

Old Mrs. Rebecca Feltner who is 91 years of age lives near head of McIntosh Creek near where she moved to 60 years ago. She was born in what is now Leslie County on Wilder Branch near the head of Hell-for-Sartan Creek. Her mother was a York who came from Knox County. When she was a child she had to go 18 miles to the store to buy coffee, lawn, factory and calico for cloth. They wove most of their cloth at home on a loom. Her father was shoemaker and when she was to be married, she tanned the leather of a calf that had died. Her father told her she might have it and he made the shoes. The wedding guests were invited from far and near days before the wedding and her father had a woman to come in and cook three days for the wedding supper. She made light bread, she said, which was much better than the bakeries could bake now. They killed a hog, stuffed chickens, and made ginger cake. They had honey, butter and potatoes. All of the cooking was done on an open fireplace in kettles, ovens and hoppers. Her dress of white and yellow stripped cloth of which she was very proud, was bought in the store. A magistrate married them and about 50 guests were present. She and the groom were the best dancers in the country round. So as soon as the ceremony was performed they joined hands and danced a hoe-down before they ever sat down. They were married on Thursday night and danced until daylight Friday. She lived on Grassy Branch in time of the war. About 1000 Rebels came to her home, the same ones who had camped near Roderick McIntosh's and took their meat and killed their geese and took her saddle mare out of the stable and took her husband's wedding suit. But she managed to hide part of their food in the hills. She had one child when

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peace was made. They did not have paper to paper their rooms with and her mother could weave many designs and she wove attractive curtains in checks and hung around the rooms in the place of paper. She also made coverlets for their beds and had planks for their floors instead of puncheons as her father owned a whip saw to saw lumber with. She is the mother of Jack Begley's wife, Mose Feltner, who was killed in Hazard by sheriff in 1916. She now makes her home with Mrs. Felix Wooton. She has not walked in 28 years but is very jolly and intelligent.

WITCHCRAFT

Mrs. Feltner's mother's cows took to giving bad milk, she would put the milk on the fire and boil it and whip it with a switch to drive the witches away.

Her grandfather Begley was a witchdoctor and told them the person that had bewitched their cows would come to borrow before the day was over and told them not loan to anyone until the cows got alright.

Old Tommy Robert's (son-in-law of Roderick McIntosh) cows got to giving clabber milk and an old woman called "Brindle Jane" lived there. She was wife of McIntosh's slave Henry, Johnny Maggard, another witch doctor, told her to put spindle in the milk to find out if she was the witch and as soon as she did she fell senseless to the floor.