrs Carroll Leibfried, Pleasant Ridge and Mrs Delmar Shown, Corpus Christi, Texas, 15 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, a foster son, James W. Fulkerson, Owensboro, five brothers, Goebel, Mack and Roy Roach, all of Owensboro, William Roach, Indianapolis, and Ease Roach, Whitesville, and a sister, Mrs Ernest Moxley, Whitesville.

Funeral services were at 2 p. m., Friday at the Delbert J. Glenn Funeral Home, with the Rev. W. O. Spencer, pastor of Hall Street Baptist church, and the Rev. T. A. Prickett, pastor of Seven Hills Baptist church officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Owensboro.

### MRS. MABEL HILL

MILLSTADT, ILL. -- Mrs Mabel Hill, 67, of 112 West Harrison, died Friday, December 20 at Memorial Hospital, Belleville, Ill., of injuries received in an automobile accident.

Mrs Hill was born June 25, 1907 in Ohio County. She was a member of the Beaver Dam United Methodist Church. Her husband, Aisia Hill, died April 20, 1974.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs Edna Lou Gabbard, Belleville, Mrs Freida Jones and Mrs Juanita Smith, Millstadt, and Mrs Margaret Buchanan, Clarksville, Ind.; six grandchildren; three great grandchildren; two brothers, Raymond Tatum, Route 3, Beaver Dam and Thomas Tatum, Akron, Ohio.

Funeral services were conducted at 10 a. m. Monday, December 23 at the William L. Danks Funeral Home with the Rev. Glenn Armstrong, pastor of Beaver Dam Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Sunnyside Cemetery.

### RUSSELL KEITH BROWN

UTICA--Russell Keith Brown, 47, died Thursday, December 19 at Owensboro-Daviess County Hospital.

Mr Brown was born in Hancock County, a son of the late Chester F. and Sue Webb Brown. He was a land agent and oil and gas leaser. He was a member of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Joe Ellis Lodge No. 473 F & AM, a veteran of World War II and was superintendent of Sunday schools for nine years.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs Jeanette Davison Brown; a son, Larry A. Brown, Utica, and a brother, Harry Gene Brown, Shepherdsville.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m. Saturday, December 21 at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church with the Rev. Steve Thompson, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

### LEO CASE

BEAVER DAM--Leo Case, 66, died Monday, December 23 at Ohio County Hospital.

Mr Case was born in South Dakota. He was a veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs Minnie Lillian Case; a brother, Pete Case, California and three sisters, Mrs Opal Vannoy, Long Beach, Calif., and Mrs Venita Conklin and Mrs Sylvia Tingle, both of Mitchell, S. D.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p. m. today, (Thursday, December 26) at William L. Danks Funeral Home with the Rev. Glenn Armstrong, pastor of Beaver Dam Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Sunnyside Cemetery.

### ERNEST A. CASSADY

ALEXANDRIA, VA. -- Ernest A. Cassady, 76, died Sunday, December 22 at a hospital there.

Mr Cassady was born in Ohio, the son of the late Sandy A. and Martha E. Cassady. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs Joy Lee Mansfield, Alexandria; two brothers, Forest and Clyde Cassady; a sister, Mrs Mildred Cole, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a. m. Friday, December 27 at William L. Danks Funeral Home with the Rev. Glenn Armstrong, pastor of Beaver Dam Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Sunnyside Cemetery.

### MRS. IRENE C. BISHOP

HENDERSON -- Mrs Irene C. Bishop, 67, of Route 1, died Sunday, December 22 at Community Methodist Hospital in Henderson.

Mrs Bishop was born in Ohio County.

Surviving are her husband, Ray C. Bishop, Henderson; a son, Jerry C. Bishop, Clinton, N. J.; two grandchildren; a brother, Tom Coffman, Evansville, Ind., and a sister, Mrs Ida Bell, Hartford.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m., Tuesday, December 24 at Duke Funeral Home, Centertown, with the Rev. William Holladay, pastor of Centertown Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in the Centertown Cemetery.

# Fordsville resident remembers Belgian homeland

(L-R) Thelma Cottrell, NA; Mr. Brunnel; Frances Hall, Activities Director.

From The Centergram, Medco Center Magazine.

A resident at the MEDCO Center of Fordsville, Kentucky, told the CENTERGRAM what life was like in his native country of Belgium. Alfons Brunell was born in Flanders on December 29, 1886. He enjoyed traveling as a young man and worked on a steam locomotive in Belgium, which also satisfied his traveling urge.

He came to the United States at the age of 28 in 1914 to visit relatives in Detroit. After becoming an American citizen, Mr Brunell went to Europe as an American soldier to fight in World War One. The fact that he spoke French, Flemish, and English was of value to him and others during the conflict as an interpreter.

One of the friends he made in the United States was another Belgian national. When the friend died, Mr Brunell wrote to the widow, Risty Hibbs, who had moved back to her home of Madisonville. They were later married. The Brunells had four children, 11 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Alfons Brunell recalls many incidences during his days as a young man in Europe. He talks of the Spanish-American War and Boer War in South Africa. Both those conflicts, lasting from 1898 to 1902, involved European countries, and the press at the time reported the news of the fighting in detail.

He points with pride to an issue of the National Geographic Magazine which featured a story on the great cathedral of Bruges, Belgium, where he remembers climbing to the top of the tower. The world-famous church keeps a religious relic which is revered by Catholics around the world. It is a globe containing what is said to be traces of the blood of Christ taken at the crucifixion.

Mr Brunell is a retired farmer and enjoys good health. He also enjoys meeting with visitors and recalling many interesting events of some years ago.


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While faithfully watching flocks, in the fields,
Saw that bright, beautiful star
As did the Wise men from afar.
They heard the voices from Heaven, sing
Of the "Peach on Earth" the child did bring
The Word became flesh, and in a manger, lay
And Joseph and Mary were proud that they
Were entrusted the care of this tiny one
The babe, born this day, was God's only Son.
As the Wise Men came, did they understand
How God, through the child, showed love for man
No greater love! No greater gift!
So, at this glad time may all spirits lift
May voices sing as angels did long ago
That God sent his Son, He loved us so.
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*One Of The Bicentennial Art Exhibit Paintings Chosen To Be Displayed This Year Throughout Kentucky.*

*Not Official Bicentennial Painting*

"Irish John Taylor" was a native of Maryland. Being Irish, he is believed to have been a descendant of George Taylor, who came from Ireland, and was an early settler of Philadelphia, whose family spread into the adjacent territory, in Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Irish John came to Ohio County about 1801 (He first appeared on the tax list in 1802). He bought land "on Muddy Creek", in the community where the Harrison Taylor family settled. It is believed that Irish John was so called, to distinguish between him and another John Taylor in the community, who was a son of Harrison Taylor, and was English.

In 1808, Irish John bought a tract of land, about a mile west of the present site of Centertown, to which he later added an adjoining tract, and lived there until his death in 1833. He was buried near his home, on the farm. When his wife, Mary (called Mollie), died a few years later, she was buried beside him; and a stone slab was erected at the head of each grave. The one at Mary's grave has been destroyed, but the one at the grave of Irish John is still standing (1974), and is the subject of Dale Bratcher's drawing, "Pioneer Headstone".

When Irish John and Mary came to Kentucky, they brought two orphans -- Erasmus Bishop and Nancy Ann Kerford -- whom they raised to maturity. It seems probable that either, or both of them, may have been related, somehow, to either Mr. or Mrs. Taylor, but is no evidence of it.

In 1812, Erasmus and Nancy Ann were married. They had six children, and most of the Bishops in Ohio and Muhlenberg Counties, and a lot of other people, were their descendants. Dale Bratcher is a great-great-great-grandson.

Dale Bratcher is a son of Emerson V. and Margaret E. (Rule) Bratcher. Emerson V. Bratcher is a son of Eddie and Dora (Bishop) Bratcher. Dora Bishop was a daughter of Virgil and Josephine (Heflin) Bishop. Virgil Bishop was a son of John Taylor and Amelia (Rowe) Bishop. John Taylor Bishop was the oldest son of Erasmus and Nancy Ann (Kerford) Bishop.

Dale is a native of Ohio County, having been born at Rockport.

(The above data was compiled by Leon H. Bishop, of Hartford, who is also a descendant of Erasmus and Nancy Ann.)

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# Horse Branch - Stagecoach and railroad played initial parts in its beginning

By Nina Schroader

Horse Branch -- one of the unique names of towns and hamlets in Kentucky.

The northeastern Ohio County hamlet of today was perhaps brought into being with the advent of railroads and once was an incorporated town. It is not known exactly when but when saloons operated there and according to Mrs D. C. Ferguson, who provided information for this article, not for long.

The most likely reason for its naming was the following story. There was a stagecoach line which operated from Morgantown to Owensboro the route believed to go across the present D. C. Ferguson farm, the route now grown up with sassafras. At a pool of water in a branch is where the drivers changed their horses. Another tale is that a horse mired up there and drown. A former blue print of the stagecoach line before the railroads existed provided this data.

The first known post office was in 1876 according to records and prior to that persons received mail from Dundee via railroad.

At one time eight daily trains from Louisville stopped at the Horse Branch depot, which is still in use on the IC tracks, and four passenger trains from Owensboro also stopped there. Among the large landowners were Make Miller and Job Arnold who sold land to the railroad company. A house over 100 years old built by Miller still stands in the area now known as "old Horse Branch."

The rail lines at the south end of the town had a curve which was very dangerous with many wrecks occurring there and several killed. In 1906 the tracks were moved to their present location to straighten the curve.

CHURCH in old Horse Branch, in which worship is not held, is still owned jointly by the Baptists and Methodists.

## First School

The first school was built in 1892, a log building just off where Highway 62 runs now and classes were taught by Henry Leach and the late Dr. R. A. Byers. Later a two-room school was built on the hill above the depot in "old Horse Branch" and in 1920 a consolidated high school was built. Prior to then, students rode horseback to Yeaman to school or went by train to Fordsville. Mrs Ferguson recalls that the PTA made up money in the early days and built a board walk from the depot to the school. Jack Walker gave land for the 1920 school and Dr. Byers was serving on the board of education and was instrumental in getting the high school. The old two-room school was moved to the present location and four other rooms added. R. E. Denney was the first principal of the six-room school. A gym was built in 1928. First only two years of high school studies were offered and later four years. Ray Hocker was the first principal of the 4-year institution and Laura Haggard was the coach of a girls basketball team which won wide acclaim for its ability on the hardwood. The first graduating class of 12 persons finished at Horse Branch High in 1930. In 1949 the school burned and classes were held in the three churches. "This was a trying time for the teachers" said Mrs Ferguson, one of them. "We had no desks, no books, nothing--but this was a time of closeness and togetherness and sharing," she went on. Mrs Ferguson taught 20 years at Horse Branch and Narrows. The present school was opened about 1951.

The townspeople were never without medical attention, the first physician being a Dr. Camp, who reportedly had no license but just experience. Dr. Lynch practiced there but later went to Hancock county to practice. Other physicians included Dr. Lovelace, Drs Charles and Clarence Deweese, Dr. Byers and Dr. J. S. Bean, 95, who lives at Elizabethtown.

## Business

Everything from soup to nuts was sold at one store in Horse Branch--at Walker Myrtle's store. He was also the druggist and the undertaker. He bought coffins and Mrs Ferguson often assisted he and Mrs Myrtle in lining the coffins, in making shrouds and laying out the corpse. A flu epidemic struck the community. No one would come about the town and one person died of the flu. "Mr Myrtle dedicated himself to giving him just as good a burial as anyone else. Mrs Ferguson was brave and went along to trim the coffin, line the pillow and prepare the corpse as usual.

William DeHart, step-father of Mrs Ferguson was also a druggist and he had some sort of certificate on the wall according to his step-daughter, but "I am not sure just what the requirments to fill prescriptions were".

Horse Branch at one time boasted three hotels, the McDaniel which on November 18, 1896 had an ad in the Hartford Herald "stop at the McDaniel House. Mr J. B. McDaniel, the proprietor, gives his personal supervision to the hotel and sees that all guests are satisfied. Two minutes walk from depot, everything first class, rates $1 per day. Patronage of the public solicited."

The Sandusky hotel was operated by a man of the same name who came from Central City. There were saloons before the 1900s and the late Sam Keown, grandfather of Mrs Pat Woosley, was the first marshal. The first lock-up for unruly persons was built by Bev Boyd and according to stories he was the first to be put in it.

The social life centered around the schools because it was not until 1915 that the community had a church. Pie suppers, spelling matches, square dances were the events of entertainment. Many persons would don their Sunday best in the afternoon on the Sabbath to go down to meet the 8 p.m. train from Louisville which was a highlight. The depot was sort of a public meeting place to just talk. Many of the persons who came with the railroads to Horse Branch were of the Catholic faith and on St. Patrick's day, they threw a square dance which was a big event. Tent revivals often continued all summer with Revs. Jenkins and Cox preaching. Singing schools played a part in the life of the area.

The first religious services, Sunday Schools and revivals were held in the barn of P. H. Alford. Services in the area have almost always been undenominational. The order of Redmen decided to move away. Water was removed from the lodge hall and services held there until a church was built jointly by the Methodist, Baptist and Christians. The Christian group later pulled away and the church built and designed by Jess Wilkerson still stands--forlorn and lonely not in use. A Christian church built in 1917 has services today and there is a church of God. The Methodist and Baptist still own the church but no one attends. The congregation never had a specific pastor with ministers of different denominations preaching, one Sunday a Methodist, the next a Baptist. "It was the next thing to heaven that a church could be with everyone getting along" noted Mrs Ferguson. No denominational literature was used. Finally the Baptists dwindled away until the Baptist preacher, Rev. Fuqua, preached one Sunday with not a single member.

Trains began to decline their stops in 1956 and so the town dwindled too.

D. C. Ferguson operated a standard oil station in the town for 34 years with gas being delivered by train. Raymond Renfrow operated a grocery for a time. "We could tell it was spring not by the blue birds but by the coming of the first car to the Station" recalled the school teacher.

Another remembrance of the town was J. B. McDaniel who had surrey with a fringe on top who took passengers to the Hotel for dinner.

Fraternal organizations have

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A Former Hotel in Horse Branch is now the residence of present day dwellers.


# S. W. ANDERSON

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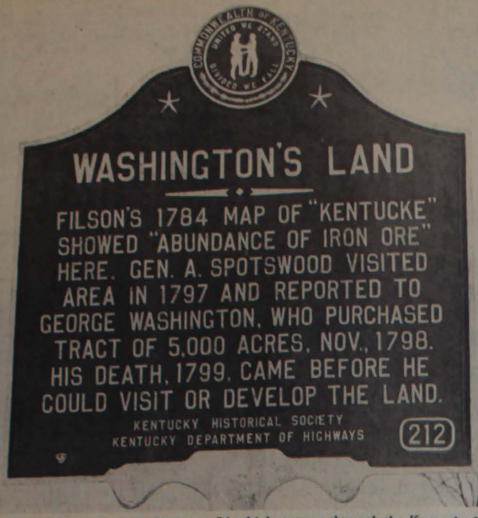


HISTORICAL Marker is located on Highway 54 which passes through the Kentucky land in Grayson County once owned by George Washington.

# Washington once owned Ohio-Grayson county land - traded horse for it

By Nina Schroader

George Washington in 1770 owned 40,000 acres of land and had traveled as far west as Ohio searching for this good land. He never saw the land but in 1798 one year before his death, Washington received the deed to 5,000 acres of land for which he had traded his famous Arabian Stallion, Magnolia in Kentucky 10 years before receiving the deed.

This land lies mostly in Grayson County with a bottle neck along Rough River with a high hill known as "Iron Ore Hill" in Ohio County. Several Ohio Countians are heirs or will be heirs to the land.

George Washington's father, Augustine Washington, spent most of his time developing an iron works, but died in 1743 almost a half century before Washington traded for the land believed to be rich in iron.

Perhaps his knowledge and background caused him to become interested in the trade with Henry (Lighthorse Harry) Lee for the land. It was also Henry Lee who summed up the way Americans felt about Washington with "First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen." It was when Washington was a young surveyor that he began to buy valuable land and in 1750 he owned 1,500 acres.

Henry Lee, the famed revolutionary officer owned the War grant he had obtained from Dr. Alexander Skinner, a surveyor who possibly acquired it for surveying fee. Lee had always wanted the famed white stallion of Washington who was about to become president. While "tipsy" following dinner Lee offered General Washington the land for the horse. On December 9, 1788, Washington wrote in his diary "concluded my exchange after dinner with Hy. Lee for Magnolia for 5,000 acres of Kentucky land.

Lee estimated the worth of the lands at 500 pounds, but later the deed made in 1798 set out 600 pounds current money of Virginia as the real consideration.

Washington on January 18, 1795 wrote his nephew, George Lewis asking him to try to locate the lands on his contemplated trip into the west in the spring. It is not known if Lewis ever visited the land but in 1797, General Alexander Spottswood visited the holdings and reported to Washington. History of Kentucky said Washington in his will valued the land at $2 per acre and he regarded it as being more valuable on account of the abundance of iron ore on it. That same value was placed upon the land 15 years after Washington's death, December 14, 1814 in proceedings in Grayson County Court.

Another tale of the trade for the land comes from Joe Creason's Kentucky column in the Courier-Journal several years ago when Mary Brame, a Mayfield teacher, wrote that it was because of disappointment in Magnolia that he was willing to trade him to Light Horse Harry Lee. Her story is that Magnolia had been beaten in a race by Thomas Jefferson's fastest horse.

No iron ore has ever been extracted from the hill and tales are that very little ore and poor quality is there. However the Ohio County hill is called Iron Ore Hill and is owned by Nadine Muffett, a descendant of Ed Davison.

James Landrum, great great grandfather of Percy H. Landrum, Hartford, requested by order of his father, Francis Landrum, Grayson County Court to issue an order for leave to build a water grist mill on his land and that an acre of land being in Grayson county belonging to George Washington heirs be laid off and granted him for such a use. The mill was later known as Myrtle's Mill and was located on Rough River just below Hite's falls in the community of Yea-

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ELLIOTT Porter with a grubbing hoe over his shoulder is shown near a wooded area on his farm which was inherited through his great-grandfather, Jack Porter.

## Horse Branch

FROM PAGE 3

played a part in the town with the Order of Eastern Star having members who recently received 25 year pins including Nola Barnes, Anna Mary Landrum, Anna Lee Nabours, and Portia Casey.

The latest date on which as many horses as perhaps were to the stagecoach that mired in the branch was in 1972 when many former area residents now living in Louisville, began a horse back journey home. Upon their way they stopped in Leitchfield and Rough River Dam for camping. The trip was highlighted and ended with a final stop at Landrum's store with press coverage.

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# Washington's 5,000 acres

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man. The business was passed down to Landrum's son, Frank Landrum and to his grandson, Tom Landrum. The mill was later sold to William Myrtle, who operated the mill until 1867 when it was destroyed by a flood on Rough River. Little remains of the grist mill except one millstone or as residents say, one corn buhr about a half mile down the river from Highway 54. The mill site became a part of the Ed Davison place, which in 1959 was owned by W. C. Cummings. Today, it is owned by George Lewis.

Virgil Davison of Yeaman owned the original "Sheep skin" court order. He took it to Leitchfield with him in 1936 and showed it to a friend. The friend asked if he could show it to another person. During the day, Davison mounted a wild Western horse he had purchased. He lost his balance, fell and fractured his skull and died shortly thereafter. The original court order has not been found to this day by the Davison family. At one time, Virgil Davison, owned 1,000 acres of the ground. His son, David Davison, father of Mrs Rolla Richards, Jr., No Creek still owned a portion, a part known as the Alum hill from which runs alum water. This area because of its high wooded cliffs is also known as Buzzard's roost and is owned by Elliott C. Porter.

Today four families own the 5,000 acres, a portion of the Col. Green estate obtained through squatter's rights at Falls of Rough, now owned by Mrs Patrick O'Neill, the Porters, Harry, Mike and Elliott C., Spurrier and Charlie Porter, David Davison and Victor Young of Leitchfield, all obtaining their land through inheritance.

Jack Porter, great, great grandfather of Harry, Mike and Elliott C., Blemmer and Mrs Lucy Cummings, purchased the unsold land of the Washington survey from the Washington heirs, the cost unknown. The land was divided into a 3,000

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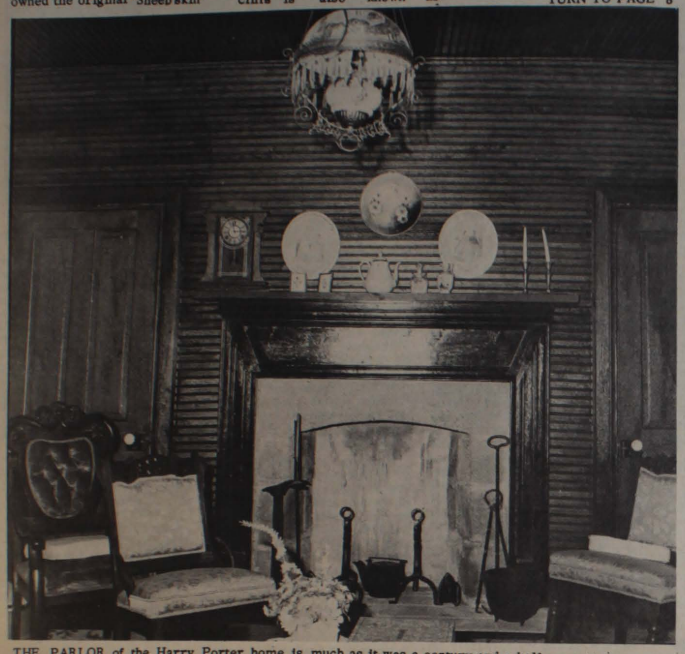

THE PARLOR of the Harry Porter home is much as it was a century and a half ago with its elegant pine ceiled walls.

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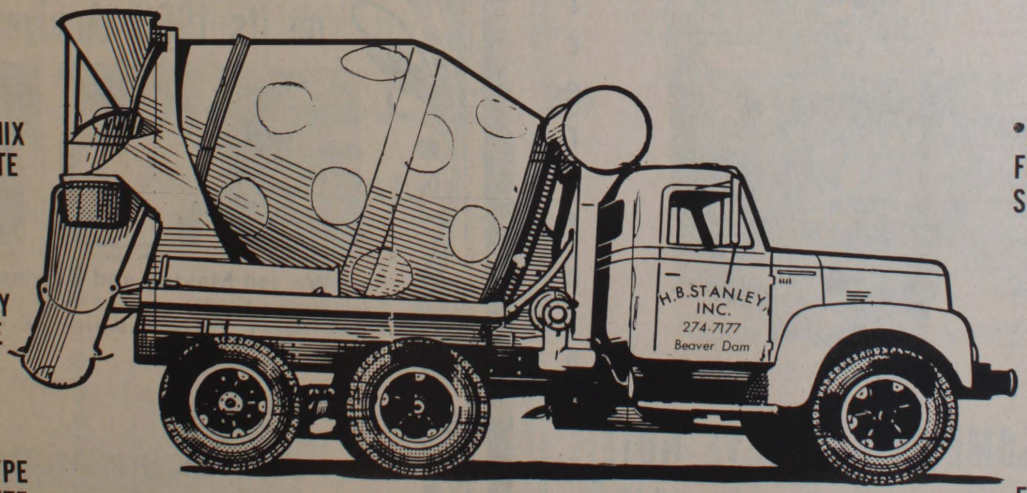


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# Biography of Richard Parks "Silver Dick" Bland

By RICKY Z. ASHBY

A review of the histories of Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and some of the West Coast States reveals that many of the leaders of those states were born in Kentucky. Some examples are, Abraham Lincoln, Clairborne Jackson, Governor of Missouri and Missouri Congressman Richard Parks "Silver Dick" Bland. In the late 18th and early 19th century Kentucky and Tennessee were the recipients of large waves of immigrants from the coastal states, primarily Virginia and the Carolinas. Many of these same immigrants later moved to Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and the west Coast. This migration might involve the same family or its offshoots. In Illinois and Indiana they were called "Uplanders" and were the dominant in Illinois until the 1830s.

Richard Parks Bland was born August 19, 1835 at Hartford, Ohio County, Kentucky. The son of a school teacher and mill operator Bland was born in a 20-foot square hewn log cabin. Like Abraham Lincoln he would lose one parent at an early age and the other before adulthood. Unlike his fellow statesman Bland was to spend more years in Kentucky and draw heavily from his experiences there.

Richard Bland's family had its origin in Virginia. He was the grandson of Colonel Theodric Bland the supposed grandson of Jane Rolfe who was the daughter of Pocahontas' only son. Theodric Bland led a group of angry citizens to Lord Dunmore's home to retrieve munitions that he had confiscated from the colony's arsenal. Afrer the munitions incident a series of letters appeared denouncing Lord Dunmore and were signed "Cassius". It was later disclosed that Theodric Bland authored the "Cassius" letters. During the Revolutionary war he served in Congress and as a Virginia delegate to ratify the Constitution.

The Bland family of Virginia were aristocratic land owners. John Randolph's mother was a direct descendant of Colonel Theodric Bland. In the early 19th century the non-feudal philosophy in Virginia left many of the post-revolution's second generation without land. Therefore many of them migrated to Kentucky. This branch of the Bland family settled in Nelson County and one family in Washington County where Richard Bland's father, Stoughen Bland was born. Stoughen Bland was reared according to Presbyterian principles and was educated at Centre College at Danville. Due to poor health Stoughen Bland gave up the ministry and moved to Hartford in Ohio County where he taught school. While at Hartford he met and married Margaret Parks Nall. Miss Nall was of a family of French Huguenots which had emigrated from Louisiana to Kentucky near the end of the 18th century. Her middle name "Parks" was the surname of the Nall family's best friends. The Parks family supposedly emigrated to Kentucky with the Hanks family, whose descendant, Nancy Hanks, mothered Abraham Lincoln.

## S. Bland taught school

Stoughen Bland taught in a one-room school in Hartford for approximately three years. Acting on his doctor's advice he bought a farm near Hartford on Rough Creek where Richard would be born. Here he built a grist mill that would be known as "Bland's Mill." Stoughen Bland operated his mill until he died of consumption in 1842. Richard Bland was only seven years old when his father died. After their father's death the children were divided among relatives with Richard going to his mother's parents. By 1849 Margared Bland had remarried but in that year she and her mother died of typhoid fever.

After his father's death, although only seven years old, Richard assumed some of the farm work for his widowed mother. He worked on other farms during the summer months and attended school in the winter. One of his farm assignments was for a man named Craig. Craig was also a scholar and tutored young Bland. He did this voluntarily and asked no pay but late in the life he received a check from Richard Bland for $50.

At a very early age, Richard Bland began teaching school at a one-room log school on No Creek in Ohio County. He attended Hartford Academy for one year, a school that his father founded. Eventually he received a teaching diploma from that institution and taught briefly at the academy.

Upon encouragement from his mother's sister, who had earlier moved to Missouri, Richard Bland moved to that state in the early 1850s. In addition to his Aunt and Uncle, Richard's brother, Charles and sister, Elizabeth lived in Arcadia, Iron County, Missouri. For several months, he resumed his teaching career at a school in Wayne County, Missouri.

While in Missouri, Richard Bland fell in love with a girl whose last name was Moore. Her parents objected to Richard, because he was poor. When he left for California, he asked her to write him but he never received a letter from her. Late in life, Bland stated that he felt that her parents intercepted the letters.

In 1856, Richard's aunt and his Uncle Robert Fulton encouraged him to accompany them to California. Bland agreed partly from his affection for his aunt and a desire to become wealthy. Thev traveled to New Orleans where they boarded a boat for California via the Nicaragua route.

After a short prospecting period in California, Mr and Mrs Fulton died and Richard was left with his three young cousins. Since his mining success had been nominal Richard sought transportation funds from another Missouri uncle to send the youngsters back to that state. He secured passage for them on a steamboat but tragedy struck again when a storm wrecked the ship and only young George Fulton escaped drowning.

Richard then drifted from place to place working as a miner. He went to southern California and finally to Virginia City, Nevada. Here he staked a claim about one hundred yards from the yet to be discovered Comstock Lode. Bland became disheartened with his mediocre mining success and deserted the claim. This marked the end not only of his pursuit of gold and silver but wealth in general.

In Virginia City, Bland studied law in the office of R. B. Mayes. While pursuing his law studies, he turned once again to his first profession of teaching. In 1860, he was admitted to the Bar and became County Treasurer for Carson County Utah (now in Nevada) and held the office until Nevada became a state in 1864.

Richard Bland joined the Nevada militia during the Piute Uprising of 1860. The highlights of the uprising up to that point, had been the virtual massacre of a company of militia at Pyramid Lake. Bland entered a volunteer company that accompanied a detachment of California regulars from Ft. Churchill at Virginia City to Pyramid Lake. After several days of minor skirmishes, in which Bland was wounded just below the right knee cap, the Piutes consented to a treaty.

During his years in the West, Bland became acquainted with Mark Twain whose stories he recalled affectionately. These years affected Bland's character in several ways. His deflated desire for wealth has already been established. Due to his strong isolation from the sectional controversy and the Civil War he did not form strong prejudicial, moralist judgments which would later help him lead the Democratic party away from sectional issues in the 1870s. His mining career gave him first hand knowledge of the philosophy of metallic value and coinage which helped him when he became chairman of the House Committee on Mines and Mining. Bland's western experience combined with his rural background in Kentucky and Missouri would give him an allegiance for the depressed class in both sections.

In 1866, Richard Bland returned to Missouri to enter into law practice with his brother C. C. Bland at Rollo, Missouri. This partnership was extremely fruitful, especially in civil suits. Their reputation spread until they were recognized as the best lawyers in that part of the country. Richard, however, gained most of his notoriety from a murder case. He was the key defender in "The State Versus Morgan". The judge, the jury and most of the courtroom spectators were strongly anti-defendant.

When Bland rose to give his closing remarks it appeared that his client would surely be convicted. Although never noted for his oratory Bland gave a strong speech that not only gained acquittal for his client but gave those present a preview of the style that would make Silver Dick Bland a congressional crusader.

RICHARD PARKS BLAND.

The notoriety that Bland obtained was purely unintentional. Throughout his life he shunned all fanfare. In later years, Mrs Bland said "I do not know why Mr Bland seemed to shun notoriety. Perhaps it was because he was left early without a father and mother and no one to confide in or bring him out."

Although somewhat inhibited in relation to notoriety, Bland cannot be regarded as passive. His humor can be demonstrated by an act during his days in California. When his trousers seat needed repairing Bland sewed a patch on them from a flour sack with the print "Self Rising" still visible. His temper was seldom stirred except when his honesty was questioned. His wife related that he was once restrained in court from attacking a lawyer with a chair after he questioned Bland's veracity.

In 1869, Richard Bland ended his partnership with his brother and moved to Lebanon, Missouri, the county seat of Laclede County. It was here that the congressional career of Richard Parks Bland was born. Bland bought a farm near Lebanon and threw himself into the mastery of the legal profession. His reputation reached its non-political peak, although he maintained a very small circle of friends who sought him out primarily for his political beliefs.

## Bland a Democrat

Richard Bland became a Democrat because he could not support a party that he felt was seeking to deprive any citizen of their rights. His animosity toward the Radical Republicans is evident in his correspondence with his wife.

Richard Bland's congressional

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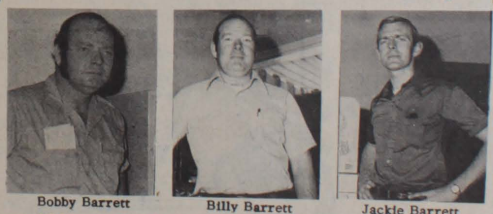
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nomination was perpetrated by a local Irish Democratic leader named Harrison Attaway. While Bland and the local newspaper editor were in Dallas, Texas, Attaway persuaded the editor's youthful assistant to print an editorial nominating Bland. Bland had already expressed a desire not to run and continued in this reluctance but Attaway's masterful essay had tremendous impact. Bland tried to persuade his brother to run, feeling that he was not widely known throughout the district, but his brother refused. The Democrats were such an under dog in the district that there would have been no interest in the nomination except that support from liberal Democrats was required to defeat the regular Republican nominee.

The Democratic convention became deadlocked over a proxy vote. Bland held support of two counties whose vote was held by a proxy that was not a resident of either county. Bland refused these votes although they were vital to his success. Despite this set-back Bland so startled the convention with this display for forthrightness that he gained the support of the remaining counties of the district. He won the general election by defeating the Republican candidate Colonel A. J. Seay.

In 1873, Richard Bland married Virginia Elizabeth Mitchell, daughter of E. Y. Mitchell of Rolla, Missouri. During this same year the 43 year old Bland entered service in the 43rd Congress. This earmarked a career that would last until 1899 with only one two-year interruption.

The first session of the 43rd congress produced a bill increasing the circulation of Greenbacks from 375 to 400 million dollars. The measure was voted by President Grant. Bland made several speeches advocating the measure and denouncing the national banking system. From these early speeches by Bland, we can trace congressional consideration of monetary and banking issues.

The debate, that would earn Bland the nicknames "Silver Dick" and "Silver Dollar" began with a debate between Senator Bogey of Missouri and Senator John Sherman of New York. A few weeks later Bland would bring the debate to the House by proposing a bill that called for the utilization of gold and silver. Although he had a majority support, a minority filibuster stalled the issue until the election between Hayes and Tilden took precedence and Congress adjourned without taking action.

## 1876 Campaign

The campaign of 1876 marked the end of sectional politics as new issues were injected into the campaigns. In the Western and mid-Western states, sentiment was running high for the remonitization of silver. Bland brought the issue to Missouri politics for the first time. The people of his district sent him back to Congress in 1877 where he would serve on the newly appointed Silver Commission. This commission compiled a study that for some time was regarded as the most thorough economic review ever conducted by a congressional committee.

The public sentiment for the coinage of silver stemmed from the debtor class. Those who had borrowed money prior to 1873 had done so on an inflated currency. When unlimited coinage was halted in 1873, what had been called the Crime of 73, the currency became deflated and the debtor was forced to pay back a dollar that was worth less when he first borrowed.

Richard Bland introduced a bill that called for the free and unlimited coinage of silver. The Senate balked on the free coinage clause but concurred to an amendment by Iowa Senator William Allison. This amendment struck the unlimited coinage claims from Bland's bill but provided for the purchase of silver in amounts not to exceed four million dollars or to fall under two million per month and restored the legal tender value of silver. Despite a presidential veto the bill became law in February 1878. President Hayes' veto message stated that he could not support a bill that called for repaying debts with cheaper money than what was borrowed. He said that gold was the nation's standard and that a silver dollar had to be worth as much as a gold dollar.

In the 46th Congress, Bland distinguished himself on the question of custom duties and tariffs. The most noted advocate of tariff during this era was William R. Morrison but he did not make as many speeches or introduce as many bills as did Richard Bland. In the 51st Congress, Bland opposed the McKinley tariff and proposed an amendment that would have severely crippled the tariff had it passed. Bland's amendment proposal would have allowed for free duties on all foreign duties obtained by the exportation of American farm products. This proposal placed the McKinley measure in greater danger than it had been throughout the debate. The Republicans rallied to defeat the measure but by a very narrow margin.

In his political career, Bland supported improvements of Western Waterways, opposed Civil Service laws and the Force Bill. His opposition to the Civil Service Laws was based on the premise that they were undemocratic.

The Bland-Allison act did not end the silver coinage controversy. The 49th Congress demonstrated more opposition but when it appeared that Bland had adequate support Senator Sherman of New York issued a bill repealing the 1878 law. The Sherman Law provided for the issuance of silver certificates based on purchased bullion. Grover Cleveland's platform in 1892 called for the repeal of the Sherman Law.

In 1893, Bland introduced a bill to repeal the purchase clause of the Sherman law. A debate ensued in which Bland gave his famous "Parting of the Ways Speech." Bland was angered by the compromising stand taken by his colleagues from Missouri and other states. His intentions were to unify the fragmented Democratic party. In 1894, however, a Republican landslide swept Richard Bland and several other Democrats from office.

## Lecturer

During the next two years Bland occupied his time with a series of lectures in Colorado. His speeches netted him $3500. His biggest engagement was the Brown Palace Hotel in Denver where he was paid $700. At the Brown Palace he was presented with a silver platter which he turned down with the thought that he should not profit in anyway from his stand on the silver issue.

In 1896, Bland was the leading candidate for the Democratic nomination for president. Bland had all the support but privately he denied that he really wanted the nomination. When asked by his personal physician if he felt that he would be nominated he replied "Yes, I am sure of it. I do not want it but it seems to be coming my way." William Jennings Bryan's biographer, Paolo E. Coletta, states that Bland was the most deserving but could not have conducted the type of campaign that was needed to win.

Bryan strategically requested to address the convention last in hopes that his superior oratory would sway the delegates. Bland took the first three ballots but on the fourth Bryan made some gains but by the fifth it turned into a Bryan landslide. Just prior to Bryan's nomination, but when it was evident, a note was read to the convention. The note said:

"If it should at any time appear that my candidacy is an obstruction of any candidate who is acceptable to the free coinage delegation, or one more acceptable than myself, I wish my name throughout the debate. The Republicans rallied to defeat the measure but by a very narrow margin.

The note was written by Richard Bland prior to the convention and its reading sealed forever the presidential aspirations of Richard Parks Bland.

Bland was re-elected to congress in 1896 although it is believed that he could have easily obtained the Democratic nomination for Governor of Missouri. Some site his reluctance to actively seek the presidential nomination and the gubernatorial nod in Missouri as examples of his unselfish character.

Bland's later years in Congress were those in which he commanded the greatest respect, although he refrained from positions of congressional leadership. Many politicians burn out on one issue and then face into obscruity but this was not the case with Richard Bland. He opposed the annexing of Cuba, after the Spanish American War, without the permission of the Cuban people. In a speech on the house floor Bland espoused his sentiments:

Our war resolutions explicitly stated that we entered on no war for conquest, and that we would not annex the island of Cuba, but would give free government to her people.

Bland's opposition to the annexation of Cuba was his last political stand. The people of his district gave him another term in 1899 but he never served his new term for June 15, 1899 at the age of 64 "Silver Dick" Bland was dead.

As an advocate of free silver Richard Bland was a champion of the debtor class. In a sense he was a Populist but his political affiliation remained with the Democratic party. On the money issue Bland was as liberal as the Populist but was somewhat conservative in his approach to other reform measures such as Civil Service laws. Bland's political philosophy stood somewhere between the old line conservatism and the new hard line progressivism. This middle of the road philosophy is evident in Bland's interpretation of Laissez Faire.

The 'Laissez Faire' Bland stood for, did not mean letting such men alone. It meant with him, and it still means, opposing them in all their attempts to impose on society, as its laws, the intellectual and moral diseases by which, if left to themselves they will destroy themselves and the government they control.

Richard Bland died knowing that silver would not be remonitized, that national banks would control currency and England would continue to have some influence in American finance.

# Local boy accused of dishonor in Battle of New Orleans, 1815

*From Unique Moments in Local History by Stan W. LeMaster*

Editor's Note: Robert Slack, Owensboro, is great-great-great grandson of Reuben Bennett.

The American defeat of the British at New Orleans, January 8, 1815 has been called the greatest victory ever achieved by an American military force even though it was fought two weeks after the war of 1812 was concluded.

When a call for volunteers to help defend New Orleans was made in Hartford, an eager crowd showed up. Officers were selected and bystanders were allowed to fall in behind the leader of their choice. A company was formed with William Ganaway as its captain. Reuben Bennett was supposed to be the lieutenant, but when they rendezvoused in Henderson, he was replaced by a more extroverted youth, Julius C. Jackson. Bennett stayed on as a private and distinguished himself later in battle. Other names appearing in Filson Club records and also in Ohio County records are Athel Anderson, Isaac Brown, Henry Brown, John Cane, Benjamin Kelly, Benjamin Myers, Jesse Ward, Evan Williams and William Welcher.

The Kentuckians started for New Orleans on flatboats. Artillery, muskets, and ammunition went down the river from Pittsburgh. However, the Quartermasters there instituted a cost reduction and sent the supplies by

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His political career was not in vain however. Bland's leadership in the post Civil War era helped give rise to non-sectional politics and subscribed needed leadership in the Democratic Party. Bland's influence was such that many of his ideas were readily accepted as the philosophy of the Democratic party.

In the Spring of 1900 Mrs Richard Parks Bland spent several weeks in Ohio County, Kentucky visiting the first home of her late husband. This trip resulted in interviews with several characters in Bland's life that have been preserved in William Vincent Byars' book, An American Commoner: The Life and Times of Richard Parks Bland. These oral accounts provide insight into the education and the childhood behavior of Bland.

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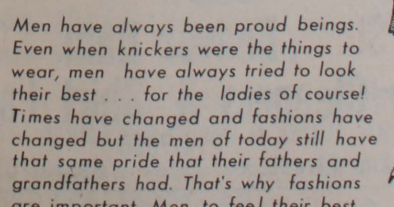

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World War II

# Hammons was first to go to Army

Harry Lewis Hammons was the first Ohio County man to volunteer for service in the U. S. Army after the United States became involved in World War II.

He went to Fort Knox to become a member of the First Armored Division, Sixth Infantry, the latter organized in 1798 by Zachary Taylor, on November 28, 1940. Hammons, who had a deep conviction to want to defend his country, is the son of a Spanish American War Veteran, the late Justis P. "Buz" Hammons and the late Ada Mary Hammons.

Two men from Daviess and some from Jefferson also enlisted when Harry did. After serving a year he was transferred to the enlisted reserve corps on November 1, 1949, but reenlisted in January, 1942 and remained in service until discharged at Fort Leonardwood, Missouri on November 1, 1945.

During his Army days, he served a stint as a military police sergeant and recalls Pearl Harbor and many of his buddies going down on the boat.

Upon his discharge, the draft board gave a dinner at Miss Sue Yeiser's boarding house in Hartford for the first Army volunteer.

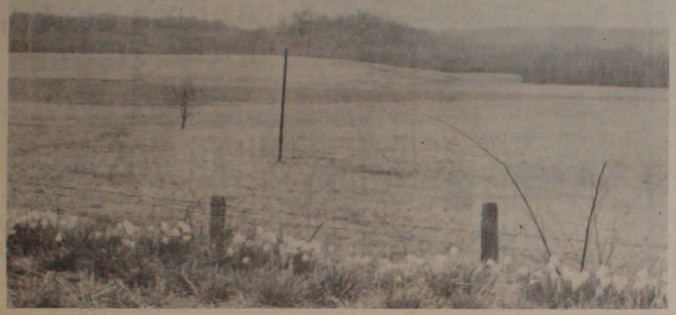
Hammons attended McHenry and Victory schools and completed the eighth grade. He worked for the highway department after leaving service for a time.

Hammons, who has four brothers and one sister, remains a familiar face on the streets of Hartford, residing on Clay street.

Hammons feels that the reason for draft dodgers is the fact that parents do not teach their children the importance of patriotism and defending their country, however, he has negative thoughts about Nixon and the present-day problems.

Harry L. Hammons

Hammons is a member of the Daviess County Post, Veterans Foreign Wars.



LAND OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON survey with the center hill in the background being "Iron Ore Hill" in Ohio County.

# Negro community located near Bethel

By Wendell Allen

One of Ohio County's oldest Methodist Churches is Bethel. Located approximately one and one half mile north of U. S. #62 near the Horton Community, the church was one of the three Methodist churches established in Ohio County in 1804.

Directly back of the church is the old church cemetery, which has been filled to near capacity and as a result, a new burial site for the church and community had to be opened. This one is located in front of the church.

Little known, however, to many people outside the Bethel community is that there are three cemeteries at the church site. Directly across the road from the church is a colored cemetery.

One might wonder why a colored cemetery is located here since there are no members of the race living anywhere in the immediate area, and haven't for several years. At one time in this area a very large Negro community existed here. Many of the male residents were employed at a stave and hoop mill at Horton. Still others worked in the saw mill. Very few I'm told were employed in the coal mine that was operating at that time near Horton. Incidentally the first coal mine to open in the Horton area was the Gold Nuggett mine.

The Negro community had a school – The first school I was able to learn was located near the Lonnie Black farm, and the second school was close to the Jesse Daniel property. The Negro community had church services in the school building. Whenever a death occurred they used the Bethel Methodist Church for the funeral service. Some colored folk attended church service at the Methodist Church.

Some of the more prosperous farmers in the area owned slaves and this, I think, must be a reason for the colored community developing.

One person to own slaves was George Baldwin, who came to America from England. Mr Baldwin was the grandfather of Mrs Jess Smith of Beaver Dam. Mrs Smith related to me how her grandfather took a young colored man by the name of Stant Baltzell to work for him. On one occasion young Baltzell for an undetermined reason left the Baldwin farm to go to work for another family. Here Baltzell was treated unhumanely. Mr Baldwin learned of the mistreatment his former employee was receiving, mounted his horse and rode to where young Baltzell was working. Upon learning that Baltzell was indeed being unjustly treated, Mr Baldwin took the young Negro home with him.

At once Mr Baldwin was offered $1,000 for the young man, a price he promptly refused. He was not for sale.

Stant Baltzell remained in the area, married and reared a family, a rather large size family, as evident of the many Baltzell names of the headstones in the old cemetery.

Uncle Stant Baltzell, as he was affectionately known, throughout the area was born in April of 1818 and died September 8, 1917 at age 98. His wife was Hester Ann Baltzell, 1828/June 6, 1898.

# Washington's 5,000 acres

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acre tract and a 2,000 acre tract with Jack Porter getting practically all the 2,000 acres. Three of the five Jack Porter descendants live on the land. A copy of the deed signed by Patrick Henry, Governor of Virginia to Lee from Skinner dated 1781 is owned by Harry Porter.

When the deed was executed by Lee to Washinton in 1798, the land was located in Hardin County, which had been formed from Nelson County, in 1792. The deed refers to the land being in Jefferson County, Kentucky but according to the late Allen Cubbage, Leitchfield attorney, in an article in the Leitchfield Gazette in 1940, this is incorrect. Cubbage was commissioned on the bicentennial of George Washington's birth date in 1932 to tract the exact boundaries of the Washington land. When the lands were originally surveyed in 1783 or 1784, the land was in Jefferson County and the deed to Washington made in 1798 retained the name of Jefferson County as given in the surveys, overlooking the transformation which had taken place.

The Porters and their families live on the historic rich bottom land and wooded hillsides with many by-gone day reminders of their ancestors. The antiques of ancestors furnish the century old homes. They recall tales of bygone days and of the land. One of the Porter boys sneaked a gossip tale about an illegitimate child which Washington fathered in Posey County, Indiana. He, however has no authentic written proof that this was true.

The family holds a bill of sale for the purchase of an eight year old negro girl for which they paid $300. She was purchased to take care of Harry, Michael and Elliott's grandfather's crippled sister, Aunt Polly. According to the story, the young girl slept much of the time and they had a string tied to her toe and whenever she was needed, they would pull the other end of the string to awaken her.

Many Ohio Countians including Mrs Buda Patton, Fordsville, Mrs W. B. Neal, Fordsville, Mrs Rolla Richards, Hartford, Betty Davison, Mrs Robert Muffett, Charles Edward Davison, Davison Station, Loretta Davison, Centertown, Mrs Nadine Muffett, Mrs Mary Davison Tuttle, Mrs Elizabeth Davison Daniel, Davison Station, Mrs Marjorie Probus, Beaver Dam, and Blackman Davison, Davison Station, and their families all have ancestral ties with the George Washington land.

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# Evans recollects about Arnold-Havens

Editor's Note: The following was written by M. L. Evans, Beaver Dam, for the Ohio County Historical Society. The story is framed and hangs in the museum. The story is as he wrote it with only minor editing.

I M. L. Evans was born near Arnold in the Month and year August 3, 1888 in a small log cabin near the under pass of the Kentucky Parkway over the Rosine and Butler County Road.

I am the son of the late Steve and Letty Daugherty Evans. I spent all my school days at Arnold school and when I was first put in school, it was the old log school house that my father and mother attended school in and it held a large fireplace to burn wood in, but the old log building was discontinued as a school at the time I began school. My school was in a much larger building and when I began school there were 75 or more pupils in the district.

Arnold was first called Havens as Mr Ancel Havens settled there and put in a general store. He set up the first steam powered grist mill that I ever saw. Mr Havens later sold the old mill, which was moved to Bannock in Butler County. Mr Havens had a good business at Arnold and when he sold he moved to Cromwell and lived there until his death. Several different persons have operated stores there at Arnold and when he sold he moved to Cromwell and lived there until his death. Several different persons have operated stores there at Arnold since Mr Havens. I will name a few. Steve Cook, A. Cook, John Likens, Sam Snell, Abe Embry, Stonewall Evans, Harvey Daugherty and Claud Havens.

Arnold was the home of Dr. Duvall and after his death his daughter Vitula Duvall Arnold took over the doctor's building and put in a small store and later she got the post office and had the office named Arnold, Ky. Vitula was the wife of David Arnold. Arnold at that time had another good doctor, Dr. Willie Crabb. Dr. Crabb and his wife owned a large tract of land including the Big Knob that foots down at Arnold. James Arnold owned a portion of the big knob but it was always called the Crabb knob and at the end of the old Arnold cemetery once stood the old Mt. Liberty Church. The old church site is still well marked and ceiled with hand dressed boards. It was built by three denominations, United Baptist, General Baptist and Christian church. Rev. James Keown was the Christian minister, and the Rev.P. W. Pharris and Rev. W. M. Pharris, Baptist. At the break of the church, I can't remember the general Baptist minister.

Now we will go out the road from Arnold toward Renfrow about 1/2 mile to the old Whittinghill farm. I can't recall Mr Whittinghill first. He once dug for gold but far from their graves. I think I could still find the place that he dug. My grandmother told me that he went bankrupt digging. . . .

There is a little history going south from Arnold on to Rosine and Butler County Road. About 1/4 mile going South from Arnold we pass under the Kentucky Park-

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barge instead of by faster and more expensive steamboats. Consequently, most of the material arrived after the battle was over.

The British Forces, under General Packenham attempted to enlist the aid of the famous pirate, Jean LaFitte. LaFitte feigned interest and secret battle plans were forwarded to him. Since there was a price on his head, LaFitte promptly, offered the battle plan and all of his men to General Jackson in exchange for a full pardon. The deal was made and a city was saved. Historians agree that if the British had moved swiftly, they would have succeeded in capturing New Orleans. But they delayed long enough for Jackson to get ready. The British were over confident. Small wonder as their soldiers had been through six previous campaigns, capping them off by defeating Napoleon. On the east bank, one of the most one-sided battles in history was fought. English casualties were reported to be 2,070, while American losses were eight killed and 14 wounded.

On the west bank, a smaller engagement took place with opposite results. Fortifications were incomplete there. After marching all night, the Kentuckians were given inferior arms (the only ones available) and thrown into the battle. The highly disciplined Britishers caused a retreat. At first things were orderly but panic set in and the rout was on. Jackson vented his well-known fury on the 180 Kentuckians and gave them the full blame in an official report, ignoring the gallantry of 1,100 Kentuckians on the east side of the river.

Back in Hartford, the townspeople were celebrating the news that peace had been declared when word of the battle arrived. They had celebrated each piece of good news by burning a vacant building. The Crowe Tavern was selected for the finale. The Wickliffe building had gone earlier along with the old courthouse and jail. The news that Jackson had branded the rout on the west bank as an "Inglorious Flight" stunned the homefolks. Bennett emerged as a local hero when it was learned that the lieutenant who had supplanted him had left the battlefield in great haste. Bennett was not only the last man to retreat but carried a wounded officer out under fire.

A court of inquiry cleared the Kentuckians, but Jackson refused to retract or modify his accusation.

## Lovely Dale Doings

February 4, 1880

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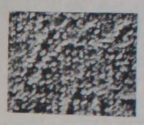

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# Mt. Pleasant community was first called Mandy

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Rebecca Lynn Beck Morris

May 1974--About the author. Rebecca Lynn (Beck) Morris, 17, was born in 1957. She graduated from Horse Branch School and is a senior at Ohio County High School where she will be graduated from in June of 1974.

Her hobbies are fishing, swimming, and horseback riding. She loves animals.

This story is the first writing Rebecca has done. She is delighted that her writing will become a part of the files of the Ohio County Historical Society for future generations to read and know something of a place in Ohio County called Mt. Pleasant.

When I started to write this story about Mt. Pleasant, Mount Pleasant or Manda, Kentucky, called by all two names, and each one correct in a sense, I began to ask several persons, especially the older residents, how the community in which I grew up, became to be called Mt. Pleasant.

After talking with numerous people on one really seemed to know exactly how the name began. Elbert Rafferty said he had heard Richard (Uncle Dick) Iler, says the reason was that the community was on a mount and the people were pleasant.

While the church and school were called Mt. Pleasant the U.S. Post Office, which was established here February 5, 1898 was called Manda, this according to records in the National Archives in Washington, D.C., and further in my story I shall explain possibly how the name Manda came about. One could say this community is one with two names.

During my story I will refer to the community with the abbreviation, Mt. Pleasant, as most know it by using the abbreviation.

## On Muddy Creek

Mt. Pleasant is located about three miles south of Rosine in south-east Ohio County. The road leading from Rosine to Mt. Pleasant crosses the Sanderfur's Crossing Road and at this point forms Mt. Pleasant. The road from Rosine continues south toward Cromwell.

The North fork of the Muddy Creek creates a boundary on the north while Wolf Pen Branch, a tributary of the South Muddy Creek, forms the southern line.

Some of the first settlers to our community were: William J. D. Stewart and his wife, Elizabeth Ann Howard; Mr and Mrs Pendleton Armstrong Beck, Mr and Mrs Willis Green Stewart, Mr and Mrs Andrew R. Miller, Mr and Mrs Marion Sanderfur, Mr and Mrs Samuel Taylor, Mr and Mrs Samuel Wallace, Mr and Mrs Tom Crowder, Mr and Mrs Samuel Taylor, Jr., Mr and Mrs Samuel Wallace, Mr and Mrs Tom Crowder, Mr and Mrs Jim Taylor, Mr and Mrs Richard Stewart, Sally Ann Rains and her husband (the parents of Bob Rains), Mr and Mrs Benjamin F. Rains), Mr and Mrs Benjamin P. Rafferty, Mr and Mrs John Leach, Mr and Mrs Jesse Green Leach, Mr and Mrs Ike Davis, Mr and Mrs John Ike Baize, Mr and Mrs Zachariah Iler, Mr and Mrs Joseph Baize, Mr and Mrs Logan Perry Crowder, Mr and Mrs Bob Kendall.

I am not sure why they settled here, but they needed a place to live and rear their families and there was good farm land here and a good place for pasture for grazing livestock. Some of the people raised cattle, sheep and goats, along with horses, mules, geese, guineas, chickens, guineas, chickens, turkeys and ducks. Some folks had a horse and buggy while others had a wagon pulled by horses or mules.

One of the first constructions to take place after a community began was to erect a church and school. I was not able to find the date that some Methodists began a brush arbor meeting on the Bob Rains farm but it was prior to 1840 as this is the date the present Methodist Church was first established. William J. C. Stewart gave the land for the church a few years following 1840 as a deed on file at the Ohio County Courthouse, at Hartford is recorded February 9, 1857. Mrs Roscoe Leisure has a copy of the deed and I have contributed a copy of this deed with this essay. The deed reads as follow: On February 9, 1857, I, William J. C. Stewart donate to the Methodist Protestant Church, two acres more or less lying in Ohio County on the waters of Muddy. This land to include Mt. Pleasant meeting house. Said Stewart binds himself to give a "General Warranty" deed when called for. The land was to go back to William J. C. Stewart's heirs when they ceased having church there.

A spring is located beneath a very steep hill on the north side of the church. Dug in a sandrock, it furnished water for the church and the school.

Mr Stewart died in 1863. When he became sick they went to Rosine to get a doctor. The late Hop Stewart was his grandson and Uncle Bill Stewart was his nephew. Uncle Bill Stewart was born in 1845. Hop and Bill Stewart have been dead for several years.

Willis Green Stewart was one of the first preachers. Mr Stewart was considered an educated man for his day. He preached, lead the prayer service, and directed the singing and taught school.

The Methodist church at Mt. Pleasant over the years has had a long list of ministers. Some of the preachers pastoring the church were: Willis Green Stewart, Bill Embry, Preacher Kelly, James McClarin, Finis Smiley, Eunis Crowe, Walter Payton, Teddy Payton, Norman Payton, Harold Miller, Ferd Royster, W. F. Sharp, Hugh Delaney, Frank Hardison, Everett Woosley, Bryant Taylor (Taylor was pastor in 1948 when the present church was built), Herbert Kittenger, Gene Lovell, Joe Gibson, Harry Lewis, Steve Erwin, John Coomer, Paul Sayre, James Marlow, Charles Hodges, John Morris, and the present pastor, Rev. Truman Hardison who first came in 1957.

Store building at Mt. Pleasant

## Programs

Mt. Pleasant church was famous throughout the area for its good singing, Mother's Day programs, Christmas plays, and the annual church homecoming. Two

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way and on the southside of the road lays the John Evans farm. Uncle John known as Horse Mill John owned and operated a horse powered grist mill. The only one that was ever in that part of the country, and that was before my time. I do know where the mill stood and the old Evans Cemetery. The church was named Frog Pond church.

All kinds of barrels were coming into use. People began to cut and make stave timber. The timber was cut into stave lengths and split into what they called bolts. Each bold would make two to four staves when bucked. A bucker was a machine run by steam power and the company came one time to buy stave timber they had yarded at this pond site. They brought a steam powered bucker to make the staves and the bucker cut and shaped the staves according to the kind of barrel they wanted to make. The old church and pond and also the old mill site and the old cemetery are just a few hundred yards from the Ohio and Butler county line. I saw the old stave bucker but I never saw the old horse mill.

Red Tom Wilson at one time owned the Whittinghill place and lived there at time of his death. He was called Red Tom because he kept his hair dyed red. He had the first bicycle I ever saw. He would ride it to the store at Arnold and had a daughter named, Palastine. She went to our school at Arnold and was a good banjo player and a popular girl.

Near the creekbridge at and on the James Arnold farm when we leave the Arnold farm, we come again to the Willie Crabb and Naoma Arnold Crabb tract. We cross the Kentucky Parkway and a little way down the creek is the old Indian Camp site. Indians had a trail running over the Crabb Knob and the trail crossed one corner of the old Evans tract.

The old Crabb cemetery lays near the old camp site. My great grandfather and grandmother are supposedly buried there but time has erased all signs of their graves. My great grandfather, W. H. Evans was born and reared in Eastern Kentucky near Cumberland Gap and he decided to go west so with his oxen and covered wagon on his way. He came to where there was a few Indians camping on the creek near Arnold. He camped there near them and seemed to like the location. He traded his oxen and wagon for a tract of land that years later and is still called the Jo Evans place and joins the Willie Crabb tract South. My greatgrandfather and my great grandmother have told me were half Indian and lived by hunting. All of his place was in the woods. They found lead to make bullets for his rifle and that he would not tell anyone where to find the lead.

Now the Kentucky Parkway runs directly over the spot where the old houses stood. It also runs through the old field that I have helped cultivate many times. In this old field I have found many flint arrowheads and in later years my father, Steve Evans owned about half of the old farm on the south side. After the death of my grandfather and grandmother, my father, Steven Evans took over the old place and paid the taxes for several years. Otto Martin, Hartford, helped him get a tax deed for the old place and at present I do not know who owns the old farm.

Now I will go back near Renfrow and take off south on the old Cave Ridge road. Cave Ridge is some two miles long and on this road uncle Vess Allen and Aunt Cindy Allen and farther out the ridge we come to the old Peter Cave which is near the road on the place once owned by Kelly Daugherty. This old caved once housed Indians and in this old cave lays a rock boulder that contained a hole where Indians beat corn into meal to make bread. Back in my teenage days we would gather under the old cave on some Sundays and play music and would have large crowds and several good musicians. Some of them were Jim Wallace James, Car James, Cleve Baize, Admiral P. Dockery, Lesley Evans and more that I cannot name. Those were our happy days but now long gone past. I wish to say that that I have written concerning things to the very best of memory.

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of the early song leaders at the church were E. C. Crowder and E. P. Sandefur. Mr Crowder began leading the singing at Mt. Pleasant in mid September of 1910 and took his first singing choir from Mt. Pleasant to attend the Ohio County Singing Convention in 1915 to old Bethel Church located near Horton. Mr Ezra, as he is known by most, is 82 years old, and still is leading the singing at the church using a tuning fork to give him the key of the song. He used to use a pitch pipe.

Numerous singing schools were taught at the church with the 'blind" and shape notes being taught. Some of the men teaching singing schools were Alfred Stewart, Melvin Kessinger, and Roy Morris. The church also had an excellent quartet which consisted of E. C. Crowder, Lova (Farks) Leisure, Ulys Morris, E. N. Iler and sometime Leslie Duke filled in. There was also a male quartet composed of E. C. Crowder, Bradley Leach, Ulys Morris and E. N. Iler. Members of these groups are dead except Mr Crowder and Mrs Leisure.

One of the organizations of the church was the Christian Endeavor meeting that was held each Sunday night at the church. They had a program and special singing from different people but mostly by the girls' quartet that was composed of Helen Iler, Corene Basham, Anna Mary Morris and Olive Marie Allen. Good singing was always at Mt. Pleasant Church.

The present church today was constructed around 1948 and during the time the new church was being build church was held in the school. About everyone in the community helped to build the church but the job was under the supervision of Archie Rogers of Cromwell and his assistant Wesley Morphew also of Cromwell. Money to construct a church in a small community was hard to come by and added to this was just a short time after World War II ended. People sold eggs, chickens, logs, and made cross ties to help pay for the church. When a new stove was purchased and funds for this were needed Mrs Loretta Allen rode horseback throughout the neighborhood collecting money to pay for the stove.

Not only did the church have good singing and preaching they had big baptizings and at one time the number reached thirty (30). One such service was conducted in July, 1927 at Green River at Cromwell when Mt. Pleasant and Bald Knob Methodist Churches joined together with Rev. Finis Smiley and Rev. Blake of Bald Knob baptizing the large number. Most baptizings for the Mt. Pleasant Church were conducted in the pond on the late L. F. Raley farm, in the creek near Mt. Zion called the Jack Miller water hole, and in the Muddy Creek near the Uncle Tom Crowder property.

Richard (Uncle Dick) Iler served as Sunday School Superintendent for a number of years and Len Allen, now at Ohio County Rest Home taught Sunday School here for many years. E. C. Crowder who began directing the singing in 1910 has been teaching a Sunday School class over twenty-five (25) years.

Beginning now I would like to write about the Mt. Pleasant School. I was unable to find a date when school first started at Mt. Pleasant, however, I do know a school was here in 1885 as it is listed on an early Ohio County map as Mt. Pleasant Church and School House. July 15, 1915, trustees of Mt. Pleasant church executed bond to Mt. Pleasant School district 4. The first year on record with the Ohio County School Superintendent's office that school was here is 1909. Their records do not go any further back. James A. Stewart told me the first school was located on the Frank Crawford farm a short distance down the road from Mt. Pleasant going toward Cromwell and due to the low level of land on which it was situated when heavy rains came it finally forced the moving of the school up the hill near the church and across the road from the Post Office. The first school was high off the ground and had a front porch. A second school was built and later severely damaged by a storm and had to have major repairs.

I think it is safe to say that a school opened at Mt. Pleasant well over 100 years ago. Andrew R. Miller moved to Mt. Pleasant in 1834. He was married two or three times. His first wife was Martha Jane Howard. Mr Miller's three sons attended school at Mt. Pleasant and all three became Baptist ministers. Their names were Andrew R. Miller, Allen Burr, and Richard Howard Miller. Andrew and Allen attended Union College at Jackson, Tennessee and each received an honorary doctor's degree in religion. Richard lived and died on the Jack Miller farm. Mr Miller also had a grandson named John Nelson Jarnagan.

In 1916, the Ohio County school system was made up of seven school districts similar to the seven magisterial districts (now only five).

## Students transferred

A school bus from Horse Branch began running to Mt. Pleasant in 1948 to carry students to high school at Horse Branch and in 1955 we lost our school and all elementary pupils were bused to Horse Branch. E. C. Crowder recalls he went to school at Mt. Pleasant to Henry Leach. Mr Crowder's parents Mr and Mrs Tom Crowder moved to Mt. Pleasant community when he was four (4) weeks old. He is now 82.

The late Wade Baize of Horse Branch was the first school bus driver in 1948 and Roscoe Leisure began driving the bus in 1955 when the Leisures' son, Brady started to school. Brady was fatally injured in an auto wreck in 1973. Mr Leisure drove the bus until 1972 when Nelson B. Evans took the job, but only drove the bus for about two months and quit. Assuming the duties after Nelson Evans was Waverland Allen who continues the run today.

Since the church and school each were on high ground, water was carried to the school and the church from a spring. Then Len Allen and T. H. Baize took a contract to dig a well for the school and their sons, Stanley Allen and Ed Baize helped. The well was dug at the rear of the school building. A large bell once hung on a pole just outside the school door rung when it was time to 'take up books.' Conward Beck now owns the school building.

The school was a gathering place for school and community socials such as pie and box suppers. Music for these gatherings was furnished by local musicians and singers. Most every Friday afternoon the school had spelling bees or did group singing, some solos being done by students, often by parents who came to visit at school.

The school put on plays also. On one such occasion two students, Samuel Thomas Crowder and Gus Wallace climbed into the school loft through a 'skuttle hole.' It became so warm in the loft that Sam and Gus were forced to climb from their perch during the performance. This got a greater attention than what was was on stage.

HARTFORD HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA -- 1938--front row, left to right, Martha Shultz, Ann Wooten, Hope Horton, Marjorie Leach, Eugene King, Corrine Tweddell, Katherine Schroeter, Virginia Berkshire, Addie Bristow; second row, Lucille Couch, director, Lloyd Martin, H. B. Pendleton, E. R. Taylor, Charles Lloyd Taylor, Marion Hugh Barrett, Pete Schroeter, William Smith Martin, Paige Iglehart. Osa Decker; third row, Keith Ware, Ruedell Ward, Bessie Hunley, Wanda Weedman, Mildred King, Muriel Brite, Mary Beth Hoagland, Dorothy Barnes, Mary C. Park and Tommy Iglehart.

## First Postmaster

The post office at Mt. Pleasant was established February 5, 1890. The church and school were named Mt. Pleasant but the post office was called Manda. Wendell Allen of Rosine, formerly of the Mt. Pleasant community, and interested in history told me officials at the National Archives in Washington, D. C. could not find in their records that the post office was named for any one person, however, legend has it that a group of people were all standing around discussing what to name the new post office and a lady named Amanda Beck was sitting on her horse and offered the suggestion that the Post Office be called Manda. So they did after her. Amanda was the daughter of Mr and Mrs Pendleton Armstrong Beck.

The first postmaster to serve at Mt. Pleasant was Leander N. Worley, who was appointed February 5, 1898 and served until December 27, 1899 when James W. Cox was named to the post. Mr Cox served until December 13, 1900 when the third and last postmaster was appointed this being J. F. Beck who continued as postmaster until September 30, 1907 when the Post Office was officially discontinued and mail brought in by route.

It is thought that James Hardin Stewart was the first to carry the mail to Mt. Pleasant from Rosine where mail was delivered by trains. Sometimes Mr Stewart would walk but most often he rode a horse. After he quit carrying the mail, Cleve Rains took over the job. After the post office was discontinued mail was brought by Beaver Dam, Route # 3 and according to Mrs Roscoe Leisure a man by the name of Miller carried the mail. Miller was followed by Arvin Leisure who carried the mail until the route was changed to Cromwell Route #1 when the late Roy Stewart became the mail carrier. Hilbert Allen tells me that when Arvin Leisure carried the mail his Collie dog rode on the car fender in all types of weather. Hilbert also says that the dog would sometimes get off at Mt. Pleasant and go to Mr Leisure's parents' home, Mr and Mrs Will Leisure where he would spend the night and next morning be back at Mt. Pleasant to re-join his master on his mail route. Thurman Ragland served as substitute carrier to Mr. Leisure.

Following Mr Leisure, on the route was Roy Stewart who carried the mail from Cromwell until his retirement in the early sixties. Glendon Havens was named carrier and holds the job now. Harb and Ellis Smith, who were brothers, served as substitute carriers under Roy Stewart.

While Mr Stewart was serving as mail carrier he had the grim task of delivering telegrams to Mr and Mrs L. F. Raley and Mr and Mrs Joe Stewart informing them of the deaths of their sons, each being killed during World War II. Folks well remember the telegram that was brought to Mr and Mrs Joe Stewart. A revival was in progress at Mt. Pleasant, Mr and Mrs Stewart were each sitting in what was called the 'Amen corner' of the church near the door. Mr Stewart stepped to the edge of the door and motioned for Uncle Joe to come. Everyone present seemed to know what was next. Cletus, their son was killed August 8, 1944. Mr and Mrs Raley received their telegram telling them of their son, Harrison Maurice Raley's death on July 10, 1944. Mr and Mrs Tobe Douglas of McHenry, who formerly lived in our community, learned of their son, Harrison Douglas' death July 9, 1944.

Before moving on to business establishments I would like to continue about other men who served their country from Mt. Pleasant from the Civil War up to the present Vietnam War.

## Soldiers

Civil War soldiers moved through Mt. Pleasant. Mrs Dalma Tunks said her father, James Sandefur, told her his grandparents, Mr and Mrs Marion Sandefur lived at Mt. Pleasant during the Civil War, living about where Mr and Mrs Luther Collard have built a new brick home at Mt. Pleasant. When the Sandefurs heard the soldiers approaching they took their horses to a nearby rock cave and hid them.

Four gravesites are on the late Athel Woosley farm, now owned by Bobby Leisure, in the back of the farmhouse near the barn and a sycamore tree. According to E. C. Crowder the four are members of a Cooper family who lived on this site at the time of the Civil War. The father was killed in the war, and the wife was ill and could not attend his burial, so she wanted him buried where she could lie on her bed and watch his body being lowered in the ground. There are no markers here today, however, it is thought the other gravesites were those of the soldier's wife and children. No one really knows.

Civil War soldiers buried at Mt. Pleasant I was able to locate were: Marion Crowder, Miles Raymer, Francis Marion Jones, and Dr. Van Buren Rains, who practiced medicine at Rosine. There may be others.

During the Spanish-American War two soldiers, and brothers, David and Quentin Iler served. David fell overboard ship off the coast of California and thought to have been killed by a shark. They were the sons of Zachariah Iler who served in the Civil War.

World War I saw two native sons, Elda Iler and Searcy Stewart, seeing action overseas - other men from Mt. Pleasant were in the service in the time of the war but did not leave the states. Chester Reed was killed during the War.

The community saw its greatest loss of young men during World War II and our men being drafted. Some of the men serving from Mt. Pleasant in World War II were: Rondall and Carlos Allen, four of the Raley brothers, Searcy, Ellis, Leslie, and Maurice. Maurice was killed. Blondell Davis, Gus Wallace, Flem Beck, John Beck, Orel Iler, George Beck, Kenneth Crowder, Eldred Taylor, Cedric Autry, Carroll King, Lois McCoy, Herman C. Iler, Leon Howard, Edward T. Woosley, W. C. Hocker, Ellis Miller, Pen Beck, and Gaynell Beck who is a Major Retired and resides in nearby Mt. Zion community. Cletus Stewart was also killed during the war. Few were the families that were not touch-

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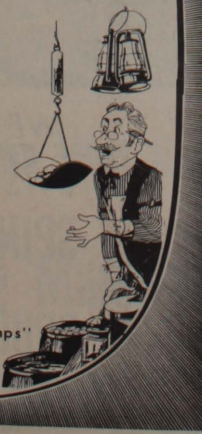

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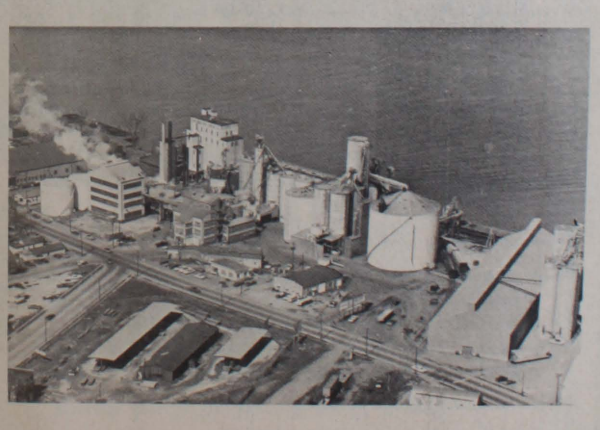

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ed by the war, if not sons, by nephews, cousins, and other family ties.

Following World War II men from our community continued to serve in the Armed Forces, through the Korean War and the Vietnam conflict.

The son of Elijah and Corine (Basham) Trail, Cpl. Randall Gene Trail was severely wounded in combat while fighting in South Vietnam October 24, 1965 and was flown to the Air Force Hospital in the Philippine Islands where on October 27, three days later, died.

I would like to mention now two more young men who served in the Armed Forces from Mt. Pleasant, who, in recent years, even months underwent the same type of surgery and died, Manvel Leslie Iler, and Jerry D. Hayse each had open heart surgery performed. Manvel was operated on in October of 1968 and died October 31, 1968. He was the son of Mr and Mrs Leslie Iler.

Jerry D. Hayse underwent open heart surgery at an Asheville, North Carolina hospital, and died November 16, 1973. Jerry D. was the son of Mr and Mrs D. S. Hayse and was married to the former Viney Lindsey of Horton.

In every community there was a need for a store where folks could buy the things they could not make or grow on their farm. I could not find when the first business located at Mt. Pleasant -- Andrew Miller coming to the community in 1834 some six years before the church was established just could have operated a business, however, I have no record of this happening but Mr and Mrs LeAnder Worley operated a store at Mt. Pleasant. The year I don't know.

Johnny Beck operated a grist mill and a blacksmith shop from 1908 until 1918. Johnny Beck and Gertie Amos once operated a store that had a sign out front that read "Beck And Amos General Store". When Arthur Beck, Johnny Beck's son, married Lola Baize of Baizetown, they ordered them a range stove, two beds, and some tables because they could get them cheaper by ordering them through his father's store. The total cost came to $35.

A German by the name of Peter Hertsing ran a shingle mill on Muddy Creek just below the bridge where he made shingles for roofs.

There was a water mill on Muddy Creek on the Jack Miller farm that was called Mill Woods where they ground corn into meal. The mill was operated by Johnny Myers.

Rastis Finley had a store at Mt. Pleasant many years ago. Others operating stores here were: A. B. Beck, Eunis Crowe and Ozia Taylor. Mr Taylor's store was across the road from the present old store building. He sold the store to Clarence Wilson who built a new store, his father, Justus Wilson did carpenter work and he worked on the new store. Justus Wilson, my grandfather, also built chimneys. Clarence Wilson, who is my uncle, operated the store for several years and he and his family lived across the road from the store in the old store building. He sold the business to Conley Baize. Conley and his family had living quarters in back of the store. In 1948 Conley sold the store to Mr and Mrs Bill Bishop who built a new home near the store. The Bishops operated the store for a few years then sold out their stock and quit. The store building was destroyed by fire in 1962. In 1967 the Bishops sold their home to Mr and Mrs Conward Beck who live there now. Mr and Mrs Bishop moved to Hartford.

## Grist Mill

When Clarence Wilson had a store here he purchased a grist mill and a set of buhrs and put them in a building close to the sweet potato house. Joe (Rabbit) Allen sharpened the buhrs and Justus Wilson ran the mill to grind the corn into meal. Mr Wilson also had a hammer mill that he used to make cow feed.

## Coal Mines

Sam Taylor operated a coal mine near Mt. Pleasant. Mr Taylor was killed when a piece of slate fell on him when his new baby daughter Emulous was only five days old. This tragic accident occurred February 19, 1896. When Mr Taylor did not come home at a time when he should, his wife, Aunt Sude, sent two neighbor boys, John and L. F. Raley to see about him and the two boys found him dead.

There was a steam mill on the Sam Taylor farm near the coal mine. It was powered by a large spring located just above the mill. According to E. C. Crowder the engine of the mill was a 45 horse power unit. John Walter Taylor and Letcher Taylor ran the mill.

John Walter Taylor and Letcher Taylor also operated a sawmill. A. B. Beck too ran a sawmill. In about 1931 and 1932 he and Seth Davis made a number of coffins. Mr Beck also had a sweet potato house. He raised plants to sell and had a house to store the potatoes when they were dug.

When wheat threshing time came usually Jack Dukes was called upon to do the job of threshing the farmers' wheat as Mr Dukes had a wheat thresher. After the wheat was threshed they would take it to the mill to have it ground into flour.

TEACHERS OF CHAPMAN SCHOOL, past and present made September 27, 1924 at a reunion-first row, Forrest P. Bell, Mrs Filydia Foster Carson, Mrs Mabel Easterday Ross, John C. Tanner, Mrs Lillian Bennett Baird, Miss Irene Ward; second row, Mrs Minnie Tichenor Baird, Azro V. Rowan, Mrs Annie Woodward Webb, Walter Hedrick, Mrs Kate Tanner Hedrick and Alfred Tanner; third row, E. Singleton Howard, Rowan Holbrook, Alvis S. Bennett, John Chapman, James Stogner, and W. R. Carson, Sr.--Photo courtesy C. B. Shown.

Orville Embry once ran the store at Mt. Pleasant but the year I was not able to set.

Because there was an abundance of timber surrounding Mt. Pleasant it was a good place for a timber man to set himself up a sawmill. Herbert (Hub) Woosley, now of Rosine had a sawmill on his father, Athel Woosley's farm where he sawed logs into lumber. Mr Woosley bought hickory timber for the purpose of making hammer handles. In 1966 he operated a baseball Bat Mill the bats being made from ash timber and the 'blanks' before they were turned into a bat measured 2 1/2 or 3 inches in diameter and 40 inches long. The bats were shipped to Louisville by truck for the final process and stamping of the name The Louisville Slugger. The mill at Mt. Pleasant was destroyed by fire in 1969 when lightning struck it during a storm and the new mill was constructed at Rosine where it is in operation today.

Besides growing corn, wheat, and soy beans some farmers grew sugar cane. Not everyone had a sorghum mill and not everyone could make molasses. Folks who did not have a mill took their cane to someone who did and their molasses where made by giving so many to the person making the molasses or some other method of payment was worked out. Sometimes a mill would locate on the farmer's property.

## Sage Grower

In the early forties Urbin Miller made a trip to Chicago to make a contract with a company to grow sage. Mr Miller returned home and several acres of sage was set out with his family working the fields. He also hired extra help to cut the sage. The sage after it was cut was stored in a large barn where it was cured before being shipped. Several people raised the sage. In 1946 Mr Miller sold his farm to Mr and Mrs Bill Bishop and the Miller family moved to Searcy, Arkansas where they reside now. Mr and Mrs Bishop continued to grow the sage crop and hired local people to help with the cutting.

Another source of income was that of digging Ginseng root and May apple root which was dried and shipped to be used for medicine. Walnuts and walnut kernels were picked out and sold. Walnuts were shipped to Block Brothers Wholesale Dealers. The company still very active today bought hides, furs, wool, roots, nuts, etc., and were located at 141 and 149 2nd Ave. S., Nashville, Tennessee. Yet another means of income was peeling corn stalks. The dry stalks were cut at the joint and the stalk peeled and the dry pulp inside was taken usually to Rosine and shipped by train. The pulp was used, I'm told, for the purpose of insulating the walls of ships. The pulp was sacked in grass sacks. Not many living in the neighborhood could say they had not done this many years ago. E. C. Crowder relates how Frank Wallace would gather the corn stalks, cut them up and his sisters, Lena and Effie (Aunt Ef) would peel the stalk. Lova Leisure also recalls doing this work.

A present industry and modern one is the operation of a pig farm is that run by Burl Morris. In the fall of 1970 after purchasing a farm Mr Morris constructed two large barns for the purpose of raising hogs for market.

In the early days all babies born in the community were born at home as there were no hospitals as is the case today. Some of the early mid-wives were: Jane Leach, Lizzie Stewart, Jane Morris, and Katie Davis. These ladies were the nearest thing to a doctor most mothers saw.

## Baby found

E. C. Crowder tells a story he heard his mother, Aunt Fannie Crowder, tell many times. Aunt Fannie died in 1852 at age 98. Seems a newborn babe was found under a rock down by the rock house spring in back of the house where the Justus Wilson family lives today. A dog kept barking and attracted attention and when someone went to see what was wrong discovered the dog by the big rock barking, and upon mov-

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ing the stone found the infant dead. The baby was taken to the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery and buried, with its mother remaining unknown.

An exact date or year was not established when voting started at Mt. Pleasant. The precinct number given Mt. Pleasant was #40. In 1962 the precinct was moved to Rosine. Mrs Martha Hocker says she thinks voting first started at Mt. Pleasant about 1929. She arrived at this date by recalling she and her daughter Reba (Hocker) Baize who was about 6 years of age were walking through the woods taking two cats to Park Daugherty's when they came upon some men in the woods at a moonshine still filling the bottles. They said they were taking the bottles to Mt. Pleasant next day to the election. As a result of the wiskey making and selling the election was thrown out.

Probably the highest office held by anyone person from the community was that of Sheriff of Ohio County. H. C. (Cicero) Crowder was elected the Sheriff as a Republican in 1929, however, when his bondsmen refused to renew his bond he resigned, this being August 24, 1933. On August 28 four days later Clem Schroader was appointed to serve until the next election.

T. H. Baize was elected Magistrate of the 7th District in 1950 to fill the unexpired term of Paul McQuady who had resigned. Mr Baize served until 1953 when he ran for the office and was defeated by Roby Daugherty. Mr Baize received his first check as Magistrate December 5, 1950 and his last December of 1953. Roy Morris served for a brief period of time also after Mr McQuady resigned, before Mr Baize ran and was elected.

John Walter Taylor served as Magistrate and carried out one of the duties as magistrate can perform, that being able to marry people, and on December 19, 1929 he married his nephew Claude Leach and Belva Baize at the home of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs Henry Baize. A wedding supper was held with Mr and Mrs Bud Baize, Bill Embry, Mr and Mrs Justus Wilson and children attending. That night Uncle Bud Baize danced.

Some of the incidences that happened to different people were part of the community life. About 1935 Jaunita Hurt was playing near where her mother was washing and fell in some boiling water and received severe burns. Seems the children were climbing in and out of a window that had no screen and she accidentally fell in the water. Dr. M. O. Crowder was sent for and when he arrived he applied a black salve to her body. She was unable to wear any clothes so a frame was built to hold the bed clothing away from her body. She recovered very well.

Billy Leisure fell from the bed when he was three year old and broke his arm. He was carried to the doctor about eleven o'clock at night by Claude Weedman, driving Pate Hoskins truck. Later on he fell from the wagon and the wheel running over one of his legs, fractured it.

## Social events

Mt Pleasant was linked to other parts of the county by telephone as early as 1920 according to E. C. Crowder, who's family had a telephone. The telephone was mounted on the wall with a crank handle to turn to reach your party, mouth piece extending from about the center of the phone box and the receiver on a cord.

Years ago when someone in the community died, some person would go to the church and toll the church bell to announce the death. Usually the bell would ring one time for each year the person had lived.

I told earlier of the spring that furnished water for the church and the school. Another spring in the area was the Crumley Spring. This source of water was located on the old Bob Rains place - now owned by Roscoe Leisure. E. C. Crowder remembers his late mother, Aunt Fannie Crowder, telling of the Crumley family, who lived on the old Charlie Stewart place, how the four grown girls would each take two water buckets every morning and evening and walk to the spring to carry water for the family.

While writing of social events I want to mention a huge barbecue that was held at Mt. Pleasant which featured many foods to eat but mostly the barbecued mutton. Items were offered for sale--much like the flea markets of today. A stand was built for the musicians. Second only to the mutton was yet another treat, lemonade. It was during such celebration that Sophia (Raley) Leach attended with her parents as a child-- folks talking and eating and no one giving much attention to young Sophia-finally getting someone's attention she, not having seen lemonade before, exclaimed- "I want some of that pumpkin soup-and give me some of that blame sheep". Sophia's 'by word' was blame. Her children Henry B., Cecil, live in the Hickory community. Daughter, Lucille Leach Briggs resides at Hartford.

At a pie eating contest, with the grand price being $1, three of the contestants were Conley (Bud) Parks, Elda Iler, and Len Allen. The event took place at the home of Gettie and Logie Amos' with Mrs Amos baking the custard pies. With their hands tied behind them the eating was on, and when it was all over Conley Parks had won. He had told his mother, Alice (Leach) Parks, he would win before leaving home that evening.

Many years ago a group of men took it upon themselves to bring law and order to the area and organized the 'Possum Hunters' as I noted this group of men decided who and what punishment, should be given anyone they thought needed to be punished. They usually rode through the country on horseback at night. This type of law never flourished at Mt. Pleasant.

## Musicals

Musicals were held in many of the homes. Today they might be called a 'jam session'. Mrs Lova Leisure recalls one such musical at her parents home when Bill, Charlie, and Birch Monroe, now the famous Monroe Brothers from Rosine, came and played music. The Monroe Brothers went on to become a household word all across America and becoming a legend in their lifetime. The late Dumie (Parks) Allen was considered an excellent five string banjo player, she also picked the guitar, often for her sisters, Lova, Era, and Grady,

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WEST NO CREEK SCHOOL in 1908 was taught by W. R. Carson, Sr. Students photographed by Emory Schroeter have been identified by Mrs Otis Carson, Franklin, Ind. as follows: First row, left to right, Carroll Ward, Clifford Stevens, John Wallace, Forrest McKernan; second row, Dodson Howard, Tony Johnson, Jimmy Chamberlin, Bennie Chamberlin, Goebel Pirtle and Ray Ward; third row, Kathleen Stevens, Gustine Shown, Bertie Renfrow, Mabel McKernan, Lydia Pirtle, Gracie Renfrow, Gertrude Pirtle and Mary Pirtle; fourth row, Forrest Hudson, Etta Wallace, Clyde Wallace, Annie Hudson, Leslie Howard, Marlissa Foster and Ben Lewis; row five, John P. Foster, Luther Chamberlin, Bess Renfrow, Filydia Foster, Lula Ward, Rosa Dooley, Bertha Ward, W. R. Carson, Sr., teacher, row six, Uncle Tom Greer, Belva McCormick, Robert Davis, Maude Ellis and Tymer Westerfield, Iva Wallace, Dudley Westerfield.


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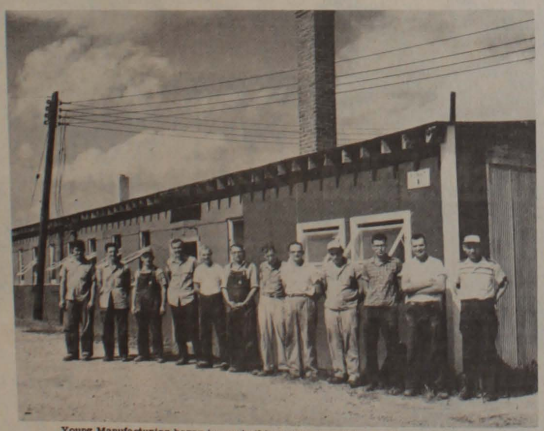

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# A Salute to Coal Mining in Ohio County - Past and Present

By Glendon Minton

The primary reason for tapping the Western Kentucky Coal Fields was to relieve the congestion and coal famines in Louisville occasioned by the freezing of the Ohio River which prevented coal from Pittsburgh reaching that city. Ohio County, being located in the Western Coal fields, was to become and remain an important coal mining county. The first mines in Ohio County was placed upon a commercial basis by a Mr B. DuPont who was also one of the promoters of the railroad between Louisville and Paducah. This was the Render mine about one and a half miles Southeast of Beaver Dam. From this modest beginning, mining soon became recognized as a source of wealth and mines began operating all over the county. The first shipments were made from McHenry in 1872 followed by shipments from Echols in 1875.

As late as 1888 agriculture was still the primary occupation of Ohio Countians, but the mining of coal was fast becoming an important industry. In that year, 5,515,799 bushels of coal were mined in Ohio County and between six and seven million pounds of tobacco were grown. This would indicate that tobacco was the staple crop at this time.

The first mines in Ohio County were owned by families or individuals rather than large corporations. This fact is attested to by the names of the mines in production at the time. Names were Render, Taylor, Williams and McHenry, all named for families or individuals. All these mines were underground shaft type and were all worked with some variations in the same manner. Shafts were dug into the hillside and the miners worked the shafts ever farther along the vein of coal with picks and explosives, sharing the roof and sides heavy support timbers as they moved back to the surface to be processed. This was accomplished by laying rails and hauling the coal out with bank ponies or bank mules. Heavy one-ton carts were pulled by these tough little animals from the face of the vein to the hoppers at the tipples.

Miners in the early mines were paid according to the job they held either by the ton or by the day. The men directly concerned with the removal of coal were paid by the ton, while those involved indirectly such as clerks and workers on the outside were paid by the day. These latter may have been "Weighmasters" or persons too young to "go under". They might have been tipple bosses, payroll officers, or check weightmen. Those workers who worked inside the mine were loaders, drivers, shoremen and powder monkeys. These men were usually better paid than the average outside laborer. The loaders by 1919 earned 37 cents per ton if the company furnished the powder and fuse for blasting and 47 cents per ton if they furnished their own. At the same time a young man drying sand at the mouth of the mine only earned $1.37 per day. The sand being dried was used to spread on the tracks to provide traction. The men were paid each two weeks, therefore it was necessary to have some way to keep accurate tonnage loaded by each man. The men were issued metal circular tags with a personal number stamped on it. As each car was loaded and sent to the top, one of the tickets would be hung on the side of the car. This ticket was removed from the car as it was being weighed at the tipple and placed on a nail by the loader's name. At the end of each day, the timekeeper removed the tickets, gave the loader credit for the amount and returned the tickets to the loader to be used the next day.

## Miners at 16

Many of the people working outside the mines were boys under the age of 16 and were just waiting until their 16th year when the law said they could go under. Even then they were only allowed a "half turn" until they were 21. In pulling a half turn a person under the legal age was required to work each shift with a veteran miner, and for each three cars he helped load, he would receive credit for one and the veteran would get credit for two.

There is no doubt that mining even in these early days of the industry had an impact on the county's economy as the Kentucky Gleaner, an early paper published in Beaver Dam, proudly boasted the fact that in 1899 the average earnings of miners was $400 per man for that year. This was based upon the tonnage produced and the population of the county for that year. Also many small towns had sprung up whose entire economy was based upon coal mining.

It is hard to imagine these early mining towns now as they were in their heyday since most have completely disappeared and all of the remaining ones are small unimportant communities. Taylor, Render and Williams no longer exist, while Echols, Rockport and McHenry contain just a few homes, a post office, and at McHenry, a school which the State Department of Education has recommended phasing out. From the late 1850s to the 1930s these towns were the hub of industry in Ohio County due to the "Black Gold" being mined there.

Taylor Mines began early in the 1870s with just a few hands and little capital and by 1897 only four mines in the state of Kentucky were producing more coal. These were Earlington, Reinecke and Diamond in Hopkins County and Rush in Boyd County. In 1897, Taylor produced 138,932 tons. The town of Taylor Mines that grew around the mines was complete with hotel, commissary and company houses for employees. I. P. Barnard was president of the mine.

A Mr J. S. Williams bought a 410 acre farm, 1/2 mile north of Hamilton (presently McHenry) in 1860. Well-known and influential, Mr Williams served two terms in the Kentucky Legislature from 1866 to 1874. This land was operated as a farm until 1891 when E. F. Williams, son of J. S. opened a mine that would eventually employ more than 100 men. A town rapidly grew around the mine, with hotel, grocery stores, and company housing was

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Modern day coal mining at Peabody's Homestead mine in Ohio County

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the Parks Sisters. James Hardin James was an old time fiddle player in the community.

About the mid-forties school children at Mt. Pleasant School gathered sacks of dry milk weed pods. The white fleecy fiber inside the milk weed pod, was used to make life jackets, or Mae Wests, as known in the military. On occasions the student body was dismissed and a field trip was taken to a field of milk weed. This took place in the fall when the weed had dried.

There are many people from Mt. Pleasant who have done well in life--many of those coming from very humble beginnings. My story of these people could go on and on, because Mt. Pleasant's people have earned for themselves in this respect a page in history.

Many people moved away from Mt. Pleasant over the years, many have died. Where large families once lived, the old homesites are vacant or have fallen down. Mt. Pleasant Church still stands! Services are conducted each second and fourth Sundav of the month. Rev. Truman Hardison is pastor. Sunday School is held each Sunday morning. The church is now called Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church.

Population of Mt Pleasant community or Manda, Kentucky is 61 and holding.

When the oil fields in Texas and Louisiana opened with a boom some young men from the community left to seek employment in these areas. One of the first to leave was the late Hobart Wallace. He left in 1915 when he was 18 years old for the oil fields in Texas, returned home to Mt. Pleasant, then he and his family in later years returned to Texas. Mr Wallace resided at Rosine. In 1916 Conley Parks, Searcy Stewart, Deeden Iler, Leslie and Eugene Iler, left for the oil fields of Texas. Chester Parks went in 1919, Leslie Iler was killed when he fell some 112 feet from an oil derrick. Chester Parks and Deeden Iler are dead. Conley Parks is retired and living in Victoria, Texas.

Years ago when people had to make their own soap, they would construct an ash hopper--this was built by standing boards up sloping in a trough on each side with one end of the trough higher then the other end. They placed the wood ash from their stoves in the wood container, kept it covered all winter, then when spring arrived they would pour water over the collected wood ashes and allow the water to settle down through the ashes and run out the bottom lower end into a container, the run off was lye. To make the lye soap you measured about 3 gallons of lye water and added about 5 pounds of grease saved from cooking. This mixture was poured into an iron kettle and boiled slowly until it thickened--you now had lye soap. The soap was removed from the fire and let cool and settle before cutting it into squares. Many a family wash was done with the soap made right there at home.


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designated "White Row" and "Red Row" which remained in existence until the early 1930s. Although I cannot verify the exact population of this mining community as its zenith, the Beaver Dam Messenger in its society column dated May 19, 1933 states that 131 persons were present for Sunday school in the Williams Mines church. This would indicate a fairly large population at that time when the community had already declined a great deal. One source stated that in 1919 the population was about six or seven hundred. Now in 1974 there are only about 15 houses in the area and far less than 100 persons. Little sign can be found that the community ever existed except for two homes that were formerly stores and have not completely disguised their origin.

McHenry was incorporated as a town around 1874. The area had formerly been known as Hamilton until the organization of the McHenry Coal Company. In 1873, the company was organized by Henry D. McHenry. Mr McHenry was very influential and well-known, having been elected to represent the 4th district in the U. S. Congress in 1872. The boom era of McHenry began in 1873 and as the town grew it could boast of hotels, skating-rink, opera house, merchantile stores, cigar manufacturing company, iron foundry, barber shops, schools, churches and a saloon. This town boasted a larger work force than any of the Ohio County mines in operation at the time. Besides the above mentioned businesses, two company commissaries were operating for the benefit of its mine employees. The saloon was not of long duration. It was allowed to open because if its promise of producing better streets and sidewalks and when these didn't develop the saloon closed. The stores, blacksmith shops and other businesses thrived and the town was recognized by the rest of the county for its industries until it began its decline in the 1930s. The present day school was built in 1931 to house grades 1-12 and did so until the high school was lost to consolidation in 1955.

## McHenry today

There is no longer any sign of the once sprawling thriving mining town. The town now has less than 500 population and a grade school of 1-8, of 212 students. It has three small groceries and the only business to survive the falling of the mine in the 1930s is the former iron foundry, now known as the McHenry Manufacturing Machine shop, employing either three or four men. The town has held to its early prestige with pride and now that it is about to lose even its grade school, the spirit of its earlier inhabitants is beginning to assert itself and the ripples caused are soon going to be felt in Frankfort.

All the mining towns in Ohio County had many things in common, one being the presence of company commissaries, later known as company stores. Although surrounding farms furnished much of the needed produce and privately owned groceries and businesses sold the staple foods and clothing to the miners. These workmen became more and more dependent upon the company commissaries, probably due to the fact that most needed articles could be bought there and also "Flickers" could be taken rather than cash for tonnage loaded. These small metal tags were stamped with numbers representing the value and taken in lieu of cash, could purchase an amount of merchandise equal to the stamped value at any of the company operated stores. The company stores were well stocked and due to the volume of business, could sell lower than independently owned stores. Although in later years, some credit was extended to the miners for the most part, these stores were operated on a cash basis.

This was a prosperous time for Ohio County. In 1899 the State of Kentucky produced 3,304,000 tons of coal and of this total the Western coal fields had produced 2,144,000 tons or two thirds of the total. During that year, only Hopkins County produced more than Ohio County with an output of 952,000 tons to Ohio County's 461,000 tons. The one work force for Ohio County that year was 787 men. By 1930 this work force had almost doubled. The United Mine Workers held a reorganization meeting June 20, 1930 and the figures supplied showed there were 500 men employed at McHenry, 400 at Taylor, 150 at Echols, 350 at Rockport and 75 at Highview for a total of 1475. It was also seen that most of the force supported the union. This period, then from 1872 to 1930 was one of prosperity and growth for mining and related industries in Ohio County.

The 1930s heralded the beginning of the end for the mines of Ohio County and a steady decline in employment saw the once populous towns begin to shrink. As the Great Depression that had begun in 1931 began to be felt more and more, the mines began to fail and hundred of miners were without jobs. The once proud commissaries were closing with the mines and since the towns themselves were founded upon the coal industry, the exodus of their people was swift. Whole communities migrated from the area in a matter of a few months. The black population of Williams mines was gone within a two-year period, and from the 1930s until the present, the closest black community has been the Bruce community in Beaver Dam. Many of the families now living in Bruce are former inhabitants of Williams mines. The whites were a little more reluctant to leave, but as the company housing was torn down, they too began a migration to other places in search of work. A large percentage left the state completely and never returned. In a few short years, only a handful of families remained until today less than 100 persons remain in the area.

For a brief period of time, McHenry, Williams and Taylor Mines was consolidated into one company, the Beaver Dam Coal Company and operated as such until it too failed about 1937. The last company store in operation was owned and operated by the Beaver Dam Coal Company and was located in McHenry. It now houses the Allen Lumber Company. Even though the boom days were over in this area, many small mines came into operation after the depression. These were primarily "Scab" or non-union mines and employed

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McHenry during the coal mining heyday

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# A Salute to the Coal Industry - Past and Present

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few men who produced little coal. These small time operations were allowed to operate as non-union until the mid 1940s when union activities began to pick up following the end of World War II. This union activity became very strong and produced quite a bit of residence in Ohio County as picket lines were set up and the small mine operators had to choose between joining the union or closing down. Most of the operators chose to close and at present only a few "scab" mines of consequence are operating in Ohio County.

By the time union activities were beginning to peak in Ohio County another type of mining was developing. Surface mining was not totally unknown in Ohio County because as early as 1921, the Nortonville Coal Company had stripped a small area near Centertown with steam operated equipment but the first mining of this type to become important started in 1946. In 1946, Peabody Coal Company opened its Ken mine near Echols. For a short period it was the Ken-Bixby mine but was absorbed by Peabody. The surface of "strip" method was soon to develop into a production giant that would dwarf the production of the early mines. The operators would now be able to remove the top layer of soil and rock and work directly upon veins of solid coal.

This was to be the beginning of the rebirth of the coal industry in Ohio County. This mine was located near the old mining site at Echols and built shipping facilities on three rivers and also rail facilities on the spur of ICC. The operation did not even resemble the operation of the Echols of old with their picks and shovels and production capacity of 1,300 tons daily. The new method produces about 1,227,000 tons annually. This compares with the total output of the entire state in 1891 of 2,916,069 tons.

*Coal miners of yesteryear with bank mules*

## Strip mining

From the beginning of the strip method in 1946, the coal producing industry has grown to be the single most important industry in Ohio County employing approximately 2,185 men at four major locations. Alston 3 and 4 underground mines are located at Centertown. Centertown mines employs 1,500 persons, Ken at Echols, 400, Riverview at McHenry 135, and Homestead near Cool Springs 150. The importance on the economy can be readily be recognized when we see the lowest paid employee of this company earning $3.05 per hour. Also the working conditions are excellent. Rock dust is sprayed in the underground mines to prevent coal dust explosion, safety schools are held periodically it being a requirement of employees to attend. The most comprehensive insurance is furnished free to employees and dependents. Today's production figures are astronomical when compared to the early mines. Riverview, with 135 men produces 837,000 tons per year as compared to 1,475 men in Ohio County producing 469,000 tons in 1899. The Kentucky Gleaner speaks of the modern machinery at Taylor Mines, but it would require 100 of the Taylor bank cars to fill one of the Riverview trucks today. That mine today has five 100 tons, two 80 ton, and ten 50 ton trucks. Homestead, Riverview and Ken alone produce more coal in one year than was produced in Kentucky in 1891.

The modern mining companies are not totally restricted to the strip method as some of the coal is so deep as to make removing the overburden too expensive. When this problem is confronted, then underground mines are utilized to extract the coal. Here again the modern machinery cannot be compared to early methods. Digging machines that chew through the vein and remove the coal to the surface on belts on one continuous operation have replaced the hand picked and bank car. Electric lights have replaced carbide lamps and forced air compressors have replaced ventilation shafts. All these are in the favor of the modern miner and removes the back breaking efforts required of him two decades ago to earn a living in the industry. There are two underground mines operating at the Ken works now and two at Centertown. The coal from Ohio County mines is moved to market by both barge and rail and once again the county is becoming important in the coal industry.

One oddity in this period of growth is that although modern mining is occurring on the old locations, the towns that grew up with the early industry and then declined are not experiencing a new growth of population. It is understandable that no town would develop in strip mining territory, but neither is the population increasing around the underground mines to a noticeable degree. The miners working the McHenry, Centertown area live for the most part around Beaver Dam and Hartford. It seems that the only explanation would be modern methods of travel and the desire for the convenience of established towns.

The new method of mining has not been allowed to develop without opposition from many segments of society. Many conservation groups contend that surface mining destroys farmland, pollutes streams, and in some areas costs human life. They contend that the benefit to society is neutralized by the destruction of valuable land and water. Without a doubt some good farmland in Ohio County has been stripped away. Some of the streams have been polluted, some timber has been lost. On the other side of the scale, some of the land stripped is now better than before. Much of the land was hilly, eroded rock farms, unfit for cultivation and has been transformed into good pasture lands through reclamation after the coal was taken out. Well-stocked lakes now exist where before there were bushes and boulders and during the transition many thousands of dollars in taxes was being paid the state. Peabody Coal company pays 30¢ per ton tax to the state. This almost equals what was paid to a man to dig that much coal in 1919. At the same time more than 2,000 persons were earning their living. It is not fully true that land is destroyed when stripped. One area of land near Centertown after having been stripped and reclaimed produced 50 bushels of wheat per acre. Many persons are convinced that nothing would grow once the land has been torn up. The area stripped by the Nortonville Coal Company in 1921 has had no attention as far as reclamation is concerned. The pits and spoil banks were not fertilized or even leveled. Yet that area is covered with a growth of trees and underbrush and grasses so thick that it would be hard to penetrate the area on foot. Wildife that so many conservationists are concerned that are near extinct abound here and are well protected from their worst enemies, men. Strip mine laws have been put into force and responsible companies want to abide by them. The companies want to be a part of the community not an enemy of its people.

The outlook for Ohio County and future growth of mining is optimistic. The United States Bureau of mines estimates that Kentucky originally had 124,070,000,000 tons of coal and has mined to date 2,543,000,000 tons. Therefore we know that the commodity is here in large amounts. With the country involved in an energy crisis along with most of the civilized world,

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Rosine and McHenry

# Ohio County's first railroad entered via Grayson County

## By Wendell Allen

The first railroad to reach Ohio County entered the county at its Eastern border with Grayson County near the White Run community, and was called the Elizabethtown and Paducah Railroad, being formerly chartered February 9, 1954 as the Louisville, Paducah and Southwestern Railroad.

Construction on the new line that was to link Kentucky's east with her western area, began in 1869 at Elizabethtown and by the spring of 1870 the first 39 miles were completed to a point between Millwood and Caneyville. The line was completed through Beaver Dam in 1871. On June 1, 1871 the road was opened to Greenville, Kentucky some 93 miles from Elizabethtown and come September 6, 1872 the entire line from Elizabethtown to Paducah was opened.

The 1800's, Elizabethtown and Paducah Railroad, now a part of today's Illinois Central and Gulf system, harked back to the stagecoach line.

In 1844 a young Marylander named Samuel B. Thomas, who was one of the stagecoach managers of the line, moved to Elizabethtown when talk of railroads was in the air, and, oddly enough, the most enthusiastic promoter of the new railroad line was none other than this young stagecoach operator.

When the Louisville and Nashville Railroad was organized in 1850, young Thomas became one of its directors. When the line was finished to Nashville shortly before the Civil War, passengers and mail went by train, and the old stagecoach line folded.

Mr Thomas, through real estate and other investments, had become one of the wealthiest men in Elizabethtown. Although the War Between the States had about depleted his fortune, he emerged from all the conflict with his interests in the railroads greater than ever before.

Thomas pointed out to his friends that all of Kentucky's railroads west of Louisville ran north and south, thus chopping the state up economically, whereas Kentucky's interests would best be served by a railroad running east and west that would unite her principal cities into an economic community such as the *Illinois Central* had done for the state of Illinois. At this time a trip from Louisville to Paducah and Mayfield, and other cities in western Kentucky could only be reached over the most miserable mud roads, or by way of steamboat or flatboat down the Ohio River, when the river was not icebound. Agricultural products and a small quantity of coal that was produced could move only by the rivers. Colonel Thomas, as he was then called, was convinced that nothing could be of greater material benefit to western Kentucky than an east-and-west railroad which would connect eastern and central Kentucky with the "Pennyrile," the western Kentucky coal fields, and the "Purchase," area forming the western part of the state.

Mr Thomas set out to enlist the cooperation and support of Kentucky's eminent statesman, James Guthrie, then Secretary of the Treasury in the cabinet of President Franklin Pierce, James W. Lithgow, Louisville stove manufacturer, and other prominent Kentuckians. Among those of Ohio County playing a role in securing the route was Henry D. McHenry, a native of Hartford, and once a member of Congress from this district, and a lawyer. Mr McHenry, for whom the town of McHenry is named, and who drew up the town plat for Rosine, had the backing of out of state capital. The town of Rosine, then the second station on the new railroad's line from McHenry was named "Rosine" for his wife Jenny Taylor McHenry, who was the author of numerous articles and writer of poems which she published in book form under the pen name "Rosine."

On March 5, 1867 Thomas sought and obtained from the Kentucky Legislature a charter for the Elizabethtown and Paducah Railroad Company, with the authority to build and operate a railroad between the cities mentioned.

Thomas was the heart and soul of the enterprise. He traveled from one end of the state to the other organizing railroad meetings, addressing audiences, and buttonholing businessmen in his efforts to stir up interest in the project.

Colonel Thomas pointed to the advantages and comforts that would be enjoyed by the citizens by having a railroad run through their county. According to Thomas' predictions, "the hills and hollows would be crowded with gilded homes of glittering wealth soon after the construction of the railroad."

Otto A. Rothert (A history of Muhlenberg County), "Thomas promised the people of neighboring Muhlenberg County that when the bonds were issued the people would only have to pay the interest and lay up a sinking fund to pay off the bonds when due, and that the people could soon pay off the whole amount by proceeds from poultry, potatoes, butter, eggs, and blackberries. . . ." After Thomas had exhausted his fountain of prophecy he would organize other prominent men in the area as a company of agents to work up railroad interest.

## County did not pay on railroad

The method employed for raising funds in Muhlenberg County was typical of that method used in other counties through which the proposed railroad would run. However, Ohio County as a governmental unit did not purchase any bonds of the proposed railroad. The routing of the new railroad through Beaver Dam, taking a more southern route, missing the county seat at Hartford was indeed a terrific blow-but the citizens of Hartford had not subscribed to the railroad financially and as liberally as Beaver Dam had, and too, with McHenry's coal interest and the coal mining development, actual and potential, and known coal reserves, dictated the decision of the routing. I believe, though, since the railroad received so little backing from Hartford and the governing body of the county, the officials chose the present day route.

In 1874, having achieved his great ambition, Colonel Samuel B. Thomas passed from the scene. A special train bore his remains from Louisville to Elizabethtown. That same year the "Cecilia Branch" of the E & P was opened on September 1, 1874 from Cecilia to Louisville.

Two years later, 1876, both the main line of the E & P and the Cecilia Branch were sold under foreclosure, and soon thereafter the company was reorganized as the Paducah and Elizabethtown Railroad. About this time the railroad was described as "merely two streaks of rust through the grass." The rails were of iron, not steel, and there was no ballast rocks beneath the rails.

In 1881 Collis P. Huntington purchased the Paducah and Elizabethtown and the Paducah and Memphis railroads and consolidated the two into the Chesapeake Ohio and Southwestern, largely through the efforts of a Paducah lawyer Q. Q. Quigley, the shops of the Paducah and Elizabethtown were transferred to Paducah, where today the offices of the Illinois Central & Gulf remain.

June 1882 the gauge of the line between Louisville and Memphis was changed from 5 feet to 4 feet and 9 inches to correspond to that of other railroads entering Louisville thus enabling the road to exchange traffic with the southern lines of the Illinois Central who's gauge had been changed to 4 feet 8 1/2 in July of 1881. This gauge of the tracks was one-half inch wider than standard gauge but not too wide to accommodate standard-gauge equipment of other lines.

While Huntington was negotiating with the Illinois Central, which already ran through mid America from Chicago to New Orleans, for the sale of the Chesapeake, Ohio and Southwestern, a former name of the present ICG, a plan was worked out that the Louisville and Nashville Railroad would acquire ownership in the Louisville-Memphis line and the Illinois-Central would lease it on equal rights with the Louisille & Nashville. For nearly four years complicated and expensive litigation growing out of conflicting interests of the lines stockholders, bondholders, creditors, and lien holders. The courts finally ruled that the L & N Railroad could not acquire the property, therefore, under an agreement of the two railroads, Edward H. Harriman purchased controlling interest in the properties involved for the Illinois Central, and on August

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THE NOW DISMANTLED I.C. railroad tunnel at Rosine was a popular spot to visit on a Sunday afternoon as a great many youngsters found it fascinating to watch the smoke from the old steam engines belch from the tunnel as a train came through.

## A Salute

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Kentucky coal has become very important. It may well be that these coal resources will be the instrument whereby Kentucky regains her past prominence as a leading state. Since through the use of gasification and liquefaction processes, coal can be turned into a clean burning source of energy and since Governor Wendell Ford included funds in his budget to begin the process, Kentucky is in a position to profit handsomely and at the same time alleviate one of the country's most pressing problems. Ohio County coal reserves have not been anywhere near depleted. In fact, they have just barely been tapped, therefore the impact will be felt here as it will elsewhere in the Western fields, 4600 square miles. Related industries should show a tremendous growth since these processes create many by-products such as road surfacing materials and fine machine oils.

One overall picture of the growth of mining in Ohio County then has been divided roughly into three periods. From its beginning in the 1870s to its peak about 1930. A steady decline from the 1930s to the early 1940s. Then a revitalization of the industry with the advent of strip mining until now, it is once more Ohio County's leading industry.

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# Ohio County's first railroad-IC

Looking north up the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad track at Rosine. Worst hill on IC system in Kentucky.

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1, 1896 the entire line between Louisville and Memphis, with branches, became the Illinois Central Railroad and remained under this name until August 10, 1972 when the Illinois Central merged with the Gulf Mobile & Ohio Railroad (GM&O) to form the present Illinois Central & Gulf Railroad. The BM & O was formed in 1847 by a group of Mobile, Ala., businessmen and by April 22, 1861 was completed north as far as Cairo, Illinois some 34 miles west of Paducah.

With the merger of the two lines they serve 14 states over a network of some 9,658 rail miles and nearly 2,000 employees.

Authorization was given December 23, 1923 for the construction of a line between Central City and Dawson Springs, Ky.

Construction on a line from Dawson Springs to Providence was stopped during the war after about four miles had been completed from Dawson Springs. This section of right-of-way was used by the proposed Dawson Springs-Central City line.

Today, Central City is the intermediate terminal on the line, between Louisville and Paducah. At Paducah the Louisville District ends and the Paducah Division begins. The Paducah District leaves Central City two ways, one way by Greenville and the other by way of Madisonville and the two join back together at Dawson Springs. The principal function of this operation is strictly to serve the coal fields of the region and the counties of Ohio, Muhlenberg, and Hopkins. In 1972 the ICG handled 423,799 cars. The ICG have eight switch engines serving these mines. One is in Ohio County. In all, these switchers serve 20 different mines.

On the Louisville District the ICG runs two local trains each day and over a 24 hour period the railroad operates 42 trains in and out of Central City. In 1973 the 20 mines that are served by the ICB, the line carried a total of 151, 321 cars of coal.

The train yard at Central City has some 16 tracks and can take care of 950 cars. They presently handle 45 engines per day.

The Paducah Division extends from Woodstock, Tennessee to Louisville, Evansville, and Nashville a total of 310 rail miles.

The Elizabethtown and Paducah Railroad was built without the aid of modern machinery as we have today. When the road was constructed it was built with picks, shovels, mules and scrapers not to mention the backbreaking work for the men who used the mules and tools used in creating the railroad.

Labor was hard with 10 and 12 hour days–and pay was something like 50¢ a day to 75¢. My grandfather, Homer Leach, began working for the Illinois Central in 1918 and the pay was $1.35 per day for 10 hours. He retired after nearly 40 years of service with the line.

Rail mileage from Louisville to Paducah is 225 miles and along this route I can recall at least six tunnels. Today there remains to my knowledge one tunnel and this is near Dawson Springs, Ky. There were two tunnels in Ohio County–one at Echols and the other at Rosine. The one at Rosine was unique in several ways.

## Boy crawled through tunnel

When the tunnel at Rosine was dug my great-grandfather Dillis Leach and my great uncle, Warren Leach were digging about the noon hour. According to Elvis DeHart who is in his mid eighties and resides near Horse Branch and worked for the IC in 1905, when a light broke through the other end from where they were digging–they enlarged the opening, but not large enough to allow them to crawl through. However, young Will DeHart who was about 14 years old was there and being slender crawled through the opening, not knowing then that he was writing history by being the first man to travel through the IC tunnel at Rosine.

The tunnel's walls first were of wood, but with the train's wood burning engines, the walls were being set on fire quite frequently from the hot sparks from the smokestacks. Later the interior of the tunnel was bricked and then concreted. This tunnel and the one at Echols were dismantled in the mid sixties. Rosine's tunnel had a curve in it and about midway through, the trains reached the crest of the hill between Rosine and Horse Branch. On the south side of the tunnel toward Rosine, trains heading north had to negotiate a 'double S curve' before reaching the tunnel making the hill extremely hard to climb with a loaded train.

The Rosine Hill on the IC run is one well known to trainmen. The Rosine Hill is about three miles long, beginning south of town near the Charlie Monroe crossing. According to the ICG the grade elevation through Rosine is 6.6%, quite an astounding figure, since most grades average no more than 2%. A loaded 70 car train requires six, sometime eight locomotives to make the hill, and engineers have told me they can count the crossties going at the 2 mile per hour they normally throttle on the hill. I have lived by the IC tracks at Rosine for nearly 20 years and I have observed the trains. If tapes were made of the conversations in the train cab during a difficult pull over the hill, I bet they would be rated XX.

The first locomotives on the Elizabethtown and Paducah were brought up the Green River by boat to Rockport and unloaded. As I mentioned before the first engines were wood burners. Wood to stoke the furnaces on the trains was provided by farmers living along the line. There was vast forest land along the line which made wood accessible. This was a way for the farmers to earn some money.

Henry D. McHenry, who had interest in coal along the line, particularly in the McHenry area, persuaded the railroad to switch from wood to coal, explaining that coal would operate the trains more efficiently and economically. Thus, after the railroad switched to coal the coal industry in Ohio County which had been struggling began to thrive. McHenry was elected to the Railroad Commission on August 2, 1878.

About 1893 the branch line of the Illinois Central & Gulf from Horse Branch was built. It was known then as the Owensboro, Falls of Rough and Western Railroad. Deeds for right-of-way are recorded at Ohio County Courthouse in this year. Total distance of the route is 41 miles and today serves the communities of Dan's Station, Olaton, Narrows, Davison Station, Fordsville, Reynolds Station, Whitesville, Philpot, and Owensboro. At one time as many as six passenger trains made the run between Horse Branch and Owensboro. One freight per day presently makes the run. Many a youngster would not have gotten a high school education had it not been for the train. Back then there was no high school at Horse Branch. Students would ride the early morning train to Fordsville and return home on the evening train. All trains on the line met the passenger trains at Horse Branch coming through on the Louisville to Paducah run, then on the Memphis and New Orleans.

All the rail yards in Rosine was deeded to the E & P for their use by Henry D. McHenry. This deed is recorded at the Ohio County Courthouse.

In looking up some early rights-of-way for the railroad, I found one recorded February 13, 1868 between the new railroad and Abraham Kuykendoll who resided and ran a small store just south of Rosine across the railroads high fill over Faught's Creek–known in the area as the double culvert. Mr Kuykendoll served in the Civil War and was in failing health when the railroad was being constructed. I'm told that Mr Kuykendoll prayed to live to see the first train to cross the high trestle near his home–and he did.

The Illinois Central Railroad before the turn of the century was known by several names–this coming about by mergers, foreclosures, etc. Its original name, however, was the Louisville, Elizabethtown & Paducah (1854 charter), Louisville, Paducah & Southwestern, Newport News and Mississippi Valley, and the Chesapeake, Ohio and Southwestern. On February 13, 1903 a deed between J. H. and E. M. Monroe between the Chicago, St. Louis and New Orleans Railroad, a subsidiary of the IC, is recorded. On December 10, 1886 a deed between the Chesapeake, Ohio & Southwestern and Stephen Arnold for a fee of $200.00 was paid. The land was from property of William Arnold bought in 1864.

Mentioning the Chicago, St. Louis, and New Orleans line–this is a 34 miles of IC property running between Paducah and Cairo, Illinois, and even today an occasional engine of the line passes through Ohio County as part of an ICG unit. The line between Paducah and Cairo was constructed in 1902–1903.

Many songs have been written about trains and their engineers–one of the most famous ones being about an Illinois Central engineer, Casey Jones. Casey was born in Fulton County, Cayce, Ky., on the main line of the IC. His real name was John Luther Jones. He was killed in

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# Ohio County's First Railroad-IC

Casey Jones

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April 29, 1900 in a train wreck at Vaughn, Mississippi. The song depicting Casey Jones is well known by musicians of folk and country music.

## Astor engineered county train

On one occasion John Jacob Astor, young tycoon, on a special IC train carrying directors of the road asked the train's engineer to let him take the throttle, this the engineer did and young Astor brought the train through Ohio County, to Horse Branch-reportedly he reached speed of 50 and 60 miles per hour, extremely fast for that day.

IC once operated eight passenger trains through Ohio county. According to a 1938 Passenger Time Table the line ran six. They were trains: 101, 102, 103, 104 and 122 and 125 commonly called #22 and #25 – they were local trains and stopped just about anywhere for anything. In 1947 the number of passenger trains dipped to four a day. They were: 101, 102, 103, and 104. These trains remained on the run until 1957 when all passenger service through Ohio County was discontinued.

The only passenger trains Ohio Countians then were privileged to see pass through were the once a year "Derby Specials" and the IC has since discontinued these specials. Once the stations along the line hummed with activity – everyone came down to the station to see who was coming in or leaving, or just to see the trains with names like "The Creole," "The City of New Orleans," "The Louisiana," "The Irvin S. Cobb." The Louisiana, derailed at Echols while carrying nearly 500 passengers. Recent months has seen a surge of passengers back to the railroad mostly due to the high cost of fuel, lower speed limits, and crowded highways. Some lines are enjoying passenger service as they did during the heyday of the roads- A campaign is under way to have the Illinois Central and AMTRAK re-establish rail service through Ohio County.

In years past, most Americans knew about railroads through riding the passenger trains of those roads, today the average American's impression of a railroad is by its freight trains. Kids in our area today have not had the thrill of riding a train or standing by the track to watch a sleek passenger train pull into the station, watching as she came to a stop, and passengers stepping down from the train by the help of the porter or conductor, and then hearing the conductor cry All Aboard . . . . .'board. . . and she's gone.

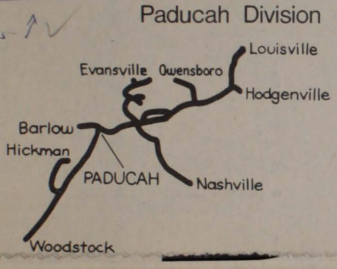
The first railroad in Kentucky and possibly in the West was built in 1826 to move coal from a mine, a three-fourths of a mile to the Ohio River, in Bon Harbor hills, approximately 2.7 miles North. Robert Triplett, who built the (gravity and animal powered) railroad four years before the Lexington and Ohio Railroad was chartered, later built a woolen mill and a cotton plant at Bon Harbor, which was surveyed for town lots in 1842. The mills failed to prosper and they and the town disappeared. Triplett died at Philadelphia in 1853.

Wendell Allen

## Railroad History

Ohio County's first railroad, The Elizabethtown & Paducah 1869 reached Greenville in 1871 and Paducah in 1873.

The second railroad in the county The Louisville Hardinsburg & Western was completed previous to 1872, first known as Texas still later as Louisville, Henderson and St. Louis extended from Henderson through Owensboro, Hawesville, Cloverport, Irvington, Brandenburg, West Point to Louisville and branches or spurs from Irvington, to Fordsville, Hardinsburg, Falls of Rough. All these lines together with the Madisonville, Hartford and Eastern branch of the L&N from Elmitch to Hartford were removed in 1941.




Ohio County's third railroad was probably the Owensboro, Falls of Rough & Western completed to Fordsville prior to 1892. In 1893 a line was constructed east from Fordsville to Horse Branch a distance of approximately 17 miles. This line from Fordsville to Owensboro was eventually bought and still owned by the Illinois Central Railroad and is a division of the Louisville-Paducah section.

# Horse Branch-Owensboro Line Train was conductored by Capt. Riley

By Henry Daniel

The first passenger train crew on the Horse Branch Owensboro run was ----(Capt.) Riley, conductor, Bill Reed, engineer, postal service Sam Jones and baggage master Valley Morrison, flagman----------, (according to Blackman Davison) all these men except Riley were operating the train in the late twenties.

Ticket stations along the line were Horse Branch, Davidson Station, Narrows, Fordsville and Whitesville. Other stops were Dan's Station, Olaton, Collier's Station, Deanfield and Philpot.

Until about 1919 two round trips daily of passenger trains were in operation. In addition, there a round trip of a local freight, a through freight from Owensboro to Central City one day and back to Owensboro the next day.

About 1919 an extra passenger train known as the fast train was added to this line. This train stopped only when a flag was displayed on the Depot by the station master.

As this writer has been unable to obtain a sechedule of these trains I can only give the approximate schedule of trains at Narrows (10 mi. from Horse Branch).

Horse Branch to Owensboro. 6:36 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 3:45 p.m, Owensboro to Horse Branch, 9:05 p.m., 2:05 p.m., 7:10 p.m.

This period was the heights of service along this line.

High School students along this line rode these trains to Fordsville and even to Whitesville, I remember a book of tickets for students from Narrows to Fordsville sold for $3.36.

One oddity of this road was that trains going into the station at Fordsville had to pull in and back out a distance of approximately one half mile and reverse on the opposite run.

Regular passenger service was dis-continued on this line in the early thirties.

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Kentucky's '74-'76 CELEBRATIONS

# OHIO COUNTY

was established in 1798 having previously been a part of Fincastle and Kentucky counties, Virginia and Jefferson, Nelson, and Hardin counties, Kentucky. Ohio County was named for the Ohio River, which then formed the northern boundary of the county, which originally comprised all the present counties of Ohio and Daviess and parts of the present Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Butler, Grayson and Breckinridge Counties. The first county court was held at the home of Robert J. Moseley on July 2, 1799. --McDOWELL A. FOGLE

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C. B. Embry, Jr., Judge

A. V. Conway II, County Attorney

Gene Gaither, Sheriff

Leslie (Smiley) White Circuit Clerk

Carmol Cook, Commonwealth's Attorney

Harold Heflin, Property Valuation Administrator

Earl F. Martin, Circuit Judge

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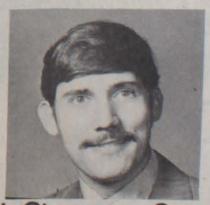

David Chapman, Coroner

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### THE MODEL WIFE.

The first issue of The Hartford Herald was published January 6, 1875. Col. John P. Barrett was editor and publisher. The Herald is a predecessor of The Ohio County News, formed by merger in 1926 of The Herald and The Hartford Republican, established in 1888 by Col. Cicero Barnett. A handwritten newspaper appeared as early as 1839 in Ohio County - The Wild Hog Valley Gazette. The newspaper was published at Barrett's Ferry by E. H. Packenham.

Kentucky's 74-76 CELEBRATIONS

# 1876: Nation is 100 years old

By NINA SCHROADER

The year was the 100th anniversary of our nation, an election year for presidency, and the first anniversary of the Hartford Herald, still struggling to maintain its financial status amidst the community as well as be accepted by the subscribers. In the first issue, the editor asked support of advertisers. Advertising included undertakers, sewing machines, hotels, attorneys, buggy and wagon dealers. The newspaper contained agriculture column as well as household hints which later columns was taken for political announcements, meeting reports, and speeches of candidates, court claims. Poetry and short stories as well as correspondence from various communities was reported. It contained a directory of county officers. There was a Grange at No Creek, an Ohio County mechanical society, Literary Club, C. J. Lawton was Hartford Postmaster. There were elopements and social gatherings including centennial celebrations at No Creek, Sulphur Springs etc. At the Republican convention in June Rutherford B. Hayes, Ohio, was nominated as a candidate for president and Wm. A. Wheeler of New York for vice president. The first Masonic Journal came off the press June 28, 1876 to be read by Ohio Countians. Fraternal orders were a part of the day with RAM, IOOF, AYM, IOGT in existence. In July, The Democrat Reform ticket nominated Samuel J. Tilden, of New York and Thomas Hendricks of Indiana for president and Vice President with Hayes Ticket winning in November.

James B. McQuary, Governor of Kentucky proclaimed November 30 as Thanksgiving Day in that year.

Today issue in the second Centennial of our National existence

This day one hundred years ago the original 13 colonies had proclaimed to the world their hatred of kingly tyranny and declared the ties that formerly bound them to the mother country indissolvable dissolved. The The French revolution, although born in blood and rapine had disseminated ideas throughout the rest of Europe that cause the tyrants of royalty to tremble for that power which they precedented eminated alone from God and not from the will of the people. These ideas propagated by the French Republic soon found a home in the hearts of the hardy liberty loving colonists of New England and with such men as Patrick Henry, Payne, Jefferson and Franklin to encourage and sanction them, the inevitable consequences were the Declaration of Independence and the birth of a nation that at the end of its first century of existence has shown itself the equal of the old and proudest Kingdom of Europe.

A retrospective glance at the history of our country from then to now shows a series of progressions unequaled in the annals of any nation that ever occupied a prominent place in the world's history.

In 1776, with 13 original colonies, then containing a scattered population of some half million souls and occupying an area of 400,000 miles, we find ourselves now with 3,400,000 square miles with a population of nearly 40 million.

From the Atlantic to the Pacific from Alaska to the Gulf of Mexico the sound of National prosperity and industry strikes the ear on every hand, while the flag of our country floats to the breeze of every clime.

The die of emmigration continues. The late war instead of putting us backward in our race of progression only lent additional impetus and clearly demonstrated to the nations that with a united country we might bid defiance to the whole world. The corruption of the National Government is something that every true American is ashamed.

## Leap year party

The Hartford Herald
January 12, 1876

The Leap Year Party which we announced in our last issue would take place during the holidays came off at the Hartford House on Tuesday night of last week. The young ladies were the ones to send cards and with pleasure, the boys accepted. They assembled at Mrs Bettie Rowe's on the morning previous to the night set for the occasion and decided between themselves the manner in which things should be conducted and to whom they should send cards. Their cards were put in circulation in the evening and the boys were red hot in the belief of their determination to make the occasion a genuine success which is pronounced by all to be such. The large dining hall at the Hartford House was procured to dance in and then the young ladies went to work in earnest and a nicer feast of good things was never placed before the guests than was prepared by the fair ones of this grand affair.

The tickets requested the gentlemen to call for them at 7 o'clock and but little variation was made for their request. At half past seven, they began to gather and in a short time the lower rooms of the hotel were full to overflowing The ladies looked more beautiful than we had ever seen them before, their eyes were sparkling with delight and their countenances were as bright as the noon day sun.

The ladies thinking it their indispensible duty to see that their fellows received plenty has caused many to wish that their bread received had been gauged for two. It would be an almost endless task to name the edibles but everything known to epicures was there and in great quantity.

Dancing continued until about the 11th hour when the ladies conducted their escorts to the feast prepared for them where ample justice was done by all, were so delighted at the change of programme that they fancied they were in the land where pleasure ever reigns.

B. F. IGLEHEART, Centertown, in 1911 purchased a new buggy. The picture was made at the Point Pleasant on Green River. Mae was the name of the mare.

## Mr. Walker hosts Literary Club

June 28, 1876

Everybody is going to the Grand Centennial Barbecue to be given by Messrs Canan and Moore at Bean's White Sulphur Springs in Ohio County on the 1st day of July 1876. The candidates for congress, Criminal Judge and Sheriff are especially invited to be present and speak upon that occasion. They will be There. The Grangers will have a procession there on that day. Messrs Canan and Moore are making great preparations and will have an abundance of good things prepared to eat.

Met the 24th inst at Mr E. D. Walkers. In an open buggy through mud, rain and cimmerian darkness, holding oil cloth, umbrellas, lantern, wraps and kerchief, we at last reached our destination and was ushered by our hostess into a warm cozy parlor brilliantly lighted and the inclemency of the night was soon forgotten. We enjoyed a rare intellectual treat in the way of a paper edited by Misses Lizzie Walker and Blanche Nall which reflected great credit on their school girl efforts after which the doors were thrown open and we were suddenly transported to a tropical clime where ambrosial fruits and flowers lay in rich profusion. To say the least the banquet was crowned with overhanging lillies of success. The entertainment was concluded with select readiment of Prof. W. B. Hayward. To our hostess, Mrs Ella Walker, May your life be a long one and your heart be soothed with balm from the amaranth of Heaven, that you may live to prepare another Centennial feast.

## Luck's Branch named for cow

May 10, 1876

I believe it is a custom with your correspondents to give you a description of their cities, towns or localities as I will try to follow suit. We are situated on Barnett's Creek some eight miles west of Hartford near the old Trace leading from the old fort at Hartford to Vlena (Calhoun). The first settlement this part of the country was made by Stephen Rowan, the father of W. C. and A. R. Rowan. I believe there is no tract or marks of his residence left, except the graveyard. The next on the road was Chesley Caloway, there are very few of his posterity now living in this county. The only marks of his residence remaining is the old stack of rocks that answered for a chimney. The wall of his house was torn down less than a year ago. They had been standing some 60 years and were in a fair condition when torn down.

Perhaps your readers would like to know the origin of the name of this branch. In common with other streams, it obtained its name from an event that occurred on its waters. There was a cow belonging to some of the settlers that lost her life on this stream and her name was Luck. There is another branch a short distance above this called Tom's Branch from a black man of that name, belonging to one of the Barnett families, being killed by the Indians on its waters while he was hunting horses.

There were many occurrences of great interest about that time on the Old Trace. I would be pleased to see Mr Harrison Taylor commence the publication of his history of the county in your paper. I read a part of it in a paper published at Hartford a few years ago. It was both interesting and amusing. There is nothing more interesting to me than to read history of the first settling of our state or hear old men talk. I remember when I was a small boy of hearing old Mr Caloway and Mr Rowan talk of their trials and privations.

Our neighborhood is remarkable for nothing especially. As farmers, I think we will compare favorable with other communities. We are a peaceable law abiding people. Most of the heads of families are church members but none of us over zealous. I expect there can be found as much corn, wheat and bacon in this neighborhood as any other in the county, although some are short. There is a great effort being made for a full crop the present season.

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# 1877: Social life much different to present day

June 13, 1877

Nuptials of Mr J. E. Fogle to Miss Lelia Addington

A happy event, long expected, was today witnessed by a few of the elite of Hartford, in the marriage of J. E. Fogle to Miss Lelia Addington, both of this place by Rev. W. W. Cook, of the M. E. church.

This was not only a happy, but a most brilliant affair; and all of the surroundings seemed to lend a helping hand to make this an event long to be remembered by the people of Hartford.

Fair-handed Spring had unbosomed every grace, and the feathered warblers sent forth their sweet notes from the flowery-crowded boughs that surround the residence of the bride's father, where the ceremonies were performed, as if in congratulation of the happy pair, and in celebration of the event.

"The buds expand, the leaves are green,
On every stem the flower is seen;
Now comes the humid breath and rosy smile,
And with their sweets the willing sense beguile."

All was brightness, and life, and gayety; the atmosphere seemed of an indescribable pureness and transparency; and while the birds sent forth their wonton madrigals, the gentle zephyrs, laden with the perfume of a thousand roses, kissed the vermilion lips of the lovely bride. It was saffron-robed morn, and the jovial sun was breaking glorious from the east, playing from the summit of the hills and sprinkling the flowers and foliage with a thousand dewy gems. The morn with its many beauties; the springtime of flowers and sunshine, forcibly, but agreeably reminded us that this happy pair, in the rosy morn and springtime of life, while the tendrils and flowers of youth are watered with the dews of the early morn of their lives, are entering life's pathway, pledging and promising in the sight of man and the presence of God, to love, cherish and protect each other until they shall be borne to the land where spring never ends, where dark clouds never come, and where "there are no marriages or giving in of marriages."

The bride is a blonde with laughing eyes, regular beauties, and modest, unassuming and ladylike in her bearing. She is highly cultivated, and noted for her christian virtues and sweetness of disposition.

Her bridal robe was exquisite in every particular, and as she noiselessly glided into the room, leaning on the arm of her betrothed, I wondered in profound amazement for a moment, if such innocence, purity and loveliness could belong to this cold, unfeeling world; or if it could be possible that the dark cloud of misery and despair should ever loom up in her now bright future. Indeed Mr Fogle has won a jewel of great value. She was attended by Miss Carrie Gibson, a charming brunette, who was tastefully dressed, and who will also prove a priceless jewel to the fortunate one who shall head her to the hymenial altar. The bride was also attended by Miss Lida Barnes, another brunette, arrayed in neat dress, and looking very beautiful.

The groom is a promising young lawyer of this bar, and nephew of Hon. W. N. Sweeney, of Owensboro, Ky. His attire was neat and appropriate for the occasion. He was attended by T. J. Smith, who, it is thought, has recently imbibed matrimonial ideas, and has become convinced that it is not meet that man should remain alone always. He was also attended by Clarence Hardwick, a modest young man, and the girls think he has idea not unlike those of Mr Smith. The bride and groom depart at once for Louisville, thence to Casey county, this State, where they will remain a fortnight, visiting the friends and relatives of Mr Fogle, after which they will return to Hartford and take up their residence here.

We assure the bridal party (Mr and Mrs Fogle) that they take with them on their tour the good wishes and congratulations of all who know them.

May their future, which is now so full of hope, sunshine and happiness, be fully realized by them. May their lives be long and happy, and when their last sun is sinking, may they feel that the world has gained much by their having lived in it.

HORATIO

# Fordsville

Fordsville, Ky., Sept. 22

Editor Herald:

Fordsville is not so large as some cities I have seen, but a very nice little village, and the people sociable and kind.

We have three stores - dry goods, groceries and drugs, and all seem to be doing a very good business. One saddler's shop, carried on by Mr T. J. Smith; also a blacksmith and woodshop. Three regular practicing physicians, who have won the confidence of all who have been so unfortunate as to need their aid.

The sale of intoxicating liquors is prohibited here, therefore we have a sober people, and Fordsville will doubtless improve. The now vacant blocks will perhaps at no distant day be occupied by enterprising men, who will help those who are here to make this one of the most business places in Ohio county.

Several deaths have occurred at and near Fordsville recently. A great deal of sickness in this vicinity.

Several of our good citizens have recently been reminded that the bankrupt law is still in existence.

Mr H. T. Ford, living near this place, has an almanac that was printed in the year 1834, and a chair that was made in the year 1801, making it 76 years old, and, strange to say, every joint is strong and solid.

## To girls who wear breeches

Dr. Mary Walker was parading the streets of Washington the other day with the usual crowd of boys straggling after her crying "See them Pants. Oh Here's fun." Feeling thirsty, the doctor passed into a house and asked a couple of girls for a drink of water. The girls at first screamed thinking that the doctor was a man. The doctor reassured them and repeated her request for water. The girls were so overcome with giggling that they could do nothing but direct the doctor to the pump in the yard forgetting the presence of a large dog. Mary tripped out to the pump and bent over to get a drink. No sooner did the dog spy the stranger he nabbed at the angle of the bend. The figure strengthened up very suddenly and there was some screaming and struggling. A good deal of damage was done to the pants and the dog was finally made to relinquish his hold. It is hoped that will be a terrible warning to any giddy girl like the doctor who may fancy that she would look well in breeches. . . . Boston Post.

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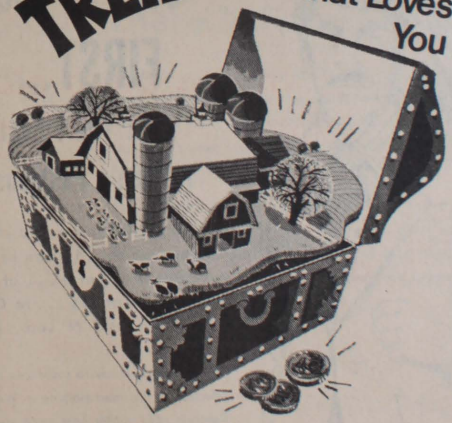

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# 1878: Democratic ticket elected; Ceralvo resident's watch could recall many a tale

The Hartford Herald
August 21, 1878

The agony is over and Ohio County thanks to a few Republicans, elects a straight ticket; Democratic, however, never the less straight. The main fight was for County Judge for which office there were three candidates, Newton, Dem.; Shanks, Rep., and Humphrey, B. D., B. L. D. G. G. (for explanation see Louisville and Butler county political calendar.)

Humphrey is a Republican and split the Republican vote, thus defeating Shanks, the old war-horse who, when all others quailed beneath the fierece denunciations of the advocates, of a white man's party, stood boldly at the front, and dealing blow for blow inspired courage into the party which ultimately resulted in success. Now he, after all his labors, after all the abuse brought down upon his own head by his fidelity to principle and party, has the satisfaction of finding himself defeated by his own party. As to the causes which led to the split, I know nothing, this I do know, however, he should and could have been elected. S. K. Cox, the present Clerk of the County Court, was re-elected by a handsome majority. Mr Cox served with gallantry in the 17th Kentucky Infantry, Colonel McHenry's regiment and has many warm friends on both sides. Being so deservedly popular, it would be hard to defeat him under any circumstances. Harford is the home of Hon. H. D. McHenry, who is looming up as the next Governor of Kentucky. Since a Democrat must reign, none would be more acceptable than Mr McHenry, and if the party casts about for its best man he will be the nominee so far as heard from. Z. O. Kay

General local News
December 4, 1878

F. W. Griffin, Esq., of Elizabethtown, is visiting relations here.

Mrs Ves Edwards of Spring Lick, Grayson County, is visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs Joseph Arnold.

We are indebted to Prof. Jim Ed Nall's string band for a delightful serenade last Thursday. They make excellent music.

The Muhlenberg Echo says Jims Josey fell from a 20 foot trestle at the Muhlenberg Mines and broke both arms.

February 20, 1878

V. B. Morton, Ceralvo, owns a watch which according to all accounts has been running and keeping time for over a hundred years. What a tale this old watch could tell if it could talk. Doubtless, it often excited the wonder of the Red man who visited the pioneer cabin, and the deep tangled wild-wood of our old Kentucky States. It marked the hour when the old bell man in the belfry on Independence hall rang out the joyful news "It has passed" and was ticking away when Mr Cornwallis said "You've lammed our backs, George, and there's my bowie knife for you to keep forever and ever. It saw our forefathers 90 years ago, a small band of needy patriots, struggling to form a government with scarcely a dollar in the treasury; and it has seen our glorious republic grow and expand until today we stand a billion dollars in debt.

It saw Hartford when it was but a small village--and beheld it grow in less than a hundred years to a town of six or seven hundred inhabitants. It saw the foundation of the locks on Rough river laid, and it saw the company's bonds go up and up until they sold for 10¢ on the hundred dollars. It beheld us vote a tax to build a railroad that was to cross Green River at Ceralvo, South Carrollton, Hoggs Falls and Point Pleasant at one and the same time -- it saw that wonderful railroad perish for lack of fools in other counties to meet us half way.

It saw the great order of Patrons of Husbandry rise and flourish until under its benign influence its promises were verified, tobacco sold at two cents per pound and poor middlemen could get but one hundred and ten dollars for a bundle of goods worth $19 and 50 cents. It saw more than this, it saw people exchanging old geese feathers for new--and though nine long, weary years have passed since then, it is still watching--vainly watching the promised return of the middleman with the new feathers. It saw the greenback party in Ohio County 600 votes -- over the left, and then die. It has seen all these, and yet ticks on. Blessed old bulls-eye, you are a brick.

Anyone can see this wonderful ticker for the small sum of 15¢, or five postage stamps, but owing to the present stringency of the money market, no chromos will be given this year. But jesting aside, if it were mine, no amount of money would induce me to part with it. I would treasure it in memory of one of the truest men that ever graced Ohio County with his life.

G. Quill

# 1879: First telephones tie county

The Hartford Herald
November 12, 1879

The Hartford Telephone Company has been organized and will proceed at once to construct a telephone from Hartford to Beaver Dam. Hon. H. D. McHenry, J. W. Ford, Z. Wayne Griffin, J. S. Vaught and J. P. Barrett compose the company. The work will begin at once. Mr McHenry will erect another line from Beaver Dam to McHenry, which will also place us in talking communication with the McHenryites.

## Local Post Office moved to Herald

July 23, 1879

On going to press last week the Post Office was removed to the building under the Herald Office. Mr R. P. Rowe is the new Post Master, and so far as we have been able to see he will make a first-rate officer. He has fitted up everything very nicely and conveniently. Miss Maggie Jarvis, the efficient assistant to Judge Lawton has been retained by Mr Rowe.

NORTH FOLK OF HAYTI

The wheat crop will be about half. Corn is small generally; the stand not very good. Oats are short, but free from rust. The tobacco crop will be very small on account of the small price.

Cort Boone, a boy living on Iron Mountain road, who fell from a mulberry tree the other day, is fast recovering.

Mr Lasley Hocker went to the creek to bathe on yesterday, jumped into the water and dislocated his shoulder.

There is a new school under headway in the neighborhood of the poor house farm.

Mr J. F. T. Ward, commonly known as Fletcher Ward, has completed his ferry boat on the creek where the Iron Mountain crosses the same, so people wishing to pass that road can have a chance to pass over.

JAY F. SEE

BY SANDRA ENGLISH

## Meals only 15¢ at local rest

March 19, 1879

L. J. Lyon will furnish good square meals to persons attending the convention next Monday, and Criminal Court next week as good square honest meals as can be had in town and will charge only 15 cents. He is better prepared to serve his customers than ever before.

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## Rabbits abound, sold at Rosine

ROSINE RINSINGS
ROSINE, Jan. 4, 1879.

Editor Herald.

The holidays are past, flown on the wings of time. The mirth-making season over, the world again turns to its more profitable employment, the laborer to his work, the tradesman to his shop while the more successful in life recline in easy chairs or revel midst the luxury of unlimited vacation.

The last few hours of the past year and the first seven of the new were spent by our young ladies and gentlemen in "tipping the toe." Mr J. T. Martin, leader of the Rosine String band was on hand and the music certainly did justice to the occasion.

Tom Boyd, of old Caney precinct received a very severe wound inflicted accidentally by an ax in his own hands while cutting a small tree, splitting his foot intwain from the toe to the instep. This occurred on last Monday. He is now lively and otherwise well and will, no doubt, soon recover.

Rosine boasts of one of the best schools in the South-west. Mr R. Campbell is the principal, and his works have ever spoken his praise better than tongue or pen can describe.

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# 1880: Hartford College opens

The Hartford Herald
March 3, 1880

The new school building at this place was completed last week and the structure stands a handsome ornament to the town and it is already being talked of, both far and near, that Hartford is soon to have one of the best schools in Southern Kentucky. Since the beginning the structure, the trustees have had an eye to the welfare of our people of the many good things they have done, none will be applauded heartier than that of securing for the principal of the school, Prof. Wayland Alexander the present principal of South Carrolton Male and Female Academy. As an educator, Prof. Alexander is second to no man in the Green River County and will be the means of bringing more pupils from a distance than any man they could have secured. The faith of a permanent and well conducted school in Hartford will be greatly strengthened throughout the county and the surrounding country since it can be positively stated that Prof. Alexander is to be the principal. The Herald and we believe a majority of our people will endorse the action of our trustees in securing him.

Sept. 15, 1880

The grand opening of this institute (Hartford College) took place on Tuesday, September 7. This magnificent brick edifice, the pride, of Hartford, and one that would reflect credit on a much larger place -- is centrally located in the most picturesque and romantic part of town, Sunny Hillside.

. . .As we approached the hillside, we were greeted by the soft sweet music dispensed by the Hartford Cornet Band that flowed from the auditory above. When we entered the hall amid that vast throng and caught a glance of our preceptor's handsome face, it bore us back several years to a commencement of Prof. Alexander's when we were participants. The exercises opened by a welcome from Hon. S. E. Hill, the elegant gentleman whom everyone likes. Prof. Alexander gave his ideas on practical education. Mr Ferguson gave an oration. . . . .

## Hartford is described

August 21, 1880

According to promise, I will give you a pleasant description of this village if it lies in my power. It is the county seat of this county, located on Rough River, 110 miles South of Louisville, and four and one-half miles from Beaver Dam, its nearest Railroad point on the E. P. & R. R., but they have a daily stage communication. It has one church in which all denominations unite.

The school trustees have purchased a piece of ground, three acres handsomely located and have built a commodious school at the cost of $5,000 and when the yards are finished and the walks laid, it will be one of the handsomest buildings and grounds of the state. The coming September is looked forward to with much interest by all who are interested in the cause of education as the college is then to be opened by Prof. W. Alexander assisted by able and refined teachers who will not leave a stone unturned that will advance the improvement of their pupils. . . .Hartford has two flouring mills, one saw mill and a woolen factory. Daily mail and stage to all parts of the country. Population is about 1200. School children in the district number one hundred and 65. This is what is termed the coal mining region of Kentucky. The Sulphur Springs about nine miles from here -- a lovely resort, splendid water, grand and varied scenery and beautiful groves. A large house, all accommodations of all kinds as well as amusement is now under way and we all hope next summer it will be one of the gayest resorts in the state. I forgot to mention that we have two hotels but I can only speak for one. The Hartford House is a pleasant quiet resting place, large and commodious, the rooms are kept tidy and neat, the tables well filled with all the luxuries of the market. . . . . We have a weekly paper, Democratic in its feelings and edited by gentlemen who are enterprising and ever on the alert to add their mite in the advancement of all that will make their village most refined. . . . . The courthouse is a fine looking building surrounded by a grove of trees well fenced. Last week echoed the voice of Hon. Bradley, who it is said, wandered back to the civil war in order that he might make his speech strike deeper in the hearts of his listeners . . . . . We have a number of excellent dry goods stores, shops and three drug stores. . .and near the hotel may be seen the plants and greens of the tropics . . .Allah.

Hartford College

Photo Courtesy
Mrs G. R. Wooten

## Penitentiary considered for Rockport

September 8, 1880

Speech of R. P. Bland of Missouri on Financial issues . . .

At a Democratic Convention in Missouri Hon. R. P. Bland spoke with the following sub-head topics . . .The plow-holder the widow and the pensioner. . .The Greenback Platform in 1878. . .Cut you loose from the Democratic Party . . . .Greenback platform of today. . . .Gen Weaver in the House of Representatives.

June 9, 1880

E. C. Hubbard Esq. of Hartford, spoke at the great Anti-Grant Convention in Chicago on Monday, May 31, 1880 Nominated James G. Blaine . . .

Notes from the Capitol. . . .

Another week has passed by your correspondent has nothing new nor startling in communications. . .

The Committees are working audiously, and it is to be helped that their reports will be well matured.

The report and resolution of the House Committee on the Penitentiary came up on Wednesday last, but was postponed until Tuesday next in order that the Senate Committee might complete its investigation of the same subject and said committee being engaged in taking evidence under oath and hearing both sides.

The Special committee appointed to redistrict the state into judicial districts has no report.

Judge Ford of this county has introduced a bill to provide for working convicts on the Kentucky river, the bill further provides $150,000 to carry on said work. The friends of the Kentucky River improvement projects are ever on the alert to get the state to engage in the improvement of the river.

A petition has been received by the Senator and Representative of Ohio County, numerously signed by the Citizens of Rockport and vicinity asking the establishment of a branch penitentiary and calling attention to Rockport as a suitable place for it. We are fully decided that a branch penitentiary is the only thing that will give practical and permanent relief to our State Prison and perhaps there is no place in Western Kentucky offering any more advantages and better facilities than Rockport.


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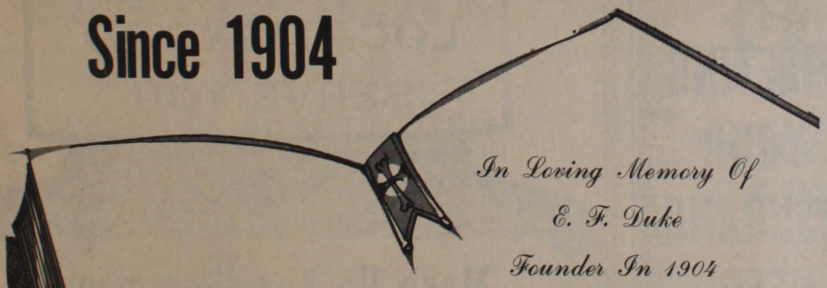

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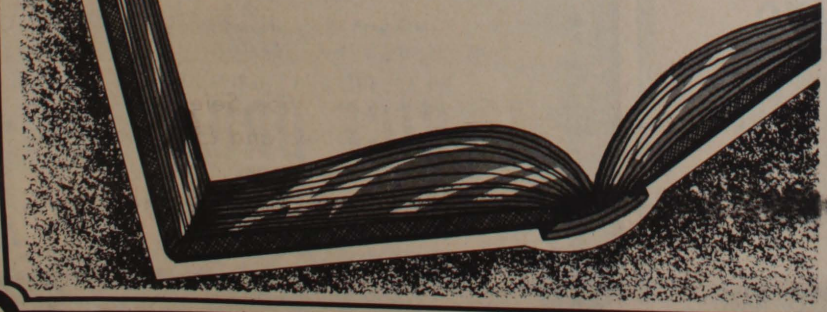

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# 1881: President Garfield shot

The Hartford Herald
July 6, 1881

At half-past 9 o'clock last Saturday President Garfield was shot at the depot of the Baltimore & Potomac railroad in Washington city by Charles Guitteau, a French lawyer and ex-preacher. The President, in company with Secretary Blaine, had entered the depot to wait for a train which was to convey them to Long Branch, and as Blaine turned to speak to some one the villain fired two shots, one taking effect in the right arm and the other just above the right hip, near the kidney, and lodged in the liver. The weapon was of the "Bulldozer" pattern and carried a ball weighing almost an ounce. The assassin fled, but was immediately captured by a policeman who was present and the sufferer was taken up stairs and medical aid summoned. It was at first thought that the wounds would prove immediately fatal, but further developments proved that they were not so serious.

Guitteau, the assassin of the President, is undoubtedly crazy and has been for sometime. He has been a persistent applicant for a position, and as he was totally unfit, was as persistently refused. For weeks it appears that he has been dogging the steps of the President for the purpose of killing him. He followed to Long Branch when the President visited that place two weeks ago, and as he said, but for the illness of Mrs Garfield would have executed his plans there. It is thought by some that on account of the exclamation of Guitteau when he fired the shot, "I am a stalwart and Arthur is President," that the Conkling or stalwart faction of the Republican party had something to do with the commission of the atrocious crime. While this is possible it is not in the least probable, as no evidence of the fact has been offered and the man's acquaintances have always regarded him as half a lunatic. If after an investigation it turns out to be a political stroke, mark our prediction that the Republican party is a thing of the past. On the other hand, if the deed was committed from a purely personal motive, or if it was only the outbreak of a vagary of a hopeless lunatic, it is without political significance and should be looked upon as such. One thing about it is that the Democrats of the country are in no way responsible for the deed. Some people charge the South with the murder of one President, but the most implacable enemy of that section cannot lay President James A. Garfield's assassination at its door. For this we are thankful.

# John H. Allen kills John H. Bales

The Hartford Herald
January 5, 1881

About 10 o'clock Monday night, Hartford was the scene of an almost instant death by shooting.

J. H. Bales, constable of Buford precinct, and John H. Allen, who lives east of Hartford, were in Heverin & Son's Saloon when a difficultry arose between them, resulting in Allen shooting Bales through the left breast, killing him almost instantly. The shot knocked him partly to the floor, but recovering he started down the street, when in front of Williams Bros.' Grocery he fell a bloody corpse.

Bales had been under the influence of whisky more or less all day, and had gotten into a difficulty in the evening, for which he was arrested and put under bond for his appearance next morning.

Bales and Allen had a difficulty previous to the shooting, in which Bales drew a knife on Allen, and at the time Allen shot, Bales was in the act of shooting or cutting.

Bales leaves a wife and several children. Allen also has a family. Allen was arrested and committed to jail to await an examining trial, and the dead body was taken to the Courthouse to await the arrival of parents and relatives. We trust that such a scene may never be witnessed in our quiet town again.

# 1883: Confederate soldiers have reunion

The Hartford Herald
April, 1883

Knowing that you were not present at the re union of Dr. Noel's company of Confederate soldiers who behaved so gallantly, I thought it might not be uninteresting to your readers to give some little outline of the days proceeding September 29 in Daviess County, on the Hartford and Owensboro Road, about 18 miles from the former place.

The day was pleasant almost beyond description.

That place was a lovely grove, well adapted for the occasion, on a gentle slope. It looked like everybody was there -- old men leaning upon their canes, the middle aged and young, of both sexes, all anxious and impatient to see everybody and hear everything. It was a general handshaking. The assembly brought up many pleasant as well as sad reminiscences of the past.

## Odd animal is discovered

Recently an old man named Johnson who resides on Hon. Lafe Green's place at the Falls of Rough, Grayson County, while out squirrel hunting killed an animal that was undoubtedly a cross between the mink and fox squirrel. The back and tail was that of a fox squirrel but under the portion of the body that of a mink while its head was a combination of the characteristics of both animals. When killed this non descript weighed three pounds. Mr Johnson stuffed the skin after a fashion and though very clumsily done still the general shape of the animal is pretty faithfully preserved. Smith Duncan brought it down with him the other day and afforded us the opportunity of examining it. -- Breckenridge News.

## Federal Soldiers organize

The Hartford Herald
January 3, 1883

On Saturday, December 16, 1882 there was a meeting of federal soldiers at Fordsville for the purpose of contemplating the organization of a Post of the Grand Army of the Republic at that place and to raise the amount sufficient to pay for the charter and paraphernalia for the Post. At 1 p. m. the meeting was called to order by Sergeant Forbes of Co. A 17th Kentucky V. I. who stated the object of the meeting and the necessity of a Grand Army Post at that place. He spoke of the many that he knew that enlisted in the army of 1861, of the healthy condition these young men were in at the time they entered the army and the many that had fallen in battle and the unhealthy condition these men were in when they were discharged from the army and concluded by saying that he believed the Grand Army of the Republic to be the very door tho their just dies. The sergeant became considerably excited while addressing the men and the men were reminded of the many times he had addressed them while in the army and just before they went forth to battle. The amount $15 was raised with little or no trouble. The time was appointed to muster, 2 o'clock Saturday, January 6, 1883. The meeting then adjourned and each one returned home in good spirit and satisfied with the success of their meeting.

August 15, 1883

The Cromwell Distillery is for rent. Apply to John P. Barrett.

## Water mill

February 21, 1883

Having gotten our mills in perfect repair, and having spared neither pains nor expense, we are now prepared to do grinding punctually and in first class order. The mill will be run as heretofore, charging only 1/8 toll for grinding. By the request of many farmers we changed our sharpening day from Monday to Saturday. This change cost us a good deal of advertising and for other reasons best known to ourselves, we will continue to sharpen on Saturday. We are thankful for all past patronage and we shall aim to give such satisfaction that a continuance of the same will be insured. We will continue to pay the highest cash price for wheat and corn. Remember our regular grinding days are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.

## Bids asked on McHenry School

Bids will be received until May 1 for the erection of one school house at McHenry, house to be 45x35x16. We want two bids for each person, first the contractor to furnish all material and finish the house and second the contractor to do the labor and for the committee to furnish all material.

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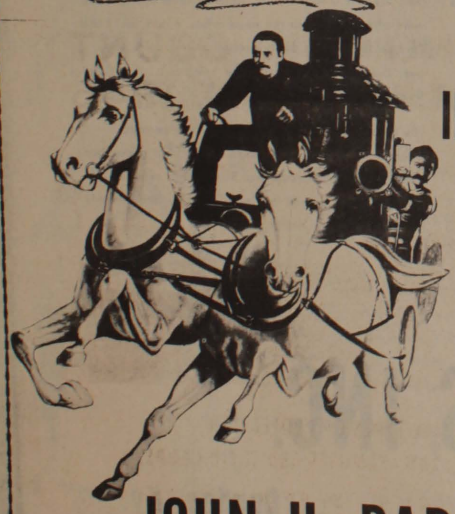

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# 1884: Sulphur Springs opens

July 9, 1884
The Hartford Herald

The Ohio County White Sulphur Springs was opened for the season of 1884, July 4th, and a more brilliant opening has never marked the history of this noted watering place. The event had been looked forward to with great interest to all pleasure seekers, and the long list of pleasures were far in excess of the most extravagant imagination. Visitors from Owensboro, Hartford, Cromwell, Beaver Dam, Rosine and other places went largely to make up the immense crowd that had gathered to witness the grandest opening of the enterprise that is the pride of every citizen of Ohio county. Mr and Mrs Morton, host and hostess, were so perfect in the arrangement of the programme of the day that the dictates of the most fastidious were fully met in some way or the other, and all joined in the unanimous verdict that the day was the most pleasant one ever spent at the "fountain of health."

A fine string band from Owensboro, under the leadership of Prof. George Philips, of this place, was in attendance, and rendered such irresistible music that the large dancing hall was kept constantly filled with gay and happy dancers, who indulged in their innocent and healthful amusement throughout the day and night.

The various candidates for county offices, were on hand to urge their respective claims, each of whom made short and pointed speeches, after which they were followed by Mr R. P. Rowe, armed and equipped with Republican campaign "facts and figures," who addressed the people at length, and who made such ridiculous statements that his great flow of oratory was entirely wasted. Mr Rowe was answered by Mr H. B. Kinsolving, the Young Henry Clay of Kentucky, who not only denied in total the statements made by Mr Rowe, but ventillated them in such a thorough manner as to render them even more ridiculous than at first hearing. Mr Rowe was so completely snowed under that, in the language of Mr Kinsolving, we firmly believe it will be many days before he will again "waive his bloody shirt tails."

## No Creek bridge

April 23, 1884

On Friday, April 25th, 1884, at No Creek, on the Hartford and Livermore road between the hours of 1 and 3 o'clock P. M., I will let to the lowest and best bidder the building of a bridge across No Creek, thirty feet long with stone abutments 7 1/2 feet high. Specifications given at the letting.

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Road and Bridge Com.

## Women begin band

November 26, 1884

A number of the young ladies of Hartford, not satisfied with the defeat of Belva Ann, have asserted their rights and organized a brass band. The following young ladies have already enrolled their names and are practicing: Mamie Hardwick, Annie Griffin, Jessie Shull, Bertha Gibson, Lizzie Gregory, Jessie Paxton, Mary Taylor.

SULPHUR SPRINGS in 1905 was photographed by C. B. Shown. Left to right standing are, Sam Ellis, Ethel Bennett, Everett Ellis and Alberta Greer, seated, Clara Bennett, Shadrach Greer and Era Liles, all of Beda. Others are not identified. Photo is courtesy of C. B. Shown.

# 1885: Rough has romantic cliff

March 25, 1885

In my last I spoke of some curiosities near Barrett's Ferry, and I now propose to speak of another in the same neighborhood. Just above the ferry there is a mountain, or hill, about 300 feet, almost perpendicular from the very water's edge of Rough Creek and continuing down to an unknown depth. Several efforts have been made to sound the depth of the water at its base, all of which have proved futile. This elevation is covered with huge rocks or cliffs and large rocks that would measure 12 or more feet every way had been started from the summit and dashed down this declivity, tearing, crashing and smashing in their way. This was great pasttime for boys in my boyhood and I believe is still indulged in by some. From the summit you have a fine view of the whole surrounding country. Rough Creek can be seen for miles each way and many miles further you can trace the outlines by the openings it makes in the hill as it winds on to mingle with Green River to bathe its brow in the Ohio and finally to be lost in the Great Father of Waters. It is romantic, picturesque, grand and such a place must have a legend and this has one, not of my creation but one which has existed as far back as known history of the country. Here is the story: Away back in the early history of the country somewhere on the shores of New England, a young man of some culture and refinement abandoned the pathe of honest men and determined by fair means and foul, as occasion presented to amass a vast amount of wealth. He did so and when he had heaped together his ill gotten gains, he concluded to marry a wife and forever abandon the haunts of man and in the dense wilderness select a home and spend the remainder of his life as the very sight of man excited fears he could not understand and created in an awful apprehension of some unknown evil. So he wooed and won the affections of the beautiful young girl to whom he was soon married and at once set out on his contemplated journey. He set out over hills and mountains until they came to this place and he said this was certainly the place he was hunting for, and they settled. He built a home and as game was plentiful at that time, he needed nothing but a little bread to be able at any time to spread a tempting repast. So he cleared a little field and raised his corn, potatoes and other vegetables, seed of which he had brought with him. Here they lived in the wilderness with no white man or woman to visit them. Even love, I imagine would not enliven such a home with such surroundings. The legend goes that they were not long happy. The husband grew morose and sedate. It may have been that ghosts of slaughtered victims haunted the far-away home. He saw the cheeks of his bride become paler and paler, as time went by. This only added to his own misery and melancholy. One day she ceased to sing, her soul had gone to that realm beyond the gleam of stars and hum of world and her husband was disconsolate. He took his wealth and hid it away in a cliff, yielded up the ghost himself and wild beasts preyed upon his bones. This is an outline merely as space will not permit a fuller account. Men have been digging for the hidden treasure for years and at the present there is a company at work on the hill. This hill is called the Cliff as known throughout the neighborhood by that name. .. C. W. In Owensboro Enquirer.

## The Calico Hop

November 19, 1884
The Hartford Herald

"The bright and youthful dancers meet,
With laughing lips and winged feet;
And golden locks came flashing by,
Like sudden sunshine through the sky."

Such was the delightful occasion of the Calico Hop, given by the young ladies, at the Hartford House, last Thursday night.

Each young lady made a necktie corresponding in color with that of her dress, and placing the tie and her name in an envelope, they were all collected and placed in a box and drawn out by the young gentlemen. The drawing was very amusing, as none of the young gentlemen drew the name of the young lady he expected. The evening was passed in unalloyed pleasure.

## Kentucky Past and Present

March 25, 1885

The State Capital was removed to Lexington, June 4, 1792.

The first train to enter Louisville was from Lexington in 1851.

The first constitution of Kentucky was adopted April 9, 1792.

In 1776 Kentucky had no white inhabitants within her territory.

The present constitution of Kentucky was adopted June 11, 1850.

The first nail factory in Kentucky was established at Lexington in 1807.

The first railroad was built from Lexington to Frankfort in 1832.

In 1816 the Eastern lunatic asylum, the first in the state was built at Lexington.

The first race course in Kentucky was organized and still exists at Lexington July 29, 1826.

The number of State Representatives is 100 and the number of Senators thirty-eight.

The first woman born in Kentucky was Mrs Rhoda Vaughan. She died in Lexington in 1836.

The first general celebration of Independence in Kentucky was at Lexington in 1884.

The first Lodge of Free Masons in the West was organized in Lexington November 17, 1788. No. 25 now known as Lodge No. 1.

The first newspaper published west of the Allegheny mountains was by John Bradford at Lexington in 1787.

The first election under the present constitution for Judges and Clerks of the court of appeals took place on the second Monday in May, 1851.

The Washington Monument has at last been finished after 40 years of incompletion and on Saturday was formally and impressively dedicated. Its total height is 555 feet, 45 feet higher than the Cologne cathedral, hitherto the highest structure on earth.


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# 1886: County maps show details of area

The Hartford Herald
August 18, 1886

The maps of Ohio County, which will soon be for sale, will show all the county roads, the principal churches, school houses, over 600 residences, all the post offices, magisterial districts, all the streams and their tributaries, a tabulated statement of the area, population, and statistics of the county for the year 1885, the distances in miles and tenths, from Hartford to other towns and points in the county, and, in fact, it will show everything of importance that can be placed on a map. The maps will be in 8 different colors, will have cloth on the back, tape at sides and rollers at the top and bottom. The pocket maps will be of two colors only, and will be on thin tough paper. The lithographing of the maps has been unavoidably delayed, but they will be ready for sale at least by October. Be sure and purchase one from the agent when he comes around.

# 1887: Baptist Church burned

September 14, 1887
The Hartford Herald

Yesterday morning about one o'clock the Baptist Church was discovered to be on fire, and the alarm sounded. In a very short time nearly every man in town was at the scene, and doing valiant work to keep the flames from spreading to the buildings adjoining. The fire broke out in the front end of the church and when discovered, was bursting through the lattice work of the cupola and under the steps at the door. No effort was made to save the furniture, as such effort was impossible since the doorway was all aflame and the house full of smoke. A young man broke through a back window and saved the Bible. A pleasant wind was blowing from the south and sparks and blazing shingles fell thick and fast upon the buildings across the street and adjacent, and it was only by the most persistant effort they were saved. Opinion seems to be divided as to how the fire originated, some believe it to be the work of an incendiary, while others who saw it first, account for the origin on the theory that some one had been smoking on the front steps in the cool of the night and dropped the stub of his cigar on the dry wood by the side of the steps. This latter is probably the correct view. The building was almost new, and was beautifully furnished. The total loss is about $2,300. No insurance.

## Horton Stave Mill burns

July 21, 1886
The Hartford Herald

The calm of the Sabbath morning was suddenly broken in upon, when the alarm was given that the Standard Stave Company's factory was on fire. The people congregated from every direction, but it was soon apparent that no human agency, at least none then available, would stay the progress of the flames.

The fire was first discovered in the east end of the building, and the only conjecture as to the cause of the conflagration, was that some person carelessly dropped a cigar stump among the inflammable material around.

The flames advanced to the company's machine shop, which they soon reduced to ashes. The water-tank fell a prey. One by one the sheds succumbed, and the lapping flames took up the lumber in the yard. A flat car on the track adjacent became ignited and went the way of the rest. The cross-ties on the road for about fifty yards were burnt, and the rails greatly warped. The estimated loss is set at $50,000. There was partial insurance. The stock of goods owned by Hyatt & Thompson were removed from the store and thus saved. The loss will be seriously felt by the whole community. The trains were delayed about two hours. Passengers, express and mail were transferred. Many persons were prostrated from over-exertion and the intense heat.

## Poet describes Hines Mill Store

March 23, 1887
The Hartford Herald

V. & FITZ. RENFROW, Props.
(Dundee)

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## Baptists have candy pull

The Hartford Herald
November 3, 1886

The candy pulling at the elegant residence of Mr E. D. Walker, last Friday night, for the aid of the Baptist church, was a very pleasant occasion. A large assemblage of guests filled the capacious parlors, and the kind attention so willingly bestowed by the generous host and hostess contributed to make everybody feel joyous and happy. The charming daughters of the family, Misses Lizzie, Lulu and Lida, were very urbane to all, very solicitous of the happiness of everyone, and were lavish in that kindness that comes so naturally from refined ladies. The evening was spent in joyous games, in pleasant conversation and animated exchange of pleasantries, and in stretching the silvery "taffy." No one seemed isolated or lonesome, every one seemed to evince that "it was good to be there," and indulged in the pleasures afforded, with evident gaiety. Truly, it was an evening of pleasure superb, an occasion of gratified happiness, and those who profited themselves by attending, have a bright jewel in their memory - the candy pulling at Mr Walker's.

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November 10, 1886

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# 1888: Hatfield-Macoy fued brought bloodshed on Ky.

Hartford Herald
February 29, 1888

Full History of the Terrible Feud that has caused Much Bloodshed and one that has given the Eastern Border of Kentucky a place in the History of Crime and Placed an Idium on West Virginia – Specially prepared for the Herald by One who visited the Scene.

On the day of the August election 1882, Ellison Hatfield, of Logan county, West Virginia, and Tolbert Macoy engaged in a fight at a county precinct in Pike county, contiguous to the West Virginia line. The fight was forced on Macoy, who was small man, by Hatfield, who was a large and powerful man. Macoy soon realizing that he was over-matched, drew his pocketknife and stabbed Hatfield, not withstanding which, Hatfield forced him to the ground, and was in the act of braining him with a large stone, when Macoy's brother shot Hatfield with a pistol. The Hatfields, several of whom were present, fired several shots at the Macoy who did the shooting but he escaped unhurt.

The Kentucky authorities arrested three of the Macoy brothers, yet a third one, some 14 years old, being charged by Hatfield's friend with having assisted in inflicting the knife-wounds on the body of Ellison Hatfield, and were detaining them in custody to await the result of Hatfield's wounds, when a large band of Hatfields and their friends, heavily armed, crossed the Tug fork of the Big Sandy over into Kentucky, took the Macoy brothers away from the Kentucky authorities carried them over into West Virginia, where they detained them until Ellison Hatfield died--some 36 to 48 hours, then brought them back to the Kentucky side of the Tug Fork of the Sandy, which is the dividing line between the states and tying them up to pawpaw bushes, shot them to death.

They first shot the two grown ones and turned to go away, with the evident purpose of sparing the boy but they had not gone far when Bad Andse Hatfield, the leader of the present Hatfield gang, said "boys, dead men tell no tales," and turning, pointing to the little boy, who, with pallid face and bated breath, had just witnessed the murder of his two elder brothers and in whose tender bosom hope for escape from their terrible doom was just beginning to rise. The suggestion of Bad Andse was sufficient to seal the poor boy's fate, for a number of the outlaws returned, and bringing their guns to bear upon the frail form of the pinioned youth, pulled their triggers and almost blew his head off.

For this triple murder, twenty-three of the Hatfield gang were indicted at the next term of the Pike Circuit Court, and while they frequently crossed over into Kentucky, they came in such numbers and so well armed, as to defy arrest. Thus matters rested till last September Gov. Buckner was prevailed upon to issue his requisition upon the Governor of West Virginia, one E. W. Wilson for the extradition of five of the worst of the gang. Governor Wilson did not respond till written to some several weeks after by Governor Buckner on the subject, when he replied that there was a law of West Virginia which required an affidavit in addition to the requirement of the law of Congress governing the extradition of fugitives. Governor Buckner not wishing to appear captious, complied with the technical requirement of the West Virginia Governor, and procured the additional affidavit and forwarded it to Governor Wilson.

Here the matter again rested for some weeks, when Governor Buckner again wrote to Governor Wilson, calling to his attention the matter, when Governor Wilson promptly responded saying that sickness in his family and absence from his office had caused the delay, that he would promptly issue his warrant for the arrest of three of the men named in Gov. Buckner's requisition, but that he had grave doubts as to the guilt of the other two whose cases he would further investigate. He never complied with his promise to isr ue his warrants for three of the five parties required by Gov. Buckner.

Frank Phillips, former deputy Sheriff of Pike county, was designated by Gov. Buckner as agent for Kentucky to receive the prisoners when arrested by Gov. Wilson's authority, and who, after waiting after sufficient time had elapsed to suppose that the warrants had been issued and the arrests made thereunder, when taking a couple of men with him, he went over into Logan county, West Virginia to receive his prisoners. When he got there, he found that no warrants had been issued nor arrests made, but meeting with three of the indicted parties he arrested them and brought them back to Pike county with him, where the bench warrants were served on them by a deputy Sheriff of Pike county, and lodged in jail.

This was in the latter part of November last. To avenge that wrong, as some suppose, while others say for the purpose of destroying evidence, the Hatfield gang on New Year's night crossed over into Kentucky and proceeded seven miles into the interior till they reached the peaceful mountain home of old man Randolph Macoy, the father of the three murdered boys, on Brian Fork of Peter Creek. Surrounding the house, they proclaimed themselves the "Hatfield gang," and demanded the surrender of the house. The family had retired for the night, but the approach of the raiders had been announced by the faithful watch dog, and old man Macoy and his son Calvin, age about 27 years, had risen and hastily dressing themselves, and remembering the fate of their murdered kindred, who had in vain besought the same gang that their lives might be spared, prepared to make the best defense possible of the sanctity of their home, and for two hours or more returned a vigorous fire to the terrible volleys of the assailants. Finally the Hatfields succeeded in firing the house, but still old man Macoy and his brave boy held the fort till it was evident that the house must soon fall in, when Calvin proposed that he would jump out and run to the corn crib, from which point, when gained, he could cover the retreat of his father to the same place, for said the young man, "father, if we both reach the crib we can whip them yet," saying which, Calvin leaped from the burning house and ran toward the crib, but when about half way he fell with his brain pierced with ball from behind, and instantly expired. Old Randolph seeing his son fall seized a double-barreled shot gun, and leaping from his burning dwelling, discharged both barrels in quick succession and at short range at the enemy and struck out to make the best retreat possible. The marauders were somewhat disconcerted by the suddenness and audacity of the old man's fire, and by the time they could collect their nerves he was well out in the darkness, and though they fired several shots at his receding form, he escaped unharmed. In the meantime, Cap Hatfield, son of Bad Andse, had commanded one of old man Macoy's unmarried daughters, three of whom occupied a room in a little detached from their parents, to make a light – the young lady replied that she had neither flame or matches, whereupon the villain repeated his command, accompanied with a threat, which the girl still refusing to obey and begging of her life, received a ball through her left breast, producing instant death.

The old lady hearing what had passed between Cap and her daughter, and hearing the shot, and fearing for her daughter's safety, opened the door and started along the porch to her daughter's room, when she was commanded to go back into her own room, which was then almost ready to fall in, but she refused and insisted on going to her daughter's when she was struck down by a blow on the head with a gun or pistol and beaten till insensible, sustaining a fracture of several ribs from which she was unable to walk for weeks.

Frank Phillips, with a band of armed Kentuckians, then crossed over into West Virginia on the 8th of January, and was fired on by old Jim Vance, one of the worst of the Hatfield gang and Cap Hatfield, and in the fight when ensued, Vance was killed. Phillips and his band crossed over again a few days afterwards and were again ambushed by the Hatfields, and another fight resulted, in which Bill Dempsy, of West Virginia, was killed and Bud Macoy, of Kentucky, was severely wounded.

In the second raid made by Phillips and party, they succeeded in capturing six more of the Hatfield gang, making nine in all of Gov. Wilson's pets which the Kentuckians have taken.

The Hatfields have long been the terror of the border, and Gov. Wilson in his efforts to protect them, has showed himself to be either a timid or corrupt man.

## Poet describes

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## Hartford House under Smith manage

The Hartford Herald
January 12, 1887

Editor's Note: It is still standing on Main and Union Streets, Hartford.

We take great pleasure in directing the attention of the traveling public to the Hartford House, now under the special personal care of Mr T. M. Smith, and his estimable wife. They spare no labor or expense in the effort to make their guests comfortable, the rooms are pleasant and well furnished, the table is served with all the market affords, and the servants are polite and well trained. This house is becoming deservedly popular under its present gentlemanly and liberal host, grace and elegance are added through the personal supervision of the amiable hostess.

## Cleveland defeats Henry Harrison

Hartford Weekly Herald
Wednesday, November 21, 1888

The Republicans ratified over the result of the election of last Thursday night. It was hard to tell which they rejoiced over, The election of Harrison or the defeat of Cleveland. They had been preparing for several days, as a prominent Republican said, to get big ready. Messengers were sent to Louisville for fireworks and an air of general preparation was visible. The procession was formed at the old fair grounds about five o'clock and marched around through Hayti then into Hartford and through the principal streets and finally brought up at the Court House where speeches were made by E. P. Neal, J. R. S. Wedding, E. D. Guffy, C. M. Pendleton, William Milligan and several other prominent Republicans. After the speaking, followed a display of fire works until ten o'clock. The procession was headed by a hearse, coffin and monument, representing the death of Cleveland. Next came a wagon, in which was the Hartford brass band and a score or more of small boys with tin horns each trying the drown the noise made by the other. Then followed a chorus glee club of young ladies, from No Creek neighborhood. The absence of torches was noticeable. Behind all this came Hayti with banners and transparencies headed by the Equality brass band, cheering now and then for Harrison and Morton.

Voting in Ohio County in the Election of 1888

Cleveland – 2,066
Harrison – 2,100

## Cox has new stage

Hartford Weekly Herald
Wednesday, July 25, 1888

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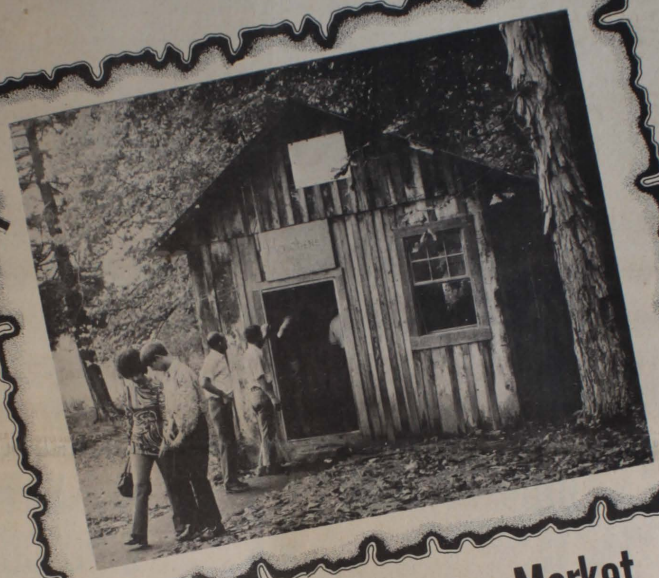

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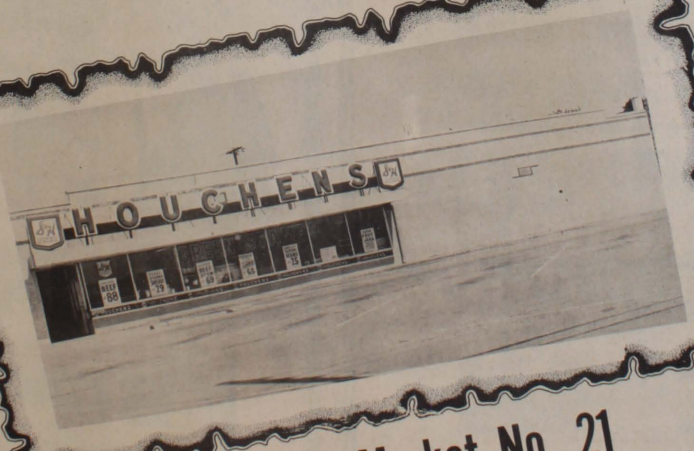


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# 1889: Centennial of first Presidential Election

The Hartford Herald
April 24, 1889

Compiled by Nelda Wright

The National Glory Will Center in New York April 30.

George Washington was the hero of the most successful and least destructive revolution recorded in history. His inauguration was the beginning of a new era, as well as the inception of a new government. Indeed, the chief novelty of the new government consisted not so much in its form, for that contained little that was new, but the vital application of principles admitted down to that time, but generally ignored. The declaration of radical principles by which the Dutch of the Sixteenth century justified their sanguinary struggle with Spain, and the system of political ethics professed by the English in their revolution of the Seventeenth century, received but little addition in the Declaration of Independence; but what the Dutch and the English could not do by reason of their old environment, the Americans, marvelously favored by a sparse population in an immense country, and the self reliance of pioneers, resolutely set themselves to make practical.

The beginning of the American republic now stands forth an era more important than that of Magna Charta or the Petition of Rights. Its centennial will, therefore, be celebrated in New York city with all the enthusiasm of the first inauguration added to the confidence born of a hundred years' success. President Harrison will arrive by the same route, and will pass over the same scenes in New Jersey as did President Washington. He will embark in like manner at Elizabethport, N. J., and pass thence on a government dispatch boat to the foot of Wall street among the vessels of all nations, as Washington did; will be formally welcomed by the mayor and city officials, as Washington was; will be received with the same salute, and generally will observe the same routine.

## The Constitutional Fathers

The annexed history of Washington's inauguration will, therefore, be a sort of advance programme of the ceremonies on the coming 30th of April. The preliminary sketch will, it is hoped, enable young readers to comprehend the peculiar difficulties confronting the first president, and in the discussion which preceded and the words in which the agreement to the charter of the national government was couched may be found the germs of our national policy and the divergencies of our political parties.

It is conceded by all observers of that time that the constitution never would have obtained the sanction of the needed states had there not been a certainty in the public mind that Washington would be the first president and therefore give to its terms an executive construction which would be binding for all time. Washington was therefore in a peculiar sense the principal creator of the new government. But the causes for local jealousy which went so near to defeating his object that the colonies were founded by men representing at least four great religious bodies: The Puritan, Dutch and Swedish Calvinists and Lutherans: the English Quakers, Catholics and Episcopalians, and lastly the French Huguenots. The Irish of the early immigration were nearly all non-Celtic and Protestant, while the Palatine Germans who located in Pennsylvania and the valley of Virginia did not in any sense constitute an alien political party.

THE FIRST ELECTION

On the 21st of June 1788, New Hampshire, the ninth state, ratified the constitution. On the 2d of July her formal notification of that fact was read in the Confederation congress, and after long and heated debate, that congress on the 13th day of September resolved that the first Wednesday in January would be the day for appointing electors, the first Wednesday in February the day for them to vote, and the first Wednesday in March the time and New York, the then seat of congress, the place to commence proceedings under the new constitution.

On the 4th of March but few delegates were present. On the 25th twenty-six representatives answered to their names, but thirty were necessary to a quorum, which was not obtained until April 1. Fisher Ames says that the delegates were "composed of sober, solid old charter folk." On the 5th of April Richard Henry Lee arrived from Virginia and completed the quorum of the senate. On the 6th of April the two houses met in Federal hall, opened and counted the votes, George Washington receiving every one for president and John Adams enough to elect him vice president. Charles Thompson, secretary of the Confederation congress, was immediately dispatched to Mount Vernon with the official notification to the president-elect, and Sylvanus Bourne sailed in a packet boat through Long Island Sound on the 7th day of April for Boston with the formal notice to John Adams.

Federal hall had been thoroughly refurnished and remodeled for the occasion. In front were four doric columns and a pediment, the cornices being arranged in thirteen squares, each of which contained a star, and over it was the American eagle and other insignia. Over it also were the arms of the United States with thirteen sculptured arrows, entwined in olive branches, all combining to give the imposing structure a truly national appearance. The chamber for the representatives was sixty-one feet long and fifty-eight broad, with an arched ceiling forty-six feet high in the center. The senate chamber was smaller and much more highly decorated. In the center of its arched ceiling of light blue was sun and thirteen stars. Its fire places were lined by polished variegated American marble, and the president's chair was elevated three feet above the floor under a crimson canopy. Near it a large door opened southward upon the balcony where Washington took the oath of office. In these halls in the closing days of April 1789, were assembled the really representative men of the United States.

## Arrival of Washington

Egbert Benson, from New York, Peter Muhlenberg, from Pennsylvania, and Samuel Griffin, from Virginia, were appointed a committee on the reception of the president, and they prepared the house of Mr Osgood, lately occupied by the president of congress. The house stood in what is now Franklin square, at the corner of Cherry street.

Early on the morning of April 23 the booming of cannon and the ringing of bells announced that Washington had arrived at Elizabethport, N. J., and business was entirely suspended. At Elizabethport the president-elect was received by a committee of congress, of which Elias Boudinot was chairman, and by the heads of the departments in the confederation, namely: John Jay, secretary of foreign affairs; John Knox, secretary of war; Robert R. Livingston, chancellor of the state of New York; Samuel Osgood, Arthur Lee and Walter Livingston, commissioners of the treasury; Ebenezer Hazzard, postmaster general, and by the mayor and recorder of the city.

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## His Person and Character

Washington was at that time 57 years old, and as was stated by thousands who knew him intimately, had outgrown that awkwardness of movement which marked him all through his early life, and arrived at an attitude of most wonderful and kingly dignity. His figure was neither awkward nor stiff. He was six feet three inches in height, splendidly proportioned, finely developed and straight. He had a long and muscular arm and a very large hand. His motions were somewhat slow, and his voice almost uniformly grave. His breeding, of course, was that of a gentleman. He was fond of society, enjoying the good things of life, and in the circle of his intimates he indulged in a quiet humor and was sensitive to the beauty of a good story.

After Washington's return to the senate chamber and delivery of the address, he, with both houses of congress and many others, proceeded on foot to St. Paul's chapel on Broadway, where divine service was performed by Bishop Provost, when the president was escorted to his own house.

# 1890: Tornado sweeps county leaving mark

The Hartford Herald
April 2, 1890

The trail of the whirling cyclone sweeps everything before it Houses blown down, barns destroyed, fences leveled, timber felled, and ruin follows the path of the Angry Tyrant of the Air

Never in the history of Ohio County has such destruction of life and property occurred as was witnessed last Thursday night. As early as 5 o'clock in the afternoon the atmosphere became oppressive, foreboding a terrible visitation from the elements. Just as darkness was beginning to come over the earth, a long line of black and angry clouds was seen looming up in the northern and western sky from which the glare of angry lightning flashed its lurid gleam. About 7:30 the first dashes of the storm was felt in this vicinity and soon the heavens were one blaze of light and lightning. Deep rolling thunder shook the earth as though trembling from an earthquake. The winds blew in strong and fitful gusts shaking houses and now and then breaking trees and felling fences. All over the county, such phenomena were visible. But a narrow strip probably three quarters of a mile wide from one side of the county to the other, was doomed to the destructive effects of a tornado terrible in its power. In the path of this tornado, the sky was black as erebus save when it was lit by flashing gleams of angry lightning. Terror seized many of the people subjected to its mad winds and dashing rains, while others bravely fought to protect life and property. From eye witnesses and from messengers sent to the afflicted districts the following detailed accounts:

The tornado crossed Green River about midway between Point Pleasant and Smallhous, giving a farewell touch to McLean County by tearing down the dwelling of Thomas Bishop who lived just across the river and in the track of the cyclone. The first house struck in the county was James Bullock's. Following the line of the tornado through the county, we find almost nothing left standing. Large trees were broken like small weeds, fencing was blown, orchards totally destroyed and in many places the very earth was torn up by the fury of the winds. It is wonderful that amid all the loss of property so few lives were lost. Beginning with the western limit of the county and following the story we find this summarized statement of casualties:

James Bullocks -- Dwelling, stables and all outbuildings blown down. A child was blown some distance into shallow back water, was rescued.

Jim Ben Brown--Dwelling torn to pieces, barns and other buildings destroyed. Blew one of his boys over two hundred yards from the house. After the fury of the storm had passed, the boy got back to the house, being only slightly hurt.

W. L. Brown--House blown down to the floor and left the family unhurt. Outbuildings injured but not destroyed.

Henry Iglehart--House blown down to the floor and left the family unhurt. Outbuildings totally destroyed. Pieces plank blown over a mile and a half. Mr Iglehart slightly injured.

Sam Bilbro -- Fared pretty much the same as Henry Iglehart. House and outbuildings destroyed. Pieces of shingles being blown over two miles.

T. B. Iglehart--House down and outbuildings demolished.

J. P. Tichenor--Tobacco barn, containing a large crop of tobacco, hanging on the stick, blown down, and tobacco destroyed. Meat house destroyed, stables blown down.

Wing James -- Dwelling unrooted and twisted. Barns, stables and cribs blown down. Wheat scattered all over the place.

Widow Everly -- Farm touched on one side. Barn damaged and trees uprooted.

Jacob C. Bennett--Here the tornado crossed the Centertown and Point Pleasant Road.

Dwelling unroofed, part of the house moved off its foundation. Mr Bennett had built a fine, large grain and stock barn a year or so ago, this was blown down. In it were horses, cattle, hay, corn, oats, tobacco. Strange as in many other instances nothing was hurt. A new 700 pound wagon standing in the lot was lifted over a high fence and carried 30 yards or more, breaking two wheels and an axle. Stock barn on adjoining farm destroyed. This is one place where the storm was particularly severe. Rails, planks, boards were scattered all over the place.

Wood Stearman -- Dwelling blown down.

George Stearman -- House blown down and burned. Family ran to a neighbor's during the hardest of the storm.

Tom Boyd--House damaged.

W. T. Bennett -- Barn and stables destroyed. A fine young mule killed. One horse was covered ten feet under a pile of hay, but was taken out alive and not much hurt.

W. J. Ross--House unroofed, stables injured. Barn full of tobacco a total wreck.

W. H. Williams --Smoke house down. Small dwelling on the place destroyed.

Clayton Stevens--House blown literally into splinters. Bedding and clothing scattered all over the farm. The escape of the family alive was almost miraculous.

On both sides of the tornado's track several suffered from the effects of the wind, having many outbuildings blown down or injured or orchards uprooted and fences leveled to the ground.

Here the tornado crossed Rough River.

The first house in its path was Dock Ward's -- blown down, family had moved out on account of high water.

Joe Condit Barnett--All outbuildings blown down.

Will Delaney--Top story of house blown away. Three large outbuildings blown down.

John Sam Bennett -- Outbuildings partially destroyed and orchard destroyed.

Dr. I. Foster--Barn partially destroyed.

No Creek churches--The M. E. Church was moved from its foundation about eight feet, twisted so as to loosen the upper plates, plastering fell off, rendering the house practically useless. The M. E. church South was lifted from its foundation and blown into a thousand pieces. The grove of beautiful trees near the churches, was totally destroyed. The school house at this place was a total loss.

John Ward-House moved off its foundation. Large stock barn and other buildings destroyed.

James Ward--Chimney blown down. Door of the dwelling blew open, striking Miss Ophelia Ward, knocking her backward. She was not seriously injured.

John F. Wallace--Top story of the house, kitchen, dining room and porches blown away. Barns and all outbuildings razed to the ground. Killed one cow and calf. Farming implements badly damaged. A fine new buggy blown a hundred yards and shivered into kindling wood. The storm was particularly severe at this point. The divisions which were made at the creek, joined at Mr Wallace's and left almost nothing standing on his place. That no one was killed is due to the fact all the family was downstairs.

William Edwards--Top story of the house and cook room blown away. Large barn containing stock blown down.

Joe Jeff Bennett--Upper story of the dwelling gone; outbuildings destroyed. An apple tree standing about 30 feet from the house was torn from the earth and carried over and beyond the house, a distance of 200 yards. Loss comes heavily on this venerable citizen, he having twice lost his house by fire.

Bayles Davis -- Outbuildings destroyed.

William Milligan--Stock barn destroyed.

Alexander School house -- Was lifted from its foundation and moved about eight feet.

The bridge across No Creek on the Hartford and Owensboro road was blown down to the floor leaving the bridges so as to be passed over.

R. A. Anderson--Tobacco barn blown down. Tobacco bulked but injured some.

A. C. Ellis--Barn partly unroofed, porch blown away. Hay stacks overturned.

Sam L. Baird -- Two large barns down. A hay and feed barn felled on stock--only one cow killed.

James Baird--Upper story of house gone. House badly racked. Beds and clothing blown a hundred yards or more from the house. During the storm, Mr and Mrs Baird ran from house to Mr S. L. Baird's amid great sonal danger.

Tom Webb--Crib and part of stable blown away. Two barns partially unroofed. 80 acres fine timber a total loss.

Fletcher Ward--Tobacco barn and corn crib down. Roof off stable. Small outbuildings destroyed.

Widow Wesley Stevens--Two barns, meathouse, grainery, tobacco barns down. Kitchen unroofed.

Wood Tinsley--House blown down, level with the upper floor. Every other building on the place razed to the ground. The escape of the family from death seems miraculous but no one was hurt, except a little girl, and she not seriously. Chickens and geese almost all killed.

G. B. Hocker farm -- Barn blown away.

I. K. Westerfield -- Dwelling down. Outbuildings destroyed.

Mrs Fannie Taylor -- House blown down, Mrs Taylor received a scalp wound from a falling timber. Her little girl lying in bed was covered by falling timbers doing her serious injury. Two young men living with Mrs Taylor were slightly bruised.

The tornado here crossed the creek again.

At Mr. F. W. Pirtle's the wind did considerable damage. In the creek near Mr Pirtle's was John Thomas of Hartford in a fishing boat. His description of the storm as it tore across the creek above and around him is thrilling. The waves rolled against his boat, but did not rock John to sleep. After the fury of the storm had passed, it was many moments before John could content himself to sleep. He was back in Hartford betimes next morning, but did not know then of the great damage done by the tornado.

From Dock Ward's to the Iron Mountain as related by our correspondent who went over the ground:

I will give you an outline of the destruction of the cyclone as I have seen it from John B. Ward's to Mr John Taylor's. I hear it crossed the creek about Dock Ward, destroying his house

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FAMILY gathering photo made in the yard at the home of Uncle Jack Harl, an uncle of Mrs Henry Daniel, Davison Station. Mrs Daniel submitted the photo and identified persons as follows: front row, seated, left, Gladys Harl, Willie Mae Harl, Henrietta Harl, Lorea Harl, Roy Lee Bennett, Sammie Davison, Annie Davison, Elizabeth Davison, Tandy Lee Harl; second row, Willis Harl, Sam Davison, Bertha Davison holding baby, C. B. Davison, Landrum Forman, Blackman Davison, Ainey Harl, Nina Payne, Nannie May Harl, Catherine Davison, Bethel Payne, Edward Davison, "Uncle Jack" Harl; third row, Willie Davison, Antha Bennett, Jack Crouse, Seth Payne, Ida Payne, Tiant Carden, Willie Harl holding Maxine Harl, Ida Harl holding Clifton Miller Harl, Dodson Harl, Martine Harl, back row, Amanda Harl, Lorenzo Bennett, Stella Harl, Ollie Forman, Betty Forman, Maggie Harl, Tandy Harl.

# 1890: Tornado sweeps county leaving mark

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and outbuildings also the outbuildings on the Widow Stevens' land, John B. Ward's and William Delaney's barns, and Delaney's dwelling damaged. John S. Bennett's outbuildings injured, M. E. Church South completely destroyed, M. E. Church North, removed from foundation and badly deranged. All of John Wallace's outbuildings a complete wreck, also a part of his dwelling and a cow killed and a calf wounded. William Edwards and Joe Jeff Bennett left without a building of any kind and without shelter. Bailis Davis lost two barns. Dick Ward's barns on the Baird farm destroyed, containing a crop of tobacco. Alexander school house removed from foundation and badly damaged. A. C. Ellis' barn unroofed and badly damaged, porch and meat house damaged. S. L. Baird's barns on the Stevens farm completely destroyed, also house on same. One cow and some hogs killed. His barns had a quantity of hay, corn and oats in them and his machinery. R. A. Anderson's tobacco barn, containing a part of his crop destroyed, stables damaged. J. F. T. Ward's tobacco barn unroofed, containing two crops of tobacco, stables and corn crib unroofed. The barn, stables and kitchen on the old Wesley Stevens farm blown down. Barns on the G. B. Hocker farm unroofed. Wood Tinsley's dwelling unroofed and barn blown down. Knox Westerfield's dwelling and outbuildings blown down. Mrs John Taylor's dwelling and all outbuildings blown down and Mrs Taylor and child slightly injured. In addition to the above the barn on William Milligan's farm down, also bridge across No Creek. Add to this the complete destruction of all timber, fencing, orchard, household effects damaged by rain, the houseless conditions of seven families and to say nothing of the frightened condition of the people along the line, and you have a brief history of the worst effects of the cyclone of about 3/4 of a mile in width. A great deal of fencing and some timber were blown down outside of this line.

From the Iron Mountain to Barrett's Ferry where the tornado passed through the forests in Rough Creek bottoms it looked as though the timber had been flattened by enormous rollers. The first house struck after crossing the creek at the iron mountains was Mrs M. A. Coombs dwelling injured. Kitchen and dining room blown down. Stock barn and smaller outbuildings destroyed.

Madison Duke -- Outbuildings destroyed.

John Taylor Lowe -- House down, part of floor blown away, family unhurt. All outbuildings down.

Pig Wimsatt--One roof of dwelling blown down, remainder of house unroofed. Stock barn destroyed. New wagon blown to atoms.

Dave Duke -- Dwelling unroofed. Stock barn leveled to the ground.

I. N. Duke--Stables blown down.

George Hines--Stable unroofed.

John Russell--large double log dwelling blown down.

John Tucker--Dwelling down.

Luke Hunt--House blown down.

Jake Hooberry -- Dwelling blown down.

## A Scene of Death

The storm struck the residence of Isaac Gidcomb on the old Collins farm. The stone chimney was blown against the house. The weight of the chimney caused the house to give away and fell with a crash to the lower floor. Mrs Gidcomb was buried under the debris, but was saved from the fall of the upper floor by an old fashioned upright loom. John Gidcomb, a son, 23 years old and Minnie Gidcomb, 16 years old, were both killed outright. Two more of the children, both girls, each a leg broken while two other children were injured slightly. R. N. Fitzhugh and Kin Blanton, who were visiting the family sustained painful though not serious. Mr. I. Gidcomb was not at home, having gone to Evansville on a raft.

John Tucker -- House blown down.

Mrs Lotta Ambrose--Dwelling down. Two barns destroyed.

Elvin Elmore--House and barn blown down.

E. C. Renfrow--Stock barn down.

Jeff Cole--Barn and orchard destroyed.

Sulphur Springs--Dancing hall and ten pin alley destroyed by falling timber. Five negroes were in a small house near the springs when the house was overturned by the winds. None of the Negroes were hurt.

Pardon Tabor--Fine timber destroyed.

Jim Tom Moore--Stable and crib unroofed.

J. T. Shultz--Fine new barn destroyed. Barn had been finished only two days.

Leonard Bunger -- Tobacco barn blown down, tobacco hanging in barn greatly injured.

N. P. Boswell--Outbuildings and fine orchard destroyed.

Thomas Barrett -- Heavy losses in timber destroyed.

The tornado crossed the creek at Barrett's Ferry striking Ed Davison's farm beyond the ferry, blowing down large stock barn and ploughed its destructive course along the lowland snapping giant oaks as though they were mere weeds before the wind.

Pink Fentress--House and outbuildings destroyed.

George Fentress -- Dwelling down. On went the mad winds crossing the creek at almost every bend doing great damage to timber. The Herald's special reporter could not get reliable information from beyond the creek above this point on account of the high waters. It is thought by those who witnessed the storm in this section, that the track of cyclone followed along the line of the creek for a considerable distance. Three miles southeast of Falls of Rough Mrs H. T. Edwards was killed outright and a small child fatally injured. Mrs Edwards was the widow of H. T. Edwards who was drowned at Spottsville two weeks ago by a raft over-turning.

## It divides

Just above Sulphur Springs a whirl of tornado branches out toward the East doing much damage.

Sam Christian living two miles North of Horse Branch lost a fine barn by the wind, while his son's dwelling was blown to the ground.

Shiloh Church -- Grayson County.

Cul Daniel--House and barn wrecked.

Sim Peyton -- Dwelling gone, meat house blown down and meat scattered through the woods.

William Bean -- House blown down and burned. No one was at home at the time and on coming home, Friday morning found their home in ashes.

John Duncan--House and barn down.

James Burkley--House blown down. Barn unroofed.

Rough Creek is steadily falling at the mouth of Caney Creek.

The destruction of chickens, ducks and geese was phenomenal.

Several of our citizens visited the ruins of the cyclone area.

The cyclone's path on an average, was about three-quarters of a mile wide.

The preservation of live and the destruction of so much property was wonderful.

The wind was heavy all over the country, blowing down much fencing and timber.

The new tobacco barn belonging to John C. Riley about two miles east of Hartford was blown down. Many people who were rendered houseless and homeless were up all night caring for what little was left them.

The noise of the storm in the distance. . .the awful surging roar, the crackling, grinding debris, was simply appalling.

The direction of the storm was well marked, being nearly due north-east at times dividing and then coming together.

Neighbors who were not damaged are nobly helping those who were, giving the homeless shelter and administering to their wants.

Such destruction of property is particularly hard on the farmer at this season of the year, when he would ordinarily be planting his crop.

All the timber in the path of the cyclone was felled flat to the earth. Persons can stand in the track in some places and see for miles ahead.

Yesterday, Sunday as it was, was a busy day in the storm stricken territory. The people were putting up fencing and repairing broken dwellings.

## Seminary opens

February 11, 1880

The next session of Hartford Seminary will commence February 10 and continue 20 weeks under the charge of Malcolm McIntyre A. M. Terms per session: Primary Department $10; Junior Department $15, higher English $20; Latin, Greek or French or all $25.

# 1891: Thompson settled Horton

The Hartford Herald
September 30, 1891

In a valley, with a creek running through, is the little village of Horton, 103 miles from Louisville and six miles from Hartford, the county seat of Ohio.

Horton was settled in the twenties by Henry Thompson, who hailed from Woodford county. He became the pioneer, and eventually owned lots of land and before the war, was several terms a member of the Legislature. He died in 1877, regretted as a friend and patriot.

The settlement grew, and was known over a big territory as Thompsonville, but several changes took place by reason of the railway and new enterprises until gained the name of Horton. Brakemen on freights, know the village well, as whether they are on time or late, Horton has always something for them to do.

In 1881 the Standard Stave Company erected works, and gave the place a lively air, but they were twice destroyed by fire. The present stave factory was built in 1888 and is owned by John J. Hyatt, of Louisville, who was a principal in the Standard Company.

The works have a capacity of producing 140,000 staves a week and employ about 30 men and boys. With other first-class machinery, is one of the manufacture of hoops for slack barrels, such as flour, lime and cement. It is I think, the only machine of its description South of the Ohio river. My Hyatt devotes himself to one business and his aim has been to make a success of that. Hence he owns mills, factories and all necessary for the slack barrel business.

George B. Thompson, son of the pioneer, is the general manager of the Horton Stave factory, which with stock occupies four acres. Mr Thompson was born in the vicinity, studied at the Lexington A & M College and has been with the store interests here many years. He owns a good farm which backs from the village and occupies some beautiful eminences. He is a thorough manager as he possesses administrative ability and he keeps men and machinery in constant harmony.

The Hyatt mercantile house is a big country store, and has at one end the post office in a separate room. A. W. Black is post-master, accountant and head clerk, and a young gentleman, whose abilities and level head fit him for positions of responsibility.

Horton is quite a timber point, judging by the long sheds of staves, the hundreds of cords of stave stuff, the piles and piles of cross ties and the gangs of men shaving hoops as if for dear life. Henry T. Thompson is one of the lively men. He is a merchant, a druggist, a timber dealer, a stock dealer, a butcher and he buys or trades in everything there is a nickel in.

He was born here and finished at Lexington Commercial College. For several years he was accountant, salesman and timber buyer for the State Company. His mercantile house and pharmacy contains a $3,000 stock -- the drug department being quite prominent. His outside business is quite extensive and this season he has bought 200,000 rough staves and about all the hoop poles that have come. Mr Henry Thompson has four buildings and lots in the village and is on the right road to prosperity. His accountant and clerk R. E. Childs, is capable and gentlemanly and to him is also relegated at times the railway business which frequently taxes his energy.

A capacious blacksmith and wagon shop, lately built is owned by G. N. Plummer, who turns out all manner of iron and wood work. Timber wagons break down sometimes, by heavy loads and hardly hills and Mr Plummer is kept busy all the time. He is a genial citizen, born here, and likes his joke as well as the next man.

Horton has a photograph gallery not an Arabian tent to the

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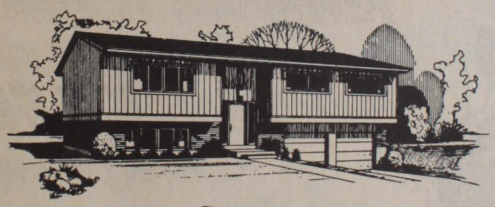

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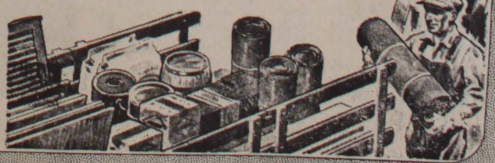

# 1892: Bank elects officers

The Hartford Herald
January 13, 1892

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Hartford on yesterday, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: S. K. Cox, President; G. T. McHenry, Cashier; John C. Thomas, Dr. J. S. Coleman, H. J. C. Lindley, John J. McHenry and Sam K. Cox, Directors.

## O'Flaherty dies

March 30, 1892

Judge John O'Flaherty, an old newspaper man and once a well-known citizen of Hartford, died at his home in Owensboro Sunday and was buried here Monday. Mr O'Flaherty was once Police Judge of Hartford, and at one time conducted a newspaper here. He married Miss Benton, daughter of the last Joseph Benton, of this place. She with two sons, survives him.

## Business College opened in Louisville

The Hartford Herald
August 31, 1892

The many friends and former patrons of Prof. Enos Spencer for several years Secretary and Treasurer of the B. & S. College of Louisville, will be pleased to know that he is now at the head of a strong Corporation which has opened in the Louisville Board of Trade Building a strictly modern and practical Business College, under the well known and popular name of "Spencerian." They are at the business center, connected with all the leading business interests of the country, and Prof. Spencer's reputation as a practical Business Educator is all that is necessary to guarantee the success of the college. We bespeak for them a good patronage from the young men and women of this vicinity who desire that quality of practical instruction which will prepare them for good employment and success in life. See advertisement.

## Thompson settled Horton

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summer season lent, but a bona fide permanent gallery on the main floor. J. T. Muir is the artist and he has shown truth to life, tone and finish. Mr Muir has been in ill health for a considerable time and took photography as a divertisement, but has discovered himself an artist. He it is who keeps the big railway tank at Horton and slakes the thirst of the iron horse.

At Horton the people go to bed with sunset and get up with the rooster, so discovered.--James C. Carswell.

## Hines Mill burns

October 5, 1892

Soon after dark Monday night, Hines' Mill, situated on Rough Creek, in the northern part of the county, was totally destroyed by fire. When discovered it was wrapped in flames and it was impossible to do anything toward saving the mill or its contents. The fire removes an old landmark from Ohio County, the mill having been for many years a well-known institution of the county and giving name to the place where a village has grown up. It was the property of Mrs Alfred Hines and was not insured.

## Rosine

Wednesday June 15, 1892

June 13, 1892--Business of our town is good, and we expect it to better soon, as we are to have another railroad in a few months.

Miss Belle Whittinghill, left this morning for an extended visit to relatives in Hartford and Philpot, Daviess county, Ky.

Dr. C. W. Felix was in our town Sunday. He leaves this county Wednesday for his new home in Chrisney, Ind.

Miss Nettie Cochet, of Central City, who has been visiting Miss Lizzie Curley for the past two weeks, returned to her home last Saturday.

R. W. Ragland returned from a trip to Louisville and Shelby county Friday.

Miss Sallie Curley, who has been visiting her brother Will Curley, of Louisville, returned to her home last Friday.

Mrs Andrew London, of Henderson, Ky., is visiting her mother, Mrs J. W. Ragland of this place.

Mrs. Dr. Wedding is visiting her sister, Mrs Julia Wedding, of Horton.

Quite a number of our young folks attended the picnic at Hickory Hill near town last Friday.

Mrs H. P. Watts and family of this place visited relatives near Masonville last week.

Mrs D. M. Hocker and two little daughters, Mabel and Mollie, are visiting friends in Beaver Dam.

J. W. Tobor and wife attended church at Bethel Sunday.

**MOONSHINE STILL confiscated** in Ohio County during the early 1920s (Prohibition Days) by Sheriff G. A. Ralph, father of Mrs Ernestyne McConnell, Hartford. Mrs McConnell has identified some of the persons in the picture made in Hartford in the area of where the library now stands as Cicero Midkiff, Judge Rufus Dowell, Sheriff Ralph, and Frank Black. She did not know who had owned the still.

# 1893: Former resident recollects on personages who made town

The Hartford Herald
June 7, 1893

EDITORS HERALD: – The arrival of the HERALD with its interesting weekly budget of local news and its brief personal mention, on yesterday, set me to thinking of the good old town as I first knew it away back early in the fifties, when it was the center of a far larger radius of trade than at present. Then, as now, Hartford could boast of two hotels, and good ones at that, real fried meat taverns, the one at the corner of Union and Market Streets being presided over by that genial boneface Larkin Nall, "Old Pap," and the other at South-east corner of Market Street by that nice old-time gentleman, R. L. Walker, "Old Mos." The public rooms of these hotels, each containing a bar, were the favorite resorts of the adult male population of the town of winter evenings, not for the purpose of drinking liquor, but to enjoy the hospitable stoves of "Old Pap" and "Old Mos," and to discuss among themselves the political questions of the day, in all their ancient, latest and various phases, such as the Missouri compromise and its binding effect upon all subsequent generations, the Kansas-Nebraska Bill, the Lecompton Constitution, the Dred Scott decision, the compromise of 1850, the Wilmot Proviso, the Know Nothing question and Squatter Sovereignty. Many and fierce, often forcible and sometimes amusing – always entertaining – were these post prandial discussions, conducted by the ablest colloquial debaters of the town – and there were several gentlemen of real ability among them – which took place in the two hostelries aforesaid. Sometimes the disputants would become smartly irritated at their failure to convince and proselyte the entire crowd, and the followers of each – generally about equally divided – were sure to share the choler of their leader, but however angry the discussion, or however intense the partisan prejudice engendered thereby, all ill-feeling was banished at the close of the dis-

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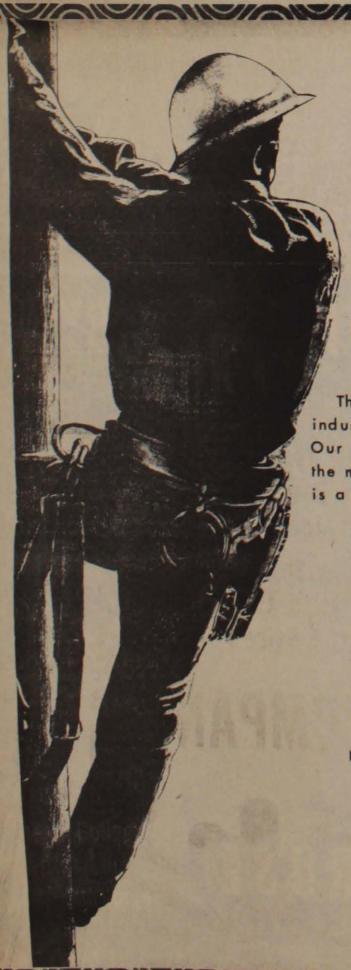
OHIO COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

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# 1893: Former resident

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cussion, and good fellowship was pledged in an all-round bumper of Billie Fields.

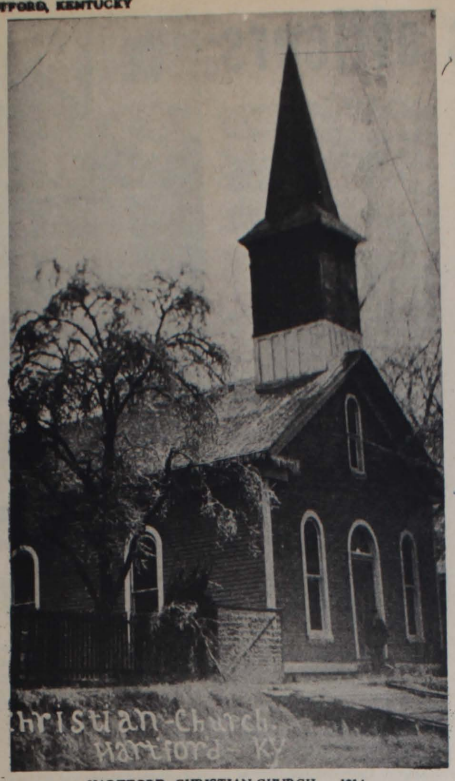
Among the regular boarders at the Hartford House, or Nall's tavern were Wm. Rogers, who had charge of the tobacco stemnery as the representative of the Quigleys and who was by reason of his business connection, a man of no small consequence in the community; Philip Brooks, foreman for Rogers; Capt. Wm. Graves, who had the distinction of having crossed the plains and Rockies to California in '49; Joe Vaught, who was esteemed the best blacksmith in the Green River country and who was moreover the Beau Brummal of the town; James A. Thomas, (Uncle Jim), then regarded as a confirmed bachelor, but was persuaded by an estimable young lady to join the benedicts some years later.

The Walker House then had for its most distinguished guest, Uncle Jack Johnson, a bachelor of culture and refinement who is aptly described by the epitaph on his tomb in the Morton graveyard, with reads substantially as follows: "Sacred to the memory of John Johnson, a fine old Virginia gentleman." George Bennett, the blind grocer and confectioner, who kept in the little one-story frame on the corner where the HERALD is now published, was also a patron of the Walker House. George was a bachelor too, just and generous, and would have scorned to put sand in his sugar or manipulate his weights to the detriment of his customers.

Passing along up Market Street from Nall's Corner or the Hartford House, at the time of which I write one would next come to the general store of Judge Jno. W. Crow. The building, a one-story frame with shed in front, stood with its side to the street, and had two front doors. The first door led into the storeroom where John Wayman Crow, affable and polite, was ever ready to wait upon customers, while in the other room, (counting room) entered from the street by the other door, or from the store room through a partition door, sat the grim visaged old Judge, keeping a close tally on John Wayman's sales, issuing law process as County Judge and sitting as a self - constituted censor upon the morals of the town. It is needless to add that the Judge was not popular with the younger set, but on the contrary was heartily disliked by the young men upon whom he was wont to obtrude his advice, which he spiced with so much cynicism as to make it too pungent for their taste. Bill Foreman, Tom Henderson, John H. McHenry, Jr., Bill Peyton, Dave Moseley or any of their set would walk a square out of their way at any time to avoid a lecture by the Judge. The trouble was that the Judge, who was really a kind-hearted old gentleman, could not, as the French would say, get the boys enrapport with him.

Passing up the street from Judge Crow's store, David Thomas' saddlery shop was next reached - a one-story frame building standing with its gable to the street. Mr Thomas was an industrious, intelligent man, devoted to his family and his business. Pete was generally to be found at his father's shop, and would frequently call out, "Papa, toodie wac," which being translated, meant that he wanted a chew of wax - beeswax - with which his father waxed his thread. John was apt to be engaged in more active devilment, for the intelligent execution of a great deal of which he was specially adapted. Ellis was yet in the nursery when his father died.

Just south of Thomas' saddlery shop stood a one-story frame building with its gable to the street occupied by Dr. Sam'l O. Peyton as a doctor shop, and which smelt loudly of the standard remedies of the day. There were no drug stores with wet and attachments or otherwise in the small country towns then, and every practicing physician kept a stock of drugs on hand, such as quinine, calomel, ipecac and other medicines of every day use, and the house in which they were kept was called the "doctor shop", because I suppose the doctor sometimes sawed off an arm or leg. While a physician by profession, and a mighty good

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one, Doctor Peyton was fond of politics as a diversion, in which he was quite successful, representing the old Second District three terms in Congress. He was a plausible, forcible and attractive speaker, a good electioneer and a good man.

One of the first political debates I ever witnessed, was that which occurred in the old Union church between Dr. Peyton and the late John P. Campbell, of Hopkinsville, as opposing candidates for Congress in 1855, the year the Know Nothings were so bad in Kentucky, as Col. Phil Lee was said to have remarked. Know Nothingism, the Compromise of 1850, and the Kansas-Nebraska Bill were the principal questions discussed, and while I was a Know Nothing, because my father was, I really thought that Dr. Peyton got the best of the discussion. But it is getting late and I must stop for I guess you are tired and so am I.

LEUMAS

# 1894: Postoffices dot Ohio County

The Hartford Herald
April 18, 1894

Ohio County was formed in the year 1798, and was named after the beautiful river which bounds the State on the north for seven hundred and 20 miles. The soil is generally thin, but some fertile farming lands are to be found along Green and Rough rivers, and along Caney, Adam's Fork, and Halls creeks. Poplar, oak, hickory, maple, and sweet gum timbers abound in profusion, and of the finest merchantable quality. The county is included in what is known as the Western Coal Field of Kentucky, and a number of coal mines are being worked with satisfactory results to the companies operating them, among which may be mentioned the McHenry Mines at McHenry; the McHenry-Rockport mines at Echols; the Taylor mines near Beaver Dam; the Central mines at Hamilton and the Williams mines near McHenry. The total out-put of coal from the Ohio county mines during the year 1888 was 5,515,799 bushels. The county has no bonded debt.

Hartford, the county-seat, was incorporated in 1808, and has a population of about one thousand souls. It has three church buildings, Baptist, Southern Methodist, and Cumberland Presbyterian. No bar-rooms - the county having voted prohibition, by a large majority, in November 1886. Hartford College is the pride of the town and surrounding country, being a large modern brick structure, in which is taught one of the very best schools in Western Kentucky. The college is under the control of Dr. Wayland Alexander, a distinguished and experienced educator, assisted by Professors Foster and Shultz and other competent teachers, and is rapidly growing in popular favor.

The Newport News & Mississippi Valley Railroad runs through the county, a distance of about thirty miles from east to west, and the Owensboro, Fordsville & Falls of Rough Railroad runs through the northeastern portion of the county, a distance of some 18 miles, while the Branch road of the Louisville, S. Louis & Texas penetrates the county some six miles - making in all some 54 miles.

The dirt roads, I am sorry to say, are not in good condition, especially for winter travel; and general promptness in keeping them in good repair does not exist. There is a pretty general promptness in putting them in what is popularly, but fallaciously, called good repair just before each term of the circuit court, which convenes in March, May, August and November; but if the surveyor, by reason of his spasmodic efforts, is fortunate enough to escape indictment, he relaxes his energies till just before the next session of court, when he is seized with another brief paroxysm of public enterprise. This will indicate our system of road laws. I regret to say that there is not a mile or a rod of turnpike road in the county. We are all "dirt-roaders."

Green River bounds the county on the south and southwest for up-

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## Carnival rides come to town

September 27, 1893

The boys and girls, and the old folks as for that, who attend the Ohio County Fair this week have a treat in store for them. Mr T. M. Baker, of Owensboro, now has on the Hartford Fair grounds a brand new steam cable riding gallery that cost $2,500. This gallery is composed of carriages, chariots and horses to accommodate 56 people. This machinery is run by steam. The gallery is 120 feet in circumference and makes six revolutions per minute. There is an organ attached to this that cost $450 and the same is manned by the celebrated "dead" negro, Uncle Sambo, who, by the aid of steam, furnishes most delightful music. All of this, together with the beautiful scenic center, will be one of the greatest attractions of the Fair. So when you come to the Fair, don't fail to put a few nickels in our pocket and avail yourselves of the treat that awaits you. This gallery will also be open from 7 to 10 o'clock at night.

## Cycles to Hartford

The Hartford Herald
July 26, 1893

On July the 23d, Mr George L. Mottler, of Owensboro, Ky., came up on his bicycle, a distance of 28 miles, to see his family, who were visiting their Uncle, Mr Louis Gunther. He made the distance in three hours and twenty minutes. He returned Monday and expected to make the trip in two hours and thirty minutes. If he fails, his uncle will get a pair of fine Congress gaiter shoes. His family returned home by railroad.

The Hartford Herald
October 4, 1893

Editor A. S. Worsley has moved his paper, "The Kentucky Industrialist," to Beaver Dam, and will make his first issue next Thursday. It is a bright, newsy five-column paper, devoted to the interest of the Knights of Labor and the Third party. We welcome brother Worsley to our neighbor city.

## Fordsville Banking Company

The Hartford Herald
March 8, 1893

The Hancock Clarion says of the new Bank soon to be established in Fordsville and of its cashier:

Our enterprising little neighbor, Fordsville, is to have a bank. Hon. John J. McHenry, of Hartford, is the chief promoter of the scheme, and the wide-awake business men of the town have given the institution a hearty reception by subscribing liberally to the capital stock. Ike C. Adair, our present Postmaster, has been selected as cashier. A building has been secured, and the bank will be ready for business as soon as the new corporation bill is passed. This, however, may not be for some time, as the process of lawmaking at Frankfort is exceedingly slow and Postmaster Adair will serve out his full term of office here. We heartily commend to the people of Fordsville and Ohio county Mr Adair. He stands very high in this community, and what Fordsville gains we lose.

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# 1895: Saloon licensed here

The Hartford Herald
September 18, 1895

The board of trustees of the town of Hartford at a called meeting last Monday morning, by a vote of three to two, granted license to L. C. Duke to sell liquor in the town of Hartford. The license was fixed at $500, which was paid. Mr Duke by his attorney then went to the County Court Clerk and tendered him $150, the amount of the State license. The clerk being of the opinion that the County Judge at a regular term of court would have to first pass upon the question as to whether or not license should be granted, refused to accept the money. Mr Duke then went to work preparatory to opening up his saloon which he did yesterday.

The vote of the trustees stood as follows: For granting license, Dr. E. B. Pendleton, C. L. Field and Judge John P. Morton. Against granting license, Circuit Clerk G. B. Likens and B. D. Ringo.

Later--L. C. Duke, by his attorneys, late yesterday evening filed suit in the Ohio Circuit court to compel the county court clerk to receive the $150, amount of State license, and receipt for same.

## Electric line to Beaver Dam

The Hartford Herald
September 18, 1895

Messrs. Henry M. and Enos Tolbert and Claude O'Flynn, accompanied by Master Forrest Tolbert, of Owensboro, are in Hartford under instructions from Mr A. J. Casey, who it is supposed represents a stock company, to survey a line of railroad from here to Beaver Dam. The project is to run an electric line from here to the above place with a spur extending to the mines. A power house will be erected here to supply electricity to run the cars. This would be a much-needed convenience for our town and we wish the enterprise success.

## Water works organized

The Hartford Herald
May 8, 1895

Messrs. J. W. Ford & Co. and H. P. Taylor have formed a company for the purpose of constructing a system of water works for Hartford. They have contracted for an iron tank which will hold ample water to supply the town. This will be located near the site of the Water Mill and will be given an elevation of forty feet above the ground at that point. This will give sufficient pressure to secure a stream to the top of any house in town. The tank will be filled by the operation of a hydraulic ram which will be operated at the dam now used by the Milling Company.

This is in the direction of a long-needed improvement in Hartford and the company will no doubt be able to supply water to a great many of the houses in the place.

## Postoffices

FROM PAGE 14

wards of sixty miles. Rough River runs through the county from northeast to southeast, cutting the county in two almost equal parts. Both streams possess fine and almost unlimited machine-propelling power. Then there is Caney Creek, Hall's Creek, Panther Creek, and Adams' Fork, which possess propelling power in limited degree. Green and Rough rivers are navigable, the first all the year, and the second about one-fourth of the time.

The merchantable timber consists of poplar, oak, hickory, beech, and sweet or red gum, all in abundance. The walnut has been mostly cut out and marketed. Of the agricultural products of our county, tobacco is the chief staple – not less than 6,000,00 to 7,000,000 pounds having been grown in the county during the year 1888. Some surplus of corn is produced, but not much. Of the various grasses, red-top, timothy, and red clover are considered best adapted to the soil of our county, and but little of any other kind is grown. Our county has made some slight improvements in its manner of farming. I think the soil of the cleared land is deteriorating in fertility, because no judicious system of fertilizing or reviving is in vogue. We have had no immigration to our county to amount to anything in the past two years, but there has been a steady and conservative increase in our population in that time. We have had material additions to our milling and manufacturing interests recently, among which may be mentioned the new flouring mills at Beaver Dam, Hines Mill and improved machinery put in the Hartford Water Mills. About one-half of the original forest of Ohio remains, but no steps have been taken to renew the denuded sections. There is a disposition on the part of our farmers to use the best improved seeds.

Hartford is the county-seat. The county has a population of 22,946. It is situated in the Fourth Congressional, Second Appellate, Sixth Judicial and Seventh Senatorial districts. In the late Congressional election it cast 1,655 votes for the Democratic candidate, 1,585 for the Republican, and 946 for the populist.

POST OFFICES. – Adaburg, Aetnaville, Arnold, Barrett's Ferry, Beaver Dam, Beda, Buford, Centertown, Cromwell, Echols, Flint Springs, Fordsville, Hartford, Haynesville, Heflin, Horse Branch, Horton, Jones Station, McHenry, Magan, Olaton, Palo, Point Pleasant, Prentiss, Rathbone, Renfrow, Reynold's Station, Rockport, Rosine, Select, Shreve, Smallhous, Sulphur Springs, Taylor Mines, Waller, Westerfield, White Run, Ceralvo, Herbert, Trisler.

## 1896: County officers

The Hartford Herald
December 23, 1896

Ohio County Circuit Court
Hon. W. T. Owen, Judge, Owensboro.
Hon. J. Edwin Rowe, Attorney, Owensboro

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Hon. W. T. Owen. Judge, Owensboro.
Hon. J. Edwin Rowe, Attorney, Owensboro.
J. W. Black, jailer, Hartford.
G. B. Likens, Clerk, Hartford.
B. D. Ringo, Master Commissioner, Hartford.
G. B. Likens, Trustee Jury Fund, Hartford.
Cal P. Keown, Sheriff, Hartford, Deputies, Samuel Keown, Hartford, Joe Roberts, Fordsville, Thos. R. Bishop, Centertown, S. T. Stevens, Cromwell.
Court convenes first Monday in March and August and continues three weeks and Third Monday in May and November, 2 weeks.

County Court:
John P. Morton, Judge, Hartford.
D. M. Hocker, Clerk, Hartford.
E. P. Neal, Attorney, Hartford.
Court convenes first Monday in each month.

Quarterly Court:
Begins on the third Monday in January, April, July and October.

Court of Claims:
Convenes first Monday in January and Tuesday after the fourth Monday in October.
G. S. Fitzhugh, surveyor -- Sulphur Springs.
N. C. Daniel, Assessor, Cromwell.
Z. H. Shultz, school supt., Hartford.
L. W. Hunt, coroner, Sulphur Springs.
C. R. Campbell, Poorhouse keeper, Hartford.

Police Courts
Hartford--J. F. Carson, Judge, J. P. Stevens, Marshal, B. L. Kelley, Attorney.
Beaver Dam -- D. A. Miller, Ben Rummage, Marshal.
Cromwell -- J. P. Cooper, Judge, Finis Burden, Marshal.
Hamilton--L. Francis, Judge, D. W. Roll, Marshal.
Rockport -- W. B. James, Judge, J. J. Gilem, Marshal.
Rosine -- Jonathan Raley, Judge, H. Morris, Marshal.
Ceralvo -- N. B. Fulkerson, Judge, J. W. Garrett, Marshal.

Justice Courts
Fordsville, J. A. Bowling, Barrett's Ferry.
Buford, Ben F. Graves.
Hartford, A. S. Aull.
Rosine, C. L. Woodward.
Cromwell, Jont B. Wilson.

Constables
Fordsville, J. H. Oller, Fordsville.
Buford, J. L. Patton, Buford.
Rosine, Thomas Allen.
Cromwell, R. B. Martin, Cromwell.
Hartford, Hosea Shown, Hartford.

# 1896: Beaver Dam fire does $11,550 in damages

The most disastrous fire that Ohio County has had for many years occurred at Beaver Dam last Sunday morning at 2:30 o'clock. It came like a thief and had almost consumed Taylor and Waddell's livery stable before the fire was discovered and the alarm sounded. These gentlemen lost seven horses, six buggies, two spring wagons and a lot of harness accessories to a well equipped livery business amounting in all to $2,500. S. L. and C. M. Taylor owned the building. The loss was about $750.

The fire next caught to a warehouse belonging to F. O. Austin in which he lost about $250 worth of lime and salt and in which Hocker and Co. had stored wool and fertilizer valued at $1,000. Cooper and Williams had $200 worth of fertilizer in the same building. H. B. Taylor, Jr. and C. M. Taylor lost $1500 worth of buggies, wagons and farming implements in the same house. The warehouse was valued at $250 and all contents were burned. The fire then spread to the large Blacksmiths shop, owned by Williams and Williams, which with all of its contents valued at $2,000 was consumed. The next building to catch fire was the large tobacco factory owned by Harrison Austin and valued at $1,000. The flames then lapped over and soon placed the Masonic Hall into ashes, loss $1500. Hunter & Co. lost a warehouse valued at $500. There was no insurance on anything except $800 carried on the Masonic Hall. Total loss $11,550.

Had it not been for a horse breaking his halter and running through the office where they were sleeping Messrs. Wm. Taylor and Henry Waddle would certainly have perished in the flames. As it was, the ceiling was falling in and Mr Taylor was severely burned before they got out of the building. It took heroic work to save Miss Emma Barnes' house as well as several business houses on Main Street. Mr Taylor had $50 in money burned. The bucket brigade did noble work. The fire is thought to have been of incendiary origin.

## Teachers meet at Fordsville

The teachers of the Fordsville Association will meet at Fordsville, Ky., November 21, 1896 at 9 a. m. and render the following program.

Devotional exercises, J. W. Petty. The teacher, a builder, Henry Godsey. My weak points in teaching, Carl Soper. Patriotism, Ira Petty. How to teach current event, F. L. Sandefur and Wallace Rosson. Recitation, Miss Aurora Storms. How a teacher should live, W. M. Johnson. Physiology, Willie Day. Child study, Mrs Storms, A. G. Teel and Sue M. Moseley. How to teach dates in history -- Willie Gray and H. E. Cox. Recitation--Miss Ella Jones. Civics in the common schools, M. J. Holbrooks. Why I love to teach, J. W. Odell and R. O. Neel. Young men's influence in public affairs, L. W. Godsey. Exercises by the little pupils of Fordsville school. Recitation, Miss Annie Petty. The teacher's influence in society, J. W. Petty and J. C. Hohimer. Select reading, Miss Dona Westerfield. Address, I. S. Mason. Essay, Miss Jessie Reynolds. Address, Z. H. Shultz, Co. Supt.

## Longfellow dead

The Hartford Herald
March 29, 1882

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, one of, if not the greatest poet this county ever produced, died at his home in Cambridge, Mass. last Friday. He was born in Portland, Maine, February 27, 1807. He graduated at Bowdoin College, in 1825, and from that day, to his death, he devoted himself to literary pursuits. His life like his verse was pure and chaste.

## Postmasters

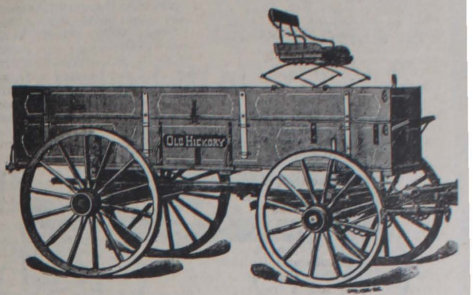
The Hartford Herald
March 22, 1893

A dispatch was received Sunday from Hon. A. B. Montgomery announcing the appointment of C. W. Taylor for postmaster at McHenry and W. H. Griffin at Hartford. These are both elegant gentlemen, endowed with thorough business education and habits. These appointments are gladly received by all parties at these places, notwithstanding there were several popular applicants at both places. It is not known where the post office at the place will be kept.

## Herald Editor turns minister

January 23, 1896
The Hartford Herald

Jo B. Rodgers, who for several years been editor of the Hartford Republican had had a change of heart and has gone into the ministry. He has laid down the pen, stepped from the editorial Tripod, washed the ink from his fingers and in their stead has baken up the Bible, gone into the pulpit and will henceforth preach to a dying world.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# 1897: Indiana-Kentucky boundary line settled

The Hartford Herald
June 23, 1897

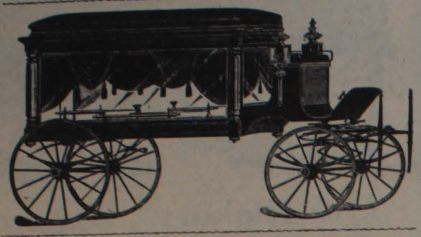
Indianapolis, Ind., June 9 -- The dispute of long standing between Indiana and Kentucky as to the boundary line on Green River Island has been finally settled and commissioners appointed to run the line have asked to be discharged. The boundary line is marked by three monuments of iron. One stone monument is placed at the starting point at the extremity of the island, one near the midway distance and one at the western extremity. On the north side of each of these monuments appears the word "Indiana" and on the south side the word "Kentucky." The iron posts were cast in raised letters, the words reading downward.

Under the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, Kentucky gets most of Green River Island. The commissioners report the entire expense of fixing the boundary line to be $1,122. The State of Kentucky will pay half of this amount.

"It was about ten years ago," said Judge Davis last night, "that this matter began to be disputed. The Indiana people claimed the low water mark was at the south side of the island and the Kentuckians claimed it was a considerable distance back, where a channel ran from east to west. When Kentucky was taken into the Union it was given to the low water mark on the Indiana side, and at that time the channel has been filled in and instead of running around a portion of the island as heretofore, the water stops on Kentucky or the south side, Indiana claimed that Kentucky was entitled to property extending only as far as the Kentucky of the south side of the island.

"The matter was taken before the Supreme Court of the United States and the decision was rendered in 1889. The court held that to Kentucky was given to the low water mark on the Indiana side when the State was annexed, [illegible] was entitled to that same [illegible] up.

A. C. TAYLOR, Undertaker



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*A. C. TAYLOR, Hartford, Ky.*

# 1898: Spanish-American War event of that year

By NINA SCHROADER

The Hartford Herald
March 23, 1898

Since the explosion of our battleship Main in Havana Harbor may possibly [illegible] eventuate serious difficulties with Spain, it is both timely and pertinent to make some inquiry into the military strength of the United States.

In the New York Sun of last Saturday some interesting figures were given bearing upon the number of troops which this country could put into the field in the event of hostilities. To make use of these figures, the strength of the present States aggregates 114,362, officers and men. Kentucky would have 361,137. Taken in addition to the fighting strength of our naval squadron which is far superior to Spain's the foregoing little cause for apprehension as to the final outcome of hostilities.

The Time Has Come April 6, 1898

It is now seems that there is an end to red tape and we are actually upon the eve of a war with Spain. President McKinley has held the dogs of war in leash until his tired arms can no longer stand the strain and they are breaking loose. Diplomatic negotiations between Spain and the United States have ceased and the most intense feeling prevails at the headquarters of both nations.

We are in the perspective -- at the beginning of the thrilling and awful drama. The orchestra ceased playing, the curtain is up and the actors are just behind the wings. Presently the stage manager will give the signal and then the play will be on.

May 11, 1898

While the United States and Spain have never confronted each other in deadly line of battle upon either land or sea, frequent occasions have arisen heretofore when the two countries seemed to be at daggers point and eager to appeal their difficulties to the arbitrament of war, and on page two of the same issue the headlines were the full story of the most brilliant achievement in the World's naval history. Admiral Dewey destroyed the Spanish fleet without the loss of a life or his ships. Submarined Mines exploded in front of his ship but did not stop him and annihilation rapid and complete.

Departure of our boys, Page 3 same issue:

Company G Third regiment, Ohio county's soldiers left for Lexington last Saturday morning. There was a large crowd on the streets to see them off. The Hartford Cornet band accompanied them, rendering inspiring strains of martial music. The large Banner presented to the boys by the young ladies of Hartford was a creation as was also the handsome flag given by the young ladies of Beaver Dam. Miss Sue Yeiser, in a pretty little address presented the banner amid loud cheering. A large delegation including many ladies accompanied the soldiers to Beaver Dam. Arrived there, a most pleasant reception awaited them. Beaver Dam fairly outdid Hartford in the extent and warmth of her greeting. Miss Amy Mitchell presented the flag in a most touching and beautiful speech. In his responses to the presentation to the Company, Captain Keown assured the donors of the high appreciation of their gifts. No braver set of boys ever left the county than our noble Rough River Guards as we predict they will be heard from in deeds of valor.

May 23, 1898
And the Boys Came Back

The young ladies of Beaver Dam and Hartford no doubt feel much chagrined and mortified to know that a considerable number of the company of soldier boys whom they complimented so nicely with banner and flag and encourage with their kind words and acts have proven recreant to their solicitude and have already deserted their colors. The boys claim that the main reason for desertion was lack of necessary comforts in camp life that they were compelled to undergo hardships that were very unpleasant.

Wednesday, July 27
Feeding the starving. . . .

Although the city of Santiago has been under the protection of the United states for a week, the food problem still is a pressing one. The adoption of the old Spanish customs dues has driven away several cargoes of supplies sent here from Jamaica and the Red Cross is the only agency that stands between Santiago and starvation.

August 3, 1898--Wants Peace

Spain at last bows to the inveiable

She calls upon the United States to name terms and stop the war Nothing said about armistice

July 20--The Federal consor in New York, Mr Grant Squire stated at 3:15 p. m. today that official announcement might be made that the surrender of Santiago had been verified and at exactly 3 o'clock this afternoon, the city was formally turned over to us.

August 10, 1898--Peace is in sight, but it may he deferred some weeks by Spain but there is little doubt that Spain will agree to the main demands but she is dodging.

August 17, 1898--Peace at last. The United States and Spain are no more at war.

December 14, 1898 -- What we got in that little twenty million deal. The terms of peace are no longer matters of speculation. They are accomplished facts. We now know exactly the present metes and bounds of our colonial empire, if the Senate shall agree with Mr McKinley, says the New York World.

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# Tom Hayden sentenced to hang for murder

The Hartford Herald
March 23, 1898

And Hartford is to have a hanging. This has been decided by twelve good men and true and the subject named.

When the case of the Commonwealth vs. Tom Hayden was called in the Ohio Circuit Court, few people doubted but that the trial would result in a verdict of the death penalty.

Tom Hayden, a mulatto, killed Bena Logan, a colored girl at McHenry the first week of last October. The crime was a most brutal and inexcusable one. For some time Hayden had been paying his attention to the Logan girl, but she disliked him and plainly showed her distaste for his company. This only served to arouse his jealous anger and he took occasion to push himself upon her society at every opportunity. Upon the day of the killing he was at her house in company with several other darkies. A trip was suggested by one of the party but Bena said if Tom was going she would stay at home. This angered him and he upbraided her with very abusive and insulting language. He finally gave her a brutal blow on the side of the head and called her a vile name. She put her apron to her face to quiet the stinging pain and replied her parents were as respectable as his. He clearly saw that his case was up with her and that she had no use for him at all. Her tears and her words seemed to madden him and he reached in his left hip pocket, pulled out a pistol and shot her through the heart. She screamed and fell and lived about five minutes after being shot.

Hayden escaped and was captured in the eastern part of Kentucky about the middle of last December and brought to Hartford and lodged in Jail. There was absolutely no sympathy for the negro and no lawyers would offer to defend him. The law, however, vouchsafes to every man a fair trial and court appointed E. T. Miller and E. P. Neal to defend Hayden. Evidence was begun Friday morning and the jury took the case Saturday afternoon. They could not arrive at a quick decision. Six of the twelve men were for imprisonment for life and six for hanging.

The jury brought their verdict at 8:30 o'clock Monday morning. Hayden listened to the reading of the few words that doomed him to death with soical indifference but broke down upon being taken back to jail and cried bitterly. He asked for somebody to come and pray with him which request was granted. Later he calmed down and seemed to take matters cooly.

Judge Owen will fix the day of the execution within a few days but it is likely that it will be several months yet before Hayden will be hung. The scaffold will likely be erected on the lot adjoining the jail and the hanging will be visible to all people.

The Jury was composed of J. H. B. Carson, C. T. Whittinghill, J. L. Miller, C. W. Butler, Jasper Patton, Flem Stevens, H. C. Felix, A. L. Westerfield, Stephen Duke, Ham Barnes, R. A. Stewart, James A. Baird.

Hartford never had but one legal hanging before in its history and that was 70 years ago when a man named Irving was hung for killing a man named Maxwell. Press Davis, a negro, was sentenced to be hung here about 15 years ago for killing a negro raftsman, but escaped from jail before the day of execution.

July 13, 1898
Tom Hayden Executed

The trap door sprung at 10:01 a. m.

The first hanging since 1826.

Early in the morning Tom's Coffin had been placed under the rear of the scaffold and the guards were placed at their stations around the jail and enclosure and remained there until after the execution. This hour was awaited with abated breath by the enormous crowd that surged and crowded one another about in order to get a glimpse of the condemned man.

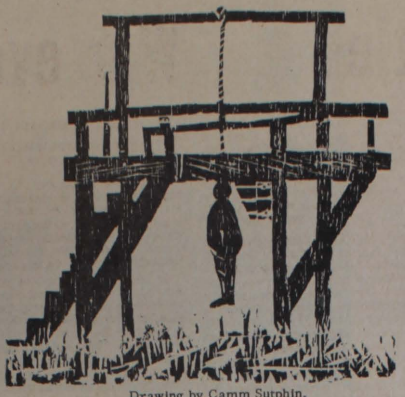
A great clamor was made for Hayden to make his statement on the jailhouse steps but this was not acceded to by the Sheriff for fear that Hayden might say something that would call forth a controversy.

At 8:30 Sheriff Stevens and his deputies left the courthouse with the rope and black cap and went over to the jail. Fully 3,000 people were crowded around. On reaching the scaffold Hayden made the following talk. . . . .

At 9:40, Rev. G. W. Drane read a passage of scripture, Rev. Miles read a song and then joined in singing with Rev. Drane. Hayden standing by with downcast eyes seemed to be in reverent prayer and tears were seen trickling down his cheeks as he would think of his end being near at the close of the song. Hayden knelt upon the trap door and offered a prayer that his soul be taken to heaven, ending his prayer at 9:55, he asked to tell the crowd goodbye and almost all the crowd in the enclosure went up and shook hands with him.

At 9:58 he stepped up on the trap door and he was bound and the black cap pulled over his face after which he said goodbye again and at 10:01 the trap door was sprung and he dropped into eternity.

Drs. Ford, Pendleton, McDowell, Bean, Patterson, Tichenor, Nall and all other physicians pronounced him dead. The crowd now requested to be permitted to view the remains, but were denied the privilege because the relatives of the deceased objected. The remains were then taken in charge by his relatives and taken in the hearse to the tunnel hill burying grounds near Echols, where interment took place.



Drawing by Camm Sutphin.

## Hartford's New Bridge work stopped

The big new iron bridge which spans Rough River at Hartford was almost completed when work was stopped, awaiting the decision of the Building Committee as regards to acceptance of the new abutment recently constructed on the north side of the river. This abutment is in a seemingly bad condition. Just how dangerous or unsafe it is cannot be exactly determined but it is evident that it is not a first class abutment in every way.

. . . .When the bridge is completed the bridge will be a splendid structure and will cost together with the new abutment about $8,000.

## Punishment

March 14, 1898--The case of the Commonwealth vs. P. H. Ross wherein the same P. H. Ross was charged with unlawfully chastising one of his pupils was tried in Squire Rone's court February 14 and a verdict rendered of not guilty. This ought to be a lesson to those sore headed patrons, a few of whom may be found in a majority of the districts in the county who think their children never need punishing and who are ever ready to criticize the teacher's management of the school and to put the teacher to all the trouble possible.

# 1898: Law banning Cigarette smoking passed by legislature

An act to prohibit the use, manufacture or sale of cigarettes and to provide the punishment for its violation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

First--it shall be unlawful for any person to sell, barter, loan or give to make, fabricate or manufacture to have on his premises in his possession or under his control, a cigarette, whether it be covered with paper or other material, it shall be unlawful for any person to have on his premises in his possession or under his control any substance or material out of which any part of such cigarette could be made with the knowledge or purpose that at any time such substance or material might become a factor of such cigarette.

Second--Any person who shall violate the law as set forth in the first paragraph of this act shall evade it by any trick, artifice or method whatever shall upon conviction be fined not less than $10 nor more than $100 or imprisonment in the county jail for not less than five nor more than 50 days or both so fined and imprisoned in the discretion of the jury and each violation or evasion of law shall be deemed a separate offense.

# Officers

The new county officials assumed their duties last Monday. Mr James P. Miller seems to fit the County Judge's chair very nicely. The duties of the County Clerk will be administered by Mr M. S. Ragland who will have as his deputy here, his son, Mr. U. G. Ragland, Mr. S. A. Anderson has taken charge of the Circuit Clerk's office and Judge John P. Morton will be his deputy. Sheriff S. T. Stevens will collect the People's taxes and attend to the evil doers and will have as his deputies in this business.

## Dundee named

April 27, 1898

Hines Mill has changed its name to Dundee and with the change it brought us a post office, which is quite a convenience to the businessmen here as well as the whole community.

## Prohibition vote

June 22, 1898

Last Saturday was election day in Hartford. The proposition submitted was:

Shall the sale, barter, loan of and traffic in spirituous vinous and malt liquors be prohibited in the town of Hartford and shall the law now in force in said town allowing the sale, barter, loan of and traffic in such liquors in said town become inoperative.

To this proposition 99 men voted yes and 69 voted no. Thirty-four votes were case in East Hartford against saloons and 14 for them. In West Hartford the vote was fifty-five for saloons and 65 against them. Both precincts went decidedly against the saloons, the first named by 20 and the latter by 10 majority.

## Revival held at Select

There has been a grand revival of religion held at the residence of Mr Grant Young, near this place by Revs. Matthews, Berry and Robinson Sinners were converted, Christians revived and backsliders reclaimed and God's name glorified. This section of the county is some distance from any church, hence the meeting was held for the benefit of those who cannot attend church. The meeting was of about two weeks duration. The congregation was very large and orderly. The result of the meeting was that some 12 or 15 professed a hope in Christ. Some who had backslidden for quite a number of years were restored to the enjoyment of religion. Several joined Green River Baptist church.

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# 1899: Love affair ends in murder

The Hartford Herald
January 4, 1899

Frank Burks was a good-natured, eccentric bachelor about 35 years of age, who owned and lived by himself upon a fine farm up in the edge of Panther Creek bottoms, north of Magan.

Thursday night about 7:30 o'clock he was shot by some one, the ball entering his body just beneath the left shoulder and coming out just above the heart, producing a wound from which death resulted instantly.

Much mystery surrounds the murder and up to this time the evidence tending to fix the responsibility for the crime is purely circumstancial.

The story of the murder, as brought out before Esq. J. H. Weller, who held the inquest and also a court of inquiry to ascertain the facts, leads strongly to the conclusion that Foster Gross fired the fatal shot, and that his mother, Polly Westerfield, knew all about it at the time.

Thursday evening Frank Burks was seen in company with Foster Gross, going towards the home of Dr. Isaac Westerfield, who is now the husband of Polly Westerfield and step-father of Gross. Mrs Westerfield was formerly Miss Mills. She became the wife of Mat Gross, who some years ago drew $15,000 in the Louisiana Lottery and straighway went to the bad. Foster Gross is a son of this union and is said to be a bad man.

Dr. Westerfield and Gross disagreed and this caused a separation between Westerfield and his wife. On Thursday afternoon Gross had come to the house and Westerfield had gone away claiming to be afraid of Gross. About 7:30 o'clock that night five shots from a pistol were heard by the neighbors, and the flash was seen apparently near the door of the Westerfield house. In about five minutes thereafter Mrs Westerfield came breathless to the home of Mrs Sallie Greer about 300 yards away and said she was at home alone when some men rode up and fired the shots. She was very nervous and soon stated that "I have not told it all" and said she must go back and see about the fire.

Mrs Greer and her children offered to go along with her, but she out ran them, hastily entered the house and came out again before they reached the yard.

Next morning the body of Frank Burks was found lying in the yard about forty feet from the Westerfield home, where it had fallen the night before.

Mrs Westerfield said she knew nothing about it. She sticks to this story.

It developed that Burks had long maintained intimate relations with Minnie Gross, a daughter of Mrs Westerfield, and Foster Gross and he were friends, although they had had former difficulties growing out of the matter.

The evidence pointed so strongly to Gross' guilt that Esq. Weller issued a warrant for his arrest and he was arrested by Constable Lanham Sunday and lodged in jail here. He denies his guilt, but says it will all be known soon as to who did the killing. He went to Tom Mills' some time in the night after the killing, but the witnesses do not know at what time.

Gross is said to have no regular home, but spends his time tramping about the neighborhood where he is feared by most of the people. He is considered a bad man.

The Hartford Herald

March 1, 1899

The Hartford Telephone and Exchange Co. now has its line completed and in operation to Pleasant Ridge, via Beda, and the service is affording satisfaction. A person can now telephone to Owensboro via this line by having the message transferred at Pleasant Ridge onto the Cumberland Telephone Co.'s line.

The Ohio County Telephone Co. has now got its line in operation between Hartford and Fordsville. Narrows, Sulphur Spring and Hines Mill are the intermediate stations. The first message was sent and received over the line yesterday. This line will at once be extended from Fordsville to Owensboro.

The completion of the Ohio County Co.'s line to Owensboro will give Hartford people three different lines to talk to the latter place by transferring at Pleasant Ridge, as the Cumberland Co. already has a line from here to the city of the yellow banks.

The Hartford Telephone Exchange has been established and will be in operation within a few weeks, or just as soon as the instruments are received and placed in position. The line will extend all over Hartford and also connect with all the independent lines running into our town. We will then be on speaking terms with each other at any distance here in Hartford and also with the good people of Beaver Dam, Owensboro, Fordsville, Pleasant Ridge and all the stations with which these different lines connect.

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Another Advertisement The Hartford House, Jim Tom Moore, clerk, W. T. King Proprietor, This house is well furnished and may accomodate all who will give me a call.

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# 1900: Goebel's assassin named

The Hartford Herald

March 21, 1900

The assassin of Gov. Goebel is said to be in the mountains, and Attorney Campbell says it would require an army to arrest him unless county officers gave aid. The cases of Powers, Davis and Culton were called at Frankfort Monday, but were postponed till Friday. More details of the conspiracy have come to light. It was at first intended to kill Goebel by asphyxiation, but plans were changed. The assassin used a steel bullet. The bullet is in possession of the Commonwealth.

"Tallow Dick" Combs, a mulatto of Perry county, and a former partisan in the French-Eversole feud, is said to have been named to the attorneys for the Commonwealth as the man who shot Gov. Goebel. Sergeant F. W. Golden, of Barbourville, who has turned State's evidence and who is now at Winchester, is said to have given the name. Combs, along with other negroes, was among the mountaineers brought to Frankfort, and was boarded near the State House. His board money was sent over from the State House.


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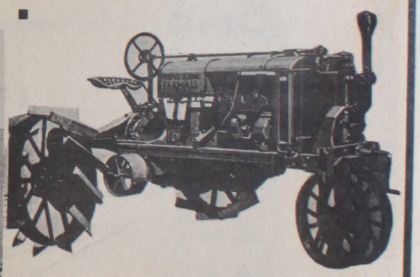

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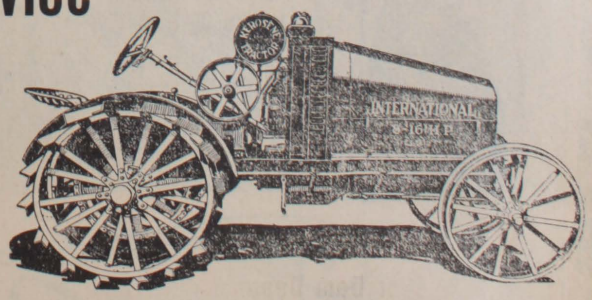

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PARADE AT FIRST SCHOOL FAIR held in Ohio County in 1914 was in Fordsville. The photo was made by W. H. Hale, father of Mrs. W. V. Matthews. Note the apples in the wagon, the band and drummer in the background.

Photo Courtesy Mrs. Matthews.

Kentucky's 74-76 CELEBRATIONS

# SINCE 1948

# ROYAL CROWN Bottling Company

**Of Beaver Dam, Ky.**

**The Past:** January 30, 1948-Marshall Barnes, J. S. Priest, Harold Durbin, and Uel Ross organized R.C. Bottling Co., Inc., to bottle RC and Nehi beverages. Harold Durbin and Uel Ross will manage the business to be located in the Stevens Building in Beaver Dam, where the Tip and Whistle Bottling Company is located. New bottles and coolers were ordered. New equipment purchased from the former plant in Hartford and from Tip.

**The Present:** Royal Crown's Bottling Plant on Main Street features front windows where visitors and passers-by can view the bottling process. Today, the plant serves Ohio, Butler, Grayson, Daviess, Hancock, McLean, and Breckinridge Counties. Twenty persons are employed there. It's present officers and directors are Marshall Barnes, president, Noah Phelps, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Andy Anderson, T. L. Jackson and John T. Barnes. Jerry Durham is vending, sales and office manager while Raymond McCormick is plant manager. Royal Crown Bottling Company manufactures RC, Diet-Rite, Frosty, Nehi Flavors, Upper 10 and Ginger Ale. Two major expansions have been made since the opening and moving to the new plant on Main Street. In 1966 a new bottling line was installed.

# "Singing about The News"-100 years of history

*To celebrate this occasion, this 100-page special edition of history and nostalgia is being presented to you the people of Ohio County and former Ohio Countians. It is to you, we dedicate this special edition, because it is you our readers, our subscribers and our advertisers, who have made it possible for us to come to this historic event. We say thank you to the wonderful people of Ohio County and to the people who have gone on who were our faithful readers and advertisers during these 100 years*

**By Nina Schroader**

It came out once a week
And when you got it the ink was
still wet
But you could count for sure
All the latest News you'd get
It'd tell all the things that'd
been going on
With a lot of ads too
So you waited on Friday for the
train to come in
With The Ohio County News.

I've read about some happy things
New babies or newly weds.
And I've read about some tears
When some old friend was dead
I've read about some good crops,
Seen the notice when my tax was
due
Whatever it was bound to be in
The Ohio County News.

Once each week we learned about
the war
All the boys had gone to win
And more than once I've read
about one
That would not be home again
The County fairs, the big tent
meetings
Things for sale, new and used

We got it on Friday when the
train came in
With The Ohio County News.

--Carlton Day C 1971

"It has been said that Ohio County is the most informed community on the face of the earth." With three weekly newspapers and a radio station, why wouldn't Ohio Countians be? One newspaper has stood the test of time and is celebrating its 100th anniversary on January 6, 1975.

The Ohio County News

The Ohio County News, 125 Center Street, which is marked by a State Highway historical marker placed here through the efforts of a former editor, Dorothy Gentry, is a consolidation of two newspapers, The Hartford Herald, 1875, the first to be published with any permanency, and The Hartford Republican established in 1888. John P. Barrett was the founder of The Herald and his descendants, his brother, his nephew, his wife, and great nephews have played an integral part in the history of the newspaper. Through the opposition of political views, Col. C. M. Barnett started the Hartford Republican in 1888.

John P. Barrett continued proprietorship for 12 years of The Herald which had across its masthead "I Come the Herald of a Noisy World, the News of all nations lumbering at my back." In 1886, The Herald was sold to Frank L. Felix and McHenry Rhoads who operated the paper until 1891 when Ben D. Ringo bought Mr Rhoads' interest. In 1893, Mr Felix became the sole owner and continued until January 1, 1917 when it was sold to the Hartford Herald Publishing Company, who were publishers until 1926.

Mr Felix and Jno. P. Barrett were at the helm for nearly 40 years of The Herald, while Percy H. Landrum published The Ohio County News for 35 years.

## Herald Democratic

The Herald was continuously a democartic newspaper while the Republican during its 38 years held to the Republican belief with the exception of a sponsorship of the Progressive Party during the campaign of Theodore Roosevelt. Through most of the years that these newspapers served the county, they maintained most aggressive editorial policies. At times during political campaigns, the two publications bitterly debated the questions at issue yet editors were always friends.

The Ohio County News, which has maintained for the most part the beliefs of the Herald politically, with a neutral policy in more recent years, had as its first editors W. S. Tinsley and McDowell A. Fogle.

During the war years, it was a struggle to keep either newspaper in business with the key people having to go to war. War years were also a financial strain to two newspapers in one area and the 1930s painted its mark on success of The Ohio County News.

The slogan of the newly consolidated newspaper was "Devoted to the interests of all the people of Ohio County."

The newspaper has ranked above the average for country weeklies and during the editorship of Heber Matthews, the Herald was awarded the first prize as the best all around newspaper in Kentucky, by the Kentucky Press Association. In 1929, it won first prize for the best editorial, and in 1931 was second best all around newspaper and second for the best editorial of that year. The newspaper was purchased in 1965 by Walt Dear and Dix Winston. Winston later sold his interest to Dear, a Henderson Daily publisher, who has added other weeklies to his chain including the Franklin Favorite, The McLean County News, the Marshall Courier, and other out of state newspapers. During the past seven years, The News has won five first place awards under the editorships of Mrs Gentry and Mrs Nina Schroader, the present editor. It has been cited for its sports pictures, classified advertising, hometown column, best news story, and news pictures.

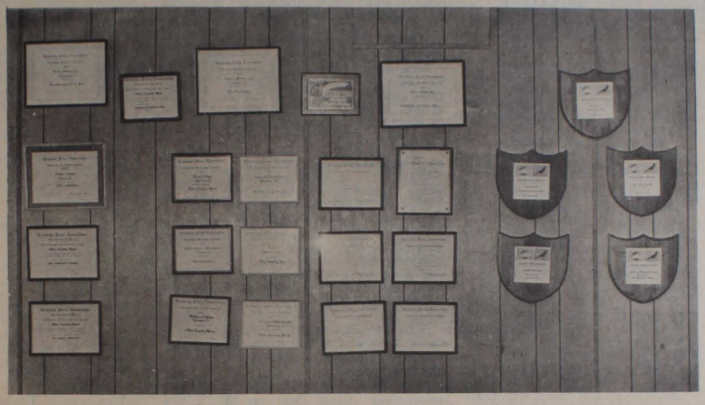
Ohio County has in its history a daily newspaper. The Shield was published in Hartford and in 1877 and 1878, before going to Owensboro, during the Ohio County fair, daily editions were published by the Hartford Herald.

Many fraternal and school papers have sprung up but all were short lived. For a time previous to the organization of the Hartford Herald, Wallace Gruelle conducted a printing office in Hartford and supposedly published a paper for a few issues. A paper was published in Beaver Dam for a time by D. G. Young known as te New Wrinkle. Also The Kentucky Gleaner was published there. The Ohio County Messenger, still in existence was organized at Rockport and moved to Beaver Dam with W. C. Greene as the first editor in the 1920s. He was succeeded by the late Carlos B. Embry. The newspaper is still owned by Embry's family.

In Fordsville the Argonaut was once published and another the name I do not know was published there.

In 1960s Andy Anderson started the Ohio County Times in Hartford.

The history of newspapers in Ohio County would not be complete without mention of two publications in the Barrett's Ferry section in the 1850s and before. Thomas Jefferson Barrett, grandfather of Lyman G. Barrett, published the Slick Knob Scrutinizer which was a hand written publication and the Wild Hog Valley Gazette published by E. H. Packenham. A copy of the 1839 paper, The Gazette, is recopied in this special edition. Violence of editorial policies and news reporting is evidenced in the story of Sam in the Gazette.



*KPA AWARDS and other honors bestowed upon The Ohio County News in recent years.*

The Newspaper which had its first published issue 100 years ago had as its preface: "We present the initial number of The Hartford Herald to the reading public of Ohio and surrounding counties. We have no promise to make of future excellence, for we know not that we could make them good. We have put our best foot foremost in the present issue and are content to be judged by it.

"The people want news. We will give it to them. They want literature that will instruct and improve as well as amuse. We will give it to them. They want to keep posted on the state of the markets. We will post them.

. . . .

"Politically, the Herald will be Democratic. While it will adhere inflexibly to the cardinal principles of the Democracy ennunciated by Jefferson and Jackson, it will never under any circumstances subordinate principles to men. When it comes to supporting a candidate for office, our first object will be to ascertain if his character, habits and qualifications are such that he can safely be entrusted with office. If our investigation proves satisfactory, he will receive our support. If it proves the reverse, he will have to look otherwhere for aim and comfort.

"We have thus briefly placed ourselfs upon record at the beginning in order that no one may be deceived in time, we must say that we intend to let politics occupy a subordinate position in our columns, as we don't purpose to interfere with their business. We desire to publish an interesting and acceptable family paper--one that will reflect credit upon our county. Our principal object is to put money in our purse by fair and square and honest work."

## Editors to 1930

Editors of the Hartford Herald: Wallace Gruelle, John P. Barrett, Nancy Jane Jones (the wife of the founder), Lycurgus Barrett (brother of the founder), John O'Flaherty, Cicero T. Sutton, James S. Glenn, B. P. Robertson, Frank L. Felix, McHenry Rhoads, Ben D. Ringo, Heber Matthews, W. Harold Coombs, J. Walter Greep, Lyman G. Barrett (son of Lycurgus Barrett), McDowell A. Fogle, and Miss Lillie B. Burton.

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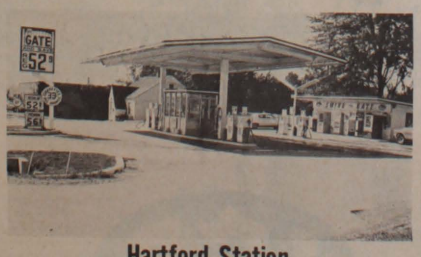


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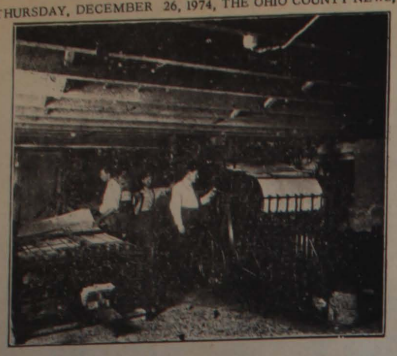

The Ohio County News before remodeling
Editorial Room Hartford Republican ➤
◀Press Room Of The Republican

# News and predecessors has been in household "since I can remember"

From information received from subscribers as best could be ascertained, Mrs Mary Schlemmer, Route 2, Utica, 96, and J. G. Barnes, Hartford, 78, are the two oldest continuous subscribers to The Ohio County News and its predecessors.

Mrs Schlemmer has been a subscriber for 73 1/2 years beginning a subscription when she came to Hartford as a young bride from Cannelton, Ind. She now resides with her daughter, Mrs Harry Smith.

Mr Barnes says he had resided with his father who took the paper continuously until he married and has been a subscriber himself for over 50 years.

Following close in their footsteps is Mrs D. C. Burden, Centertown, who was born September 1, 1892 and has been reading the paper since 9 or 10 years old, however, she says she has not been a continuous subscriber.

Mrs H. C. Graham, Fordsville, who is 86 years old has been reading the Hartford paper since she was old enough to care about reading a newspaper. It has been in her family since it started as the Herald.

Mrs Cora Thomasson Rhoads, Pleasant Ridge, says as far as she can remember her father always kept the Hartford paper in their hands. She recalls once the company offered a week's visit to three girls who got the most subscriptions to the paper. "I was one of those girls who won. Bertha Pirtle was one and Ethlyn Jones was the other. Claud Smith and wife went with us."

Many of The News subscribers write "The Ohio County News and the Hartford Herald or Republican have been in our household ever since I can remember." And to these people we say thank you.

Mrs Ollie Fulkerson, Centertown, has been a subscriber for so long as she can remember and she is 88 years old.

Mrs Flora Stewart has been a subscriber since 1906 for 68 years.

Martha Rhoads, Route 2, Beaver Dam, says the Herald or County News has always been in her family.

Mrs W. A. Taul, Dundee, has been a subscriber for 65 or more years.

## 65 Year Subscriber

J. Ney Foster, who was editor of the Hartford Republican, 1908-09 has been on the mailing list some 65 years and a continuous one.

Mrs Lena Schapmire, Hartford, is a 65 year subscriber.

John R. Cooper, Nashville, Tenn., has taken The News and its predecessors approximately 65 years with interruptions. He says he probably read his father's Republican through most of 18 years prior to his subscription.

One of our No Creek reporters in 1909-1912, James L. Chamberlin, Bradenton, Florida, has been a subscriber since he went to Pontiac, Michigan in 1928 and he believes his subscription dates back to the Hartford Herald but he does not know the date when he originally subscribed to the paper. "Memories are dear to me of Ohio County since there are seven generations of my family buried in Carson Cemetery beginning with my great great great grandmother, Lydia Stevens and the last being a nephew, Paul Chamberlin, a veteran of World War II.

Mrs V. A. Matthews, 81, Fordsville, has been a subscriber at times for 50 years.

For 56 years Mrs G. E. Fuqua, Hartford, has subscribed to The News with the exception of a few months.

An "Off and On" subscriber for 58 years, Mrs Ada Bryant states her father was a regular subscriber. When she was a child, they read the Hartford Herald and Republican and since 1916 she has subscribed.

Mrs J. W. Blackburn, McHenry, has been a subscriber for a number of years, Mrs L. S. Iglehart, Hartford, since 1920, Arthur T. Gray, Fairbury, Ill., 60 years, Mrs Cliffie Bennett, 88, Hartford, has been a reader of The News since a young child. Mrs Martha Duke Harrison, Dundee, and her parents have been subscribers for at least 50 years. Wilbur Keown, Fordsville, for 49 years, Mrs Gail Atherton, Livermore, formerly of the Matanzas and West Point neighborhoods, cannot recall any years that they did not have The Ohio County paper with all the name changes.

Mrs Nell R. Lipham, Jackson, Miss., has been taking the Hartford Republican and The Ohio County News since 1923 when she went to school in Bowling Green. She has received it since that date in four states, five different cities and 13 addresses and has only missed three copies during the 51 years. "I think this is a pretty good record for both me and the paper," she writes.

P. L. Sanderfur, Bowling Green, has been subscribing to The Ohio County News since 1918 and hopefully wants to continue for many more years. Mr and Mrs Sanderfur are retired in Bowling Green, since moving from Ohio County in 1943. He worked in the Hartford Republican office when it was owned by Cicero Barnett during his high school days.

For 45 years, the name of James Duke Phipps has been on the mailing list, Mrs Eva Evans, Owensboro, says she has taken the paper for 40 years, Ethel M. Stephens, Whiting, has been a subscriber for 40 years and it has been in the family over 60 years. Calvin Mahoney, Franklin, 35 and 40 years, being moved from the county 20 years. He took the paper when he lived at Buford.

Bob Newman, Owensboro, who solicited ads in Owensboro, for The News, can't do without The News and he also worked at The News office.

"Since about 1938, The Ohio County News has been coming to me in Fort Thomas", says Clifton Daniel.

Thirty years or more for John Iler, Cromwell, and E. H. Goodall, is sending a renewal and states he has been a subscriber for 35 years.

Katie L. Dever, Hammond, Ind., reports being a reader of The News for 30 years.

There are many others, we are sure, who failed to write.

# Singing About The News

FROM PAGE 3

Republican editors were Joe B. Rogers, C. E. Smith, James M. DeWeese, J. Ney Foster, Allison Barnett, and Estill Barnett. Men other than Col. Barnett who had complete control as editors at various periods of its history were Joe B. Rogers, Sam A. Anderson, James A. Anderson, Fon Rogers, Lon Rogers, John Henry Thomas, C. E. Smith, Allison and Estill Barnett, and W. S. Tinsley. Mr Smith was in charge of the paper for some five or six years and Mr Tinsley for a period of more than ten years.

During the 100 years, printing methods have changed from hand setting, then the linotype machine with hot metal and hand fed flat bed presses to a photographic process termed offset with computer tapes and offset rotary presses which print many thousand copies of a newspaper per hour, all the pages or many at one time. Metal type and letter press printing faded from the scene at The Ohio County News in 1965 with the sale of the Newspaper from Mr Landrum to Mr Dear and Mr Winston.

The newspaper boasts an all-girl staff which is pictured elsewhere but we have a "Dear" male boss, we have three male columnists, John Blackburn, Harry D. Tinsley, and John Nichols, and a good handy-man to "fix-it" when something breaks or bends, by the name of "Sonny" Schroader, my dear patient husband, who spent about 13 years, 24 hours a day working in the newspaper as a linotype operator. We also have a male sports photographer by the name of Dickie Mink.

The main principle as set forth today as 100 years ago in the preface in this the 200th anniversary of the founding of Kentucky is to serve the people of Ohio County.


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# Biographical sketches of The News Editors, Publishers, Owners

## John P. Barrett

John P. Barrett (1875-1886)--John Pinkney Barrett at the age of 34 founded The Hartford Herald and was either its publisher, editor, or both during 12 years.

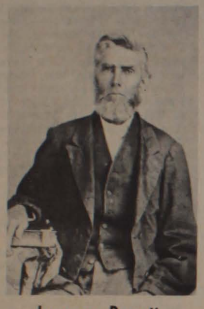
He receive the title "Col." because of that military title having been conferred on him by a Kentucky Governor. There were few newspaper published in Western Kentucky at that time and it was widely circulated in several counties.

Barrett was born at Barrett's Ferry where he lived until he came to Hartford to clerk in the store of his uncle, William Barrett, and also in stores at Calhoun. Barrett was deputy sheriff from 1867-68, and was elected sheriff in 1868 and again in 1870. In 1875 he purchased a printing outfit and established the newspaper. He was Master Commissioner and during the last 20 years of his life was engaged in the insurance business.

Col. Barrett gained a wide reputation as an able writer and co-edited a publication sponsored by the Order of Good Templars which Barrett founded and at one time had 20,000 members and 600 lodges. Their purpose was to fight alcoholism.

He married Mattie Bonner, Calhoun, May 16, 1866. They had two sons both dying in 1869.

He died June 3, 1894 at his home on Clay Street, Hartford.

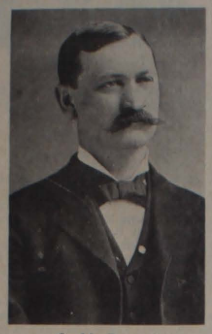


## Lycurgus Barrett

Lycurgus Barrett -- Brother of John P. Barrett and father of the late Lyman Gentry Barrett, editor of The Ohio County News, had a part in the work of the establishment of the newspaper, sometimes as editor and at other times as reporter and printer. He spent 28 years in Hartford and Calhoun before returning to Barrett's Ferry to teach school. He conducted dancing classes. He married Filura Gentry, did farming for a time and later opened a store.

Barrett established a store at Davison Station and he served as postmaster there. Lycurgus also served eight years as deputy sheriff and assisted his brother in the insurance business and once was offered the state editorship of the Louisville Courier-Journal.

He was born in 1843 and died in 1915.



## C. M. Barnett

Col. C. M. Barnett--(1888-1915) was founder of the Hartford Republican in 1888.

He was a prominent politician (Republican), lawyer and citizen of Ohio County and was born on a farm near Hartford on June 14, 1864.

Barnett was educated at Northwestern University near Chicago and at DePau College, Greencastle. He was graduated in law from the latter college and was admitted to the Ohio County bar in 1894.

Soon after leaving college, he began the publication of the Hartford Republican which he conducted for two years establishing the paper on a firm basis and making it an organ of the Republican Party, the newspaper believed to have been an influence in changing the county from predominantly Democrat to Republican.

In 1892, he made the race for Congress in the district and in 1895 was elected a member of the Lower house of the Kentucky Legislature and served in regular and special sessions in 1895-96.

In June, 1896, Barnett was made chairman of the Republican State Executive Committee, being the youngest man ever filling that position.

He was married to the former Miss Alice D. Bennett in 1887. They had three children, Major General Allison J. Barnett, Estill, and Hattie Cooper. He died December 29, 1915 in Nashville.

General Barnett returned to Hartford and worked on the newspaper with his father until the latter's death.

## McHenry Rhoads

McHenry Rhoads (1886 - 1890) --McHenry Rhoads, scion of the earliest pioneer families of the Green River Country was the great-grandson of Henry Rhoads, Revolutionary veteran and one of the founders of Rhoadsville now Calhoun.

Rhoads was born in Muhlenberg County and received his academic training at West Kentucky College, South Carrollton, where he graduated in 1880.

He was professor at West Kentucky College for five years with the exception of a year at Hartford College. In 1885 he was elected vice president and professor of natural science at Hartford College and Business Institute and remained at Hartford College until 1891. While a resident of Hartford, he engaged in journalism having been co-owner with Frank L. Felix of The Hartford Herald and serving as editor of the journal for a part of that time. He later served as superintendent of the Frankfort city schools and was later professor at the University of Kentucky and eventually connected with statewide administration of Kentucky public schools. He highlighted his career as State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Rhoads was married to Miss Dee Crawford, Millwood. -- From Fogle's Papers, a History of Ohio County by McDowell A. Fogle.

## S. A. Anderson

S. A. Anderson was owner and editor of the Hartford Republican from 1894 to 1898 and worked for both the Republican and Hartford Herald after finishing his early education.

Anderson was born near Whitesville, January 29, 1872 and moved to Ohio County on a farm with his parents when he was 7 years old.

In 1897, he was elected circuit court clerk of Ohio County, a position he held for six years. He later studied law and was admitted to the bar association. Mr Anderson was also president of the United States Credit Company of Kentucky.

He was married on September 19, 1894 to Miss Morton and they had three children.

## Frank L. Felix

Frank L. Felix (1888 - 1917)--Frank L. Felix was owner, editor, publisher or an inactive stockholder in The Hartford Herald for a quarter century.

He was the only child of James T. Felix and Elizabeth, Grayson County. Frank L. Felix was born September 29, 1858 in this county.

Felix attended Salem College in Meade County, Canmer, Hart County and Hartford College where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1882. He was appointed County Commissioner and in 1884 the office of superintendent of county schools was created, he being the first person to be elected to that office by the voters of the county. He then studied law, was admitted to the Hartford bar and in 1890 was elected county attorney.

In 1888, Felix with McHenry Rhoads had purchased the Hartford Herald and in 1891 became its sole owner retaining ownership until 1917.

Frank Felix married Janet Duncan, daughter of Andrew and Mary Smith Duncan, natives of Scotland. They moved to Miami in 1919. They had two children, Douglas Duncan and Mary Elizabeth Kniskern.

Frank L. Felix died April 27, 1959 in Florida at the age of 100.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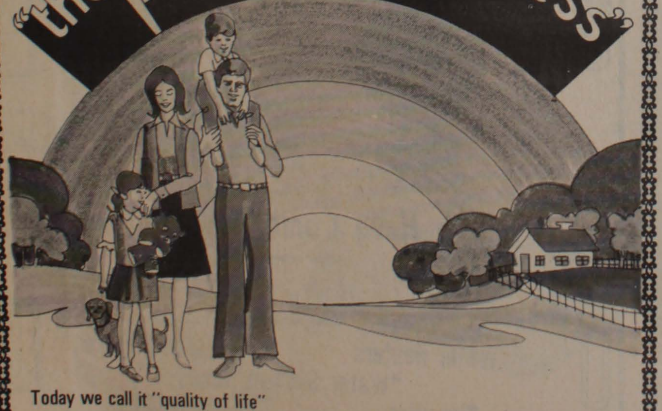

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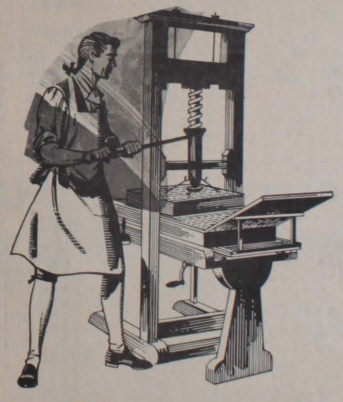

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# Biographical sketches of Editors

## Ben D. Ringo

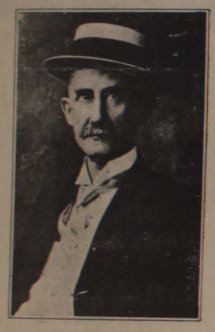
Ben D. Ringo (1891-1895)--Mr Ringo, a native of Carrollton, received his elementary schooling and came to Hartford where he completed his academic training at Hartford College under Dr. Wayland Alexander. Graduating from Hartford College, he continued at the college as a member of the faculty. In 1890 he entered journalism succeeding the late McHenry Rhoads. Ringo was editor of The Herald during which time he served as vice president and president of the Kentucky Press Association.

Ringo also studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1892. He became quite successful in his chosen profession and after serving as Master Commissioner was elected Commonwealth's Attorney of the 6th district in 1903 serving two terms.

In 1905, he moved to Owensboro where he continued to practice law.

While in Hartford, he married Miss Emma Ryan, a Hartford college art teacher. He had two sons, W. Pryor Ringo, Sr., Frankfort, and Luther Ryan Ringo, LaGrange.

Ringo died April, 1949 at his home in Owensboro.



## Heber Matthews

Heber Matthews (1896-1916) who was termed one of the best writers and editors of the Hartford Herald began his journalistic career at the age of 16 on the Madisonville Hustler. He worked on isonville Hustler. He worked on newspapers in Greenville, Princteon, Hopkinsville and Leitchfield before finally beginning his work on the Herald as shop foreman in 1884. In 1895, he became editor and filled that position until his death. In 1896 was the first year his name appeared in the masthead.

Matthews was born in Newburgh, Indiana, May 23, 1863 and was the son of Aaron and Elizabeth Calloway Matthews. He married Miss Futura Smith, daughter of Mr and Mrs T. M. Smith, Hartford, the ceremony being performed in the Old Hartford House on October 13, 1887. They had three children, Victor Matthews, Houston, Texas, Mrs Roy A. Sommers, Washington, D. C. and Elizabeth Matthews, who died in infancy.

Matthews died in November 1916 of heart trouble after becoming ill two weeks before his death at the office. Mr Matthews was a member of the Maccabee Lodge of which he was Lt. Commander, member of the International Typographical Union and secretary of the Ohio County Democratic Executive committee.

Heber Matthews was a born editor of rare ability, with a quick eye for real news.

## J. Ney Foster

J. Ney Foster (1910-1913) was connected with his uncle C. M. Barnett in the ownership and editorship of The Hartford Republican and one of the four living editors of a Hartford newspaper (The Ohio County News and its predecessors).

Mr Foster lives in Memphis with his daughter, Alice Foster Webb.

He was the son of the late John B. and Lavisa Bennett Foster, of Beda. He moved to Hartford with his father who was in the general merchandise business.

After leaving Hartford, Mr Foster attended Bowling Green Business University, graduating in the commerce course. He then went to Mississippi where he was bookkeeper with the Tallahatchie Lumber Company. He later moved to Arkansas and in 1922 became affiliated with Standard Oil Company of Louisiana. He retired after nearly 20 years as a Standard Oil executive.

Foster married Anna Eliza Keown, Hartford, daughter of former sheriff Calvin P. Keown and Amanda Roby Keown. They have two children, Mrs Webb and Joseph B. Foster, Churchville, Maryland.

Foster worked on a daily newspaper at Catlettsburg and Ashland and Huntington, West Virginia and edited the Fourth District Leader at Hardinsburg. He was active in the Republican party and was Ohio County executive committee member.

## Ramey E. Duke

Ramey E. Duke who in 1912 was listed as a co-publisher and proprietor of the Hartford Republican with his uncle Col. C. M. Barnett and J. Ney Foster, was born March 2, 1884, near Beda.

Duke married March 4, 1908, Miss Verda Stewart, Select, who now lives at the Masonic Home, Masonic Home, Ky.

He remained in the publishing business after consolidation of The Hartford Herald and Hartford Republican until his death in 1929.

The Dukes had no children.

## McDowell A. Fogle

McDowell A. Fogle -- (1926-27) (1940-1943) McDowell A. Fogle was the first co-editor of The Ohio County News along with Wilburn S. Tinsley after consolidation of the Hartford Herald and Hartford Republican.

McDowell Addington Fogle was born in Hartford June 22, 1888, son of Judge Jess E. and Lelia Addington Fogle. He attended Georgetown College where he received the A. B. and Master's degrees, graduating with the class of 1909. He studied law in the office of his father in Hartford and then spent a year at Harvard Law School. He finished his course at the University of Kentucky, then known as State University. In 1911 he received the LLB degree. He went into partnership with his father and soon after being admitted to the Hartford bar, served as city attorney of Hartford.

Always more interested in writing than law, he turned toward newspapers. He worked for the Hartford Republican. Mr Fogle was married in 1922 to Cleon Genung, a Louisville nurse, of New Albany, Ind. They had no children.

He lived in Louisville for 19 years and in 1940 returned to Hartford where he became associate editor of The Ohio County News until 1943. He then worked in old age assistance division of the State Department of Welfare and later as executive secretary of the Ohio County Chapter, American Red Cross. During his later years he wrote a historic column, Rough River Ripples, compiling a near complete history of Ohio County, which in later years was put into book form by the Ohio County Historical Society.

## Wilburn S. Tinsley

Wilburn S. Tinsley -- (1917-1929) served as editor and business manager of the Hartford Republican and The Ohio County News until his death.

He was born August 29, 1869, son of the late Mr and Mrs Woodbury Tinsley, in the Alexander community. He married Miss Nola Bennett in 1889 and she remained a stockholder in the Hartford Printing Company until her death in 1946.

They had two sons, Prof. Raymer W. Tinsley, University Miss, and the late Glenn B. Tinsley, Clarksburg, W. Va.

He served as county court clerk from 1906 to 1914 and in the House of Representatives in 1924. Tinsley was a member of the Northern Methodist church and was prominent in fraternal circles, being a member of the Knights of Maccabees, Knights of Pythias, Shrine, Knights Templar and Royal Arch Masons.

He died March 11, 1928.

## Lyman G. Barrett

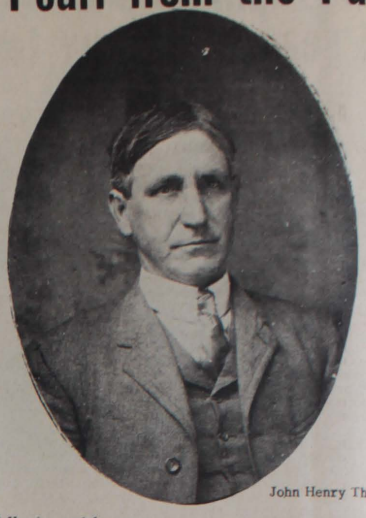
Lyman Gentry Barrett--Editor 1952-54, — to 1920, 1922, 1928-1934

Lyman Gentry Barrett was the son of Lycurgus and Filura Gentry Barrett, the former who was in the newspaper business in the late 1800s. He was the grandson of Thomas Jefferson Barrett, who edited the Slick Knob Scrutinizer at Barrett's Ferry. Lyman's father instilled in him an interest in journalism. Five weeks before entering World War I, young Barrett worked at The Herald. Upon return from service, Barrett purchased stock in the Herald and served in an editorial and managerial capacity until 1923. In the 1930s Mr Barrett returned to the newspaper as editor and manager. During 34 years of journalism, he was advertising manager for the Raleigh Register, editor and publisher of The Central City Argus, editor and publisher of the Bluegrass Clipper, Midway, editor of the Daily News, Suffolk, Virginia, editor of the Marion County Democrat, Salem, Ill., associate editor and feature writer for the Hickory Daily Record, Hickory, North Carolina.

He was first married to Ruth Braden Culley, June 22, 1918 and she died in 1935. He later married Elizabeth Parrigan, who survives.

Five children were born to the first union, Eldon, Lynn Culley, Marion Hugh, who is in the printing business in Hopkinsville, Mary Lou and Jo Nell.

# A Pearl from the Past



John Henry Thomas

The following article concerning a former editor of the Hartford Republican, John Henry Thomas has been submitted by his granddaughter, Mrs Arnett Williams, nee Loraine Park, of Beaver Dam.

John Henry Thomas was born May 3, 1865 in Ohio County, Kentucky, son of Henry Lewis and Sarah Dockery Thomas. He was of Irish and French descent. His paternal grandparents were of Irish ancestry and lived in Maryland where they owned a fishery there. The family moved to Ohio County in 1849 and settled on what was later known as the Isom Lee property near Mt. Vernon Cemetery. His maternal great-grandfather came to this country from France and settled in North Carolina. Later in 1846, the family moved to Ohio County where Mr Thomas was born.

His early boyhood was spent on his father's farm in northeastern section of Ohio County. As a rather adventurous youth, he and some neighbor boys put together a raft of logs and launched upon their voyage from Narrows, to New Orleans, La., via Rough River onto Green River and then where the Green empties into the beautiful Ohio and on to the Mississippi, the Father of Waters, to their final destination. Once their logs were docked for market, their means of transportation left behind they set out afoot and walked all the way back home to Ohio County, Kentucky

Mr Thomas was primarily a self-educated man, his formal education being limited to that available to the average country boy in Ohio County just after the close of the Civil War. He spent much time reading and writing hence his interest in journalism.

On October 6, 1887, he was united in marriage to Miss Martha Bean, daughter of Mr and Mrs Noble Bean of the Sulphur Springs section of Ohio County. To this union eight children were born, four of whom died in infancy and early childhood. Those living to adulthood were: Mrs C. C. Park (Corinne), Mrs James Brashear (Isabel), Mrs J. G. Weisbecker (Arlie Mariam) and Lawrence Linden Thomas. Mrs Weisbecker is the only surviving child. She resides with her daughter,

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# Percy H. Landrum was at helm of News 31 years of Century, longest term of any

## By Percy H. Landrum
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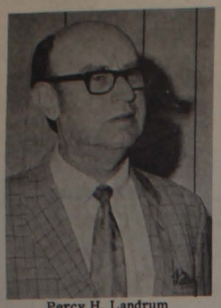

Percy H. Landrum

Covering 100 years of The Ohio County News and its predecessors is a monumental task Walt Dear and Nina Schroader have now finished in this centennial edition marking a century of continuous journalism in Hartford and Ohio county.

Everyone involved in this effort --staffers, researchers, writers, photographers, printers, all -- have crammed a panorama of history into these 100 pages through the courtesy of cooperative advertisers. The scanning process has moved from a passing frontier to and through man's exploration of the moon. . . and now into other deep probes in space.

These 100 years have seen Ohio county grow up and the nation become a World power only to lose its innocence and much of its respect. And during nearly a third of that century--31 years to be exact--it was my honor and privilege to have been at the helm of The News. From 1934 until 1965 I served first as editor, then publisher and owner of The News, not to mention other frivolous titles of less importance but just as vital to the paper's existence.

You might say my tenure at The News was from relief to grief with a grubby sort of success in between, for which I was and am indebted to a lot of hard-working people. Of course the "relief" was in the Great Depression and the grief at the moment of truth in June 1965 when I said goodbye to a good newspaper which had become a part of the family.

We started during the depression when business was at a standstill, struggled through the war years but made it better in the 1950s and the first half of the soaring '60s. The middle third of this fabulous century did have its frustrations and we had ours but running a country weekly was a rewarding experience and I'm glad I put the best part of my life into it after a degree in journalism at the University of Kentucky in 1931, followed by a sort of internship in depression-hit Texas at the Hidalgo County News and the LaFeria News and a more stable two-year stint on the Campbellsville (Ky.) News-Journal, 1932-34, all weekly newspapers.

I am proud that I fathered Rough River Ripples, born April 1, 1938, which turned out to be no April fool. The column had various weekly co-authors alternating with me for many years, including Dorothy Gentry, Lynn C. Barrett, and the late McDowell A. Fogle. It at times was neglected but during most of its lifetime there has been some young lady to wet nurse it and still is in the person of Nina C. Schroader who deserves much praise for livening up an aging thing, as columns go.

A think backward through the pages of The Ohio County News bring to mind some serious, yet amusing episodes, all more or less happening in the day-to-day coverage of the news. Following are a sampling of the events that stand out.

● Perhaps the most bizarre episode resulted when I was called to what then was the Crowder clinic across Apple Alley from The News. It was in the middle to late 1940s on a Wednesday. A well-known Spanish American war Captain was gravely ill. From his deathbed the old soldier greeted me with these words: "I want my death published in this week's issue of The News." Flabbergasted, I said "But Captain you are not about to die by tomorrow afternoon, and you will have to for us to make the deadline for Friday's paper." Then he repeated his request, saying he would make it alright. I gave him my good wishes on hoping he would live, and left. In the rush of last-day work to meet a 5 p. m. Thursday deadline I almost forgot about him. Then at the last minute I recalled his macabre wish. A reporter was sent to the clinic to check. The old man had just died! We kept page one open for the obituary and made it. His request was granted.

● A death must be followed by a birth, so my next story deals with midwifery--and I was the midwife! An attractive blonde wife of a Beaver Dam man was being transferred by taxi to the Crowder clinic to have her baby but she had waited too long -- the baby came on Washington street between the courthouse and the Ohio county jail, a block from the clinic. She was in the back seat alone. . .until the baby was born. The cab driver made Apple Alley and Center street on two wheels and called to the first person he saw for help--me! I ran to the car, opened the back door, got on my knees in the seat to help her with the infant and was immediately bathed from the thighs down by the fluid from a busted placenta. However we got mother and child into the clinic safe and sound. I was a little wet and so was the mother.

● This leads me into recalling a much better bath story which became the best acclaimed article I ever wrote for publication. This followed my 1961 trip to the Orient to visit our daughter, Dolores stationed in Indonesia. Returning home I made a stop in Japan, and later went into great detail to describe a Japanese bath administered by a beautiful Oriental masseuse who was almost as nude as I was. The setting was in Tokyo.

● Another event of interest that immediately comes to mind was in a Rough River Ripples column about 20 years ago. It had to do with the Dundee grade school at about the time we entered World War I. I went back to the old school location on the hill above Dundee one day and reminisced. I observed the steep incline down to where the boys' outdoor toilet was located and had a laugh at how some of us fared when we went down the steep hill to the john. Often we checked our speed on the door facing which sometimes was fecal smeared. That was a dilemma to be in, and a dirty business. Usually there was no place to wash our hands after that sudden stop.

● During the 1937 flood it seemed for several days The News might miss an edition. For about five days we had no electrical current because of the water current in Green river at Rockport which broke the power lines. On Wednesday afternoon, however, the power was restored and in a day and a half we met the deadline with a four-page paper--nearly all about the great flood. (So far as I know The News has never missed an edition in these 100 years. Lyman G. Barrett, late friend and former editor, helped make it so.)

Now to get a little personal: I am a night owl. The first light I ever saw was that from a kerosene lamp in the dark of night near the end of Friday, May 17, 1907 at around 11 o'clock when I entered this world in a farm house on a southern slope in Grayson county. My parents' (Frank and Tina Young Landrum) home overlooked a stream called Brown's creek which was a mile east of the Ohio county line, near Olaton, Ky.

I was the only child that lived. A sister, Geneva, I never knew, died before I was born. She was born February 15, 1903 and died April 13, 1904.

We left Grayson county in 1915 and moved to the vicinity of Dundee, Ky., later locating on a larger farm at Cedar Grove. Before U. K., I graduated from Fordsville high school.

While working at Campbellsville I met and later married Miss Dora Cave June 15, 1935. Our two daughters, Dolores and Sara, grew up around The News and also studied journalism at the University of Kentucky. They were quite helpful on the paper when not in school as well as other times. Their mother carried the load at home and a lot of it at The News.

Currently I am president and chairman of the board of directors at the Bank of Dundee; chairman of the Ohio County Library Board, and a director and past president (two different times) of the Ohio County Federal Savings and Loan Association.

In the 1942 session of the Kentucky Legislature I was assistant sergeant-at-arms in the House of Representatives and went back to the General Assembly in 1944 as legislative agent for the Kentucky Press Association.

Somewhere in mid-century I worked out a philosophy of life which may appear contradictory: In business and economics I am a conservative; in politics, a Democratic middle-of-the-roader, and in religion and theology I'm on the liberal side being more Unitarian that Trinitarian. On the press: open and liberal.

# A Pearl from the Past

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Dr. Dolores Jacome, an instructor at Marshall University in Huntgington, W. Va.

Mr Thomas became editor of the Hartford Republican somewhere near the turn of the century. Prior to this he lived on a farm near Narrows but was not a farmer. At the time he was Postmaster at Narrows. This was during the time the Illinois Central Railroad was being constructed from Horse Branch to Owensboro. There were nights when he slept with as much as $2,000 under his pillow as he acted as paymaster for the railroad workers.

After serving as editor for The Hartford Republican, he went to Owensboro and served as city editor of the Owensboro Messenger. Also while in Owensboro, he did revenue work. Later he edited a Republican paper in Frankfort. After having left Ohio County, he wrote often for the Hartford paper a column entitled "Beads Oddly Strung" and used as his pen name I. D. Clare.

Perhaps the most interesting of all his writings was a long poem entitled "Ed Morrow Loves Kentucky". Mr Morrow was Governor of Kentucky from 1919-1924. Mrs Morrow had the poem framed and it hung in the governor's office.

Until his death, Mr Thomas had a desk and typewriter in Republican Headquarters in Louisville where he was active in politics and did much political writing.

He was a natural born storyteller and entertained his granddaughter with whom he resided with Uncle Ned stories that he originated. It has been said they were fully equal to Harris' Uncle Remus tales.

In gleaning information for this article his daughter, Mrs Weisbecker related the following: "My father was a man of much common sense. We never used a dictionary at our house. We just asked 'Pop.' Once when I was a smartelecky young freshman in the university, I would occasionally correct my father on his English. To this he replied 'The object of language is to convey ideas, you knew what I meant, didn't you?'" (to those who may remember Mr Thomas this is quite typical of his wisdom and witticism.)

At the time of his death, Mr Thomas was a deputy sheriff in Louisville. He passed away Mar. 6, 1933. His remains were interred in Calvary Cemetery in Louisville. Besides his daughter, Mrs Weisbecker of Huntington, West Virginia, he is survived by seven grandchildren, Mrs Louise Park McPherson, Narrows, Mrs Ruth Park Leach and Eunice Park Mitchell, both of Owensboro, William Carson Park, Richland, Ind., Loraine Park Williams, Beaver Dam, Martha Brashear Shade, Lexington, and Dolores Weisbecker Jacome, Huntington, W. Va. There are eleven great-grandchildren and a number of great-great grandchildren. A nephew Foster Thomas presently resides on Clay Street in Hartford. Other Ohio County relatives include Harold Thomas, Hartford, Mrs Estil Askins and Miss Ruby Daniel, Narrows and Mrs Margaret Bean Nabours of Sulphur Springs community.

To summarize Mr Thomas' writing ability as editor and also free lance writer of prose and poetry, he has made a great contribution to Kentucky journalism. From the topic of his former column "Beads Oddly Strung" and the information thus contained in this memorial to him he can truly be dubbed a "Self-strung Pearl from the Past."

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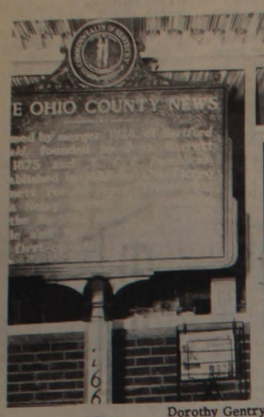


Dorothy Gentry

## By Dorothy Gentry

I have put a sheet of paper in my typewriter on many occasions and sat at my desk and waited. . . and waited . . . . Staring at typewriter keys, a blank wall, or emptying a wastebasket didn't help the matter. Words just simply refused to come.

The old thought-tank kept churning and frustration would cause me to wish I had never heard of The Ohio County News, and there just might not be an editorial or a Rough River Ripples this week if something short of a genuine miracle didn't strike the brainwaves.

I feel the same way right now.

A few weeks ago Editor Nina Schroader said, "We want you to write your own obituary. . . you and Percy (Landrum) and J. Ney Foster are the only living former editors of The News."

Now I resigned as editor in 1970 and I realize some things have slipped my memory but to be sure, I dug out my well-worn Webster's. "She must be kidding" I told myself.

Procrastinating still, I noted the Latin "obiter dictum" (meaning incidental statements) above the word "Obituary" and I will therefore refer to this statement as my obiter dictum.

I was born below the Mason and Dixon line. I am not apologizing about it a 'tall. Neither am I boasting. I am just plain telling the facts. And since I have paid taxes in Kentucky since 1943, I am a bona fide Alatuckian.

My affair with The News began in January, 1943 when Percy H. Landrum, Editor-Publisher, hired me to do feature writing for a courthouse edition to be published in May of that year. He also sent me out to sell advertising. I sold a one-inch ad for 50¢ at Dan's Station and was immediately promoted to Advertising Manager.

I also did an efficient job (if I do say so myself) as janitor when Penny Park wasn't in, and I shoveled coal to the big pot-bellied stove in the front office the next year while serving as Society Editor.

One summer, my boss went to Europe and while he was away, Mrs Landrum and I literally cleaned house. We washed 198 pictures and frames that were on the wall, put up new venetian blinds, had the front offices papered, and cleaned from underneath the blotter on Percy's desk. We threw away enough short pieces of string for 57 baseballs, his 1936 appointment book, 14 out-dated calendars, and "a number" of unusual pin-ups.

But Percy was always kind and considerate. Even when he used a very heavy black pencil to edit my copy, he had a way of making a curved, curlicue that sometimes tore the paper, and when he scrutinized the page proofs, page by page, he marked it the same way.

I learned a great deal from Mr Landrum, his business ability, his way of dealing with the public and answering questions. Like the time someone came in and asked him why he sat in his office with his hat on and he answered, "It hides my bald head, I can't afford a hatrack, and I may have to leave town in a hurry." And another time when someone asked him "Why don't you write an editorial and tell those guys on the City Council what they can do to improve the city" and he answered "Why don't you go down there and tell them yourself?"

He promoted me to associate editor and I went to work as assistant printer in the back shop, sometimes making up ads or pages, most usually page one each Thursday. The old flatback press in the basement turned out four printed pages at a time and our chores included catching the first run as the pages fell to a table. Static electricity sometimes caused me to have to do cartwheels in order to keep the pages right side up, but that was expected. Sometimes extra pages meant hand stuffing, and always the papers were stamped with a hand operated wing mailer. That is why my right thumb doesn't work.

In 1961 I was named editor and fully believed all an editor had to do was just sit down to the typewriter and dash something off. But ninety-nine times out of a hundred, something that I wanted to say couldn't be put in the paper. Something about "libelous."

In June, 1965 Mr Landrum sold The News to Walt Dear and Dix Winston and the same editor stayed on as sort of a fixture. The two newspapermen I soon learned, were dedicated to the continuation of bringing the best weekly newspaper possible to the reading public.

In short time, the old linotype machines were moved out in the change-over to offset printing and the plant was completely remodeled. It smelled differently. And the beautiful new front added much to the appearance of the building.

Until May, 1970 I continued to work to the best of my ability and enjoyed every typical day in the life of an editor. Walt Dear, Publisher, was indeed a dear to me. His inspiration, humor, and enthusiasm, unexpected notes or phone calls of encouragement are remembered joys that shall never pass.

Whatever the role or assignment, my association with Publishers Landrum and Dear have been fortunate episodes for me. I believe that I owe life as much as it owes me and enjoy doing things for other people--not only my family responsibilities and church work, but a number of community-related projects.

As a newspaper gal, I have shared a dream with many Ohio Countians that progress would sweep through this section and a more enriched life would be the reward of all of us who live here. I will share that dream as long as my breath continues, God willing.

Since leaving The Ohio County News, Mrs Gentry re-organized the Ohio County Historical Society, served two years as its President, and is presently Secretary. She is Ohio County Chairman of The Kentucky Heritage Commission, Ohio County Chairman of the Historical Highway Marker program, and did research for the documentation of two landmarks that have been named to the National Register of Historic Places--"Hillside" and the old Hartford Seminary. She has been a member of the Hartford Community Development Council for a number of years and is now first vice chairman.

Mrs Gentry has written one book, "Life and Legend of Lawrence County, Alabama", compiled "Fogle's Papers, A History of Ohio County, Kentucky" and is presently writing a historical novel during her spare time. She is also a Kentucky Colonel, having been commissioned during Governor Edward Breathitt's term.

In 1969-70 she was listed in "Foremost Women In Communications"

# Women had hand in keeping the newspaper on the Map

From the very beginning, women have had a part in the life of newspapering in Ohio County. Mrs Mattie Bonner Barrett, wife of John Pinkney Barrett, founder of The Hartford Herald was a renown writer of love, short and humorous continued and short stories. She wrote under the pen name of Nancy Jane Jones from Peavine Ridge. In a country role dialect with spelling that painted the true picture of rural America of that day, Nancy Jane wrote her lover, Jonathan about her experiences with a heading Mr Editor.

In her scrapbook, preserved by her descendants and now owned by Mrs Lyman G. Barrett were many clippings of society events which she attended and reported along with advice on many subjects.

Mrs Barrett died in 1929.

Other women have been a part of The News. Mrs Dora Cave Landrum, wife of publisher Percy H. Landrum, who was at the helm longer than any other person. Mrs Landrum served as editor and associate editor and kept the fires going for her husband on many occasions. Her biographical sketch appears elsewhere.

Mrs Dorothy Gentry, had a long association with The News in many capacities up to editorship followed by Mrs Nina Schroader, who is still editor. Biographical sketches and Mrs Gentry's story are also included.

Many other women have played important parts in the role of the newspaper including linotypist Mrs Nettie White, deceased, Miss Lillie Burton, deceased, society editor, Mrs Sue Proctor, Mrs Winnie Rutledge, and our own "Miss Brooks", Mrs Susan Brooks, who has been one of the most faithful employees a company can have and who has been connected with The News since August 28, 1961.

# Former Countian reminisces

I was born January 5, 1895, the youngest son of James R. and Mildred Servilla Rogers Burgess, about one mile northwest of Prentiss. I lived in a log house now owned by my nephew, Oscar Patterson. I am told the house is still in living condition.

The first I remember about the News was the assassination of Governor Goebel. I guess the song that was written about the tragedy impressed me more than anything.

It went "On the 7th day of November in the year of 99, Kentucky held an election a Governor to find."

My first years in school were at Prentiss. I believe Ulysses S. Paxton was the first teacher, then his sisters, Miss Birt and Miss Maggie.

During these years my dad took the paper then it was known as the Hartford Herald. I continued to read it until the death of my father in 1930. Then I subscribed to it until I left the state in 1943. My sister, Mrs Ben Patterson, would send me her paper. My daughter, Mrs A. L. Northern sent it to me and finally she sent it to me as a Christmas gift, so I have never been without it. Now I give the paper to my son so he can keep up with The News.

We were all Baptists but we went to the Methodist church just the same and felt like it was our duty to do so.

The first pastor of the Baptist church which I remember was E. W. Coakley and the Methodist was Rev. R. D. Bennett.

I can only remember a few that went to me at my first school, who are now living, Ruth Barnes, Ruth Hundley McKenney, Orice Bracken Plummer and my brother, Jesse.

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# J. Glenn Barnes Hartford's first football coach recalls team, early days

Mr and Mrs J. Glenn Barnes

By Nina Schroader

J. Glenn Barnes, Hartford, was the first person to coach football in Ohio County, is one of The Ohio County News' oldest continuous subscribers and has been a life-long resident of Hartford, his family playing an integral part in its past.

Barnes, who attended Vanderbilt Training School at Elkton with former Governor Keen Johnson, was on the school's team. He came home to Hartford and with the urging of the late Roy Barthill, he organized a football team at the local high school.

That was in 1926 and the players he remembers were John Riley, Roy and Coy Shown, Flop Fulkerson, Nolan Ranney, Bratcher and Noel Bilbro. Barnes also played on a baseball team with Jim Lyons as coach.

Glenn can remember when stepping stones were sidewalks, stileblocks and horsewatering troughs were on main street. There were three wells with pumps and tin cups tied to them for the public to drink. He recalls when he was five or six years old going to the old Herald office on Main Street where the Public Assistance office now is, to play. Barnes can still smell the wheat paste used to single wrap the paper and visiting at the Frank Felix home, the publisher, who lived where the Miller-Schapmire Funeral home is now.

Barnes who lives in the homeplace on Walnut, owned by his father, Attorney W. H. Barnes and Mrs Ada Barnes, vividly remembers the Hartford College and Business institute which he attended.

Barnes worked during WPA days as commodity distributor, for the Red Cross, the Highway Department, 19 1/2 years as sanitarian for the Health Department retiring from that post. He was also a mechanic on airplane motors during World War II and World War I. It is for his mother, Mrs Ada Barnes, who was a Patton that Adaburg was named.

His father was a partner with Sam Anderson and served as Hartford's Mayor for 12 years and also as county attorney, and it is for him that the Barnes Addition of Hartford is named.

"I can remember Main Street—the Herald office, Glenn and Simmerman law office, the post office, Hartford Bank, Z. Wayne Griffin's pool room next to where The News is, Williams' Drug Store, the Hartford House," he recalls. Barnes was a close friend of the late McDowell A. Fogle, he and his wife living in the Fogle Place for a time.

Other remembrances of the past was the time Luke Taylor's mule was put on top the courthouse by some high school boys, (not Glenn), the Simmerman place, the home on McCreary Court of Editor C. M. Barnett, who was also a great-uncle of Mrs Barnes, and their parrot, and the Methodist parsonage next door.

Barnes married Miss Edith Tinsley in 1924, daughter of Woodburn Tinsley, who was a Hartford postamster, and a niece of Wilburn Tinsley, former News editor.

The Barnes have a daughter, Mrs Stanley L. Samuels, Richmond, Virginia, and four grandchildren.

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# THE WAY

BURNING of Hartford College June 18, 1912. The college was being fumigated for small pox when it caught fire.

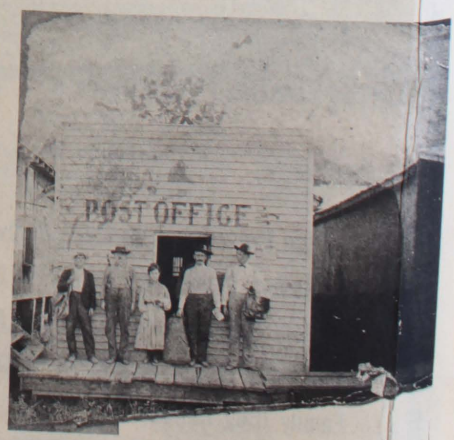
*A NARROWS SCENE about 1900 depicts the gigantic logs cut in the woods and hauled by oxen The man in the log is believed to be Jack Walker. Cyrus Sharp was identified as one of the onlookers in the town. Mrs Arnett Williams, Beaver Dam, provided the photo which she says she does not know how she received it.*

*Circus Days in Beaver Dam in 1914.*
*Photo Courtesy Chas. B. Vinson.*

1938 BAND at Hartford High School included top row, left to right, Keith Ware, Rudell Ward, Bessie Lynn Hunley, Wanda Weedman, Mildred King, Murriel Brite, Mary Beth Hoagland, Dorothy Barnes, Mary Kathryn Park, Tommy Iglehart; second row, Miss Lucille Couch, director, Lloyd Martin, H. B. Pendleton, E. R. Taylor, Charles Lloyd Taylor, Marion H. Barrett, Pete Schroeter, William Smith Martin, Paige Iglehart, Osa Decker; front row, Martha Shultz, Ann Wooten, Hope Horton, Marjorie Leach, Eugene King, Corrinne Tweddell, Kathryn Schroeter, ———— and Addie B. Bristow. Mrs Beth Schroeter Upton submitted this photo. Persons were identified by Mrs Upton and Rudell Ward Cooper.

BASEBALL TEAM -- (Second Team), June 3, 1914 at Hartford. Front row, Claud King, Marion Crowe, Glenn Tinsley, Fred May, Gilmore Keown; second row, James Glenn, John Bozarth, Earl Barnes, Ross Taylor; top row, Glenn Barnes, and Jim Lyons, Coach.

COURTHOUSE in Hartford which was torn down in preparation for the present one which was built in 1943. Photo courtesy J. Glenn Barnes. Persons on the steps are believed to be county officials. He does not know when the picture was made.




NARROWS POST OFFICE about 1900 when John Henry Thomas, second from right, was postmaster. His daughter, center, Corrine Thomas Park, was postal clerk. Two were rural carriers, Will Park right, and Morton Kuykendall, left. Center right is B. P. Petty, Narrows Merchant. In the background is C. C. Park, who was the father of Mrs Arnett Williams and Mrs Louise McPherson, Narrows. Corrine Park was their mother. Photo was courtesy of Mrs Arnett Williams.

# WE WERE

HARTFORD COLLEGE BASKETBALL TEAM of earlier part of the 1900s includes Effie Duke, Lizzie O'Bannon, Corine Woodward, Edith Duke, Mary Felix, Winona Stevens; second row, Louise Phipps, Lelia Glynn, Nancy Ford, Hattie Glynn, and Bessie Hudson.

HARTFORD METHODIST CHURCH as it looked in the 1930s. Next door is the Bean Opera House, which was no longer in operation then according to James C. Ralph, Hartford, who provided the picture.

DOWNTOWN HARTFORD
Photo Courtesy J. Glenn Barnes

UNVEILING Barnett's Fort Marker near Hartford. May 1934. Photo Courtesy Joshua Fields.

16 YARDS of material was used to sew the fashionable ensemble of 1907. The lady is Mrs Ella Hudnall Kessinger, mother of Raymond Kessinger, Highland Drive, Beaver Dam. The picture was taken at the fair in Hartford. Aunt Kate Palmer, sister of Mrs Kessinger, made the dress. Mrs Kessinger died in 1937 but was born at Horton and resided in McHenry. Mrs Palmer is 86 years old.

SAM KEOWN is shown in a spring wagon with Florence Brooks Southard. The picture made about 75 years ago was provided by Wilbur Keown, Fordsville. Sam Keown is the grandfather of Mrs Patricia Woosley, Hartford.

WEST KENTUCKY Oil Fields near Hartford. Photo from the collection of Joshua Fields.

WORLD WAR I VETERAN, Robert (Rob) Ambrose is the brother of Mrs Gus Sharpe, Route 1, Whitesville. His wife, Lillie, died July 4, 1974. He has two living children, B. Sterling Ambrose, and Mrs Betty Cambron. The late Margie Yeiser, was his daughter.

STAVE mill on Rough River. According to McDowell A. Fogle's "Fogle's Papers." There was also a saw mill which was at the end of the dam across the river from the grist mill and was run by another wheel.

# News subscriber of 74 years recalls days of "blind tigers", stepping stones

June 17, 1974

Mrs Mary Schlemmer, 96 years young, is one of the two oldest subscribers of The Ohio County News and its predecessors just being four years younger than the newspaper itself. "Pappa" subscribed when he came to Hartford from Evansville.

Mrs Schlemmer has been a continuous subscriber these 74 years and reads her paper every week. She is alert, spry and interested in people around her. Mainly for a young girl, she is interested in her appearance. She sits straight in a chair at the home of her daughter, with her bright blue broach at the high pinned neck of her blue dress, wearing her pierced earrings, a hair net to keep her dark hair in place with her handkerchief neatly folded in the sleeve of her black crepe jacket which she took care to note just how it was in place. "These gray hair are going to catch up with me one of these days being as young as I am getting." But only her hairdresser knew, if she had been using Lady Clairol.

Mrs Mary came as a bride to Hartford via Beaver Dam in a surrey on her rainy wedding night from Cannelton, Ind., where she and her sweetheart, William C. Schlemmer grew up. Mr Schlemmer had been here about six months and opened a bakery in the old Doctor Bean building on what is now Union Street across from King's Shoe Service.

Mrs. Mary Schlemmer

"Mr Schlemmer had 15¢ in his pocket when we got to Hartford" Mrs Mary told me on her June 17 visit to the home of her daughter, Mrs Elma Pease Peebles with another daughter, Mrs Wilhelmena Smith, Masonville.

Mrs Schlemmer's first remembrances of Hartford were it was wild but the people were nice and hospitable, so pleasant. There were mud streets with only stepping stones in the town, pigs ran in the streets and cows were in the alleys and sometimes in corn patches. After her first baby, Gertrude Fuqua, was born, she was afraid to let her outside to play because the mother was afraid the hogs would bite her. "They seemed to be tame, but there was no laws in regard to open stock," Mrs Mary related.

There was another fear for the new bride, "blind tigers." "Yes, I was scared to death, my husband told me about them and I would have to stay at home because blind tigers were about." "Mary, you don't think there is a real blind tiger, do you?" "What do you call it, if it's a blind tiger, that is what you are telling me." "No that is a nickname for it." You see I was used to things like that, we had open saloons in Indiana but they called them by name, saloons. Blind tigers was a nickname for saloons here."

"There were two 'blind tigers' when we came to town, one on the corner where Ben Franklin is now and one where Tates had a restaurant. They had jolly good games," she said.

The German descent couple opened a bakery with Mrs Schlemmer doing the selling and Mr Schlemmer doing most of the bakery.

"Bill get the lady fingers ready was a common call at the bakery door when there was to be a wedding, always had a big run on lady fingers. Will baked fancy cakes, bread, wedding cakes, all kinds of goodies." Mrs Schlemmer remembers that one family, that of the late Jim Williams who lived on the corner of Clay and Union, always ordered a pan of rolls which they delivered. The family was not home one day so they put them inside the screen porch. When the Williams came home there was only a one-half pan of rolls. The dog had eaten them.

Mr Schlemmer delivered his tasty goodies by wheelbarrow about town in large baskets, still hot and the children would sing "Here comes the good hot baker man." He would take orders as he went. The bread was not wrapped either and it sold for only 5¢ a loaf. Pound cakes were 10¢ and small pies, peach, apple or raisin were 10¢ with larger ones higher. "We kept the three mines at McHenry, Taylor Mines, and Williams in bread and made deliveries by one horse wagon daily. Deliveries were made in any kind of weather and often there were icicles on the horse's nose when Mr Will would return.

Pappa baked his last jelly roll in 1944 only a few months before he died on October 17, 1945. The family still has the roll which is now petrified.

The bakery later moved to the building on Clay street across from C. A. Leach's home.

With all the fine baked goods, from salt rising bread, acclaimed the best in these parts, to hot cross buns, to candy, the Schlemmer girls would steal to the Leach house across the back yard to get a biscuit from Mrs Leach, mother of Martha Leach Rice.

Mrs Mary recalls the well of good cold water in the back yard which for many years was used by Bob Hoover free at his Nehi Bottling plant to make the "soda pop." He drew gallons every day in wash tubs to make the drinks.

The nonagenarian recalls the social life of the Macabees, or now Women's Benefit Association, her stylish waists and long skirts which she sewed, and spool heel high tops shoes of by-gone days, her corsets and leg of mutton sleeves.

Miss Mary recalls her husband being friends to Wilbur Tinsley, Herald editor and going fishing with him on Sundays along with others such as Ernie Wallace, and Dr. J. R. Pirtle, that is after church, of course.

"He was fine good baker, even if he was my husband," as Mrs Schlemmer relived her happy days.

The bakery carried a good line of cake, cigars, and it was Bob Walker who would come in along with other friends, like Judge Wedding, Jake Rowe, and the Hoovers.

Things have really changed from dirt streets to paved highways, flour sack dyed homemade clothes have been replaced by factory made outfits. But the lady has a smile which is not one bit worn because of use and an air of pleasantness which is catching.

She is a News subscriber of 74 years.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# OLD TIME RECIPES

## Applesauce Cake

MRS. LLOYD BOLING
Crown Point, Ind.

Here is one of Grandma Boling's recipes which she was baking for her family long before I was married to Mr Boling on September 18, 25 years ago. Everyone in the family loved this cake, especially her grandchildren. She used to make it and send it to the boys when they were in the army or away at school at Christmas. Everyone looked forward to Grandma's Applesauce cake. She died December 3, 1973.

3/4 cup butter
2 cups sugar
2 eggs
3 cups flour
1 cup nuts
3 candied pineapple rings, 1 red, 1 green, 1 white
1/2 cup green Maraschino Cherries, 1/2 cup red cherries
1 1/2 cups unsweetened applesauce or 1 cup applesauce and 1/2 cup whiskey.
1 TB. baking powder
1 Tsp. salt
1 Tsp. Cinnamon
1 T3 Vanilla
2 cups raisins

Cream together butter and sugar, beat in eggs, sift together flour, baking powder and salt and cinnamon. Stir in alternately with applesauce and whiskey if used. Blend in nuts, raisins, and pineapple. Bake in 10" tube pan, Temp. 300 degrees, time bake 2 1/2 to 3 hours.

## Molasses Candy

MRS ELBERT JAMES
Hartford

One cup Molasses
Two cups Sugar
One Tablespoon vinegar
A little butter and Vanilla
Boil ten minutes, then cool enough to pull.

## Baked Tomatoes

Wash five or six smooth tomatoes, cut a piece from the stem end the size of a 20¢ piece. Put a saltspoonful of salt, half as much pepper and a bit of butter the size of a nutmeg in each. Set them in a dish or pan and bake in a moderate oven for nearly one hour.

## Salt Rising Bread

LENA SCHAPMIRE
Hartford

1 medium Potato
1 Quart Boiling Water
1 Tablespoon Sugar
2 Tablespoons meal
1 Tablespoon salt
1 cup scalded milk

Flour

1 pint warm water
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup shortening
1 Tablespoon salt

Peel potato and slice thin. Add potato to the boiling water to which the 1 tablespoon sugar, two tablespoons meal and 1 tablespoon salt has been added. Keep this mixture warm overnight or until it ferments and "smells." Take out the slices of potato. Add the cup of scalded milk and stir in enough flour to make a stiff batter. Keep warm until it rises. Add the pint of warm water, 1/2 cup sugar, 1/2 cup shortening, teaspoon salt and enough flour to make the consistency of bread dough. Put into greased bread pans and let rise. Bake in moderate 350 degree oven for 45 minutes or until golden brown. The secret of this bread is to keep it warm during the entire process.

## Parker House Rolls

One teacup home made yeast, a little salt, one tablespoon sugar, Flour sufficient to mix. Put the milk on the stove to scald with the lard in it. Prepare the flour with salt, sugar and yeast. Then add the milk, not too hot. Knead thoroughly when mixed at night. In the morning but very slight kneading is necessary. Then roll out and cut with large biscuit cutter. Spread a little butter on each roll and lap them together. Let them rise very light. Then bake in a quick oven.

These are recipes taken from a Cookbook which belonged to my husband's grandmother, Mrs Fannie Ann Bennett, daughter of Isaac Brown and Sallie Tichenor Brown. The book was handed down to her daughter, Annie Charlotte Bennett James. The copyright is 1892.

There are all sorts of recipes (weird sounding) on how to make soap, cure meat, salt down butter and eggs for later use and how to salt down vegetables in wooden kegs for winter use.

## Carrot Cake

MARY WESTERFIELD
Narrows

In a middle-size saucepan put
1 1/3 cups sugar
1 1/3 cups water
1 cup raisins (or chopped candied fruit, if you like)
1 tablespoon butter
2 large finely grated carrots (they disappear and no one ever knows)
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon cloves
1 teaspoon nutmeg
Simmer it together for 5 minutes, then cover and rest it for 12 hours. Why it gets so tired is a mystery, but she once gave it only a three-hour recess and it lost something in taste. Then add
1 cup chopped walnuts
2 1/2 cups sifted flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon soda
2 teaspoons baking powder
Bake it in 2 oiled loaf pans, or 1 tube pan at 275 degrees for two hours. Cook, then foil wrap. It is a good-tasting rich-looking, moist, sturdy little pioneer cake.--sometimes turning out sturdier than others, though this never seems to affect its basic personality. I find it fine for every meal including breakfast, when it's good warmed.

## Tomato Relish

By MRS LEWIS RHOADES

This is my grandmother, Susan Jane Bartlett's recipe for ripe tomato relish. I got a blue ribbon at the Ohio County Fair on a jar of catsup or relish made by the recipe.

1 Peck of Ripe Tomatoes, grind and add salt.
Drain well for one hour
1 quart ground cabbage
1 quart ground onions
1 quart ground green peppers
4 pods hot peppers
6 cups Sugar
1 quart Vinegar

Bring all to a boil except tomatoes. Boil for 4 minutes. Add tomatoes and boil for 5 minues more. Put in jars while hot.

## Japanese Layer Fruit Cake

MRS OTIS CARSON
Franklin, Indiana

She says "I have been using this recipe for at least 25 years or more for my family. I don't recall ever missing a Christmas without it, since the recipe was given to me by the late Mae (Smith) Gillespie, of Hartford.

1 Cup Butter or Crisco
2 Cups Sugar
3 Cups Flour
1 Cup Sweet Milk
6 Eggs
1 Box seeded Raisins
1 Box Angel Flake Coconut
1 Cut Nuts
4 Teaspons Baking Powder
2 Teaspons Cinnamon
1 Teaspoon Cloves
1 Teaspoon Nutmeg

Filling

2 Cups Sugar
1 1/2 Cup Boiling Water
1 Lemon
Two Oranges
1 Box Angel Flake Coconut
4 Tbsp. Flour

Mix Sugar and Flour, cut oranges and lemons in small bits, cook until thick, add coconut and cook two minutes.

## Fruit Cake Preserved 13 Years

Mrs Mattie Barrett, city, has performed the very remarkable feat of preserving for 13 years in excellent condition a fruit cake which she made and baked herself that number of years ago. In June 1892, she baked the cake which was to have been served on the anniversary of her marriage to Mr. John P. Barrett, but before the anniversary came round Mr Barrett died and the cake was laid away. Mrs Barrett presented your editor with a nice bit of the delicious edible and we can personally testify to the most excellent quantities and remarkable preservation of it. We prize this unique token very highly because it testifies the good will of the kind and admirable lady who proffered it. July 1905, The Hartford Republican.

## To Cure Pork

DOROTHY GENTRY
Hartford

As soon as the meat is cooled it is cut up and weighed. The hams, shoulders and side meat are ready for curing.

Lay the pieces of meat on boards in cellar or attic, where they can stay untouched for a month. Mix in dish pan for each 100 pounds of meat the following:

One-fourth pound saltpeter, one quart of salt, one-half pound brown sugar.

Rub as much of this on meat as will stick, and if any is left, spread it on. Leave for ten days. By this time it has been absorbed.

Now mix the following:

Two quarts of salt, one pound of brown sugar. Apply this like the first and leave it on three or four weeks. Then your meat is ready to hang up and smoke.

## Apple Roll

RUTH BARNES
Beaver Dam

In the summertime my mother used to make the roll when a certain mellow apple would get ripe. My mother would give me a basket with a long string tied securely to the handle. I was 7 or 8 years old and a very good climber so long as I had nothing heavy to carry. I could run down across the garden, climb the fence after I had thrown my basket up on a post. I would climb the tree and fill the basket with good mellow apples, let the basket down by the long string, then down I went but I had to walk around the garden because I could not climb the fence with a full basket of apples, to get back to our house. My mother would peel the apples, core and mash them with her hands. Then she slightly sweetened the apples and spread the apple mixture over 8 or 9 inch biscuit dough circles. Roll the dough as for jelly rolls, then place the rolls into a greased pan. Fill pan with more rolls. Place 1 cup sugar, 1 cup boiling water and 1/2 stick of margarine or butter, heat till boiling and cover the rolls in the pan. Bake in 340 degree oven till apples are done and rolls are slightly browned. Now to try to make such rolls, I have to grate quick cooking apples and then hope to make a good imitation of the rolls my mother made and we all loved so well.

## Jelly Pie

1 cup sugar, 1/2 cup butter, 1 tablespoon flour, 1 glass of jelly, yolk of 4 eggs, 1 teaspoon vanilla. Mix all the ingredients and bake in 9 inch pie shell. Beat the egg whites and add 12 tablespoons sugar to the whites. Spread the meringue over the pie to edge of crust and brown. This makes one pie.--Ruth Barnes.


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# Newspaper office setting of wedding

By Nina Schroader

It was a cold day on February 19, 1919 but the sun was shining and the bride's uncle S. S. Brown was boiling sap from the sugar maple trees for syrup the day the wedding couple drove by in their buggy.

February 19, 1919 was the day of the only wedding ever performed within the walls of this 100-year-old newspaper. This day was the wedding day of Oakley Lurline Roach, 19 year old bride who had chosen a blue serge suit for her wedding to Jingo farmer, Joseph Earl Cox. Mr Cox had brought his schooldays girl to Hartford by buggy to get the license and get married. After purchasing the $2 official document, and feeling the need for divine guidance as they took this very important step in their young lives, they decided not to have a judge "tie the knot" but a minister. The minister of the local Christian church was Rev. J. Walter Greep, who was also editor of The Hartford Herald. Greep performed the mid-morning ceremony in the front office of The Herald. The Herald office was located where the Hartford Bank and Trust is now located. "I can point to within three feet of where we stood", said Mr Cox, recalling his wedding day.

The bride of 55 years is the daughter of the late Frank and Violo Roach, of Jingo. "You see I got a city girl," Mr Cox commented about their addresses. "I was reared in the same community, the son of the late Albert and Sallie Cox." The attendants were Mr and Mrs Otis Gabbert, now of Scottsburg, Ind., who then lived near Sunnydale. Mrs Gabbert is Mr Cox's sister and it was at their home where the newly weds spent their wedding night.

"Our parents knew we were going to get married," she related, however my father died when I was 11, but my mother knew about our wedding. The couple had been courting a year before the wedding and he had known her for 12 years, because they went to school together.

Their life has been one of peaceful wedded bliss. "She has been an awful good woman or she would not have lived with me and if I had it to do over again I'd take out up the hollow to get her again," said Mr Cox in his slow, quiet voice.

The Coxes, he 75 and she 74, live on a farm in practically the same community where they were reared. He tends a garden and she does the housework. Five children, 19 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren are their everyday pleasures. They are members of Marvin's Chapel United Methodist church.

Their children are Norman Cox, Fort Campbell, Mrs Berry Hoover, Mrs Madeline Finley and Mrs E. B. Moore, Hartford, Mrs Nadine Smith, Owensboro. One son, Albert Rayburn Cox, died following a truck wreck.

Members of the Herald staff took time out to attend the ceremony, but never since has a newspaper staff of The Ohio County News witnessed a wedding, perhaps courtships, yes, part of mine, but not a wedding.

Herald files were not available to recall the day in a news item and the Hartford Republican can only carried their marriage license.

## Happy Anniversary

By MARTHA LEACH RICE

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Col. Cicero Barnett, Editor, at that early date.
In 1926 the two papers combined.
Wilburn Tinsley and McDowell A. Fogle were so inclined
To work together to publish The News
And continue the era of un-biased views.
Editors and workers have come and gone,
But the printed word has continued on
The names have changed and event the print
And the number of states to which it is sent.
So, now it's time for a celebration
To say to the paper--"Congratulation!
To say to each worker- A job well done!.
"The Ohio County News" is a most respected one!!

# Ray Chapman killed in baseball game

Hartford Herald
September 1, 1920

Was one of Fastest Players in American League--Reared in Ohio County

New York, Aug. 23. -- Ray Chapman of the Clevelend Indians, one of the really great shortstops of big league baseball, died at the St. Lawrence Hospital shortly before 5 o'clock August 17. He never recovered from an operation three hours before to remove a fragment of bone pressing into his brain following the blow on the head he received when Carl Mays, the Yankee pitcher, hit him in Monday's ball game.

Mays went to the District Attorney's office the morning after Chapman's death had been announced. He showed much depression, but told a straightforward story to Assistant District Joyce, in charge of the Homicide Bureau, asserting that he pitched a fast straight ball, aimed for the inside of the plate, to Chapman and with no intention of hurting him. Mr Joyce heard his story declared the occurrence an accident and formally released the pitcher from custody.

Mays says that he thought the ball hit Chapman's bat and fielded it to first base with that idea and did not know that the shortstop had been hurt until he saw him sink to the ground. He says that he looked at the ball after the accident and found that it was slightly roughened on one side. He showed it to the umpire and called his attention to the spot. The roughening probably caused Chapman's death, for it made the ball "sail" -- that is, take a freakish jump which the man throwing or the batter watching would not expect.

Mays takes great comfort from the fact that when Chapman regained consciousness in the club house before being removed to the hospital, he said to John Henry, the former Washington catcher, who was one of his closest friends: "I'm all right. Tell Mays not to worry."

Raymond Johnson Chapman was born near Render, Ohio County, Ky., January 15, 1891, and was a son of Everett Chapman, and a grandson of Mrs Ellis Chapman, of Beaver Dam. He has many relatives and friends in Ohio County. While Ray was yet a youngster, his father removed with his family to Herrin, Ill., where young Chapman and Bob Veach, the famous Detroit outfielder, began their baseball careers both becoming professionals in 1913, Chapman going to Springfield, Ill., and thence to Davenport, Iowa. A Cleveland scout, Babe Myers, looked him over in 1911 and bought him for the Naps but turned him over to Toledo for further development. He was called to the Naps in August, 1912, reporting the day Harry Davis resigned as manager.

He batted 312 that last month of the 1912 campaign. His sensational work at short in 1913 was a big factor in making Cleveland the runnerup to the Athletics most of the year. In sliding to third base on the training trip on 1914 he broke his leg and was out nearly half of the season. The Indians finished way down in the race as a result. He played a phenomenal game in 1915, but dislocated one of his knees early in 1916 and was out for 50 games. Since then he has played wonderful ball and been one of the greatest stars of the league. He has played well over 1,000 games in a Cleveland uniform.

Copies of Cleveland papers printed on the day of Ray Chapman's funeral devote many columns to the ceremonies and who attended it. They contain tributes to the former Ohio county boy, and a copy in full of the sermon preached over his remains.

## Crackling Bread

1 cup of cracklings, diced, 3/4 cup wheat flour, 1 cup sour milk, 1 1/2 cups corn meal, 1/2 teaspoon soda, 1/4 teaspoon salt.

Cracklings are the pieces of meat remaining after the lard has been rendered from the pork. Mix and sift together the dry ingredients. Add the milk, stir in cracklings, form into oblong cakes and place in greased baking pan, bake in hot oven (400 degrees) for 30 minutes. --Ruth Barnes.

## Home Remedies

It mattered not, if it was a wart
Or a fever, the croupe or a sneeze,
The home remedies, grandmother used
Were much worse than the disease.
The asafetida bag, that they often made
Was worn around the neck.
It's doubtful, if it warded off disease
But your social life, it could wreck.
The epsom salts and the castor oil
Were cures, for anything that hurt,
From a colicky baby, to green apple cramps.
One thing for sure--they worked!
The sassafras tea, they made in the spring
Was good, they thought, for all,
It cleansed the blood, gave you pep
It was their answer to geritol.
The egg white poultice was for painful boils
Mustard plaster, was for the chest.
For an insect bite--wet tobacco was applied
(Like when you disturbed the hornet's nest.)
Turpentine and sugar were for a cold
And if all remedies failed
There was the old standby, through the years,
Vicks was swallowed, rubbed on or inhaled.
Bless their hearts, they did their best.
Tried every remedy they found.
The family soon learned not to complain
Especially if Grandma was around.
The old remedies, somehow, worked
Or in spite of them, you got well
Convalescence seemed twice as long
Cause you couldn't get away from the smell!
Mixed with the remedy was true concern
And much tender loving care
When the patient had improved, for sure
She'd whisper "Thank you, Lord," in her prayer.

Martha Leach Rice

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# Happy Memories

By Martha Leach Rice

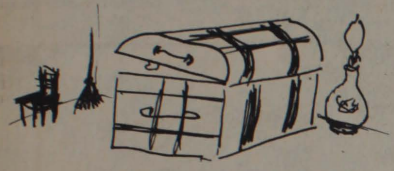
## Company's A'Coming

When company came a'visiting
They were as welcome as could be.
For there were no radio stations
No entertainment on T.V.
Folks just did their chores, by day
And would sit on the porch at night,
They would read a lot, in winter
By a flickering kerosene light.

So when company was a'coming
Everyone was a nervous wreck.
Everything in the house must be clean,
Everything must be double checked.
The best of the linens were used,
The ones with the crocheted lace.
They had been saved especially,
For these "Company coming" days.

The wash bowl and the pitcher
Were there on the old wash-stand
And the finest embroidered hand towels
Were hanging, neatly, close at hand.
The butter had been freshly churned
And was hanging, to cool, in the well.
The food that was slowly cooking
Sure had a "scrumptious" smell.

There'd be lots of time for talking
And when the children tired of play
They'd sit around on the floor
To hear what "grown-ups" had to say.
Yes the best was saved for company
And it was such a special day
When everything was in readiness
And welcome visitors came your way!



## The Trunk In The Attic

In the attic, near the roof of the house,
Stands a trunk, all covered with dust
In it, so many memories
Were kept safe from mildew and rust.
On rainy days with nothing to do
It seemed to be such fun
To open the trunk and invade the past
With the treasures, one by one.

There were some shoes, the baby wore
The toes were protected by brass
And a pair of home-made stockings
That were woven, so they would last!
There was a bunch of letters, neatly packed
And tied with a ribbon of blue
In an envelope was a tiny blonde curl
Of a baby, perhaps it was you.

There was a doll with a china face
Its dress clean, but oh so old
And the little tin soldier never went to war
But his scars, of his battles, told.
There was a cake-stand that grandmother won
When she was just a bride
The tin-type picture she had kept
Of her groom as he stood by her side.

Each item put back, just as it was
The lid closed tightly in place
So cobwebs wouldn't form on it all
And air wouldn't rot the lace.
Each new family added a few
Of the treasures of which they were fond,
The trunk in the attic, near the roof of the house
Gave the generations a common bond.

## Old Bakery Shop

At the place where Washington street meets Clay
Stood for years, a bakery shop.
And a little store was in the front
Where faithful customers could stop.
Mr. Schlemmer was the baker man
Who baked the bread, so good.
The beautiful fragrance of good hot bread
Pleasingly filled the neighborhood.
He had to get up before the dawn
To set huge bowls of dough to rise.
Later he'd carefully knead the dough
And form loaves, just the right size.
He'd have the ovens good and hot..
He knew just exactly when
To put in the dozens of loaves of bread
And when to pull them out again..
Oh how good that hot hot bread,
(The butter was close at hand)
Many samples were shared by neighborhood kids
The children loved this kindly man..
The cinnamon rolls and salt-rising bread
Everything he baked was good.
His wife was always a help-mate
Helping in every way she could..
A long time they lived at Washington and Clay
Raised a family-daughters three.
Now the Baker and the shop are gone
But not the beautiful memory,
Of this man who worked hard at his trade
And supplied this special town
With very delicious desserts and rolls
And bread that was nice and brown..

## Old Fashioned Pound Cake

1 pound of cake flour
1 pound of fine granulated sugar
1 pound butter
1 dozen eggs

Cream butter and sugar together, add beaten yolks to butter and sugar mixture and stir well. Add flour in small quantities until all is used. Add beaten whites and desired flavoring.

# Thanks to you from us

We want to thank the many fine persons who responded so generously to our appeal for photos and material which we could use in this special edition.

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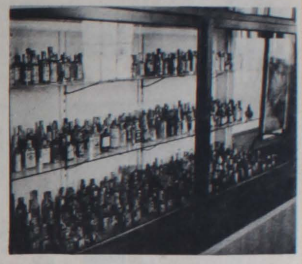

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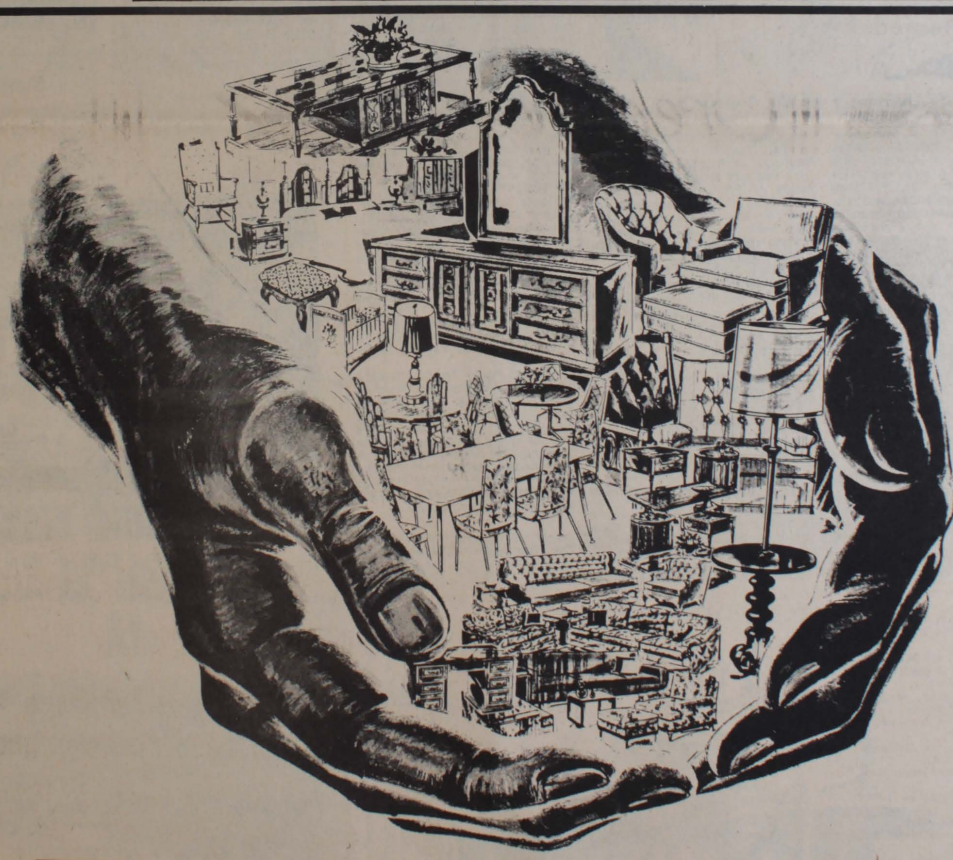

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# Captain Dixie relates experiences, nostalgia of Rough and Green River packets

Editor's Note: The information for this article was from an interview by Captian C. B. (Dixie) Vinson, Fogle's Papers" by McDowell A. Fogle, History of Green River by Agnes S. Harralson and from the files of the Hartford Herald.

## By Nina Schroader

Ship, Ahoy! mates to the lower deck of Dixieland in the port of Beaver Dam.

That's where Captain Dixie will tell you about his adventures on the river during his many years in the pilot house. Wait until he dons his Captain's hat, his favorite of three, of course. He'll thumb through his vast store of memorabilia and tell you about the seafaring days on the Green and later I'll tell you about Rough River.

Turn on the ship's lanterns on the wall so you can see and enjoy your cruise on the beautiful red, white and blue lower deck.

The captain "Dixie" is none other than Charles B. Vinson and the Dixieland is his basement and was one of his houseboats. The title Captain came about when he began delving into river and its history. Dixie was derived from high school days when Mr Vinson and his pals put on minstrel shows and traveled throughout the area with them making a penny for you and one for themselves. The name just stuck.

For as many years as he can remember, he has owned a boat of some kind, a handmade house boat or a factory built one. His factory made "Amelia Ann" with all the modern conveniences named for his granddaughter is at the Livermore dock in summers plying mostly downstream because the exit of Woodburn Dam from the Green has hampered travel to Bowling Green and the Barren.

"Well, mates. I just have the river in my blood," says the Captain. "My late wife and I have always enjoyed traveling on the river and taking cruises." "I have taken trips to St. Paul, Minnesota, Pittsburgh, Charleston, West Virginia and Ottawa, Canada. Last year, I took the Delta Queen's voyage from Nashville to Louisville and have been in the pilothouse with the captain of the Belle of Louisville on many trips. I always ride in the pilothouse, because I am friends with many river persons." Have you gone elsewhere by river travel?

"Yes, to the Caribbean, Hawaii and Canada, never any other way if I can get there by boat."

"I can recall coming with my father from Owensboro to Morgantown where he opened a store. I used to go down to the river and watch them unload merchandise from the boats for the store. My father, J. T. Vinson, went to Cincinnati, Louisville and Evansville by boat to buy. I never went with him much. He later moved to Beaver Dam and opened the Vinson Hotel and a dry goods store which I operated after his death.

"The late Mrs Vinson was also acquainted with the river since her father, J. R. Pirtle, had a house boat at Hartford, so we had something in common from the beginning of our marriage.

"Passengers, the color prints on the walls are of by-gone day river packets. This one is the beautiful Chaperon and was painted by the late George Dabbs, father of Mrs C. R. Hill. Aren't they beautiful!"

As you passed to the lower deck, perhaps you noted the vast library of books, all which the captain says are on boats and the rivers. The Captain of the Amelia Ann is among the few remaining of the era of river kings of the county.

The beautiful Chaperon was in short trade during the river travel days of the late 1800s to 1920s from Brownsville and Mammoth Cave and connected with through boats at Lock 4 at Woodbury. She was first named the J. C. Kerr and was built at Chambersburg, Ohio in 1884.

DIXIELAND, boat of Mr. Vinson's.

The Chaperon was the first boat to lock through the new lock at Woodbury and the picture was made on this historic trip at the turn hole. Mr Dabbs was put off with his camera and the boat was back to a good position and all the steam and smoke was turn on to make the picture.

Before World War II, the Chaperon was taken to Rumsey where she was sold and taken to Mississippi. She was renamed the Choctaw but burned on the Tallahatcie River in 1922.

"First, before going to the upper deck later on, let me tell you ropes are always called lines and there are no ropes in "river lingo". The Right side on the bank is the right side going downstream but the left side is the right side going upstream, remember that, so you will not be confused."

Now the Captain will tell you how the river boats came into being. "As you know, there were no highways and they were devised as a profit business to carry merchandise and people up and downstream. The flatboats were often taken downstream and the people walked or rode horse back home. With the advent of the steam packets, shipping salt, meat, tobacco, cattle etc, also came a new social life, of excursions on the boats. Cows and pigs bellowing and oinking often prevented passengers from sleeping, however after cargo was delivered the packets were cleaned up. Every boat had its orchestra which came on deck to play as they arrived at every landing. The town folk would go to the wharfs to watch for the boats. A' captain was the czar and the law on board. Farmers would go in shirt sleeves with their cattle to market. It was always a rule to wear a coat to the dining room and often they would borrow the alpacas of the colored waiters. A trip from Bowling Green to Evansville would take three days. One captain, as he would come to Big Bend on the Green which borders Ohio County on the south, would get off the boat and hunt across the bend and return to the boat about three hours later when his vessel arrived on the other side of the bend.

"The motor truck could transport freight much quicker and often at less expense so the packets faded."

## The Evansville

Captain, tell them about the Evansville.

"It was owned by the Evansville, Ohio and Green River Transportation company which originated in 1899 or 1898 and was owned by J. T. Moss and B. F. Givens of St. Louis. The two boats in operation were the Evansville and the Gayosa, the latter later changed to Park City. They made semi-weekly trips between Evansville and Bowling Green. The company also owned the Tom Moss and the Longfellow.

"The Evansville was built in 1880 in Cincinnati with Captain Elmore Bewley as her first master. Captain Lee Howell brought the Evansville from the Ohio River to Evansville and it was renamed Crescent City. This name, the folk along the shore didn't like. In 1906, she was put on the ways at Madison. When she returned to Green, she again was the Evansville and remained so the rest of her life. She was the last packet on the Green and burned in Bowling Green on July 25, 1931.

Genie Lunn, one of her pilots, played a trombone and with the assistance of the engineers, Captain William Williams, they learned to manipulate the steam and the wildcat whistle to sound like a calliope. Genie Lunn could make her wail like some wild animal or whistle out some familiar tune. He and Capt. Charlie King took 12 hour watches in the pilot house.

Captain Frank Thomas brought the Evansville into the Wharf at Bowling Green at 2 p. m. on the last day. As she was approaching the city, her whistle was moaning the Stephen Foster favorite, I'm Coming, I'm coming, My head is hanging low, and within 15 minutes after landing the famous old boat was wrapped in flames which completely destroyed her.

For many years, the activity on the river was at a standstill but now coal barges ply its ways daily."

*Captain Dixie beckons mates to the basement of his Beaver Dam home for stories of the packets. He is shown on the stairway.*

## Bowling Green

The Bowling Green sank at South Carrollton. Capt. Owen Jones was on watch. Winds had become high and strong but the pilot gave orders to leave port against better judgment of the weather. It blew upon the rocks and ripped the wooden hull. The passengers were able to get off and stayed overnight in a cabin and were rescued the next day. The boat sank on July 25, 1931.

Captain Dixie's personal calamaties on the river have been limited mostly to falling in the river, never having any trouble with the crafts he has piloted. Reminiscing, he recalls the many explosions of boats because of the steam engines becoming overheated and not properly cared for. It was also a common occurrence in the days of wooden hulls for them to be ripped open. Racing, has regained popularity as have excursions.

"Folks, here among my treas-

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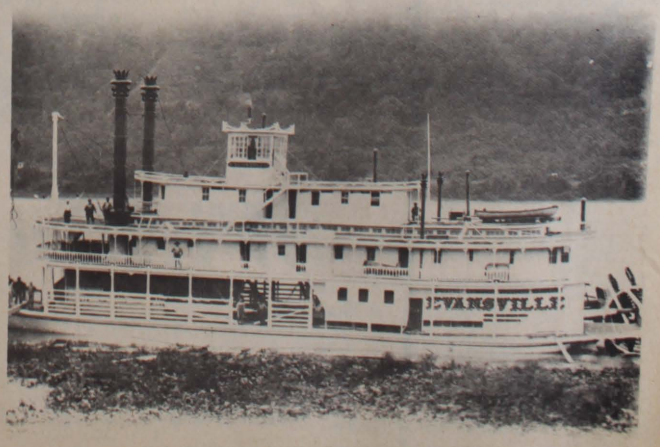
*THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRL of them all, the Chaperon which went from Brownsville to Mammoth Cave. Photos Courtesy Chas. B. Vinson.*

*The Charley Curlin carried mail and passengers between Livermore and Calhoun.*




*THE EVANSVILLE which burned in 1931, ended river traffic on Green River.*

# Captain Dixie relates experiences

FROM PAGE 16

ured trash on rivers is an inspection certificate given me along with many of the pictures by the late Miss Winnie Simmerman. The inspection was by J. J. Dunn, father of Actress Irene Dunn on June 24, 1903. The Little Dago, was limited to eight passengers and was owned by Ford, White and Moore, with A. D. White as master. A letterhead of the company which owned the Scioto is also in his memorabilia. The certificate has been featured in the Waterways Journal.

Hope you have enjoyed your excursion down the Beautiful Beaver Dam Creek as the Captain steered you on an imaginative voyage on the Green River.

## Rough River

You are now at the Hartford wharf with the many other town persons who come to watch the landing of the boats from Evansville.

Rough River traffic came about mainly through the Hartford Commercial Club even before the arrival of Captain Dixie in Beaver Dam.

The building of the Dam, six miles above the mouth of Rough at Livermore in 1896 made a boost in river travel. Dry step type dams and private dams along the river from Falls of Rough to its mouth where it emptied into the Ohio had been temporary help during prior years. Bank growth was kept trimmed and since Hartford was the end of the line, the boats sometimes had difficulty turning around and the local colored persons were among those who assisted in the turning. The largest and most famous was the Scioto owned and operated by Captain James Ford, grandfather of the late Miss Simmerman. The remainder of the roster included the Jenny Raye, Peanokeshaw, Rosie Bell, We Three and City of Hartford. The Scioto was built at New Albany, Ind. in 1898 and made its first run before 1900. She went to Vicksburg in 1900 and on January 8, 1906, while backing away from the landing, struck a coal flat and sank.

From these brief sketches, one can get a picture of the social life on the river and the business end. The travel was much like the Green.

The Hartford Herald, April 21, 1921, gives this account of the new boat "Hartford".

Messrs Forman's new boat, Hartford, started on its initial trip last Monday. James P. Thomas, Louisville, representing the U.S. government inspected the boat Wednesday afternoon and found it to meet the requirements. While the new boat is not so large as the "We Three", which was burned two months ago. It is substantially built and handsomly finished and is sufficiently large, it is thought, to take care of the trade between Hartford and Evansville. As did the We Three, Hartford will make weekly trips between these points and will do a general freight and passenger business."

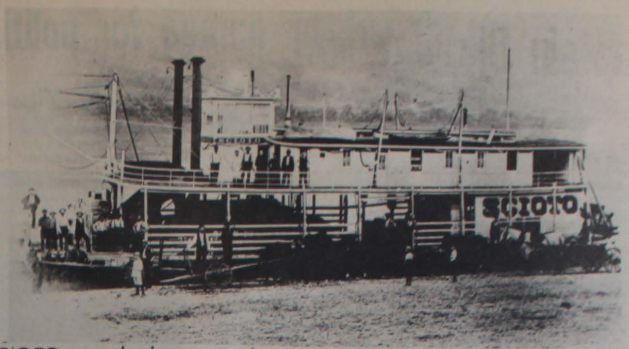
And the Hartford Herald on April, 1885 gives an account of an excursion party on the Rosa Belle.

The steamer Rosa Belle gave an excursion last Sunday and it was the pleasure of several Hartford people to be aboard. Quite a bevy of gay and vivacious young ladies graced the party with their presence. The day was cool but not unpleasant and springtime seemed only lingering for a chance to cover all nature with flowers. The trees swayed their branches and the sun softly kissed their brown and withered feathers as if anxious to kiss back life and bloom. An elegant dinner was served upon the board and was partaken with relish. The officers of the boat were very courteous and kind to the voyagers and gave every attention to promote the pleasure of all. It is the intention of the manager to give another excursion some Saturday within the next month when balmy spring arrives.

Several gentlemen from our city were aboard and the following are the young ladies chaperoned by Mr and Mrs F. E. Kimbley who were so gracious to contribute their company to the occasion, Misses Lilla and Adah Baird, Josie Duke, Lizzie Gregory, Bertha Gibson, Effie Hill, Tula Pendleton and Mary Nall.

. . .To those wishing to travel on the Rosa Belle, we will say that Capt. Sullenger is the embodiment of Kentucky hospitality. Mr Anthony Walker of Hartford, who is willing and ready to serve you a good meal and should you chance to complain of being indisposed, he too seems to be looking after the interest of the passengers. Tourist should not fail to see the sights for Hartford is one of the oldest towns in the state and is situated upon the ground where the first fort was built, consequently is encircled with a halo of historic glory. . .

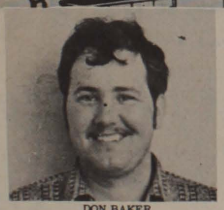
Hope the "Captain" and I made your excursions into the past of the river, most pleasant.




SCIOTO was the largest and most famous which plied the Rough from Hartford to Evansville on the Ohio.

BOWLING GREEN cabin and crew by George H. Dabbis, from left Ross McElroy, clerk, Harry ----, steward, L. A. McMurty son of Mr. Thompson, Kim Thompson, carpenter; right, Capt. Sam G. Smith, master, Elmer Pendley, clerk, Charles Sturgeon, mate, cabin boy, stand ing, and Mr. Scruggs, clerk.

The wharf at Hartford with the H.O. Schroeter floating studio beneath the bridge. In the background is a lumber mill.

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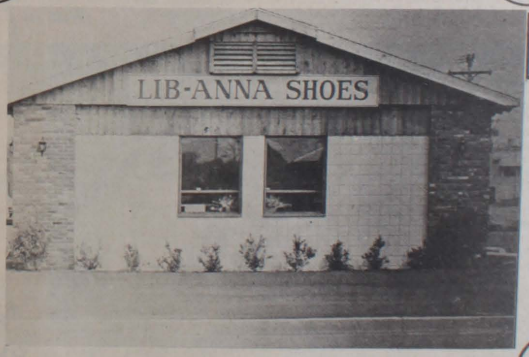


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# Musker Wilson named for politician and been politicin' for 62 years

MUSKER WILSON who terms himself a one-gallus farmer is shown with his mule after a summer garden plowing.

Politics have been in his blood—or almost. Since the day he was born politics was in his life. Musker Wilson, Horse Branch, who terms himself a one-gallus farmer, was named for a politician, one of the county's strongest Republicans, Musker Heavrin.

But Musker Wilson is not by no means a Republican. He has been taking an active part in Democratic politics for 62 years. The 78 year old Horse Branch man who wears gum boots and bib overalls began working at the polls when he was 16 and been an Ohio County election officer for 57 years. Back when young Wilson was ten, he got around a lot with his father on horseback and knew practically all the politicians. When he began working at polls, candidates had only a few cards, so they showed them to voters rather than handed them out.

Wilson has been a clerk in the Horse Branch and Arnold precincts all of these years. He has seen politics through every eye and it hasn't changed much.

He recalls Rance Martin, Cal P. Keown and Sam Keown riding horseback and campaigning for sheriff.

As he sat beneath the shade tree in his back yard with his wife Namie, he recalled days when voters would ride to several precincts and vote, go to Dundee, then to Horse Branch, then on to McHenry etc., making it unfair. "It was in 1936 when Dauphin Hunter was County Court Clerk that the registration law was put into effect and cleared up this type doings," he said.

Wilson, who is retired from the railroad after serving as clerk at Echols depot for several years, also recalls those days when liquor flowed freely on election day and "drunks" were a common election day scene. Many politicians furnished the booze for votes. There was a time when there were saloons in Horse Branch and that didn't add to the sobriety of the day either, he says.

Wilson, is an ardent admirer of Franklin D. Roosevelt, and went to Harrodsburg to see him when he was campaigning once.

Recalling problems on election, most arise when persons' names are not on the voting rolls. If their name is there, we let them vote, and if not we don't. We just refer them to the county Clerk if they say they are registered and their name is not listed, and it is usually a mistake.

Wilson taught school for a while receiving $28 per month. He is also quite a mule trader so to speak and was once a favorite trader with the late Oscar Bond, a Louisville tie company executive who was born at Olaton. Bond had a stable at Horse Branch and bought and sold mules and Wilson recalls Bond's tight spending for such a rich man. Bond ate a 10¢ can of sardines for lunch, and worked hands for $3 per day.

Mr and Mrs Wilson have two children, James E., Wilson, depot agent at Horse Branch, and a daughter, Mrs Virginia Stewart.

Come May, Musker Wilson will be at the polls again and for sure, he'll be a Democrat still.


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Members of Ohio County Hospital Board includes: James Bonner, J. R. Keith, Alvy Oller, C. B. Embry Jr., Hugh Smaltz, Chairman, Dr. Robert Johnson, C. Webster Harris, and A. V. Conway II. Not Pictured - Glen Maddox.

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### Statistical Report

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| Adult & Children Admissions | | Avg. Daily Census | 2.0 |
| Adult & Children Patient Days | 2,194 | X-Ray Procedures | 5,075 |
| Regular | | Avg. per Month | 461 |
| ICU-CCU*** | 15,894 | Lab. Procedures | 14,645 |
| Total | 204 | Avg. per Month | 1,331 |
| Avg. Daily Census | 16,098 | Emergency Room Visits | 6,932 |
| Regular | | Avg. per Month | 630 |
| ICU-CCU*** | 47.4 | Inhalation Therapy | |
| Total | .6 | Treatment & Diagnostic Procedures | 5,263 |
| % of Occupancy | 48.0 | Avg. per Month | 478 |
| Operations Performed | 70.6* | Oxygen Service (Days in Use) | 2,464 |
| Avg. per Month | 418 | Avg. per Month | 224 |
| Deliveries | 38 | Physical Therapy Treatments | 6,992 |
| Avg. per Month | 184 | Avg. per Month | 635 |
| Newborn Days | 17 | | |
| Avg. per Month | 676 | *Based on Licensed capacity of 68 | |
| | 61 | ***Unit opened March 6, 1974 | |

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The Ohio County Hospital Medical Staff: Dr. E. Pyo Chung, Dr. Robert Norsworthy, Dr. Charles Price, Dr. Billy Allen, Dr. D. C. Bennett, Dr. Robert Johnson.

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Western Kraft Corporation, located in Hawesville, has built a hardwood kraft market pulp mill, its second pulp operation at the same site. The plant is a functional 80,000 tons per year operation.

The mill went into operation in June 1969, starting with a design capacity of 230 tons per day, the plant is now producing an average 315 tons per day of blended Kentucky hardwood pulps of 86 to 89 brightness. It has reached as high as 325 tons per day.

The no nonsense approach of the Hawesville plant has helped achieve high efficiency. By sharing utilities with the adjacent WesCor mill and other advantages, considerable economy was effected. Utilizing many hardwood species in the area, WesCor uses certain species for corrugating medium while Western Kraft uses other to make high quality bleached market pulp kraft.

Employment at the mill consists of 113 hourly rated employees plus 27 salaried, which includes four secretaries.

Four men run the pulp machine: the pulp machine operator is at the dry end; a wet operator runs the wet end; a scaler cutterman operates the scales; and ties the pulp bales. The fourth, a loader, loads the bales for shipment.

Other outstanding features of the Hawesville mill is that the bleach plant is one of the few in the industry to manufacture a 100 percent hardwood pulp.

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The mill is designed to use a relatively small pocket of hardwoods, drawing its chips from various supplies within a 200-mile radius. This method utilizes the waste products of other mills.